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## Youth ministers urge churches to take children more seriously

By Jessica Perkins  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—Children's ministry isn't all fun and games, and leaders should take it seriously if they want to build the next generation of Christians, experts say.

Research detailed in George Barna's recent book "Transforming Your Children into Spiritual Champions" indicates that the spiritual lessons children learn by age 13 is what they most likely will believe as adults.

Barna concludes that if churches do not teach and challenge children to grow spiritually while they are young, chances are low that the children will grow into mature followers of Christ.

Several Kentucky Baptist children's ministry leaders advocate a strategy that:

- Includes support from the whole congregation.
- Equips children's ministry volunteers.
- Empowers parents to be spiritual leaders.

Effective children's ministry should be central to the outreach plan of any church, said Allen Bishop, minister to children at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

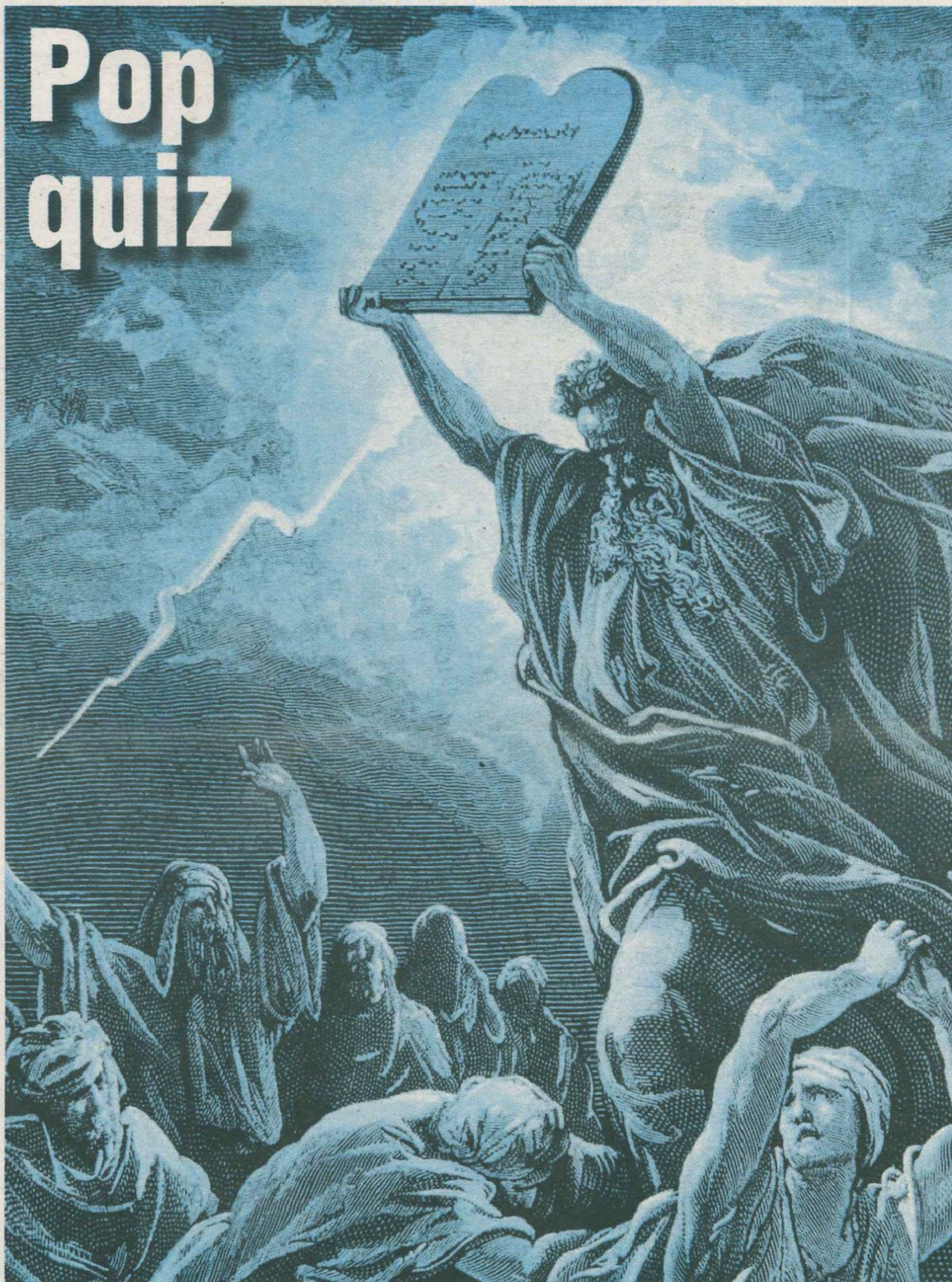
"The church has to demonstrate that children's ministry is the most important ministry for growth," Bishop said. "In order for churches to grow, they must invest in children's programs."

For example, vacation Bible school has long been heralded as a major evangelistic outreach for churches. In 2003, churches using VBS materials from LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention reported more than 100,000 U.S. youth making decisions to accept Christ.

"Children's ministry plays an important role in church growth and evangelism," said Julia Yuen, minister of childhood education at Crestwood Baptist Church in Crestwood. "Children who are nurtured and trained in the Lord are excited about their faith and experiences in the church. They share their enthusiasm with their families and friends. We have seen children who led their families and friends to Christ."

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## Pop quiz



## What do you know about Commandments?

By Nancy Haught  
Religion News Service

Washington (RNS)—Thou shalt memorize the Ten Commandments. You never know when you might need them and, if you're inside a courthouse, you probably won't find them posted on the wall.

In two 5-4 decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 27 that displaying the Ten Commandments on government land does not violate the Constitution's First Amendment, but that posting them inside a courthouse might. Neutral displays that honor the nation's history are OK, the court said, but those that overemphasize or endorse the religious content of the

Commandments are not.

So this might be a good time to review what you know (or don't) about the Ten Commandments, the ancient ethical and moral list of laws that has become a yardstick for measuring modern values.

Here's a quick quiz:

1. The Ten Commandments are first listed in the Bible in Exodus 20: 1-17. Where in Scripture are they repeated?
2. What is the first commandment?
3. What is the Greek name often used for the Ten Commandments?
4. Which of the 10 is the only one that comes with an accompanying promise?

5. True or false: The Commandments deny the existence of other gods.
6. True or false: The Ten Commandments are written for a Christian audience.
7. Which commandment would have the greatest economic impact on today's consumerism?
8. Which commandment did Jesus later broaden in the Gospel of Matthew?
9. What did Jesus say was the "greatest commandment?"
10. Whatever happened to the stone tablets that the Bible says were inscribed with the Ten Commandments?

Answers are on page 6

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## Billy Graham declines London crusade invitation

Charlotte, N.C. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham has declined an invitation to lead evangelistic meetings in London later this year, ministry officials announced July 13.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association cited the health of Graham and his wife, Ruth, as factors for the decision, as well as the logistical aspects of conducting a crusade abroad. Graham, 86, from Parkinson's disease and other ailments and his 85-year-old wife has a degenerative back condition.

"After much prayerful consideration I determined I should not be that far from home," Graham said in a letter sent to those who had invited him. "This was a difficult decision because London has played such a significant part in the life of my ministry."

Graham's association said his decision was made prior to the recent terrorist attack on London's transportation system and the city's selection as host for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

"Mr. Graham will continue his ministry of evangelism and resume work writing several books and contributing to other special projects he has begun in recent years," according to a statement released by his association.

A. Larry Ross, Graham's spokesman, said no other crusades are planned nor are active invitations being considered. He added that the evangelist felt he gained strength throughout a New York crusade in late June, had a good subsequent health check-up and is now ready for other projects.

Graham's ministry plans a series of crusades to be led by his son, Franklin, who became president of the association in 2002, and the dedication of the Billy Graham Library at the ministry's headquarters, probably in late 2006 or early 2007.

## Hurricane relief teams offer food & hope

Pensacola, Fla. (BP)—As Hurricane Emily barreled through the Gulf of Mexico, feeding and clean-up in the wake of Hurricane Dennis was under way last week in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

Despite a much weaker storm than anticipated, Hurricane Dennis roared into the Gulf Coast July 10, knocking out power to nearly half a million residents in three states and forcing water to overflow bays and rivers.

Downgraded from a Category 4 to a Category 3 storm before making landfall, Dennis nevertheless punched the Gulf Coast with 120 mph winds, pushing a 10-foot wall of water onto the coast just east of Pensacola, Fla., and leaving downed power lines and submerged roadways.

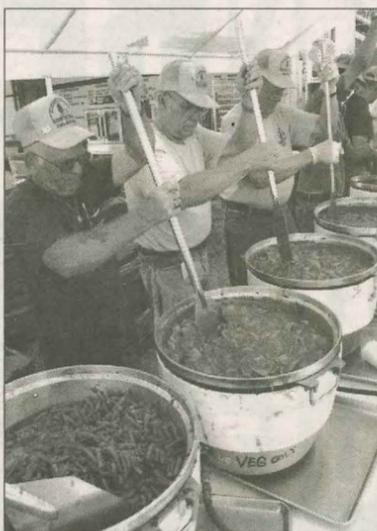
Hitting less than 50 miles east of where Hurricane Ivan came ashore 10 months ago, Dennis caused considerably less damage than last year's major hurricane.

President Bush declared parts of Alabama, Florida and Mississippi disaster areas, making them eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Less than 48 hours after Dennis came ashore, Southern Baptist disaster relief teams from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma were preparing and distributing thousands of hot meals to residents and relief crews.

At Olive Baptist Church on the north side of Pensacola, where Florida Baptist disaster relief workers set up a feeding station, Pastor Ted Traylor said the neighborhood is in "pretty good shape."

Citing discouragement among families who had just finished repairing their homes after Ivan, Traylor added, "We are going to have to have some broad shoulders. We just have to encourage people to walk in



**STIRRING MINISTRY** Oklahoma disaster relief volunteers (from left) Bub Osten, Lawrence Priest and W.A. Boured prepare a hot meal for Hurricane Dennis victims from a feeding unit stationed at First Baptist Church of Atmore, Ala. (BP photo by Doug Rogers)

the strength of the Lord and have some resolve."

Feeding operations also were set up at Little Escambia Baptist Church in Flomaton, Ala., where the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions deployed its disaster relief unit—a 45-foot tractor-trailer housing a mobile kitchen.

A day later, 25 members of the Oklahoma Baptist Men arrived with a feeding unit, which they set up at First Baptist Church of Atmore, Ala.

John Cook, the coordinator for feeding operations at the Flomaton church, affirmed the disaster relief ministry as a vital means for sharing one's faith.

"It's why we're here," said Cook, a member of Central Park Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. "We've got several evangelistic tracts. If Jesus had not been there to help us first, we wouldn't be here to help

these people."

Pat Andrews, director of missions for Escambia Baptist Association, noted the disaster relief cleanup and recovery teams have been configured for hands-on ministry and witnessing as well as such tasks as tree removal.

"With every chainsaw team that goes out to work in the community to work on a street, every team has a trained chaplain who doesn't cut wood or pull brush unless absolutely needed," Andrews said. "The chaplain is there to work with, talk with and minister to people who are devastated by the disaster."

Dewey Bondurant Jr., the mayor of Flomaton, said disaster relief volunteers are providing a "great service."

"Without the outside help like you all provide, it would be extremely tough for this community," Bondurant said. "I think from a Christian standpoint it's an excellent witnessing tool for people."

Southern Baptist Convention President Bobby Welch and Rick Lance, executive director of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, visited the Flomaton feeding site last week.

"We're not only doing a good humanitarian thing here, we're giving a cup of cold water—and we're underlining 'in Jesus' name,'" Welch said. "That's thrilling to me. I saw the tracts they're sharing with these people. The chaplains are here sharing one-on-one, so that's very encouraging."

Welch, who visited several relief sites in Alabama and Florida, added, "These are ordinary people who have banded together with sweaty T-shirts, with blood-red faces and stringy hair, male and female alike, for one reason, and that is for the Kingdom of Christ and for the sake of souls."

### BAPTIST DIGEST

#### Shorter College ruling finalized.

The Georgia Supreme Court decided July 1 not to reconsider a ruling that Shorter College improperly severed ties with the Georgia Baptist Convention. The decision brings an end to the battle over control of the 132-year-old Georgia Baptist school. In 2003 Shorter trustees dissolved the corporation and reorganized with a self-perpetuating board. That action was ruled improper by the Supreme Court June 7, deciding only trustees approved by the convention can serve. Outgoing trustee chairman Gary Eubanks identified Nelson Price, retired pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., as the "likely new president" of the college. Price has advocated for Shorter trustees who are supportive of the state convention.

#### Glorieta building project begins.

Volunteers and staff of LifeWay Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center recently broke ground for the first major building project at Glorieta in nearly 25 years. The Hall of States lodge, built more than 40 years ago, will be razed and replaced with a new 60-room

hotel, expected to be completed in time for the 2006 summer conference schedule. At its fall 2005 meeting, LifeWay's board of trustees approved spending \$27 million during the next four years to update and enhance the facilities at LifeWay's two conference centers—Glorieta and Ridgecrest, located near Asheville, N.C.

#### N.C. executive director resigns.

Jim Royston, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina since 1998, will step down to return to the pastorate. Royston, 57, was elected July 17 as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Mooresville, N.C. He previously was director of missions-ministries for Metro Baptist Association in Charlotte, and also served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Huntersville. George Bullard, associate executive director since 2003, has been named acting executive director.

#### Sprinkle resigns Wyoming post.

Randy Sprinkle, executive director of the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention for two years, has accepted a position with

the Baptist Convention of New England as transformational leadership director. Sprinkle previously served as director of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's International Prayer Strategy Office for nine years. He and his wife, Nancy, also were missionaries in Africa for 14 years. Lynn Nikkel, the Wyoming convention's church health strategist, has been named interim executive director.

#### ABC debates gay issue.

American Baptists are a step closer to a long-anticipated showdown over homosexuality after concluding their biennial meeting July 4. The denomination's General Board, meeting prior to the convocation in Denver, accepted the first reading of a petition that calls for measures designed to more clearly state American Baptists' opposition to homosexuality. Proposals describing the practice of homosexuality as "incompatible with biblical teaching" and expressing concern over unity in the denomination will receive a second reading at the November meeting of the General Board.

## BWA registration tops 12,000 from 100-plus nations

Birmingham, England (ABP)—At least 12,000 Baptists from more than 100 countries will make their way to Birmingham, England, for the Baptist World Congress July 27-31, apparently undeterred by recent terror attacks in London.

Registration for the congress climbed above the 12,000 mark July 13, congress director Emmett Dunn said. The BWA, a fellowship of 210 Baptist unions worldwide, was formed in England in 1905.

Pre-registrants for the 2005 meeting represent 107 nations, Dunn said. The largest group—more than 3,000—are from the United Kingdom. Approximately 2,000 are coming from North America.

BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz noted, "Our very travel to Britain will be a testimony to our belief that faith is greater than fear, hope greater than despair and love greater than hate."

In a letter to British Prime Minister Tony Blair among others, Lotz said, "It is particularly sad when such tragedies are done in the name of religion." But he pointed out Baptists—and particularly British Baptists—have championed the cause of religious liberty, so that Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and people of all other faiths can practice their religion freely. "We shall continue to defend religious freedom, separation of church and state, and respect for men and women of whatever faith tradition," Lotz wrote.

The Baptist World Congress, held once every five years, is a time of fellowship and training for leaders of the 31 million Baptists worldwide affiliated with BWA. Keynote speakers for the meeting are Rick Warren, record-setting author of "The Purpose-Driven Life" and pastor of Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, Calif., and former U.S. president Jimmy Carter.

This is the first BWA congress ever without participation from the world's largest Baptist body, the Southern Baptist Convention, which withdrew its membership last year in a dispute over the organization's direction.

Two statewide groups traditionally represented by the SBC—the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Baptist General Association of Virginia—are expected to be voted into membership during the congress, taking advantage of new membership rules. Both sought representation when the SBC withdrew. Their applications will be considered by the BWA General Council, which meets July 27 and conducts much of the organization's business.

## International ministry celebrates 30 years of outreach

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

Louisville (RNS)—When Mai Meyers' husband was transferred from Nashville to Louisville in the mid-1970s, the immigrant from Thailand was still struggling to learn English.

Today she is a United States citizen, owns a restaurant in neighboring Jeffersonville, Ind., and has been baptized at Westport Road Baptist Church.

The businesswoman credits English classes offered by Friendship International, an educational ministry led by Kentucky Baptists, with helping her become a citizen of both the U.S. and the Kingdom of God.

"It's all about in your heart, who you're believing," said Meyers, one of about 200 people attending the ministry's 30th anniversary celebration recently. "I talk to people all the time about God."

Meyers isn't the only student touched by the outreach. While organizers don't track conversions, international Sunday school classes that sprang from the ministry meet at Walnut Street Baptist Church and Lyndon Baptist Church.

Filipino and Japanese missions also meet at Lyndon.

Currently on summer break, Friendship is preparing for its next series of classes, which begin Sept. 7 at Walnut Street Baptist.

Two classes are offered each Wednesday morning from September through May, with students choosing from among 20 subjects.

In addition to several levels of basic English, volunteers teach pronunciation and writing, as well as



**INTERNATIONAL CHORUS** Singers from a variety of countries perform at the 30th anniversary celebration for Friendship International, a Louisville ministry that offers English lessons and other classes to immigrants and international visitors.

the Bible and courses in citizenship, arts and crafts, cooking, sewing and pottery.

During 2004-05, the program had 185 students from 35 nations enrolled, with the largest contingents from India (58), South Korea (33) and Japan (21).

Sixty-one volunteers from 26 churches in Long Run Baptist Association taught or performed such duties as transportation and childcare. Local churches also supplied refreshments.

### Sharing Christ with visitors

Phronsie Quinn, one of about a dozen women who started the ministry to assist Vietnamese refugees coming to Louisville in 1975, said it has been a blessing to show God's love to people from other nations.

"We expose them to Christ in hopes they will become a Christian,"

said Quinn, a member of Lyndon Baptist. "We don't knock them down with a pint of salvation every Wednesday, but we have prayer time."

In addition to opportunities to discuss her faith, 30 years later there is a practical reason Quinn still helps with transportation and teaching English.

The wife of the late Gene Quinn, former director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department, she spent two years in the Philippines and one year in Japan on short-term missions.

"I know how it is to live overseas and in the grocery store not be able to read whether it's chicken or beef," Quinn said.

Mary Neal Clarke, director of Friendship for the past two years, said students also reach into the community through Friendship's

choir. Averaging about 20 people, the group performs half a dozen times during the school year.

Clarke, a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, said a highlight of her service involved a woman from India. After receiving a Bible in her native tongue in the program, the immigrant read a Psalm aloud during year-end ceremonies in 2004.

The event was significant because about half the students that year came from India, Clarke explained.

"She told people it was a thrill to read the Bible in her own language," Clarke said.

Although new director Joyce Hack expects most of the past year's staff to return, she hopes to attract additional volunteers.

An instructor for several years in the 1970s before returning to school and becoming a counselor, Hack rejoined Friendship International when she retired in 2002.

Hack has formed numerous friendships over the years, including an attorney from Iran whom she helped obtain political asylum.

"It's a blessing to know and work with someone from outside our country," Hack said. "If you have an international friend, you'll always have a friend."

"The friendship of people from other countries is what I enjoy the most," she added. "They're so appreciative of anything you do for them."

For more information, contact Joyce Hack at (502) 937-5577 or Long Run Baptist Association at (502) 635-2601. Organizers will hold a meeting for teachers and other workers Aug. 31.

## Youth ministry leaders urge churches to take kids seriously

Continued from page 1

"Thirty percent of baptisms are related to vacation Bible school," added Wendy Dever, preschool/children's associate for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "It's the biggest opportunity for evangelism in churches. Children's ministry is how you build the church."

The Kentucky Baptists Convention has set a goal to baptize 25,000 new believers a year as part of Kentucky Baptists Connect, an ambitious plan to re-energize evangelism, missions, leadership development and other efforts. Effective children's ministries are expected to be crucial to reaching that goal.

Bishop said the most successful children's evangelism programs in his church have resulted from several factors working together, especially the support of the church members and pastor.

"The level of success is dependent on the support that surrounds the ministry," he said. "An event builds off of other areas of the ministry."

The most obvious expression of a church's support for children's ministry can be found in the number of adults willing to serve, leaders said.

### Involving more volunteers & men

Yuen said children's workers should be "FAT"—faithful, available and teachable.

But Dever noted that many churches face a shortage of children's ministry workers. Potential



volunteers sometimes are intimidated by teaching spiritual issues to children. Others, she said, simply don't believe they have the time to invest in children's ministry.

Men are a major untapped resource, she added.

"One challenge in children's ministry is that women tend to be the only leaders," Dever said.

"I had a child ask me if only ladies loved Jesus because she had never seen a man in the preschoolers' and children's area. We need to encourage men to be a part of the ministry."

Dever said young children need to see men and women modeling their Christian faith, especially if

they do not see godly role models in their homes.

But successful children's ministry isn't limited to Sunday school, children's church, vacation Bible school or other programs, leaders say. Children's ministry leaders and parents must be available and equipped to model faith and answer questions from children in a way that is age-appropriate.

Dever said workers and parents of small children often do not know how to discuss spiritual issues with their children.

Yuen said Crestwood offers parents opportunities to learn more about what their children are being taught. Churches should be inten-

tional in efforts to reach parents and equip them to guide their children, she added.

"Parents need to be aware of their children's spiritual journey," Yuen said. "They need to teach their children and engage them in daily conversations about God, His truths, love and forgiveness."

### Children's discipleship

After children have made decisions to follow Jesus Christ, discipleship is essential, leaders said. Crestwood Baptist Church offers classes for elementary school children who have accepted Christ. The class runs in two six-week sessions, focusing on the life and ministry of Jesus and teaching children about the importance of being a Christian.

The key ingredient for a successful children's ministry is unconditional love for children and their families, Dever said. She encourages parents and children's ministry workers to remember that they are "Jesus with skin."

"We talk about a God they cannot see. The only way children can learn about God is through experience, just like adults," Dever said. "The challenge is to not just talk about Jesus, but to act like Jesus ... loving and kind."

For more information on preschool and children's ministry, contact Dever at (502) 254-4716 or call toll-free in Kentucky at (888) 254-5708.

*"I know how it is to live overseas and ... not be able to read whether it's chicken or beef."*

Friendship International cofounder Phronsie Quinn

### Super Saturdays to offer children's ministry resources

A variety of training sessions for children's ministry leaders will be offered at Super Saturday training events this fall.

Super Saturdays are scheduled in:

■ Lexington at Immanuel Baptist Church Aug. 13.

■ Hopkinsville at Second Baptist Church Aug. 20.

■ Prestonsburg at First Baptist Church Aug. 20.

■ Corbin at Central Baptist Church Aug. 27.

■ Paducah at First Baptist Church Aug. 27.

■ Crestwood at Crestwood Baptist Church Sept. 10.

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## London quietly seeking spiritual truth

By Erich Bridges

Richmond, Va. (BP)—During the initial shock of the July 7 train and bus bombings in their city, some Londoners showed their vulnerable side, asked neighbors to come inside, seemed willing to think about spiritual things.

For 24 hours, maybe—48 tops.

Then it was back to business as usual and firm British defiance.

"We will hold firm" went the refrain from World War II days. Londoners made it through the blitz and years of IRA terrorism, but they could surely survive this.

But members of the Southern Baptist mission team dedicated to spreading the gospel in London made the most of their brief window of opportunity.

"The day of (the bombings), people were horrified," said one missionary. "I was over at my neighbor's house three times that day. I talked to my other neighbor, too, who I hadn't been able to speak with for quite a long time. She hadn't even seen my 8-month-old baby."

## Bombings prompt questions

Missionaries told of another neighbor who initiated a conversation that day. He wanted to talk about evil in the world, Jesus' return, the forgiveness of sins.

"It makes you wonder where God was," he mused about the bombings. "What is the purpose of these events? Why would God let this happen?"

Then he answered his own question: "I suppose that God uses events like this to try to get our attention and think more about Him."

A few days later, people weren't talking much about it. Southern Baptist workers reported. Some Londoners still hesitated to ride public transport. More cars were being used in central London. Bicycle sales have increased. Otherwise, "it's as if it never happened," one missionary reported.

But the inner questions haven't gone away. They're still being asked quietly, in British hearts and minds. How do Christians earn the right to answer them?

"Relationship, relationship, relationship," said another mission worker. "These are crucial days. Now is the time to concentrate prayer on those relationships we've already built and allow the Spirit of God to take them to another level. People are disciplined into the Kingdom of God, not just disciplined after they make a commitment."

Relationships are even more important among the huge and varied immigrant communities of London—particularly among Muslims, who fear a possible backlash for the terrorist actions of a militant minority.

"The circles I'm in are fearful," says a missionary who ministers to Muslim women. "Their children are fearful of things that could happen or be said."

Some Christians look on London

## COMMENTARY

## Show Jesus' love

Though this letter is several weeks late, I commend your June 7 editorial advising that the Southern Baptist Convention should avoid a negative outlook on society.

The boycott of the Disney corporation for observing "Gay Days" and other openness is a case

in point. Your priority of showing the love of Jesus to a hurting world tends to preempt selective righteousness.

Or as Editor Henderson put it, "This is an ideal time to remind the world—and ourselves—what we're for rather than what we're against."

Don Cassidy  
Premium



## Strong Cooperative Program support

It was a privilege for my wife, Kay, and me to be with several churches recently who are strong in their support of missions and evangelism through the Cooperative Program.

Dennis Winn, pastor of Old Salem Baptist Church in Salem, spoke for the 200th anniversary of the church. Old Salem is the mother church for more than five other churches that started in the area.

Five former pastors were present, along with the director of missions, Ken Cummins, and a church filled with members and other guests.

The pastor has led the congregation to continued strong support of missions through the Cooperative Program. The church sends 20 percent of undesignated receipts to missions through CP.

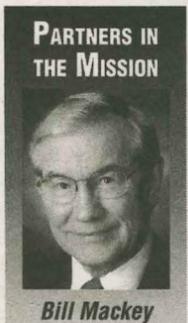
On the way to Old Salem, we stopped by Mexico Baptist Church to greet Pastor Tim Burdon. He had a large plaque ready to celebrate 24 years of service by the minister of

music, Charlie Orr. It was a privilege to express appreciation on behalf of Kentucky Baptists for Orr's years of service in music and other leadership roles in the church.

Mexico often leads Kentucky Baptist churches in per capita support of the Cooperative Program. Last year, the congregation gave \$66,841, which is 34 percent of undesignated receipts.

Pastor Richard Sams of Calhoun Baptist Church asked me to join him for an appreciation dinner for all volunteer church leaders. Churches have the largest number of volunteer workers among all organizations, and the ministries could not exist without them. The pastor has continued to lead the church to be strong in support of CP at 15 percent of undesignated gifts.

Earlier in the summer, Kay and I had the privilege of helping Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Morgantown celebrate its 200th anniversary. Pastor Wayne Stewart led the



and other European cities and despair. They see spiritual wastelands, pockmarked with empty cathedrals and bare choirs, almost beyond hope. Others see them as the new capitals of "Eurabia"—a region rapidly becoming culturally colonized by Muslims.

They are neither. In God's eyes, they are cities filled with millions of spiritually hungry, searching people speaking many languages—just like New York, Los Angeles or Atlanta.

## Changing worldview

A week after the bombings, it was back to "normal" in London, acknowledges one of the missionaries there. "But scratch the human surface of the heart (and you) find people who are troubled at the thought that the men who did this were average people next door," she reflects. "Our worldview is being changed as if in a pressure cooker. The pressure will get more intense. Jesus said so. His word to Paul as he set forth in the Roman Empire was to 'open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me' (Acts 26:18)."

"Two thousand years later, in the former Roman outpost of Londinium, there are still believers in Jesus who are praying for London's peoples and the world she represents to receive forgiveness of sins and a place around the throne of King Jesus."

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

## What are you thinking?

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church to make thorough preparation for the special day. There were many guests in the audience. There was recognition from government officials, TV coverage, testimonies by former pastors, guest musicians, sermon, and dinner was served under the large picnic shelter and tent.

It was an inspiring day. Sandy Creek provides 7 percent for missions through the Cooperative Program.

On a recent Sunday, I attended services at Kings Baptist Church in Mount Washington. Pastor Corey Abney has led the church to experience a 121-percent increase in average attendance in the past eight months.

The church has the most talented young staff I have experienced in a long time. A recent Ph.D. graduate in preaching from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Abney is an effective expositor of the Bible. The church contributes 12 percent to missions through CP.

We are grateful for the gracious support of CP missions by Kentucky Baptists.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

## STEWARDSHIP

## Long-term care insurance helps protect assets

By Laurie Valentine

Do you have significant financial assets and income?

Would you like to protect at least a portion of those resources if you needed long-term care?

If you answered yes, then your long-term care planning should include consideration of the purchase of long-term care insurance.

LTCI can be purchased to cover costs associated with nursing home care and assisted living facility care. Some LTCI policies also provide coverage for home care and services in adult day care facilities.

The cost of LTCI depends on a variety of factors. These include your age at the time of the initial purchase (the older you are, the higher the premiums), the benefits you select, and the waiting period.

When determining how much LTCI coverage you need, consider all available income sources that could be tapped to cover the cost of long-term care—Social Security, pensions, investment income and rental income, to name a few.

LTCI policies have a variety of "benefit triggers." These are the events or situations that must occur for you to be eligible for LTCI benefits. The most common benefit triggers are inability to do a certain number of "activities of daily living" (bathing, continence, dressing, eating, etc.); cognitive impairment; and/or doctor's certification of medical necessity.

LTCI benefits will start after the "elimination period" or waiting period has passed. The elimination period can range from 0 to 100 days after you enter a nursing home or start receiving home health care. The shorter the elimination period, the higher the premium.

The cost of nursing home care has been rising at an annual rate of 8 percent for the past several years. For this reason, a valuable additional benefit (rider) to consider is "inflation protection." This benefit automatically increases the daily benefit the policy pays each year. Including this benefit increases your premium cost significantly, but is worth it if you can afford it.

When considering the purchase of LTCI, take your time and ask questions. Check out the companies whose policies you are considering and carefully compare the outlines of coverages.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation



## Most grieving men are dashers, delayers, displayers or doers

**Q: As a man who has recently experienced the death of a parent, I find that I do not cry and have not talked about it very much. Do men have different grieving styles from women?**

According to Neil Chethik of Lexington, author of "Fatherloss," there generally are four kinds of men in relation to grieving their losses:

### GRIEF

**Dashers**—men who move through the experience quickly. They might already have had lots of little moments along the way where they had talked the idea through with the person who died. They had a full relationship, no regrets, and therefore not a lot of mystery to work through.

**Delayers**—men who mourn the loss later. It could be months, a few years or many years after the event. This is common among younger people who might not be emotionally ready to process all that goes with the loss until a later time.

**Displayers**—men whose emotions are on the surface and come out. They are not in control of these emotions, which sometimes are channeled into aggression and other times as grief.

**Doers**—men who deliberately go for a walk, work out or do other activities to get the energy out. Doers remain connected to the deceased through activity.

There are no "shoulds" to grieving styles. The style of grieving will depend not only on your personality, but also on the relationship you had with the person.

Include spirituality in your grieving style. You can absorb the grief by doing and allow your action to become a part of the legacy of the person who has died.—James Stillwell

**Q: My spouse and I think our marriage is reasonably good, but we really don't know how to evaluate it. Any suggestions?**

If you type in "marriage evaluation," you will find a number of evaluation instruments available on the Internet. Below is the "Wigginton Scale" each of you can use to rate your satisfaction level from 1-10 ("not at all satisfied" to "totally satisfied") and then compare and discuss your results. You will want to celebrate areas where both are satisfied and carefully discuss and make a concrete plan for improving areas of dissatisfaction. If your areas of dissatisfaction are numerous or highly contentious, consider visiting a Christian marriage counselor. The "Wigginton Scale" includes:

- Feeling loved and respected by my spouse.
- Daily time spent talking with each other.
- Ways we spend time enjoying one another recreationally.
- Ability to talk about anything.
- Parenting.
- Relating to our families of origin.
- Romance and sex life.
- Commitment to Christian growth.
- Commitment and regular attendance at church.
- Commitment to the marriage.
- How we handle anger and conflict.
- Our management of money.
- Balancing demands (including chores) of home and careers.
- How we make decisions.
- Feeling appreciated.
- Healthy relationships with other couples.

Remember the importance of remaining non-defensive as you share the results of your evaluation with your partner. The goal is to identify strengths and target areas for improvement. After making a specific plan for improvement in a given area, check back with each other regularly. Don't forget to catch your partner doing something right!—Scott Wigginton

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## Cross Over Kentucky provides new twist

Crossover Nashville, the Southern Baptist Convention's record-setting pre-convention evangelism blitz, is now history. But Kentucky Baptists still have the opportunity to be involved in similar activities right here in the Bluegrass State.

According to SBC officials, the recent Crossover Nashville effort resulted in more than 2,500 professions of faith in Christ. Door-to-door evangelism efforts included more than 7,000 Southern Baptist volunteers completing more than 18,000 visits and leading 584 people to make first-time commitments to Christ. Combined with block parties, cultural festivals and other ministry projects, nearly 10,000 volunteers took part in the emphasis.

The SBC's Crossover efforts began in 1989 in Las Vegas. Since then, participants have led thousands of people to faith in Christ at each of the SBC's host cities.

Here in Kentucky, state convention leaders launched a similar outreach effort in Western Kentucky in 2001. Since then, Cross Over Kentucky has been held in the Williamsburg, Lexington and Louisville areas.

But this year's Cross Over Kentucky emphasis has a new twist. Rather than focusing ministry efforts on the weekend prior to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in November, this year's Cross Over projects already are under way.

The KBC church development and evangelism team, working in cooperation with Three Forks Baptist Association in Southeastern Kentucky, is recruiting and hosting mission teams throughout the summer and fall.

Churches in Knott, Leslie, Letcher and Perry counties are working alongside volunteers from across the state. Participants are helping lead vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs and revivals as well as taking part in prayerwalks, community surveys, door-to-door witnessing, distribution of "Jesus" videos and construction/repair projects.

Explaining the rationale for expanding the Cross

Over effort and moving it away from the KBC host city, KBC evangelism leader Don Garland said, "Looking at the future of where the convention was going to be, one of the glaring omissions of where Cross Over was going to be was in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky."

Noting that Jim Castlen, director of missions for Three Forks Association, expressed an interest in his association hosting Cross Over, Garland added, "We're hoping there will be partnerships formed with churches from across the state that will continue in the future and get the mountains on their hearts."

Garland said the expanded format allows coordinators to tap into mission teams interested in serving in the summer months, including volunteers from across the state as well as Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee. So far, more than 30 teams have committed to serve in the region this summer.

Affirming the overall goals of Cross Over, Garland said, "We hope it will get people out of their comfort zones and show them they can do things that are fairly simple in reaching people. We're not sending teams in to do it for people; we're sending them in to do it with them."

Shaughanessy Morris, whose husband, John, is pastor of Lothair Baptist Church in Hazard, is serving as this year's Cross Over coordinator. Individuals, mission teams, youth groups, Sunday school classes or congregations interested in participating in Cross Over can contact Mrs. Morris at (606) 436-6721 or Jim Castlen at (606) 439-4339.

For more information about Cross Over opportunities, contact the KBC church development and evangelism team at (502) 254-4737, toll-free in Kentucky at (888) 254-5722 or visit the Web site [www.kybaptist.org/crossover](http://www.kybaptist.org/crossover).

As Cross Over 2005 focuses on "Lifting Up Jesus Christ" in Eastern Kentucky, prayerfully consider how you and your congregation can get involved.

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

## Africa's only true debt relief

By Sue Sprenkle

**Nairobi, Kenya (BP)**—Big eyes, bulging as if they might pop out of her head, stare blankly at the mud brick wall. The emaciated woman is so weak she can't even turn over by herself.

I sit among the pile of rags she lies on, her head in my lap, and try to offer some kind of comfort. I tell her of Jesus' love. She listens with tears in her eyes.

Finally, she manages a throaty whisper: "I have been so bad in my lifetime that God could never forgive me. ... God will never forgive me."

I feel the hopelessness this woman expresses as she dies in my arms. I cry for the fate of my friend. She has become another African statistic for the world to lament.

World leaders gathered at the Group of Eight Summit in Scotland July 6-8 to discuss ways to aid poverty-strapped African countries. Chief among their ideas was a debt relief package totaling \$55 billion, plus a promised increase in annual aid to Africa to \$50 billion by 2010.

Debt relief is indeed the key for Africa. But canceling monetary debt alone is not the answer. The only true debt relief comes through Jesus Christ.

For years I've lived in Africa and covered stories there. I've seen poverty, famine, disease, natural disasters and civil war. Every day, I'm confronted with the realities

of starvation and impending death. Beggars line up at the window of my car asking for money to buy bread. I've sat talking with mothers as they fan flies from the eyes of listless, malnourished children with bloated bellies. I've watched friends die from AIDS-related illnesses.

I've witnessed or personally experienced everything that the protesters outside the G-8 meeting say they are fighting against. Sure, there are days when I want to retreat back into a "Western" mindset and throw money at poverty and disease. But I know that money will not solve the greatest need in Africa.

Africans need a sense of hope. I've interviewed witchdoctors, village chiefs, Muslim imams, pastors, CEOs, even presidents of various countries—and they are all searching for the same thing: the hope only Jesus Christ can give.

Great strides have been made in reaching Africa for Christ, but millions remain who never have heard the name of Jesus.

World leaders and aid activists want to bring food and education to the parts of Africa left behind by the rest of the world. Sub-Saharan Africa is in the World Bank's lowest gross national income category of less than \$765 per person per year. Africa already receives about a third of the total aid given by world governments, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development. Yet Africa is the only continent to have become poorer in the past 25 years. By the year 2000, half the world's poor were in Africa.

The "Make Poverty History" campaign—supported by many Christian evangelicals as well as rock stars and activists—urged G-8 leaders to raise an extra \$50 billion in aid. Where will the money go? Most likely for food, education and disease prevention—all vital needs. I've been in the famine-stricken villages when grain is delivered. The women clap and celebrate, then sit solemnly waiting for what they believe is their right. Sometimes fights break out over who receives a red plastic plate and who doesn't.

Contrast that with the times I've been in a village when the Good News is introduced. When someone comes to Christ, their entire countenance changes. Celebration erupts. Often a goat is slaughtered and cooked. (In African cultures, goats are worth a lot of money and only eaten to celebrate very special occasions.) There is dancing and singing well into the night. Celebrations can go on for days in thankfulness for this God-given gift. They know it isn't something they deserved, nor is it their right—yet God provided a way.

Africans are truly humbled that their debt of sin has been paid in full by Jesus Christ.

Sue Sprenkle, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's missionary correspondent for Africa since 1999, is based in Nairobi, Kenya

### FIRST PERSON

### Ready for Ten Commandments pocket cards?

**Garland, Texas**  
(RNS)—Capitalizing on the controversy surrounding Supreme Court rulings on Ten Commandments displays, a ministry has embarked on a campaign to place small versions of the Commandments in the pockets of Americans.

The American Tract Society began distributing the first wave of its Core Value Cards in early July in the hope of bringing the faithful back to the basics.

"There are a lot of people going to church today, but they're forgetting these basic tenets," said Mark Brown, vice president of marketing for the ministry.

The group will follow the Ten Commandments cards with 20 to 30 more installments ranging from the Lord's Prayer to the Nicene Creed in August.

## How many questions can you answer about Commandments?

Below are answers to the questions on page 1.

1. Moses recites them in Deuteronomy 5:6-21, leading up to his last will and testament.

2. That depends on your religious tradition. The commandments aren't numbered in the original texts, and different religious groups divide them differently.

For example, most Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Christians say "You shall have no other gods before me" is the first commandment. Many Jews see that same passage as the second commandment, following "I am the Lord Your God." Lutherans and Catholics often combine the "no other gods" passage with the prohibition of graven images and call that the first commandment.

3. Decalogue, meaning "10 words."

4. If you honor your father and mother, then your life will be long in the land.

5. False. They read, in part, "I am the Lord, your God. ... You shall have no other gods before me."

6. False. According to the Bible, they are given by God to Moses for the Israelites, or Jews.

7. To rest, or refrain from work, on the Sabbath. Consider all the stores, businesses, restaurants, theaters and sports centers that would have to close so everyone could keep the Sabbath holy.

8. In Matthew 5:21-22, Jesus says

the ancient law "thou shalt not murder" also means that "anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca' (an Aramaic term of contempt), is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

He also expanded the prohibition on adultery, saying that "anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has

already committed adultery with her in his heart."

9. In Matthew 22:37-38, Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. The second, he added, is "Love your neighbor as yourself."

10. Biblical tradition says the Israelites stored them in the Ark of the Covenant and carried it with them

as they wandered in the wilderness. After Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem, the Ark sat in a room called the Holy of Holies and was considered the throne of God. It was probably lost or destroyed during the Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C.

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### Bible Crosswords

#### Across

- 1 Linking verb
- 4 Makes like the sun
- 9 Possesses
- 12 Insane
- 13 Lovable nerd on TV's "Family Matters"
- 14 Honest one
- 15 French conjunction
- 16 Land from which the Lord will recover the remnant of His people (Isaiah 11:11)
- 18 Live for the moment
- 19 Like food and clothing
- 21 Held with a certain tool
- 23 Frost, for one
- 25 Pitch in
- 26 High priest in Shiloh
- 28 More reliable
- 30 Director Lupino
- 33 Poetic contraction
- 34 "Then \_\_\_ brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord" (2 Chronicles 16:2)
- 35 Spat
- 36 Likely
- 37 TV's "Get \_\_\_"
- 39 Frozen water
- 40 "Thy word is a \_\_\_ unto my feet" (Psalm 119:105)
- 42 "And he ... cast him into prison, till he should pay the \_\_\_" (Matthew 18:30)
- 44 At a certain location
- 46 Organic substance from plants
- 49 Concerning
- 50 "While the bridegroom \_\_\_ they all slumbered and slept" (Matthew 25:5)
- 54 Therefore
- 55 Vein contents
- 57 What hobos rode
- 58 In the manner of
- 59 Benign skin tumor
- 60 Lacking originality
- 61 O.T. book (abbr.)

#### Down

- 1 So be it
- 2 Per diem, for one
- 3 Before PCs, one who used a blue pencil (abbr.)

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- 4 Particular potato
- 5 April correspondent (abbr.)
- 6 TV's "\_\_\_ King"
- 7 Poetic contraction
- 8 Splinter
- 9 Half a laugh
- 10 French cleric
- 11 "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious \_\_\_" (Psalm 126:6)
- 16 "Why make ye this \_\_\_, and weep?" (Mark 5:39)
- 17 To pain, discomfort, or trouble
- 20 Letter from Paul
- 22 "Who maketh his angels \_\_\_; his ministers a flaming \_\_\_" (Psalm 104:4)
- 24 Trudge along
- 25 "I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast \_\_\_, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet" (Jeremiah 4:19)
- 26 Greek letter
- 27 \_\_\_ service
- 29 Team \_\_\_, e.g., at the Olympics
- 31 Halliday, for one
- 32 Reverence
- 37 Rips one's reputation

- 38 Feminine name (var.)
- 41 Masculine nickname
- 43 "Arise, take up thy \_\_\_, and go unto thine house" (Matthew 9:6)
- 44 Believe or think (arch.)
- 45 In or at this place
- 47 Man, for one
- 48 Father of Japheth
- 51 Tell on
- 52 Inlet
- 53 Feeling poorly
- 56 \_\_\_-Gedi, city of Judah (Joshua 15)
- 58 Article

#### Last week's solution

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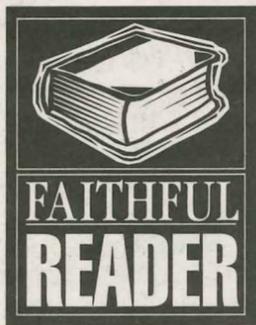
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**One Bread, One Body: Exploring Cultural Diversity in Worship.** Michael Hawn. *The Alban Institute, 2003.* 224 pages. \$17. ♦♦♦♦ (five)

After years of hearing the "homogenous unit principle" being touted as the answer for churches trying to reach people in an increasingly unchurched society; and after decades of hearing socially-conscious Christians decry 11 a.m. Sunday as "the most segregated hour in America," it is refreshing to see serious attention being paid to the biblical pattern of cultural diversity in the life of the church.

"One Bread, One Body" is part of the Alban Institute's Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations exploration of "the kind of vibrant, creative energy, and patient reflection that will promote worship that is both relevant and profound." The editors of this series are convinced that "worship both reinforces and shapes a community's faith." Consequently, it is imperative that a congregation seek to reflect the cultural diversity of its context, rather than being satisfied with niche marketing or passive acceptance of cultural divides in the Christian community.

Michael Hawn, who teaches worship and music at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, challenges readers to take seriously the possibility that every congregation can worship and live as culturally diverse communities.

In the first section of the book, he lays down a theological foundation for building such communi-

ties. The second section of the book explores several churches struggling to live out that challenge, noting both successes and failures.



The final section explores the issues of music and prayer as crucial to building culturally diverse worshipping communities.

"One Bread, One Body" is both challenging and inspiring. Hawn is not unaware of the difficulties faced by congregations seeking to live out a model of the Kingdom, but he refuses to let us off the hook simply because it is difficult. *Jim Holladay*

**Basic Training for Spiritual Combat: Taking Back the High Ground.** Jay Carty. *Regal Press, 2005 (re-release).* 200 pages. \$14.99. ♦♦♦♦

Jay Carty spent three years on John Wooden's UCLA coaching staff. He also coached two years at Oregon State and played for the Los Angeles Lakers. For 25 years, he has been a traveling preacher and has written several books. This book could help Christians from every walk of life.

"Basic Training" is a no-nonsense approach to overcoming some of the temptations and spiritual battles most Christians face.

While every Christian does not face the same specific temptations, they all come from the same source. This book offers specific word pictures to help resist temptation. For example, Carty writes, "Don't have éclairs in your refrigerator," comparing sin's temptation with dieters who leave fattening desserts within

an arm's reach.

Carty shares some of his own struggles to clean up his language and treat his wife with more respect.

"Basic Training" is a one-on-one guide book. Questions at the end of each chapter help readers reinforce that chapter's content. Individual study guides at the end of the book also help readers better understand the spiritual combat that Christians face and how to train to win the battles as they come.

The book tackles subjects that many people don't talk about because they fear they are the only ones who struggle. Temptation subjects include dealing with anger biblically, the consequences of sexual sin, the cost of wrong priorities and adjusting one's priorities.

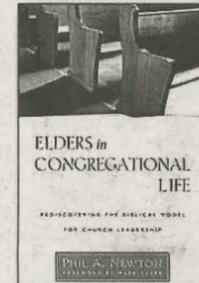
Overall, this is a great book. As with any opinionated author, you might not agree with everything Carty writes, and some of his statements will challenge you. The book can help anyone willing to invest the time needed to become stronger in spiritual combat. *Steve Coleman*



**Elders in Congregational Life: Rediscovering the Biblical Model for Church Leadership.** Phil Newton. *Kregel Publications, 2004.* 176 pages. \$12.99. ♦♦♦

Author Phil Newton contends that the biblical model of church leadership requires elder plurality, or the presence of multiple people in the congregation who occupy the office of elder.

Newton makes a distinction be-



tween deacons and elders. He says deacons devote themselves to the temporal aspects of the church, in line with the description in Acts of "waiting on tables," while elders devote themselves to the spiritual matters of teaching, praying for the church and setting the direction of the church. For Newton, elders are more than super deacons; elders are different in function.

As a Baptist, Newton addresses the problems with going to an elder office in the church. He does a good job of addressing this issue in a congregational style church polity. He also provides sound biblical support for elder plurality.

I would quarrel with his idea that elder plurality is "the" biblical model for church leadership. My read is that it is one of several. My initial reaction is that the churches that have moved from a corporate model of deacon ministry to a gift-based model already have taken a step toward elder leadership without calling it that.

As the pastor of a Baptist church, I would welcome the office of elder because of the support it gives to the pastoral ministry of the church as well as the support given to the pastor. Indeed, one person cannot do it all in a church of even a small size.

A weak presentation of Newton's use of exclusive language, limiting the roles of pastor, elder and deacon to men. For those of us who affirm the full participation of women in the life of the church, the idea of creating another office relegated to men only is not an advancement in church polity. *Wayne Hager*

## Livestock and ribbons

### Awards at local fair meant it wasn't just another week for Oneida's farm workers

By Lynn Cole

Oneida Baptist Institute Farm Manager

This has been by far the best summer work program and first semester of summer school that Oneida Baptist Institute's farm has experienced. We have had more students (up to 30 per day), and they have been dedicated. Their efforts paid off two weeks ago, as they showed their work at the Laurel County fair.

Wednesday was "Skillathon Day." Thirty students from throughout the region answered questions about all species of farm animals and judged six classes of four animals of each species. Tommy Bradley got a red ribbon on the test, while Miriam Waslewski, Doug Bradley and Heather Burns all got blue ribbons. Wesly Sharp was first in judging beef and third in swine. Doug was first in dairy, third in swine, second in all species and third in both junior and senior divisions. Heather was second in goats and swine, third over all species and fifth in all species over both junior and senior divisions. Miriam was first in sheep and swine, third in goats, first over all species, first in sheep over both divisions and second over all species in both junior and senior divisions.

Thursday was the day for showing goats (our first experience) and swine (we hadn't shown any for several years). The goat show was tough with excellent competition, but we still won many awards. Heather Burns and Tommy Bradley won first in each of their classes of market goats. Tyler Rosenhagen won second in his market class and Josh Shultz won second with his nanny. Brianna

Ross and Wes Sharp won third in their market classes, and Doug Bradley won third place with his nanny. Marcus Welsh and Kala Hopkins won fourth with their market goats, while Miriam Waslewski won fourth with her nanny. Seth VanSkyhawk won fifth with his market goat and Rodney Rogers won fifth with a nanny. Sixth, seventh and eighth nanny went to Anne Lochskey, Joe McBride and Jake Arnold.

In the swine show, Rodney Rogers won the Senior Showmanship Award and had the grand champion hog. Caleb Eaton won the Junior Showmanship Award, while Ashley Roberts had the reserve champion hog. Ashley, Rodney and Anne Loschkey topped each of their classes, followed by Jake Arnold, Tyler Rosenhagen and Caleb Eaton in second place and Kala Hopkins and Kolby Geiger in third.

The steer show competition was by far the best we have faced. The grand champion steer was shown by Heather Burns, and the reserve champion was shown by Eric George. Steers shown by Jake Arnold, Rodney Rogers, Jessica Love, Kala Hopkins, Eric George and Heather Burns topped every one of the classes. Tommy Bradley, Marcus Welsh, Joe McBride and Doug Bradley won second. Sarah Love, Elbert Belton and Josh Shultz came in third, while Josh Honican, Ashley Roberts and Josh Hicks got fourth. Though our steers got sick for several days last spring, Heather Burns' calf came in third in rate of gain and Jake Arnold's was fourth. All steer showmen filled out a project book, and Eric George earned \$300 for the best one.

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W.F. Underwood

## Encouraged by the call, Word and others

### A two-year wait concludes with ministry ordination

Two years have passed since Shawn Cadle graduated from Clear Creek. He has served Christ patiently as opportunities came, waiting for a church to call him as pastor. In May he became pastor of Amanda Baptist Church in Middletown, Ohio.

In 1999 the Cadles joined East Jellico Baptist Church, located 92 Kentucky Highway off, about 6 miles from Pineville. Shawn did his required ministry internship at the church. With graduation came the need to leave student housing.

"Whenever I called about renting a place, the first question was 'How many children do you have?'" Shawn said. "When I told them five children, the place wasn't available. Bro. Bill Helton (pastor at the time and a Clear Creek professor) led the church to let us use the parsonage until a church called me. I thank God the church took us in and loved us like Christ."

At the ordination service on July 13, East Jellico Interim Pastor Paul Anglin Jr. told the church they were blessed. "You have the glory of the mountains, and you are near a Bible college that is

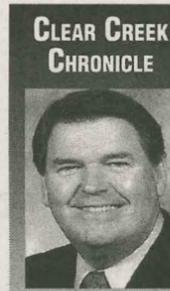
training God-called leaders." Anglin challenged church members to continue to "help students grow and give them a place to learn practical ministry skills."

A church member for many years, Shawn realized in a Louisiana mission church that he never had surrendered his life to Christ. After conversion he grew

in commitment, becoming a deacon caring for 22 families. "I thought being a deacon was all I needed, until God called me," Shawn said. "I knew education was involved, and that scared me, because I barely made it out of high school. God's Word, the encouragement of others and His call brought me to Clear Creek and enabled me to finish."

The Cadles now have six children. Shawn is a bivocational pastor, working 40 hours a week at Wal-Mart. The family has bought a home and is doing some remodeling; vacation Bible school is the first week in August. He's definitely a working pastor. He'll make it to the finish with God's call, the Word and the encouragement of others.

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



Bill Whittaker

# Robbery & rain

*Kentucky Changers don't let gunman rob teams' enthusiasm for housing ministry*

By Brenda Smith and David Winfrey  
Kentucky Baptist Convention  
and Western Recorder News Director

**Louisville**—A scary street robbery brought a close to last week's Kentucky Changers home repair ministry on a week when driving rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 351 workers.

A team of seven teens and four adults were working at a house in the Algonquin neighborhood of Louisville when a man with a hooded sweatshirt and blue bandana covering his face approached two adults and two teens in the yard.

"He said, 'This is a hit,'" said crew chief Eric Kratzer, a deacon at Logos Community Church in Wilington, Ohio, north of Cincinnati. "I'm a country boy. I didn't know what hits are."

When the man pointed a black pistol at him, Kratzer said, he quickly understood and offered his wallet and car keys.

The robber took the wallet then told the group of four to go to the other side of the house. When they did, the man ran away. Kratzer directed all team members to get inside the house, and they called the police.

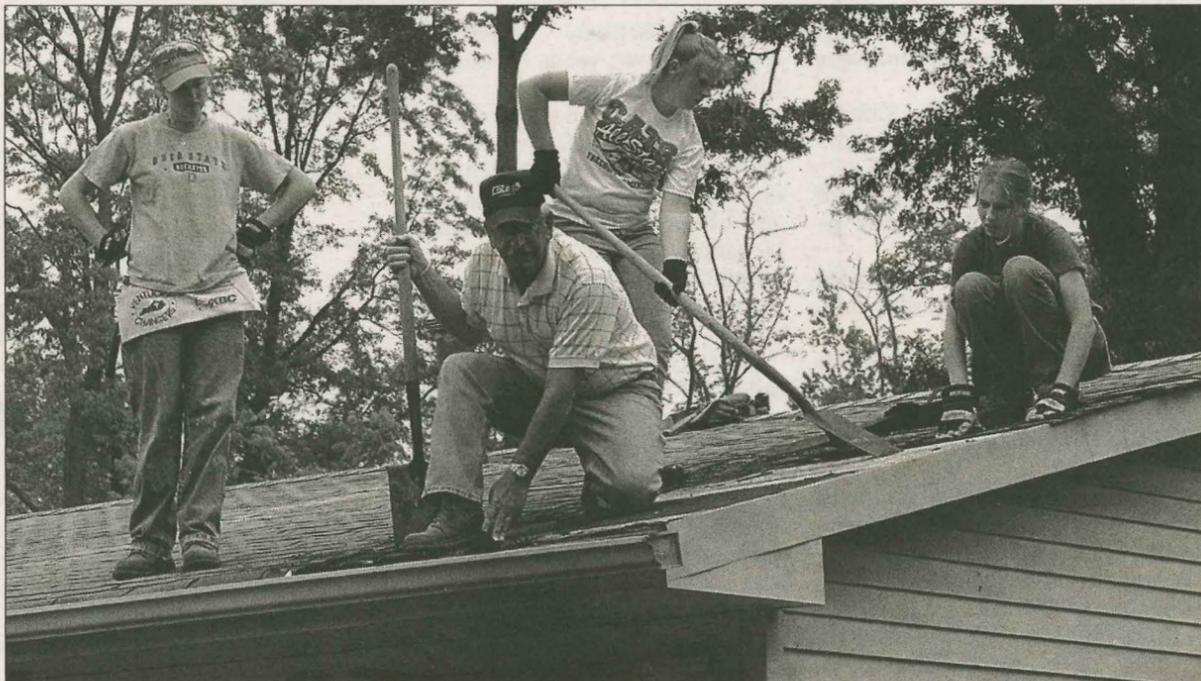
The volunteer team was relocated to another work site, though Kratzer said one of the teens present at the robbery had asked if the team could finish their work.

As with other job sites, before leaving the team presented the homeowner with a Kentucky Changers T-shirt and Bible and said a prayer.

Project Coordinator Joe Ball, said that in 12 years of Kentucky Changers projects, this is the first time anything like this has happened.

Previously, the most serious incident involved injuries related to construction projects, he said.

"We talked with some other students on the crew, and they said they knew there would be a risk involved ... and (that) now they understand how missionaries feel



**SLOW GOING** Rain last week slowed down work on some roofing projects for Kentucky Changers volunteers, but participants worked to complete as many jobs as possible before the end of the week. (KBC photos by Brenda Smith)

when their lives are in danger," Ball added.

Kratzer said that at the beginning of the week he instructed team members to always stay in pairs.

"We made a difference in that neighborhood this week. I believe that," he said. "We got some strange looks early in the week, but later on in the week, after they saw what we were doing ... they knew we were there for God."

"I feel sorry for this guy if the neighbors find who did this," he added.

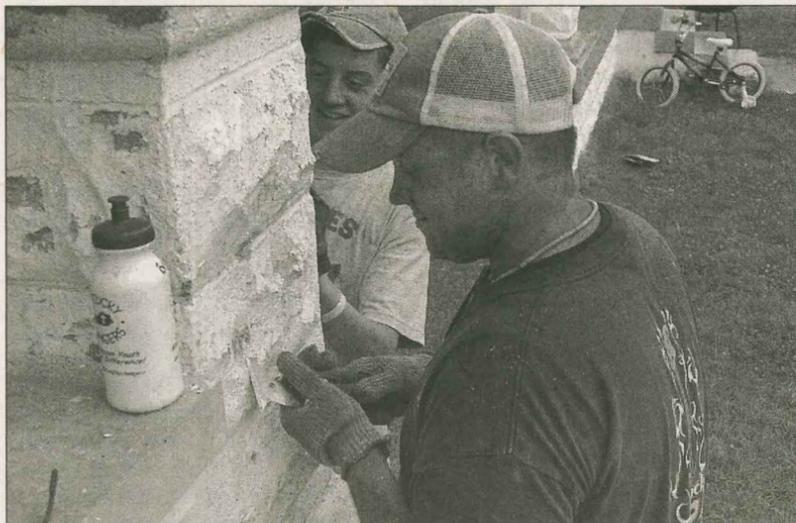
Kratzer said his wallet contained approximately \$45 in cash and some cards with Bible verses printed on them. "I hope he (the robber) gets to the Scripture cards."

Louisville Metro Police Chief Robert White visited the final worship celebration closing out the Kentucky Changers' week in Louisville. White thanked the Kentucky Changers for their work and presented the group with a plaque from the city.

White expressed his desire for the group to return next year and continue their work. "Don't let the devil stop what you've started," he said.



Eric Kratzer



**PAINT SCRAPING** Brandon Reid (right), a 17-year-old member of New Salem Baptist Church in London, calls his work on Kentucky Changers a natural extension of his faith. "Every little thing helps. We hope we can help this homeowner appreciate ... what God can do in her life."

Ball said the robbery won't affect plans for Kentucky Changers to return to Louisville next year. The ministry regularly works in a city two consecutive summers.

"We're still coming back," said Ball, youth ministry strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Kentucky Changers already has procedures in place to protect teen volunteers, he said. Teens are told always to work in groups and never leave a job site, he said, and adults are instructed to always have an eye on teen workers.

In neighborhoods where there are additional concerns, local police are asked to regularly drive by job sites.

## A week full of rain

The seriousness at the close of the week was in stark contrast to the workers' enthusiasm all week, which rains each day failed to dampen.

Volunteers arrived in town just a day before the remains of Hurricane Dennis poured into the area. Just as they began tackling their slate of projects—repairs, repainting, reroofing and more at two dozen project sites—the rain began to fall.

"In 12 years of Kentucky Changers, it's never happened. We've never had rain every day," said Peggy Murphy, ministry assistant for the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission and key Kentucky Changers organizer.

The rain delayed some projects but didn't stop the work.

"When it was raining, the kids would concentrate on scraping the paint off the lee side of the house, under the eaves where they would stay dry," Ball explained.

"These kids are troupers. They've come in every day shivering—because when you get rained on all day, it gets cold—and they haven't complained," Murphy added. "The crew chiefs are all amazed at how well the kids are working together."

Teens called the work a natural extension of their Christian faith.

"It's just something that's got to be done," said Brandon Reid, a 17-year-old member of New Salem Baptist Church in London, pausing from

his work preparing a house for a new paint job to explain his third year of participation in Kentucky Changers. "Every little thing helps. We hope we can help this homeowner appreciate ... what God can do in her life."

Erin Haga, a 17-year-old mission trip veteran from Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, echoed Reid's desire to do something positive in someone's life.

"We're showing people in this community that we care, we're being a witness to people surrounding us that our watching us," said Haga, who also has been on construction mission trips to Guatemala.

"I'm doing Kentucky Changers because God tells me to do it," added Eric Davis, a 19-year-old member of South Jefferson Baptist Church in Louisville. "This is my way of getting closer to God."

For Davis, the spiritual aspects of participating in Kentucky Changers are among the most important features. He particularly likes the nightly worship services Kentucky Changers participate in.

"The sermons, the messages are presented so well," Davis said. "The first day here, two girls from my church were saved."

Adult chaperones share the enthusiasm for the worship services.

"You experience such spiritual renewal during worship because you have put everything else aside for the week," said Nancy Howe, a crew chief who attends Knoxville Baptist Church in Williamstown. Being on a mission trip, away from everyday work and family obligations, helps participants focus on their relationships with God, Howe explained.

"You are giving during the day, and getting filled back up at night," said Howe, who has participated in Kentucky Changers for nine years, at least four of those as a crew chief.

Josh Jump, a 14-year-old participant from Knoxville Baptist Church, found himself hooked from the first day.

"This is my first Kentucky Changers, but it won't be my last," said the teen, a smile spreading across his face. "We're learning more stuff about ourselves and about God."



## Facts about Kentucky Changers

Kentucky Changers is organized by the Baptist Men on Mission department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The annual summer ministry works with local authorities to identify homeowners who are in need of assistance making repairs to their homes.

Kentucky Changers is in its 12th year, and has successfully partnered with communities across the state, including Hopkinsville, Covington, Pikeville, Frankfort, Henderson, Morehead, Campbellsville, Marshall County, Maysville, Calloway County, Murray and Louisville.

Kentucky Changers crews also worked in Marshall County and Frankfort and Anderson counties this summer. A total of 309 participants worked in Marshall County June 7-8 and 190 volunteers worked the week of June 25-July 2 at projects around Frankfort and Anderson counties. Earlier in the year, more than 80 college students worked during a special Collegiate Changers project held during spring break.

Kentucky Changers volunteers are recruited from Kentucky and beyond. The youths and their adult chaperones pay \$170 each to participate for the week.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Pray for the following teams traveling for mission trips as part of Kentucky Baptist partnerships with Baptists in Brazil and the International Baptist Convention in Europe.

■ A team from Crestwood Baptist Church traveling to Teresina, Brazil, July 18-29 for evangelism and church planting work.

■ A team from First Baptist Church of Monticello traveling to Alto Longa, Brazil, July 18-31 for evangelism and church planting work.

■ A team from Munfordville Baptist Church traveling to Brasilia, Brazil, July 19-30 for evangelism and construction work.

■ A team from Pulaski Baptist Association in Somerset traveling to Teresina, Brazil, Aug 1-12 for evangelism and church planting work.

■ A team from Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville traveling to Joaquin Pires, Brazil, Aug 1-12 for evangelism and church planting work.

■ A team from Hardmoney Baptist Church in Boaz traveling to Wiesbaden, Germany, July 29-Aug. 6 to conduct vacation Bible school.

■ A team from Scottsville Baptist Church traveling to Jurbiise, Belgium, July 29-Aug. 6 to conduct vacation Bible school.

■ A team from First Baptist Church of Richmond in Malta, July 9-21 to conduct community and children's outreach.

■ A team from Georgetown Baptist Church traveling to Malta Aug. 1-11 to conduct community outreach.

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BARLOW**—First Church recently called **Scott Fickes** as youth minister. **Tom Camp** is pastor.

■ **BOAZ**—Wice Memorial Church ordained **Bill Davenport** as a deacon June 5. **Michael Suiter** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—**Derrick Norris**, pastor of Liberty Point Church, recently resigned.

Trigg County Church licensed **Robert Papajeski** to the gospel ministry July 10.

■ **CAMPBELLVILLE**—Saloma Church will host **From the Heart**, a women's musical vocal group, in concert July 31, 6 p.m. For more information, call (270) 789-0082.

■ **ERLANGER**—**Kim Botto** recently resigned as children's minister at Erlanger Church to become director of content at Crossroads Community Church in Cincinnati.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Swallowfield Church recently called **Jacob Reaume** as pastor.

■ **LaCENTER**—First Church recently called **Chris Downing** as youth and children's minister. **Mark Bond** is pastor.

■ **LONDON**—Providence Church recently called **David Thomas** as pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Bethany Church recently called **Charles Fuller** as pastor.

■ **MADISONVILLE**—Second Church recently called **Truman Davis** as interim pastor.

■ **MORTONS GAP**—Second Church recently called **Guy Gibbons** as pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Bellview Church is celebrating 100 years of ministry this year. The church held a special service July 17 with former pastor **Louis Brinker** and also will host anniversary service **Aug. 14** with former pastor **David Brasher** and Sept. 25 with former pastor **Ron Mitchell**. **Lee James** is pastor.

■ **PRINCETON**—Emmanuel Church recently called **Dusty Deboe** as pastor.

Northside Church recently called **Jeff French** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Buck Creek Church in Calhoun.

■ **RADCLIFF**—Stithton Church recently called **Dennis Cook** as director of music ministry. He previously served at First Church of Evansville, Ind.

■ **RICHMOND**—Gilead Church recently called **Larry David Freeman** as pastor.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Sunnyside Church recently called **Marty DeRoche** as pastor.

■ **WESTPORT**—Covington Church recently called **K.J. Pugh** as minister of youth. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. **Tommy Rucker** 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.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July

20-23 Kentucky Secretaries Retreat, Campbellsville University.

21-22 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Columbia Baptist Church.

25-27 Mountain Missions Conference, Oneida Baptist Institute.

## August

13 Super Saturday, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

20 Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

27 Super Saturday, Central Baptist Church, Corbin; First Baptist Church, Paducah.

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

## Mountain Missions Conference set for July 25-27 at Oneida

Oneida—Eastern Kentucky directors of missions, pastors and their families will gather for the 56th annual Mountain Missions Conference July 25-27 at Oneida Baptist Institute.

"The Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida is a real family affair with ministry tracks and activities offered for every age group," said Eric Allen, state missions director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "I encourage every pastor, church or ministry leader, and missionary in Eastern Kentucky to come and bring their families with them."

The theme for the 2005 conference is "Mountain Missions Connect: Connecting All People to Jesus Christ."

"Our speakers and leaders will be emphasizing working together

with the entire state to increase baptisms and reach other KBC Connect goals," said David Aker, the KBC's mountain missions director. Aker said the conference also will offer encouragement for ministers in Eastern Kentucky as they seek to reach the Kentucky Baptists Connect goals.

The conference also will feature worship and fellowship.

Activities and classes will be offered each day for children and youth. Nursery facilities also will be available.

The Mountain Missions Conference is free to participants, including housing and meals.

For more information about the conference, contact Teresa Parrett at (606) 679-9119 or online at [www.kybaptist.org/mmc](http://www.kybaptist.org/mmc).

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music for blended worship service for church in central Kentucky. Please contact the Music Committee at Springfield Baptist Church, PO Box 286, Springfield, KY 40069. Phone: (859) 336-3544.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Waddy Baptist Church, located 40 miles east of Louisville in Shelby County. Church averages 75-85 in worship attendance. Candidate should be able to relate to all ages and enjoy being involved in the community. Housing provided. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Waddy Baptist Church, PO Box 48, Waddy, KY 40076.

**SEEKING:** Part-time church secretary. Handle the day-to-day needs of the church office (bulletins, newsletters and church finances). Some Microsoft Office experience required. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$9-\$10/hour, depending on experience. Contact Southminster BC church office for appointment: (502) 933-2761.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Turner Ridge Baptist Church. Strong mission-minded church located in Northern Kentucky and affiliated with Crittenden Baptist Association. Send resumé to Terry Sowder, 421 Straightshoot Road, Falmouth, KY 41040.

**SEEKING:** Church pianist, Southminster BC. Praise band, choir and much more. Energetic blended service. \$100-\$125/week with experience. Contact church office for appointment: (502) 933-2761.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister to build youth program in a small rural church in Shelby County. Candidate should be energetic, able to relate to all ages and be willing to be involved in community activities. Send resumé to: Youth Search Committee, Waddy Baptist Church, PO Box 48, Waddy, KY 40076.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor to lead New Hope Community Baptist Church in Jackson, Ky. (an interim pastor is currently filling the pulpit). If you believe God might be leading you to fulfill the pastoral responsibilities of this position, please submit your resumé and cover letter by July 31 to: New Hope Community Baptist Church, 484 Robinson Road, Jackson, KY 41339, Attn: James Fugate, deacon.

**SEEKING:** Custodian. Send resumé to: Property & Space Committee, Central Ave. Baptist Church, 401 Central Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Dry Ridge Baptist Church in Dry Ridge, Ky. Dry Ridge Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist church in a fast-growing community, with 200-plus attending weekly worship service. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 14, Dry Ridge, KY 41035; or e-mail to: [office@dryridgebaptist.org](mailto:office@dryridgebaptist.org).

**SEEKING:** Senior pastor for Centerfield Church, a contemporary Baptist church in fast-growing Oldham County, Ky. Please reply to: Centerfield Church, 4200 S Highway 393, Crestwood, KY 40014.

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Brooksville Baptist Church (Bracken County). Send resumé to BBC, PO Box 126, Brooksville, KY 41004. Phone: (606) 735-2455.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Liberty Point Missionary Baptist Church. Church has two Sunday morning worship services (one contemporary and one traditional) and averages 180 in Sunday school attendance. Send resumé to: Liberty Point Missionary Baptist Church, 187 Old Dover Road, Cadiz, KY 42211.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister (paid position; grades 6-12) for Mexico Baptist Church in rural western Kentucky. Average Sunday school attendance: 135. Send resumé to MBC Youth Council, 175 Mexico Road, Marion, KY 42064, Attn: Brent Highfil, or call (270) 965-2149. [turnerchandler@hotmail.com](mailto:turnerchandler@hotmail.com).

**SEEKING:** Director of administrative support services for Southern Seminary, a Christian working environment. Scope of position includes purchasing, accounts payable, project planning and tracking. The successful candidate will have proven interpersonal, computer and critical thinking skills, along with a strong customer service orientation. Five years of appropriate experience and a bachelor's degree are preferred. Send resumé with salary history and requirements to: Personnel Services, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280, or to [personnel@sbts.edu](mailto:personnel@sbts.edu).

**SEEKING:** Pastor for rural Southern Baptist church. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, 529 Ada Drive, Harrodsburg, KY 40330-1011.

**SEEKING:** Director of music for SBC church. Bivocational will be considered. PO Box 1917, Henderson, KY 42419.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister with youth for Broadway Baptist Church, an established, forward-looking congregation in Louisville, Ky., affiliated with CBF. A job description and other information are available at [www.broadwaybaptist.org/position-MinisterWithYouth.html](http://www.broadwaybaptist.org/position-MinisterWithYouth.html).

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Grace Baptist Church located near Pikeville, Ky. Church averages 150-175 in worship attendance. Some seminary training. Send resumé to: Search Committee, Grace Baptist Church, PO Box 1485, Pikeville, KY 41502.

**SEEKING:** Pastor of students & discipleship for fast-growing, 650-member congregation in Lexington, Ky. The ideal candidate will have a passion for students, be self-motivated and have excellent organizational skills. College degree and seminary training preferred. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Victory Baptist Church, 2261 Armstrong Mill Road, Lexington, KY 40515, or e-mail [wddowns@insightbb.com](mailto:wddowns@insightbb.com).

**SERVICES:** Christian long distance at 3.9¢/minute (24/7); no monthly service charge. Toll-free: (866) 587-8346 or [www.covenantphoneservice.com](http://www.covenantphoneservice.com).

## Kentucky teen among speakers tourney finalists

Orlando—Ryan Kenimer, an 18-year-old member of Central Baptist Church in Paris, recently placed as first runner-up at a national Baptist speakers tournament.

Kenimer was among a contingent of four Kentucky Baptist teens who participated in the National Invitational Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament, June 10 at First Baptist Church in Orlando.



Ryan Kenimer

Kentucky Baptists sponsor two state speakers tournaments and Bible drills each year, one at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly in Bagdad and one at Jonathan Creek Conference Center in Hardin.

The winners from Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek are invited to represent Kentucky at the national event, which is sponsored by the Southeastern States Discipleship Training Leadership.

Kenimer won the state speakers tournament at Cedarmore in 2005, which earned him an invitation to represent Kentucky at the national tournament. Kenimer was runner up at the state tournament at Cedarmore in 2003, and was runner up at the state youth Bible drill in 2001 and winner in 2002.

With his strong showing, Kenimer followed in the footsteps of older brothers Joel, who won the state speakers tournament in 2000, and Cam, who won in 1997.

Whitney Davis, a 16-year old member of Grapevine Baptist Church in Madisonville and a resident of Hanson, also participated in the youth speakers tournament. Davis won the state speakers tournament at Jonathan Creek in 2005.

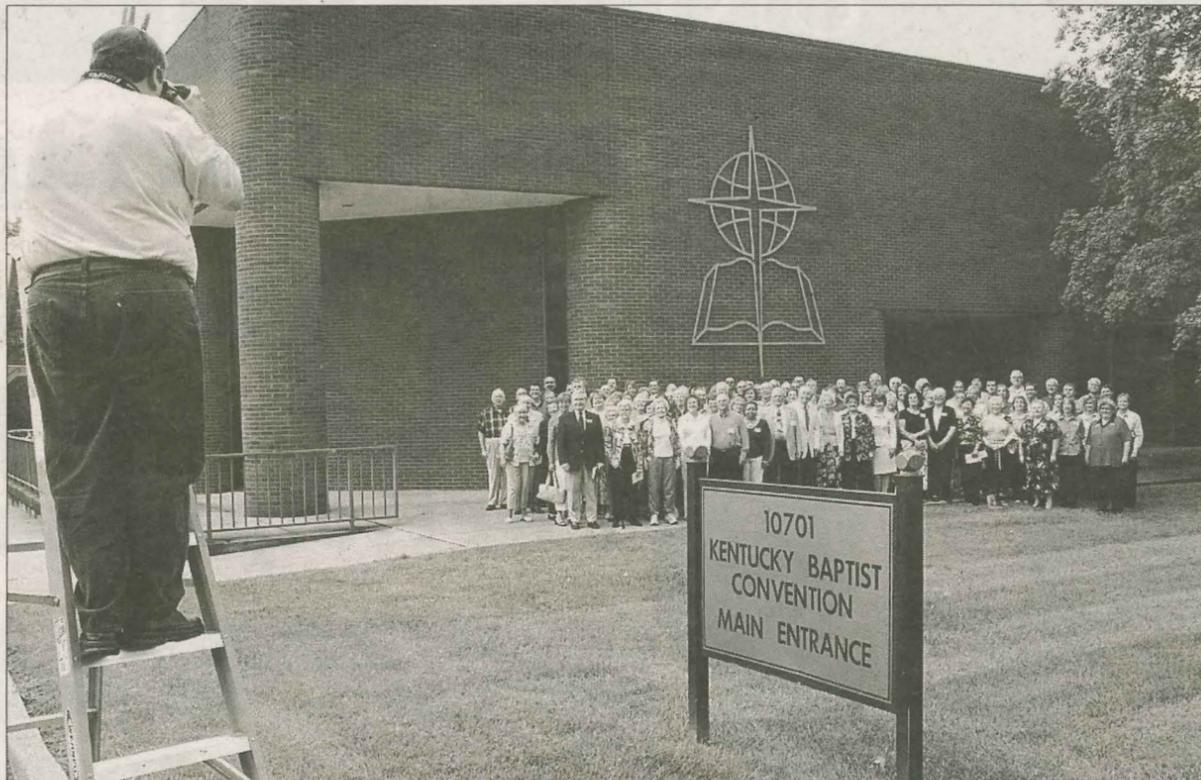
Youth Bible drill participants from Kentucky included Taylor Gray, a 13-year-old member of Victory Baptist Church in Eddyville and a resident of Kuttawa; and Kayla Vanover, a 14-year-old member of Ashby Lane Baptist Church of Louisville.

The Speakers Tournament is an opportunity for 10th through 12th graders to speak about a pre-determined topic related to Christian life.

The Bible drill tests youth on their ability to memorize the books of the Bible and locate them; locate any Scripture passages; and memorize verses, quotations and references.

For more information about Bible drills and speakers tournaments, call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's youth ministry group at (800) 266-6477.

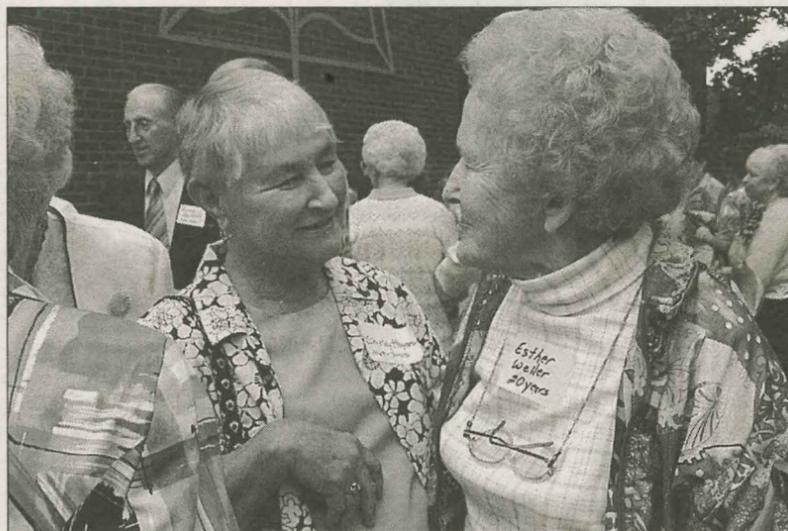
## 'Goodbye' to buildings



**SAY "MOVING"** Kentucky Baptist Convention media specialist Larry Brannin takes a group picture of more than 125 people who attended last week's farewell reception for the Kentucky Baptist Convention buildings. After 48 years on Shelbyville Road in Middletown, the KBC Mission Board staff, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, Kentucky Baptist Foundation and Western Recorder will move next month to a new building in Eastern Jefferson County. (Photos by David Winfrey)



**SIGN OF CHANGE** ■ Above: A banner says goodbye to Middletown motorists on Shelbyville Road. ■ Right: Esther Weller (right), a former front desk receptionist and switchboard operator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, visits with Shirley Haynes, former KBC support staff member who served in the executive office with four different executives: Harold Sanders, Franklin Owen, Bill Marshall and Bill Mackey.



## Hurricane specialist has peace despite life's storms

By Barbara Denman  
Florida Baptist Convention

Miami (BP)—When Americans hunker down in front of television sets for the latest hurricane news, they are hoping reports will not bring word of storms bearing down on their homes and worldly possessions.

Yet even in the midst of their turmoil, a single, calm voice will guide them through what may be the most cataclysmic event of their lifetime.

That voice, belonging to Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center, is one of vigilance and reassurance. As an advisor to national media and governmental agencies, Mayfield's words often are a matter of life and death.

"You can't overly alarm people," the 56-year-old meteorologist said. "But our message is very consistent. We want every individual, every family and every business to have a hurricane plan before the storm. People who had a plan did better than people who did not (in previous years)."

As the voice in the midst of the life-threatening storms, Mayfield

himself relies on his Christian faith. He quickly recalls a verse he claims as his own: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18, "Rejoice in everything, pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

"Prayer is a big part of my life," he said, noting that his prayer is not to change God's will but to ask Him to limit loss of life and property damage.

### Calm voice in stressful times

Mayfield's composure during a stress-generating hurricane, he said, can be attributed to his belief in the promise of the peace of God found in Philippians 4:6-7, which he easily recites from memory.

He, his wife and three children are members of Miami's Riverside Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and has taught Sunday school and led Royal Ambassadors before assuming his demanding job as the hurricane center director.

His pastor, Raymond Johnson, said Mayfield lives out his faith. "He is a kind, gentle, soft-spoken and very bright man who is totally committed in his walk with Jesus

Christ, in the church and out of the church."

Because of his commitment to his job, Mayfield often is away from church during hurricane season, Johnson said, adding that last August and September, the meteorologist did not have a day off from work. "Max sees what he does at the hurricane center as a ministry, a way of saving lives and practicing his faith in his job."

The forecaster believes the 2004 hurricane season, which was brutal for the state of Florida, was an anomaly. He noted that four hurricanes had not hit one state since 1886 on the Texas coast. But he concludes the warming of the sea surface in the Atlantic likely will cause more hurricanes. "That's not so good news. Florida sticks out like a sore thumb."

Yet once again, he looks to Scripture for comfort.

"The Bible promises us we will have trouble in life," he said. "We shouldn't be surprised when it happens. Hope and faith will get us through. I always tell people to pray for the best, but prepare for the worst."

## KBHC announces celebrity golf tournament

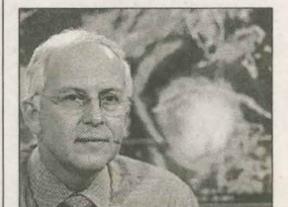
Louisville—Several Bluegrass State sports personalities have signed for a celebrity fundraising golf tournament this fall hosted by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The Champions' Challenge golf event will be held Monday, Sept. 12, at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville.

Each foursome will select a celebrity player as a fifth member of their team.

Celebrities committed to the event so far include ESPN radio personality Bob Valvano, two-time PGA Tour winner Ted Schultz, University of Kentucky championship coach Joe B. Hall, UK athletic director Mitch Barnhart, University of Louisville Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum and U of L athletic director Tom Jurich.

Registration costs \$2,500 per golfer in donations or sponsorships. The registration deadline is Aug. 15. For more information, call (800) 456-1386.



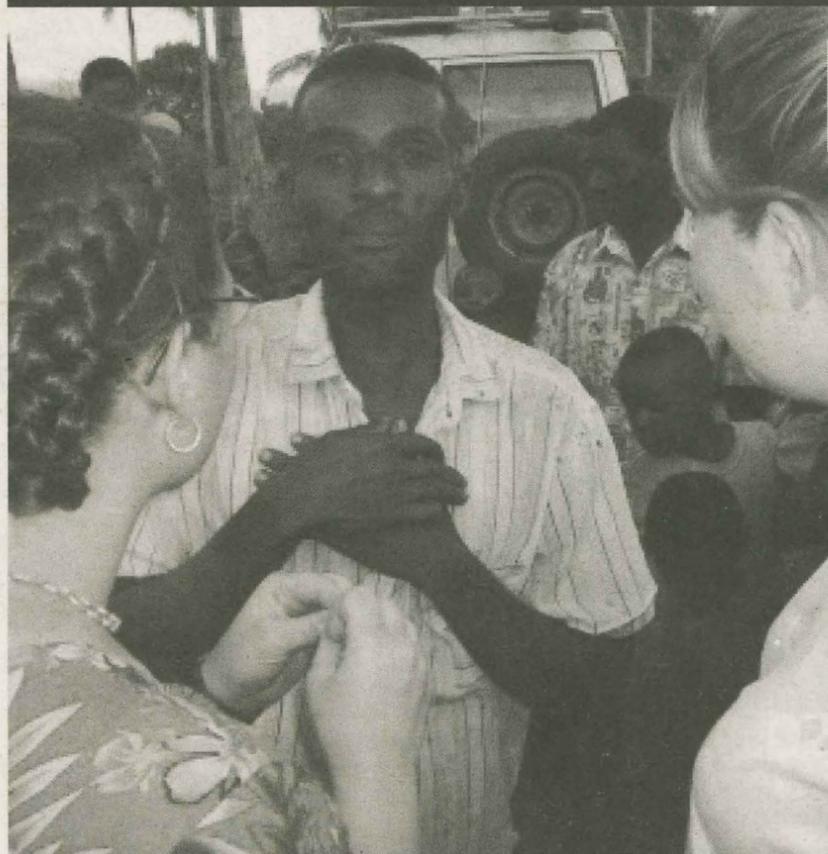
"Max sees what he does at the hurricane center as a ministry, a way of saving lives and practicing his faith in his job."

Raymond Johnson, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Miami

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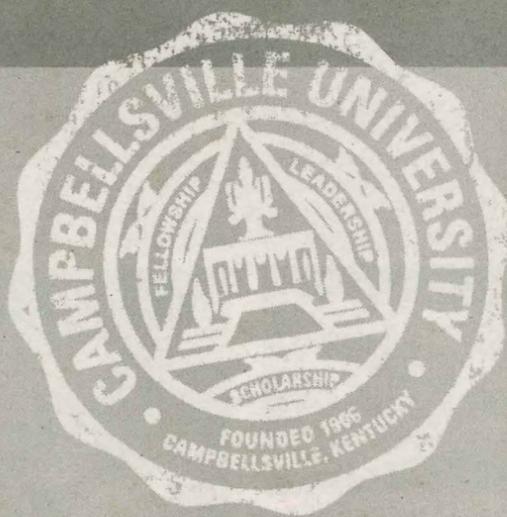
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## 2005 Spring Break

# 10 Mission Trips

# Participants 73



### Bolivia

Ministry: High school and collegiate evangelism through sports. Working with SBC International Mission Board

Drummond, Lyssa  
Fagundes, Theresa  
Gonzales, Uzias  
McNamara, Bill  
Moore, Aaron  
Mullikin, Alan  
Munafo, Brian  
Tufts, Zack

### Honduras

Ministry: Tent revival, children's ministry. Working with Baptist Medical and Dental Ministry

Black, Kelly  
Brown, Thomas  
Coffey, Ryan  
Franklin, Kyle  
Garrett, Kristen  
George, Brandi  
Griffith, James  
Griffith, Jerry • Friend of CU  
Hall, Jennie  
Hurt, Kim  
Page, Kyle  
Page, Suzanne  
Prior, Luke  
Rager, Kenny  
Rigdon, Paul • Friend of CU  
Sanders, Candace  
Whitaker, Jessica  
Wright, Frank

### Boston

Ministry: Servant evangelism (food bank, ESL, tutoring inner city kids) promoting churches, prayer walking. Working with Greater Boston Baptist Association

Fish, Keenan  
Goff, Mary  
Green, Kris  
Kennedy, Maegan  
Miller, Erica  
Miller, Tiffany  
Rogers, Janelle  
Russell, Chris

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Ministry: Block party, variety of service projects, working with Kentucky Heartland Outreach and C.A.R.E. Youth Correctional Academy

Carpenter, Marla  
Etherington, Dana  
Hubbard, Molly  
Norris, Danielle  
Shawgo, Teresa

### Japan

Ministry: Collegiate Ministries

Pace, Angie  
Pace, Danny  
Ramos, Sarah

### Detroit

Ministry: Inner city ministries, homeless, single mothers ministry, after school children's ministry. Working with Southern Baptist Ministry - HOPE Baptist Center

Cromer, Laura  
Lindsey, Latisha  
Lines, Jenna  
Parrott, Bethany  
Pavy, Ed • Faculty/Staff  
Smith, Mark

### Lake Wales, FL

Ministry: Hurricane relief. Working with Lake Wales Baptist Church

Pavy, Emily  
Bozarth, Jessica  
Blair, John  
Giampietro, Aline  
Jessie, Blake

### Los Angeles

Ministry: Street ministry working with homeless, drug addicts, children, food kitchen & etc. Working with Los Angeles Dream Center

Allen, Adrienne  
Bland, Chris  
Boston, Christy  
Bowers, Derek  
Croteau, Seth  
Davis, Alice  
Heath, Rachel  
Hisle, Krista  
Price, Josh  
Saltsman, Andrea

### Panama City Beach, FL

Ministry: Beach Reach working with SBC Home Mission Board, Sports, Ministry, Street and Beach Evangelism

Burton, Corey  
Moore, Sarah  
Ward, Christina  
Watson, Justin

### Poland

Ministry: Collegiate ministries, concerts, Bible studies Working with SBC International Mission Board and Missionaries, Corrie and Andrew Dyer

Cecil, Kelli  
Creason, Trent  
Hardy, Jackie  
Hatfield, Laura  
Lilly, Caspir  
Parker, Christopher  
Riner, Dixie • Friend of CU

