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Billy Graham says he might preach at son's event in New Orleans

New Orleans (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham, at 87 still a dominant figure on the American religious landscape, has decided to join his son, Franklin, and perhaps even preach in New Orleans in March.



Billy Graham

The elder Graham has told members of his organization he was moved by the suffering of New Orleans and the surrounding region after Hurricane Katrina and wants to come "to encourage pastors, churches and the people" of the area, said A. Larry Ross, a Graham spokesman.

The event, called Celebration of Hope, is scheduled for the New Orleans Arena on March 11 and 12. Billy Graham might preach March 12.

The event is a product of Katrina. After the storm, New Orleans pastors and the Graham organization revived dormant plans to stage a gathering, said Jeff Anderson, coordinator of the event.

The Web site of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association notes that it has had a standing invitation from New Orleans leaders for 10 years.

"The spiritual leaders of greater New Orleans believe that, with the devastation and desperation created by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the soil of human hearts has been softened," the site states. "People are ready and need to receive a message of hope."

Ross cautioned that Graham's health will dictate whether he preaches, delivers a short greeting or travels at all.

Graham has prostate cancer and hydrocephaly, or water on the brain, and must use a walker because of the effects of a broken pelvis and hip.

In recent years he has scaled back his preaching, turning over to his son, Franklin, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Graham's last major public engagement was a three-day crusade in New York in June.

Given his condition, the common wisdom was that last summer's public appearance might be his last. But Graham himself left the door open, even as he acknowledged his infirmity.

Leading change



Get ready for conflict, Wilkes warns pastors

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Lexington—As the modern church goes through monumental changes, Gene Wilkes thinks pastors must combine determination and faithfulness to God's call to withstand the conflicts that will arise.

"Leadership by its nature invites opposition and conflict," said Wilkes, pastor of Legacy Church in suburban Dallas. "When you introduce change, it will cause conflict. I wish they had told us that in seminary."

The author of three books, including "Paul on Leadership," Wilkes led a "Shepherding the Shepherd" workshop in Lexington recently about remaining faithful to God's call in spite of opposition.

This won't necessarily be easy, he cautioned. During his 19 years at Legacy, Wilkes said he has watched that church dwindle twice from 1,000 members to 500 because of discontent with changes he implemented.

Among them have been shifting away from an institutional model, which Wilkes defined as establish-

ing programs in a building and expecting people to come there if they want to learn about God.

Instead, Wilkes said he has tried to transform Legacy into a missions outpost, which emphasizes training people to use their faith and gifts to reach friends, neighbors and coworkers.

"What's more important—the mission or the size?" he asked. "In the American corporate model, size is indicative of God's blessing. We've bought the culture's definition of success and let the culture pressure us to get our numbers up. My job is to be faithful to the calling."

Not only must pastors be faithful, Wilkes said they also must be flexible, willing to adapt their methods while keeping the message of Christ central.

Among the changes at Legacy is allowing an Alcoholics Anonymous group to meet there on Wednesday night, despite children's programs and other activities.

Another change has been approving a leadership team member and youth hockey coach to lead a pre-

game chapel service, even though the team's games are on Sunday.

"When I did church one way, there's no way I would have let him do that because I would have wanted him on campus for the numbers," Wilkes said. "Now, I can't wait to see him bring one of the families to Christ."

This shift has been gradual, taking place over the past 15 years, but it still upsets some people, Wilkes said.

In a recent column on Legacy's Web site—which replaced the church newsletter—Wilkes mentioned a young staffer who has used blogging to connect with people from Scotland, England and Australia.

That prompted an angry e-mail from a member who argued that church can't be conducted through the Internet and the staffer doesn't understand community.

"I replied every generation is trying to figure out how to be the church in a global community," the pastor recalled.

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Pastor ponders move to dismiss IMB board

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

Arlington, Texas—As debate escalates over the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's effort to remove one of its trustees from office, a Texas Baptist pastor has warned that he might seek to have the entire board dismissed.

Benjamin Cole, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, issued an open letter to IMB trustees in response to their proposal to remove trustee Wade Burleson from office.

Trustees voted Jan. 11 to seek Burleson's removal due to "broken trust and resistance to accountability," according to IMB trustee chairman Thomas Hatley.

Burleson, who has posted frequent Internet blogs about recent IMB actions, countered that "the real issue is crusading conservatives vs. cooperative conservatives."

Because denominational trustees are elected by Southern Baptist Convention messengers, they can be removed only by action of the SBC, which meets June 13-14 in Greensboro, N.C. If the IMB proposal is adopted, it reportedly would be the first time a trustee has been dismissed in the SBC's 160-year history.

No "evidence of ... wrongdoing"

In his open letter to trustees, Cole said he has "scoured Rev. Burleson's website for evidence of his wrongdoing, and my net has returned empty."

"If there is information regarding acts of impropriety on his part that are not publicly available, then I will wait to hear the rationale for his removal when offered by the trustee chairman at this year's annual convention in Greensboro, N.C.," Cole wrote. "If no adequate rationale is provided, I will consider offering

a substitute motion to vacate the board of trustees of the International Mission Board altogether."

Warning that bringing the issue "to the floor of the convention ... will divide us all," Cole emphasized that each IMB trustee "is individually accountable to the convention."

"While I choose to give the benefit of the doubt to both Rev. Burleson and the trustees who would move his ouster," Cole wrote, "I am suspicious that your unprecedented decision to recommend the termination of his term, whether successful or not, has brought irreparable harm to the confidence Southern Baptists will have in your suitability for continued service."

Burleson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., was elected last June to a four-year term as an IMB trustee. He is immediate past president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

National WMU highlights missions initiatives

Talladega, Ala.—Woman's Missionary Union leaders from across the nation gathered Jan. 14-17 to focus on the future of missions education.

The WMU board meeting at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala., also highlighted new missions initiatives and reviewed long-range goals to engage more Christians in Kingdom ministry.

National WMU Executive Director Wanda Lee reported on efforts in response to Vision 2010 recommendations approved last year by the WMU Executive Board. Major goals include intergenerational approaches to involve families in missions, developing an international volunteer leadership corps and pro-

viding opportunities for online and distance learning.

Board members also heard reports about disaster relief and rebuilding the Gulf Coast in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In response to needs that arise quickly, such as natural disasters, WMU's Volunteer Connection now has On-Call missions teams that go to areas of need to provide short-term relief efforts.

Kristy Carr, volunteer connection specialist, said initiatives such as On-Call allow WMU to continue its two-pronged approach to involving today's generation in missions: church-based learning experiences and personal opportunities to serve in hands-on missions experiences.

Other reports highlighted Mis-

sion Friends, WMU's missions organization for preschoolers, which will celebrate 110 years in 2006; and plans for the national convention for Acteens and other teenage girls which will be in Kansas City, Mo., July 10-13, 2007.

In other business, Executive Board members:

■ Approved a national missions event to be held Oct. 17-20, 2007, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

■ Approved the theme of "Live the Call: Beyond the Walls" for Project HELP: Poverty 2006-2008. The purpose of Project HELP: Poverty is to lead Christian believers to share the hope of Christ by engaging in face-to-face ministry with people experiencing poverty.

Mercer officials explore potential as national school

Macon, Ga. (ABP)—Can Baptists build and sustain a national Baptist university? It hasn't been done yet, said leaders at Mercer University, but they believe Mercer has as good a chance as anyone.

"Mercer may be the best hope for preserving the principles that have defined Baptists," Mercer president-elect Bill Underwood told school supporters Jan. 20. "Today there remain relatively few Baptist universities that have not been lost to either the threat of fundamentalism or the threat of secularization."

"Among those that remain, fewer than five have the strength and resources to emerge as great national universities," he added. "Mercer can be the intellectual engine of a dynamic worldwide free Baptist movement."

Underwood addressed a Jan. 19-20 gathering of Baptist supporters of Mercer—his first major speech since being elected president Dec. 2.

Kirby Godsey, who will retire in June after 27 years as Mercer's president, said the two-day forum "the first step in a long journey" toward sustaining and improving the university's "Baptistness."

The meeting came on the heels of the Georgia Baptist Convention voting in November to sever its 173-year ties to the university. The convention action came in the wake of a controversy over homosexuality at the school. But it also follows years of conflict between leaders of the conservative-led convention and the moderate-controlled school.

Godsey labeled the Georgia convention's decision to sever ties with the university an action based on frustration over a lack of control. Unlike three other Georgia Baptist colleges, Mercer trustees are not selected by the state convention.

Walter Shurden, director of Mercer's Center for Baptist Studies, called on administrators to hire faculty that support the university's Baptist identity and mission.

"If Mercer is to become a national Baptist university," he said, "it will require more Baptist faculty and non-Baptist faculty who care about this Baptist identity."

Shurden noted that other religious traditions have done what Baptists have failed to do. He cited Brandeis, Brigham Young and Notre Dame as national universities that have not shied away from their respective Jewish, Mormon and Catholic identities.

Shurden urged trustees to "act quickly" in assuring that the board maintains a Baptist majority and selects only active Baptists as future presidents.

BAPTIST DIGEST

North Carolina taps consensus candidate.

Leaders of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina have nominated a candidate with support from both moderates and conservatives. The convention's board of directors voted, without opposition, Jan. 24 to recommend Milton Hollifield Jr. as its new executive director. Search committee member Greg Mathis said Hollifield, 55, "has a proven track record of cooperation, fairness and inclusiveness," adding that "he is a strong proponent of unity." Hollifield, who has worked for the convention more than 12 years, currently is executive leader of the convention's missions growth evangelism group. His nomination must be ratified by convention messengers at a special called meeting April 11 in Winston-Salem. If elected, he would succeed Jim Royston who resigned last July to return to the pastorate.

Oklahoma WMU president dies at 43. Linda Dorrough, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma, was remembered during a Jan. 16 memorial service for the example she set while battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Dorrough, 43, died Jan. 12. "I remember my first impression of Linda—what a vibrant, enthusiastic woman, obviously called by God to serve others," said Wanda Lee, executive director of national WMU. "Her example of faithful service in the midst of overwhelming challenges inspired so many to keep the call in their own lives." Dorrough also was a Sunday school teacher

and Vacation Bible School director at First Baptist Church of Waurika, Okla., where her husband, Audie, is pastor. She also is survived by two children.

Illinois Baptists name Adams as exec. Nate Adams, vice president for mission mobilization at the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, has been elected executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association. He was elected unanimously Jan. 17 in a called meeting of the ISBA board of directors. Adams, who will begin his new duties March 1, succeeds Wendell Lang, who resigned last May to accept a pastorate in Tennessee. Adams, an Illinois native, is a graduate of Judson College in Elgin, Ill., and National-Louis University in Evanston, Ill. Prior to joining NAMB, he was corporate vice president of publishing for Christianity Today in Carol Stream, Ill.

Texas officials reverse tax ruling. Reversing an earlier decision, officials in Tarrant County, Texas, ruled that the conservative Southern Baptists of Texas Convention's office and property in Grapevine, Texas, qualify for tax exempt status. In 2004 the Tarrant County Appraisal District denied the convention's appraisal for religious tax exemption on the grounds that the SBTC office building failed to meet standards of properties exempted for religious use. The conservative legal group Alliance Defense Fund assisted in the appeal. ADF

attorney Mike Johnson said in a statement: "It's not the government's business to intrude upon religious organizations and start determining what types of activities inside a building are 'religious enough' and which ones aren't."

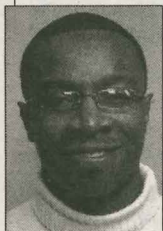
Baptists Today honors CBF leader Sherman.

Cecil Sherman, the first national coordinator for the moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will receive the sixth annual Judson-Rice Award at an April 21 dinner at First Baptist Church of Asheville, N.C. The event is sponsored by the board of directors of the independent Baptists Today news journal. Sherman was a key leader in efforts to resist the conservative shift of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1980s. The Judson-Rice Award was created in 2001 to commemorate the contributions of early Baptist mission leaders Adoniram Judson, Ann Hasseltine Judson and Luther Rice, and to recognize a current Baptist leader who has demonstrated leadership while maintaining integrity.

ABP names Elliott news editor. Hannah Lodwick Elliott has been named news editor of Associated Baptist Press effective Feb. 1. Elliott, 24, is a former ABP summer intern. She fills a position that has been vacant more than three years due to budget cuts. A graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, she has worked since 2004 with a public relations agency in Dallas.

Woods elected Kentucky State campus minister

Louisville—Curtis Woods, director of evangelism and mission at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, has been named campus minister at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.



Curtis Woods

Woods was elected to the Kentucky Baptist Convention campus ministry staff Jan. 26 by the KBC Mission Board's administrative committee. He will begin his new position March 16.

Affirming "the caliber of this man of God," Dan Garland, leader of the KBC church development and evangelism team, told committee members, "We are excited and gratified that God has brought him our way."

Woods said his goal is to "impact the lives of students at Kentucky State University."

Keith Inman, director of the KBC's collegiate ministry group, said he is confident Woods is equipped to accomplish that goal.

Woods, a native of Fort Knox, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Dallas Theological Seminary where he earned the school's Reuben S. Conner Award for Evangelism and Discipleship.

Serving as director of evangelism and mission at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship since 2004, he previously served as the church's Dallas director of Urban Schools Alternative program and as prison ministry staff coordinator.

Woods also has served as an assistant campus minister at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; assistant pastor of Old St. James Baptist Church in Pine Bluff; a family service worker with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services in Pine Bluff; and a youth service worker with the Arkansas Division of Youth Services in Alexander.

Woods and his wife, Tracy, have two sons.

In other business, Lowell Ashby, leader of the KBC business services team, reported on Cooperative Program giving for the first four months of the KBC's 2005-2006 fiscal year.

The total of \$7.57 million is 1.1 percent below the previous year's four-month receipts and 1.7 percent below the year-to-date budget goal of \$7.7 million.

Committee members also approved a 3 percent increase in the KBC's 2006-2007 salary structure. The recommendation will be presented to the full Mission Board as part of the KBC's 2006-2007 budget proposal.

Marketplace evangelism

No better place to share Jesus, says Orlando Magic VP

By Erin Curry Roach
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Orlando—The greatest approach to sharing the gospel is through the business community, according to Pat Williams, senior vice president of the Orlando Magic and a featured speaker for the upcoming Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference.

The simple fact is that those who work in the business community have opportunities that pastors and full-time Christian workers just don't encounter on a daily basis, Williams said.

Williams will bring his message on workplace evangelism to Kentucky when he speaks at the evangelism conference, Feb. 27-28 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

"Whether you're in the sports field or the legal profession or the medical profession or the banking business, that is our mission field. That is our calling," he said. "That's where God has opened doors for us, and we need to take advantage of that."

The challenge, he said, is to get the different segments of believers in corporate America excited about sharing their faith in a natural way that is not offensive to the people around them.

Too often, he said, people whose goal is to proselytize their co-workers come off as weird and find that everyone runs from them.

"I never saw Jesus doing that. People were really drawn to Him. He was like a magnet," Williams said, adding that Christians must gain the discernment, knowledge, boldness and strategies necessary to be effective soul winners.

If he were running a church, Williams said, he'd make thousands of copies of the Four Spiritual Laws available as people walked out the door so they could grab a handful of the evangelistic tracts to leave in strategic places throughout their community during the coming week. He suggested leaving them with a good tip at a restaurant or placing them at pay phones and



WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE Pat Williams holds an Orlando Magic jersey after the team won the No. 1 draft pick in the 2004 lottery. Williams urges Christians to find effective ways to share their faith in the business world. (Orlando Magic photo)

even in restrooms—any place where someone might pick one up and read it.

And in the workplace, many opportunities to share Christ will arise if people only will look for them, Williams said.

Ministry opportunities abound

"I think opportunities are always there. I've noticed that the opportunities really come when problems hit people—when adversity hits, when tough times come—because they're seeking answers, and it's on those occasions that I have the greatest opportunities," he said. "So if you're alert to that in people you're working with or people you know and are sensitive to their worlds, the problems are coming."

"In fact, everybody on this earth has just come out of a problem or they're in the middle of one, or they're heading into one," he said. "Those are the three common things we all have with each other, and it's in that area of strife and struggle and problems and crisis that we're going to have our best opportunity to talk to people because they're open. They're needy, they're hurting, and we've got the solution for them."

Another way to reach co-workers, Williams said, is to strike up a conversation with four simple words: "Tell me about you."

Rich Devos, owner of the Orlando Magic and a professing Christian,

Evangelism Conference speakers

In addition to Pat Williams, speakers for the KBC Evangelism Conference, Feb. 27-28, include:

John Avant, vice president of evangelization for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

Lincoln Bingham, senior pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville and a cooperative ministries consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Ken Pentress, dean of intercultural programs at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Sammy Gilbreath, leader of the Alabama Baptist State Convention's evangelism and discipleship team.

Junior Hill, an evangelist from Hartselle, Ala.

Tim Lee, an evangelist from Garland, Texas.

Herman Rios, director of language evangelism and stewardship for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Ed Stetzer, a missiologist and director of research at the North American Mission Board.

Bobby Welch, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Fla.

In addition, more than 25 workshops are scheduled.

For more information about the conference, visit www.kybaptist.org/evanconf.

often uses this strategy with great success, Williams said. It's easy to segue into questions like "Where do you go to church?" or "Have you gone to church in the past?" Many times, the person ends up asking Devos where he attends church, and that's an ideal lead-in for presenting the gospel, Williams said.

Pastors and church leaders can focus on becoming more involved in the marketplace, Williams said, by intentionally planting themselves among the unchurched and engaging them in conversation.

Williams knows the importance of living life among those who need to know Jesus because he has spent decades in their midst. He served in the U.S. Army for seven years and spent seven years with the Philadelphia Phillies and three years with the Minnesota Twins before moving to the NBA in 1968. Since then, he has been affiliated with teams in Chicago, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Orlando.

Williams said he became a Christian at age 27 when he realized he had all the success a young sports executive could want but still felt empty. God orchestrated a unique set of circumstances, he said, and someone presented the claims of Christ to him through a Four Spiritual Laws booklet.

Expect conflict when leading change, speaker warns

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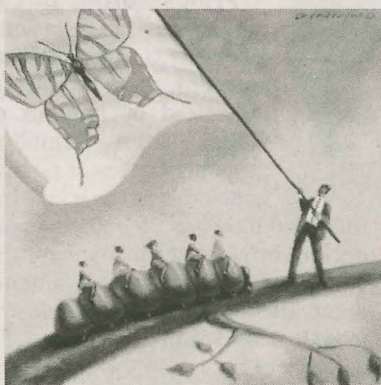
"Regrettably, we live in a pagan culture, and we have to operate like we haven't ... in decades, to be like the church in Acts."

Wilkes turned to that book to demonstrate how Paul's life poses a model for pastors.

Using passages from chapters 14 and 15, he reviewed how the apostle withstood the challenges that occurred when a new reality was introduced to the status quo, which prompted opposition from traditionalists.

To resolve it, the issue went before those with the authority to decide, which in a modern context might include veteran or respected members, Wilkes said.

The leaders in Acts retold the



stories of changed lives to help overcome opposition, which Wilkes said still works.

"One thing that can validate any innovation ... is changed lives," Wilkes said. "One thing that helped us is (to say), 'We've seen this and let me

tell you about it.' It usually comes out in baptism (ceremonies)."

Regardless of those stories, Wilkes said the conflict will be resolved only when a trusted leader makes a decision after hearing input from both sides.

But Wilkes said being a leader doesn't mean enforcing dictates on others but showing them a better way.

"Leadership isn't me trying to impose my stuff on you," Wilkes said. "I'm a leader because I have made the mission of God's call on my life (supreme); I have become a servant of that."

"A leader is someone you trust to go to a place you would never go on your own," he added. "Leadership is simply pulling off the mission."

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the faith which was once
for all delivered to the
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Bouncing back from failure

By Rick Warren

Lake Forest, Calif. (BP)—Have you ever made a mistake? Welcome to the human race. It just means you're alive. The Bible says in James 3:2, "We all stumble in many ways." We're all living proof of this verse.

But everybody wants to be a success; nobody wants to be a failure.

As a society, this puts a lot of stress on us because failure is a part of life. Yet, many people will do anything—lie, cheat, steal—in order to succeed. It's that important. Failure in America is considered the unpardonable sin.

Failing isn't fatal

Because we value success so much, we tend to exaggerate the effects of failure. But failure isn't the end of the world. You won't die from it. You fail, you pick yourself up and you go on.

One of the best ways to bounce back from failure is to redefine it:

Failure is not failing to reach your dreams. Failure is not having a dream.

Failure is not setting a goal and missing it. Failure is not having a goal.

Failure is not falling down. Failure is refusing to get back up.

You are never a failure until you give up. Remember, everybody fails.

Failure has benefit

Did you know that one of God's primary tools in making you the kind of person He wants you to be is failure? He uses it in your life to shape you and develop your character. While we rarely learn from our successes (because we typically attribute it to our sheer natural talent), we can learn from our failures.

God often uses failure to educate us. Along the way we figure out what doesn't work and eventually when we figure out enough things that don't work, we're going to figure out what does. Psalm 119:71 says, "My troubles turned out

all for the best. They forced me to learn from God's textbook." God's textbook is the Bible and it often is in the midst of failure that we open its pages searching for truth, instruction, comfort, support and encouragement.

When Kay and I first married, our first years together were pretty rough. While we were in love with each other and believed that God had put us together, we were total opposites and simply didn't get along. We couldn't communicate. We couldn't negotiate. Everything was wrong, and we were both miserable. If it hadn't been for the fact that we were both committed Christians who felt that divorce was not an option, we wouldn't have continued trying to save the marriage. But we said, "We're going to make this marriage work if it kills us"—and it nearly did.

For two and a half years we struggled and failed. Finally, we swallowed our pride, found a Christian counselor, and got the help that turned our marriage around and set us on the right path. I look back now and think about some of the lessons I learned in those first years of our marriage. They were lessons that prepared me to pastor Saddleback Church today. I look back and thank God for the failures I experienced because they were learning experiences. God educated me through my failures.

God's grace found in failure

God is not surprised when you fail. He knows it's going to happen. In fact, He expects it. And even when you do fail, God doesn't stop loving you. That's called grace.

Often when you're in the middle of a failure, it's difficult to see God's hand in your life. As an adult, Mary's greatest fear in life was being alone. She didn't feel that she could function as a whole woman unless she was married, so she designed her life to avoid this failure at all costs. Mar-

ried to a successful airline executive and enjoying the American dream that included a five-bedroom home and three beautiful daughters, she felt she had it all and could not fail. What could possibly go wrong?

One day her best friend died after a 22-month battle with breast cancer. The next day, Mary's husband packed his things and moved out of their home to be with someone else he said he loved. Mary was shattered.

Devastated, she felt she had failed miserably. Even though she was surrounded by wise counsel and Christian friends at church, that time in her life became a blur. Filled with anger and feeling incapable of being a single parent, her failure even took away her desire to live and she contemplated suicide. Eventually, with God's help and the support and love of her family and church, Mary was able to overcome her failures and begin her life again.

Even today, Mary is amazed at how God has taken the most painful event of her life and brought good out of it. She has served as a valued staff minister at Saddleback Church, providing a Christ-centered place of comfort, encouragement and support for women who are struggling with the pains of rejection and failure.

Mary bounced back from failure because she was able to deal with it, receive forgiveness, grow from it and let it motivate her. She found God's grace in her failure.

Bouncing back from failure might not be the easiest thing you'll ever do in your life, but it's something God wants to help you accomplish. It doesn't matter what failure you've gone through or which one you're going through right now. Big or small, it hasn't changed God's purpose for your life. Allow God to teach you, motivate and grow you through your failure. He still has a plan for your life and a place for you in this world.

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., is author of "The Purpose Driven Life"

Can expanded gambling deliver?

The gambling industry once again is lobbying the Kentucky General Assembly to bring casinos to our state. Please join me in taking a look at three things that expanded gambling can deliver:

Expanded gambling can deliver great financial loss to every Kentuckian—especially those who gamble. In an article in the fall 2005 issue of The Kentucky Citizen, titled "The proposed expansion is huge!", various proposals by gambling proponents were discussed. These proposals offer an average rate of taxation of about 33 percent to the state.

This means that for the state to receive \$300 million in tax revenue, gross revenues would have to be three times that amount—a total of \$900 million in gross revenues to produce \$300 million for the state and \$600 million for the gambling firms. The kicker is that in order to produce those kinds of profits (losses to Kentucky families), \$9 billion must be gambled.

Earl Grinols, a professor of

economics at Baylor University, put it this way: "The money (local residents) wager comes from the local economy, and each dollar they spend, ... they can no longer spend at a store or restaurant.

This situation benefits the gambling operations, but works to the detriment of other kinds of business."

Pro-gambling forces can deliver an election—especially a constitutional amendment that can be influenced by millions of dollars from gambling proponents. One of the rallying cries of the gambling industry today is "let the people decide" by placing this issue on the ballot as a constitutional amendment. They want this because it will give them an unfair advantage.

For example, the casinos spent \$16.5 million in a losing effort in Florida in 1994 but finally succeeded in 2005 after spending millions more. Elections also were delivered in Louisiana, Missouri and South Carolina, with an average of \$12 million being spent by the gambling

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Buying a home?
Evaluate creative
mortgage options

By Don Spencer

Most home prices have risen dramatically in recent years. This makes buying a home you can afford more of a challenge.

Buyers generally check

out the condition of the home, but often fail to do the same homework when looking at possible mortgage options. Current interest rates still are near historical lows, so most buyers probably should use traditional fixed-rate loans for 30 years, or if possible, for 15 years.

A number of other creative mortgage options are available. Are they for you? Here are a few of the creative mortgages, their risk and when they might be right for you:

Interest-only mortgage. In initial years, payments cover interest only, not principal. The risk: When interest-only term is up, payments could increase to a level you cannot afford. This mortgage might be suitable if you plan to move before the interest-only term ends, or you are certain you will be earning more money soon.

Flexible payment ARM. You decide what to pay each month—standard payment, interest only or a minimum that is less than the interest. The risk: If you pay the minimum, the rest of that month's interest is added to the loan, so you could end up owing more than the home is worth. This mortgage might be acceptable if you need to make smaller payments in some months, but only if you do so on rare occasions.

40-year fixed. Your loan term is for 40 years rather than the normal 30 years. The risk: You pay significantly more interest over the life of a loan and it will be a long time before you begin to build equity in your home. This mortgage might be tolerable if you cannot afford a 30-year loan but don't want to take on a lot of interest-rate risk. For most people, this is not a good option because it tends to increase the debt load.

Piggyback loan. This is the common practice of combining two loans—a normal mortgage with another loan to cover up to 20 percent of the price. By doing this, you avoid private mortgage insurance. The risk: If your house drops in value, you could end up owing more than your home is worth. This mortgage is appropriate if you have down payment money saved but not quite the 20 percent needed to eliminate PMI.

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Building a strong & healthy marriage also aids parenting

Q: Sometimes I fear that the time-consuming demands of our children are a detriment to our marriage. How do I maintain a healthy balance?

Children are a gift from God. They enrich our lives and bring joy to our homes in important ways. However, children can be a threat to a marriage. It happens when parents get caught up in caring for and providing for children and neglect the needs of their spouse. Willard Harley warns parents about this in his book, "His Needs, Her Needs for Parents."

MARRIAGE

The demands of parenting are intense. Once children arrive, couples find it harder to carve out time for themselves and for each other. As Harley says, "The presence of children distracts them from their original objective—to care for each other." Almost without realizing it, couples can lose both their chemistry and their commitment when children become the first priority.

Harley encourages parents to take specific steps to keep romance alive once children arrive. Simply put, couples have to decide to spend time together away from their children. They have to make time for conversation, affection, lovemaking and relaxation.

Doing so does not mean parents are being selfish or neglectful toward their children. On the contrary, keeping a marriage strong and healthy benefits children in important ways. Harley adds, "Numerous studies have shown that children of happily married parents are healthier, mentally and physically, than children of divorced parents. They do better in school and are less likely to get in trouble."

Invest in your children by investing in your marriage. Make time for each other and keep the romance alive. —David Garrard

Q: My wife and I have a pretty good marriage. We have a son who is 13 and a daughter who is 8. I am concerned about what to tell my son about sex since my wife and I were not Christians when we were dating and had premarital sex. I have learned so much about God, and my beliefs are very different now. I really do regret being sexually active before I got married. How can I tell my son what I think is right now when I did the opposite as a teenager?

We have all fallen short of God's glory. Jesus calls us to be authentic in relationships.

It is OK to be real with your son. First talk with your wife so you both can agree on what your son is ready to hear and how much of your sexual history you feel comfortable sharing.

PARENTING

There are real dangers for teenagers in the area of sexuality. Media messages are powerful, communicating freedom and pleasure in open sexual expression. Rarely do the media even hint at dangers and consequences. You can share with your son some of the real-life emotional, spiritual and relational consequences for sexual activity outside of marriage.

Sex education with both of your children is important. As your son's body continues to develop physically, his sexual desires are going to be a dominant presence. He needs help from you in how to deal with those feelings. Give him guidance by affirming those desires and feelings as normal and God-created. Also teach your son the context God has ordained for expressing sexual desires and why the context of marriage is the safe arena for your son's thoughts, emotions and physical desires.

If your son asks questions you feel uncomfortable answering, ask for time and get back with him. Sex education should never be a one-time encounter. Keep the door of communication open through adulthood.

For helpful resources consider Tommy Nelson's teachings on the Song of Solomon, Les and Leslie Parrott for relationship-building, and Dr. Meg Meeker's book, "Epidemic: How Teen Sex Is Killing Our Kids." —Valerie Vincent

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Gambling threat unites Christian leaders

As significant as their message was, the diversity and unity of the messengers carried even more weight.

Putting aside theological, political and philosophical differences, more than 35 Christian leaders from across the commonwealth met last week with Gov. Ernie Fletcher to deliver one message—unified opposition to expanded gambling.

Baptist representatives included Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders as well as Freewill Baptists, Independent Baptists, National Baptists and Missionary Baptists. And that was just the beginning. Other denominational leaders included Roman Catholics, United Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Assemblies of God, Church of God, Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ and Nazarene.

But the list didn't stop there. Other organizations included the Kentucky Council of Churches, Family Foundation of Kentucky and the Kentucky League on Alcohol and Gambling Problems.

Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, estimated that the participants represented an astounding "92 percent of the Christians who attend church in Kentucky."

That's not to suggest that every person attending congregations represented by the meeting's participants would oppose expanded gambling in Kentucky. But it does suggest that Christians throughout the state have a tremendous opportunity to influence public opinion in the ongoing battle against legalizing casinos and other destructive forms of gambling in the Bluegrass State.

Why bother to pour time, money and energy year after year into the anti-gambling fight?

According to Family Foundation Executive Director Kent Ostrander, "Two things are unmistakably

clear. If the citizens of Kentucky call their legislators and resist the expansion of gambling, then it will not come. But the second thing is also clear—that if they don't become salt and light, then we are likely to have expanded gambling."

Kentucky League Executive Director Howard Beauman said he was pleased with last week's meeting "because on this one subject, the Christian community came together with concern for the citizens of the state to speak to our governor, saying we are concerned about what might happen to our people and we want you to know the Christian community is opposed to gambling expansion."

"My impression was that the governor was touched by it," Beauman added. "I think it did have a positive impact."

In addition to voicing concerns about the negative social and economic impact of gambling, KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey said the group "sounded a good note that we're willing to support good budget options based on sound business and economic principles."

"I was impressed with the strong voice of every leader who was present," Mackey noted. "I sensed they were serious and they won't give up easily even if the gambling industry won't give up."

Last week's meeting clearly showed Gov. Fletcher and other state officials that a wide array of Christian leaders are committed to halting expanded gambling efforts. The next question is whether grassroots Christians across the commonwealth will actively follow their lead.

Together, Baptists, Catholics, Methodists and others can make a huge impact on legislative debate and action in Frankfort. You can let your voice be heard by leaving a message for your legislators at (800) 372-7181 and by calling Gov. Fletcher's office at (502) 564-2611.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Nonstop bad news distorts global reality

By Erich Bridges

Richmond, Va. (BP)—Disasters, war and violence dominated the news last year: the tsunami and Katrina, Iraq, terrorist attacks worldwide, the Kashmir earthquake.

These traumatic events led most of the top-story lists for 2005 and rightly so. Hundreds of thousands died. Millions suffered—and continue to suffer. Many Christians responded to human and spiritual needs with sacrificial love and generosity.

But the accumulation of bad news, relentlessly covered by news media, tends to distort our perceptions of the world.

"Chaos and violence get all the attention," a frustrated evangelical worker told Christianity Today after the underground train bombings in London last summer.

The 24/7 focus on mayhem, which always is unfolding somewhere in the world, misleads us into thinking it is happening everywhere.

It isn't—at least not in its man-made forms. If a recent study of global conflict is accurate, organized violence has decreased significantly since the early 1990s.

The Human Security Report, released in October by the Human Security Centre at the University of British Columbia in Canada, shows that mass political violence—with the exception of terrorism—has declined rapidly since the end of the Cold War. Ignorance of that reality "is compounded by the fact that the global media give far more coverage to wars that start than those that quietly end," says Andrew Mack, di-

rector of the centre and coordinator of the three-year project.

The study, published by Oxford University Press, includes these findings:

■ The number of armed conflicts has declined by more than 40 percent since 1992, primarily because of the end of colonialism and proxy wars spawned by the Cold War. Wars also have killed far fewer people in recent decades.

■ Wars between countries now constitute less than 5 percent of all armed conflicts.

■ The period since World War II is the longest interval without wars between major powers in hundreds of years.

■ Most armed conflicts are occurring in Africa, but declined even there—from 41 to 35 between 2002 and 2003.

■ Despite the horrific mass murders in Rwanda, Bosnia and Sudan over the past 15 years, the overall number of genocides perpetrated worldwide fell 80 percent between 1989 and 2001.

■ International terrorism is the only form of political violence that is increasing; more than 650 "significant attacks" occurred in 2004 alone. The death toll from terrorism, however, accounts for only a small fraction of annual war-related deaths.

■ Authoritarian regimes are responsible for higher levels of violent internal repression and human rights abuses. But as democracy has spread worldwide, the number of such regimes fell from 90 to 30

between the end of the 1970s and 2003.

These developments provide scant comfort to the people suffering amid the 60 armed conflicts raging today—not to mention the millions who live in "failed states" wracked by endemic violence, corrupt governments or anarchy.

But the report clearly demonstrates that the world is not descending into chaos, as the evening news sometimes implies. Total global violence has dropped, stability has increased, political freedom is on the rise and economic growth is lifting millions out of poverty.

That's good news for everyone. But it challenges the church to get on with the task of global evangelization. We lack the convenient excuse that large segments of the world remain off-limits to us because of war, chaos and repression. Hundreds of people groups around the world remain unevangelized—not because they live in places too dangerous and violent to reach, but because we haven't bothered to reach them.

I'll never forget the shock I felt when I visited a country of more than 60 million people several years ago and discovered why there were so few believers there. It wasn't because of violence, persecution or hostility toward Christians, although those factors all existed to some degree. It was because we, the followers of Christ, have yet to get serious about spreading the truth in that land.

"They haven't rejected the gospel," a worker in that country said. "They haven't yet heard the gospel." Erich Bridges is senior writer with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board

Baptists, others take gambling opposition to governor

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

Frankfort—Delivering a message of unified opposition to expanded gambling in Kentucky, more than 35 Christian leaders from across the state met Jan. 26 with Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

The 45-minute session at the Capitol in Frankfort included Baptist, Catholic, Assemblies of God, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian leaders, among others.

Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, and Kentucky Baptist Convention President Paul Chitwood were among designated speakers for the group.

During an interview after the session, Kemper noted that the denominational leaders gathered in Frankfort represent "roughly 92 percent of the Christians who attend church in Kentucky."

The meeting "gives an amazingly strong statement to the media and the governor that there are people of good will who are opposed to the casinos," she added. "We haven't given up and we're not going to give up."

Chitwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, affirmed the opportunity "to see religious leaders from very diverse points of view gather together and be united on a single issue."

"I think the governor was pro-



FACE TO FACE Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher (right) talks with religious leaders, including KBC President Paul Chitwood (center), about their concerns related to expanded gambling. The Kentucky legislature is expected to consider measures this term to expand gambling to include casinos. (KBC photo by Robert Reeves)

foundly affected as he entered the room and realized the diversity of the group and to hear such a clear message sounded by the group against gambling," he added.

"We're pleased the governor has said he will not lead on the issue of bringing expanded gambling to Kentucky," Chitwood emphasized. "The request I made of the governor was that he would lead with conviction the battle against expanded gambling."

As the effort is waged in the legislature year after year to legalize casinos and other expanded gambling, Chitwood said, "The gambling industry is a wealthy industry that will continue to try to break the will of those who stand in opposition to it."

"The more vocal we are in that opposition as Kentucky Baptists and the more vocal our legislators are and the more vocal our governor is, the greater our chances in defeating this issue year after year."

During a brief interview after last week's meeting, Gov. Fletcher told reporters that the diverse group of religious leaders "have all come together unified in making a strong statement that gambling is not good for families in Kentucky. That is their position and they certainly delivered that message to me very soundly."

Asked about the prospects of current gambling proposals being adopted by legislators, Fletcher said, "I just don't see them moving, but we'll have to wait and see."

In addition to last week's meeting, Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders are gearing up to oppose expanded gambling by mailing anti-gambling resource packets this week to every Kentucky Baptist pastor.

Highlighting the slogan, "Damaged Lives: Gambling Is No Game," the packet includes a DVD in which two Kentucky Baptists tell about the devastating impact gambling had on their families.

The resource kit also includes printed material such as a "frequently asked questions" sheet, sermon outline and Scripture guide. The packet material and other resources also are available online at www.kybaptist.org/publicaffairs.

In a cover letter from Chitwood and KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey, the state convention leaders note that "big gambling interests are working especially hard this year to bring expanded gambling to Kentucky."

Warning that "the long-run costs of expanding gambling will exceed the benefits," the letter adds, "All Kentuckians (both gamblers and non-gamblers) will end up as losers."

Chitwood and Mackey urged Kentucky Baptist pastors to "make this issue a matter of prayer and consider ways that your congregation can become educated and involved as good citizens."

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Approaching a quarter of a billion dollars

Invested funds could reach milestone later this year

On Dec. 31, 2005, the market value of the funds entrusted to the foundation was \$224.4 million.

The investment performance of our Equity Fund for the year was 10.8 percent, which was 5.5 percentage points above the benchmark our board uses to measure the performance of the fund. This was the second best year in our history in terms of the value added above the benchmark. Our best year was 2000, when the total return was 6.3 percent, and the benchmark was 9.1 percent for an incredible value added of 15.4 percentage points. I am pleased to inform you the Equity Fund has outperformed its benchmark in eight of the last 10 years, an outstanding record.

In addition to the successful stock selection capabilities of our managers, the July 1 addition of international equities added value. The rationale for adding international equities included: (a) economies around the world are growing, some at faster paces than the U. S. economy, (b) valuations and long-term growth prospects in other countries looked

attractive, (c) more diversification, which should reduce overall risk and volatility with the potential of enhanced returns and (d) global markets tend to fluctuate in value at different times and different degrees. According to the MSCI Blue Book, on Dec. 31, 2004, 49.9 percent of the world's market capitalization was located overseas; and, from a GDP basis, the U.S. accounted for only 36.5 percent of the global equity markets. Our board concluded there was and will be too much investment opportunity overseas to overlook.

With more and more Kentucky Baptist churches using the foundation to invest funds given to those churches, with the continuing receipt of bequests from the estates of those who have left a lasting legacy of their love for Christ and His mission in the world, and with the expectation of positive investment returns, it is possible the total funds will reach a quarter of a billion dollars this year. Thank you, Lord.

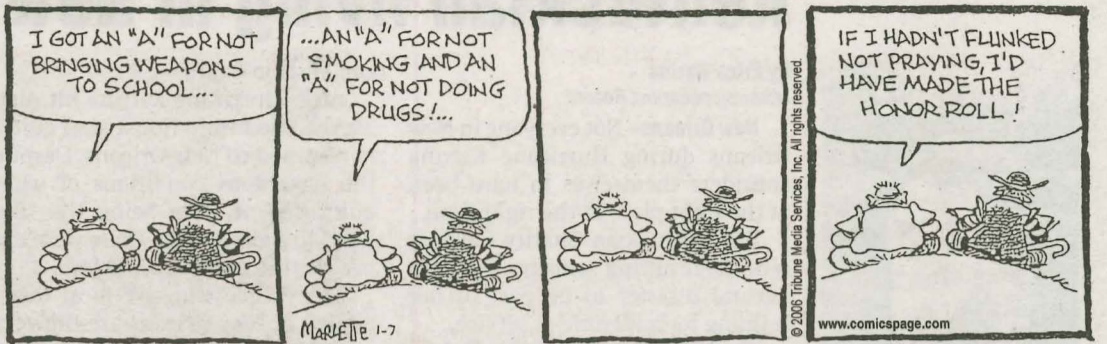
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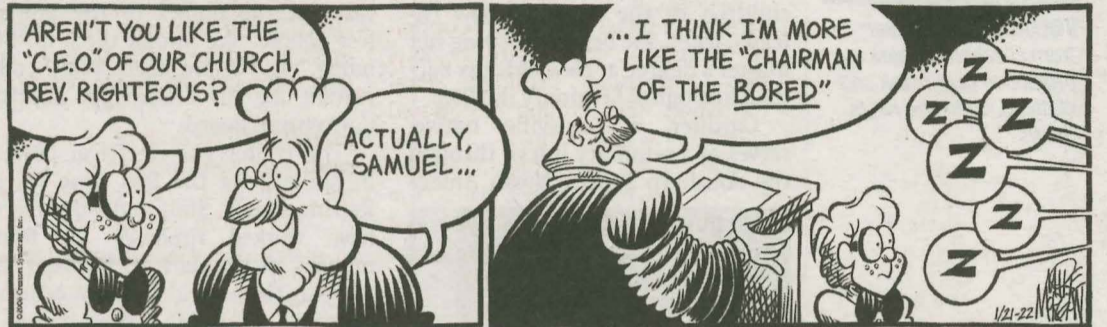
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Doug Marlette

For Heaven's Sake



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Bible Crosswords

Evelyn Boyington

Across

- 1 Sign of the end times (Matthew 24:6)
- 5 "Fear God and _____ his commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- 9 Trucker's "motel"
- 12 "He (Isaac) called the name of the well _____" (Genesis 26:20)
- 13 Exclamation
- 14 Tint
- 15 Sinks
- 17 "I was afraid, and went and hid thy _____" (Matthew 25:25)
- 19 _____ and the Thummin (Exodus 28:30)
- 20 "My servant _____ at home sick" (Matthew 8:6)
- 21 Puts an end to
- 23 Parts of capitols
- 25 Charade
- 26 In the near future (arch.)
- 28 "Buy the truth and _____ it not" (Proverbs 23:23)
- 31 Preposition
- 32 Church part (pl.)
- 34 That is (abbr.)
- 35 "Ye may rejoice, and that I may be the _____ sorrowful" (Philippians 2:28)
- 38 Nuisance
- 39 Promise Keepers attendees
- 40 "Ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come" (Acts 1:8)
- 42 "_____ your ways and your doings" (Jeremiah 7:3)
- 44 "There _____ from heaven a great light" (Acts 22:6)
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- 47 Unleashed
- 49 "Those who by reason of use have their _____ exercised to discern" (Hebrews 5:14)
- 52 Holiday, for one
- 53 Choose's cohort
- 55 Settle in a cozy spot
- 56 French pronoun
- 57 "Thou hadst cast me ... in the midst of the _____" (Jonah 2:3)
- 58 "The poison of _____ is under their lips" (Romans 3:13)
- 11 House, in Hebrew
- 16 Hebrew month
- 18 "Behold, thou (Samson) hast mocked me (Delilah), and told me _____" (Judges 16:10)
- 21 Greet
- 22 Teen trauma
- 23 Capital of Delaware
- 24 Singles
- 27 Back of the neck
- 29 Property claim
- 30 Let borrow
- 33 Not fresh
- 36 Forks' cohorts
- 37 "As my beloved _____ I warn you" (1 Corinthians 4:14)
- 39 Monthly occurrence
- 41 Mourns
- 43 "Our fathers did eat _____ in the desert" (John 6:31)
- 44 Skirt feature
- 45 Practice and practice and practice
- 46 Queries
- 48 "To live is Christ and to _____ is gain" (Philippians 1:21)
- 50 Extra sense (abbr.)
- 51 Byways (abbr.)
- 54 About (abbr.)

Down

- 1 Entanglement
- 2 Good king of Judah
- 3 Consequence
- 4 Avoid
- 5 Abyssinian weight
- 6 Chicago transport (abbr.)
- 7 "In the day you _____ thereof, then your eyes shall be opened" (Genesis 3:5)
- 8 "Sing unto the Lord with ... the voice of a _____" (Psalm 98:5)
- 9 "Hast thou not ... curdled me like _____" (Job 10:10)
- 10 Orpah, to Obed

Last week's solution

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Kentuckian living in New Orleans helps with relief



VOLUNTEER A worker from Oklahoma wears a protective gear mask and clothing while she hauls debris.

By Erica Harms
Mississippi Baptist Record

New Orleans—Not everyone in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina considers themselves to have been at the right place at the right time.

But Kentuckian Charity Gardner sees the resulting ministry from the natural disaster to be part of her training for a lifetime of service.

Gardner moved into the Baptist Friendship House, a transitional shelter for homeless women and children in the heart of New Orleans, when she began pursuing her master's degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2003.

Gardner, a Louisville native, serves as a seminary intern through the Southern Baptist North Ameri-

can Mission Board.

After Hurricane Katrina hit Aug. 29, the Friendship House staff quickly returned to New Orleans. Despite the hazardous conditions of what quickly went from being the "Big Easy" to a ghost town, these were the people they had grown to love.

The people who are most disregarded in New Orleans are the very ones Gardner is drawn to.

"You can walk around the French Quarter with Charity and hear her call out the names of the homeless people. She knows them all by name," says Robin Keels, WMU consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The center got electrical power in January for the first time since Katrina struck. Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly for four months in the dark to minister in any way they could to those returning to what was left of their homes.

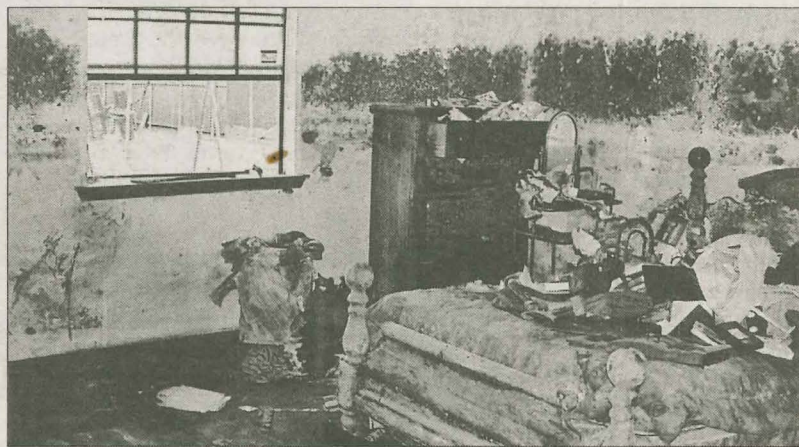
"I'm fighting feelings of hopelessness," admits Kay Bennett, director of the Friendship House. "What was week after week is now month after month."

Yet despite her words, her actions prove she and her staff are far from having lost hope.

Gardner, Bennett and other staff are determined to do what they can for "their people." The center is housing volunteers, running a distribution site of donated goods, and keeping a running list of the requests for teams to gut out homes.

"I guess we'll take it one day at a time, one house at a time, and it'll get back to the way it used to be," Bennett says.

Volunteers wear plastic protective



DISASTER AREA Mold-infested rooms like these are what often greet residents who return to homes in New Orleans. (Mississippi Baptist Record photo by Erica Harms)

suits, duct taped to their clothes, as well as helmets, boots and respirator masks, to clear out everything in the mold-infested homes.

"It's so hard standing with someone as a cleaning crew takes all of their belongings and throws it on the curb," Bennett says. "All that remains can fit in one small box."

Some residents return to salvage items but drop them before ever leaving their home, a volunteer notes. "They want it, but think, 'What's the point?'"

Signs of the storm

Volunteers who were not in the city when Katrina raged through are still surrounded by evidence of the horror that took place.

The word "HELP" is painted across rooftops. Water still runs in the streets in the Lower Ninth Ward. House after house has a hole in the roof where individuals fought to break through and reach safety.

"Some people sat on their roof for up to seven days with intense heat, snakes and mosquitoes," Bennett says.

Gardner quickly adds, "And alligators."

Gardner has a calm, go-with-the-flow attitude, waking up each morning with a seemingly never-ending task at hand. She lives on the second floor of the shelter, sleeps on a bunk bed and shares a living room with whoever happens to be living at the shelter with her.

Somewhere in the midst of her disaster relief efforts, she finds time to study for her classes.

She acknowledges that it's only by the grace of God that she can continue. As she rides around town, enduring its many foul smells and heart-wrenching sites, Gardner notices a chicken restaurant that has reopened—a small sign of normality.

She smiles, rejoices with the rest of the staff and gets back to work.



MINISTRY TEAM Kentuckian Charity Gardner (center, standing), director Kay Bennett (center, foreground) and other workers staff the Friendship House, a ministry center in New Orleans.

It puts a smile on my face

Cattle, pigs and goats get Oneida students up early each morning

You would think that something I am exposed to every day would, after 20-plus years, lose a little of its luster. However, some things still bring a smile to my face no matter how often I see them. My drive to campus each morning takes me through our agriculture complex. From the mountain gravel road I drive, I can look down into the cattle barn. I make that drive between 6:45 and 7 a.m. This time of the year, the lights are always on in the barn. I can see a handful of students busy with their early morning chores, which must be done before school.

Actually, the day began much earlier for those students. They normally get up around 6 a.m., go to the dining room to eat breakfast and then leave for the farm by 6:45. Some of my readers might find fault with this, but our girls, for security reasons, are driven to the farm in a school van while the boys make their way to the farm on foot. So much for the equality of the sexes.

Each morning about 15 students follow this routine. The ones I see in the cattle barn are feeding, watering and walking several head of show steers in preparation for contests this summer. I am amused each day as I notice the cattle patiently, silently waiting for the attention they are about to receive. In less than a minute I drive near our three swine barns. Trust me, they are neither patient nor quiet! They know the arrival of the students means it's time for breakfast. Only those who have heard the wailing of hogs at feeding time have any idea of the noise they make. You cannot give them enough food or feed them fast enough to satisfy them. However, come back an

hour later and they are sound asleep, most likely dreaming of their next meal.

We normally have a dozen or so calves being bottle fed. We purchase calves from a local dairy farm when they are a day old. They are housed next to one of the swine barns and I often wonder what they think, with the hogs making so much noise. Yet, they patiently wait for the students to bring them their breakfast in a bottle. They might have been patient while they were waiting, but trust me, you have never seen a bottle empty so quickly. Like the hogs, come back an hour later and you will find the calves quietly sleeping.

Other students are feeding the goats we added to our farm about two years ago. They are not as patient as the cattle, but not nearly as rowdy as the hogs. They don't smell as bad as the hogs, but they sure have their own special odor. By the time they are fed and watered, it is time for the students to get ready for school. The students are given enough time to get showers in the ag building before putting on their school clothes and heading to class.

Now about that smile. Many of us enjoy talking about the "old" days. So virtually every morning as I drive past all the activity on the farm, I wonder what these students will be telling their children 20 or so years down the road. After all, how many American children even have daily chores any more? Very few have this wonderful opportunity today. I smile because I am proud of our boys and girls and their willingness to get up early, face the elements and work so hard. Maybe you are smiling a little right now, too.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Dying with more than dignity

Elizabethtown mother lived and died trusting in the Lord

As I headed home from Elizabethtown on Jan. 17, the lead news story was the Supreme Court decision upholding Oregon's "assisted suicide law." A physician trumpeted the decision as a vote for "death with dignity." I had just witnessed a far better demonstration of facing death with something more substantial than dignity.

A few weeks before the Frankfort meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Mrs. Virginia Chambers wrote me, "I've recently been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas. I'm thankful I made it to this year's alumni conference, but only God knows if I'll make another." That same quiet confidence in God was manifest in her home as I visited with her, members of the family and Mike Rogers, interim pastor of Younger's Creek Baptist Church.

Virginia grew up in Louisville and Beechmont Baptist Church, where she and Vaughn met. She started piano lessons in the first grade and played in the seventh grade orchestra. She played piano in most of the churches they served.

They left their Hardin County farm in the hands of two sons and

came to campus with the two youngest children; at Clear Creek other students called him "Moses." Vaughn graduated in 1977; they went to serve a church in Hyden. "It took me a while to understand them," she said. "When we asked them to do a task for the Lord they responded, 'I don't care if I do.' They moved to the Kentucky

Baptist Homes for Children boys ranch as house parents and then helped start Heavenbound Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. I still remember the victory and joy of the dedication service.

Proverbs 3:5-6 was a favorite scripture of this mother of 11 children. I'm sure it took much

"trust in the Lord" to follow her man in ministry. During the next 30 years she rejoiced in the experience of God directing their path.

Vaughn died in 1997 and was buried on the family farm, within sight of the farmhouse they left to attend Clear Creek. Virginia died Jan. 22; her funeral and burial next to her husband on Jan. 25 was a testimony and a celebration of how to live and die.

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Marchers place hope in new justices

Washington (RNS)—Abortion opponents who gathered in Washington last week for their annual march expressed hope that President Bush's newest nominee for the Supreme Court will help overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision.

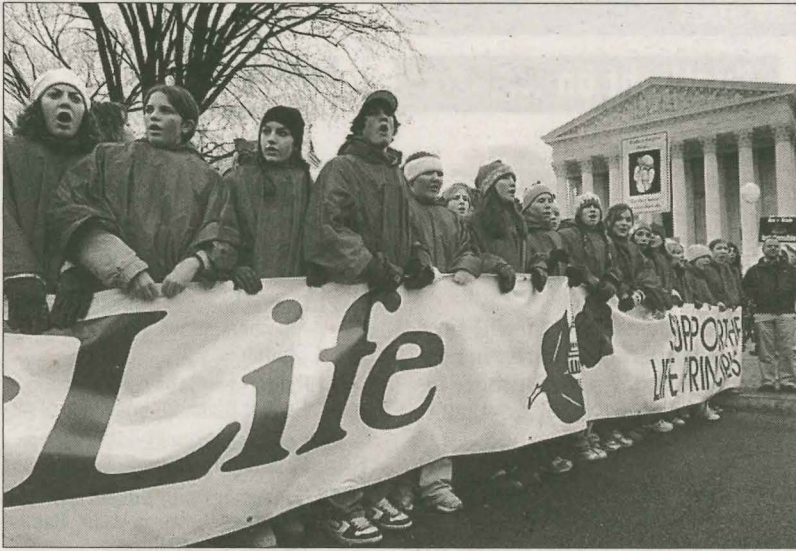
The crowd, which included priests, parishioners, parents and children outside the Capitol, did their best not to let cold, drizzly weather dampen their mood as they recited chants in small groups representing religious and public advocacy groups.

"Justice Roberts and Justice Alito, that's what's new," said Emilio DiCola, from nearby Fairfax Station, Va., referring to President Bush's recent nominees to the Supreme Court, Chief Justice John Roberts and Judge Samuel Alito.

At his recent Senate confirmation hearing, Alito discussed his controversial 1985 memos in which he said the Constitution does not guarantee the right to an abortion. Alito was expected to be confirmed this past Monday, unless a Democratic filibuster postponed the vote.

It has been widely assumed that Alito, if confirmed, will be a foe of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that struck down state bans on abortion. Last week's march is held annually on the anniversary of that decision.

Abortion rights advocates ral-



ANNUAL MARCH Anti-abortion protesters walk past the Supreme Court in Washington Jan. 23. Tens of thousands attended the rally to mark the 33rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. (RNS/Reuters photo by Kevin Lamarque)

lied outside the Supreme Court on Sunday evening, Jan. 22, holding a candlelight vigil and holding signs urging the Senate to reject the Alito nomination.

President Bush spoke to demonstrating abortion opponents by telephone from Manhattan, Kan., where he had given a speech earlier.

"This is a cause that appeals to the conscience of our citizens and is rooted in America's deepest principles," he said. "And history tells us that with such a cause we

will prevail."

But some abortion opponents at the rally expressed skepticism that their voices were being heard.

"I think some people are listening, but I don't think the government is listening," said Ransford Clark, a New York seminary student attending the march for the first time.

"That goes for Republicans as well as Democrats. Republicans present themselves as Bible-toting do-gooders, but they haven't been living up to that image."

NATIONAL NOTES

Muslim to address evangelical leaders. King Abdullah II of Jordan has accepted an invitation to speak at an evangelical lunch gathering after the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 2. Some are viewing the invitation of Abdullah, a Muslim head of state, as a small sign of cooperation in the often tense relationship between evangelical Christians and Muslims. About 51 percent of American evangelicals say Islam is more likely to encourage violence than other religions, according to a poll by The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Three states addressing gay marriage issue. The Virginia Senate voted 28-11 Jan. 24 to approve a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. The amendment now will go to Virginia voters in November. Meanwhile, a state judge ruled Jan. 20 that Maryland's law banning same-sex marriage violates the state constitution. And in Florida, a petition drive for banning same-sex marriage is expected to die this week for lack of enough signatures.

'Community Marriage Policies' growing. Pastors in Albuquerque, N.M., signed a Community Marriage Policy Jan. 20, marking the 200th city to join the movement. Since leaders in Modesto, Calif., signed the first one in 1986, the divorce rate there has decreased 57 percent, said Michael McManus, creator of the Community Marriage Policies. More than 10,000 pastors in 42 states have signed Community Marriage Policies with the goal of radically reducing the divorce rate in their local churches.

Study: Divorce destroys wealth. Divorce can have a devastating financial impact on a person's wealth, but a steady marriage can nearly double it, according to a new study by Ohio State University. The study, which appears in the Journal of Sociology, found that divorce reduces a person's wealth by about three-quarters, or 77 percent, compared to that of a single person, while being married almost doubles comparative wealth, or increases it by 93 percent.



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True Vine is a church start in downtown Richmond that began holding Sunday morning worship services earlier this month. Associate pastor Bobby Handy said the church's goal is to be outreach and ministry oriented, sharing Christ in the community through ministry and special evangelistic projects. Pray that the church will be sensitive to God's Spirit as leaders determine what ministries they should be involved in. Pray also that the church will be a blessing to the community and a witness for Christ through their service and ministry.

Mission Service Corps Missionaries Lewis and Anne Faulkenberry of Hazel Green.

The Faulkenberrys serve as church planters and ministry directors with Red River Baptist Association. They plan and implement special evangelistic programs and events and help mobilize volunteer groups that come to minister. Pray for guidance and support as the Faulkenberrys seek to share the gospel, for small group Bible studies, and for God to continue to impact the lives of people they serve.

If you would like Kentucky Baptists to join in praying for a ministry of your church or association, please send the information to Eric Allen at Eric.Allen@kybaptist.org or call (866) 489-3530.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **CADIZ**—Cadiz Church will host a Sunday school conference Feb. 18, 4 to 8 p.m., led by **Kenneth Hemphill**, the Southern Baptist Convention's national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth. To register, call the church at (270) 522-6002.

Delmont Church recently called **Albert Clardy** as pastor.

Wallonia Church ordained **Roger Boyd Jr., Roger Boyd Sr., Lacy Bush, Richard Bush, Joe McCormick, Terry Stewart** and **Tony Stewart** as deacons Jan. 29.

■ **EDDYVILLE**—Victory Church called **Heath Carlton** as pastor effective Jan. 8. He was ordained to the gospel ministry Jan. 22 by First Church, Eddyville.

■ **FRANKFORT**—**Richard Long** recently resigned as minister of discipleship and evangelism at Crestwood Church and **Janine Shackelford** resigned as minister of preschool. **Wallace Kent** is pastor.

■ **OAKLAND**—Oakland Church recently called **Brent Thornton** as

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Scottsville



White Plains Church will host the **Cumberland Quartet** in concert Feb. 10, 7 p.m. For more information, call (270) 237-4222.

associate pastor. The church also ordained **Phillip Coleman** and **Gary Daves** as deacons Jan. 15. **Tim Colovos** is pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—First Church recently honored **Ward Thomas** on his 100th birthday. **Kevin McCallon** is pastor.

■ **VINE GROVE**—New Salem Church recently called **Rick Breeze** as pastor.

Vine Grove Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new church facility Dec. 17.

Campbellsville to sponsor Larnelle Harris music festival in Louisville

Louisville—Contemporary Christian artist Larnelle Harris and Jim Cymbala, pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City, will headline the first Larnelle Harris Campbellsville University Contemporary Christian Music Festival April 20-22 at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

Robert Gaddis, dean of Campbellsville's school of music, said the festival "was conceived to encourage and equip young artists through example, through education with industry professionals and through public performance of their new works."

In addition to Harris, guest artists include AnthemAve, First Call, PRAISE Team, Rachael Hurt, Rodney Stillwell and the Cumberland County High School Choir.

Dave Williamson of Brentwood-Benson Music, author of "The Worship Leading Choir," will lead a choir directors' track.

Gaddis said the centerpiece of the festival will be two competi-

tions, one for songwriters and the other for performers, both judged by industry professionals. Registration for the competitions is due by March 15.

The conference cost, including tickets to all concerts and worship services, is \$125 per session. The Worship Leading Choir sessions cost \$100 and include tickets to all concerts and worship services. The deadline to register for the event is April 1.

Saturday sessions only, which includes the final concert, is \$25. The songwriters' competition is \$25 per song, up to three songs, and the performers' competition is \$25.

The final event April 22 at 1:30 p.m. will include a concert by Harris along with the top three performance competition winners, the winners of the top three songs and the Worship Leading Choir.

For more information, call Campbellsville's school of music at (270) 789-5237 or visit www.campbellsville.edu.

LifeWay effort targets porn addiction

Nashville (BP)—LifeWay Christian Resources has joined with Pure Online to offer an Internet-based recovery program for sexual addiction and pornography. The program provides anonymity along with a call to accountability.

"LifeWay wants to recognize what a blight sexual addiction and pornography have become in this culture," said Bruce Mills, manager of online learning in LifeWay's e-business department. "We hope to help people get the support for the recovery they need."

Brandon Cotter, Pure Online founder and chief executive officer, said years of working in the Internet industry made him aware of what a problem pornography was becoming.

"There's been massive growth in the Internet pornography industry, but I saw little growth in the area

of combating that addiction," Cotter said. "Pure Online came about as a way to help solve this very real Internet need."

Pure Online features a 30-day curriculum that alternates between sessions of streaming video and workbook material. The workbook is available for download online or, for an additional fee, through the mail.

The sessions are led by speakers such as Craig Gross, pastor and founder of XXXchurch.com; Joe Dallas, licensed counselor and program director of Genesis Counseling, a Christian counseling service for men dealing with sexual addiction, homosexuality and other sexual/relational problems; and Kenny Luck, president of Every Man Ministries and minister to men at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif.

For more information, visit www.lifeway.com/learning.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

3-4 Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Bowling Green.

16 Connecting with Guests and New Members, Williamstown Baptist Church.

20 Retirement Choices Workshop, First Baptist Church, Princeton.

21 Connecting with Guests and New Members, Mays Lick Baptist Church.

21 Retirement Choices Workshop, Baptist Building, Louisville.

22 Retirement Choices Workshop, First Baptist Church, London.

23 Connecting with Guests and New Members, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

23 Retirement Choices Workshop, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

25 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions and State Youth Choir Festival—East, Central Baptist Church, Winchester.

25 Hispanic Evangelism Conference & Hispanic Women's Meeting, Horse Cave Baptist Church.

25 Love 101, Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

25 RA Congress Region 1, First Baptist Church, Mayfield.

27-28 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

March

3-4 Creative Ministries Festival, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

3-4 Handbell Festival, Cave City Convention Center.

4 RA Congress Region 5, Central Baptist Church, Maysville.

4 Vacation Bible School Clinic, Victory Baptist Church, Lexington.

6 Interfaith Witness Training, Northside Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

7 Interfaith Witness Training, Paintsville.

8-22 Kentucky Changers College Blitz, Morehead.

10-11 Creative Ministries Festival, Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green.

11 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

11 RA Congress Region 3, South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville.

11 Vacation Bible School Clinic, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

18 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions and State Youth Choir Festival—West, Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

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Quiet on immigration

Many evangelical groups remain conspicuously mum on subject

By Jeffrey MacDonald
Religion News Service

Washington (RNS)—Advocates at World Relief, the humanitarian arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, usually can expect a warm greeting from large evangelical groups wielding clout in the halls of Congress.

But this year, they're getting a downright chilly reception to one of their priority agenda items: immigration reform.

As Congress grapples with legislation regarding an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants, the nation's most powerful conservative Christian organizations have been watching from the sidelines.

This occurs despite decades of evangelical initiative to make America a hospitable haven for religious and political refugees.

The search to explain the silence leads through several layers of reasoning.

For starters, the Christian right says it has other issues at the moment, such as the confirmation of conservative judges and the battle against same-sex marriage. Beyond that, some suspect evangelicals don't want to appear soft on lawbreakers of any kind.

And on a level that plumbs the depths of what it means to bear Christian witness, evangelicals confide they're still struggling as a community to determine the right thing to do.

Among Southern Baptists, for instance, "there's no consensus about what to do about the (illegal immigrants) who are already here or about how we would allow legal immigration," says Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, which articulates public policy positions for the 16 million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

Southern Baptists "see a basic distinction between people who

are refugees, who are in fear of losing their life and home ... and those who are coming over primarily for economic reasons and are not abiding by the immigration laws," Land says. Because mass deportation "isn't realistic," he adds, the denomination needs to wrestle longer with what to do.

Evangelicals on the immigration front lines say time is running out.

Near Tucson, Ariz., Maryada Vallet travels the desert in a pickup truck, stopping not only to feed undocumented border crossers, but also to wash their blistered feet. It's a gesture from biblical accounts of what Jesus did for His disciples at the Last Supper.

But World Relief staff attorney Amy Bliss warns that such inspired volunteer work could lead to federal prosecution if a bill passed in December by the U.S. House of Representatives becomes law.

"Anyone who believes" in the biblical story of the gentile who stopped to help a wounded man, Vallet says, "should be outraged that ... the government is making it a crime to be a Good Samaritan."

Soon the U.S. Senate is expected to start reviewing the House-passed bill in committee.

Preoccupied with other issues

Yet despite appeals for help from evangelicals at Baltimore-based World Relief and Arlington, Va.-based Jubilee Campaign, the faith's political heavy hitters have kept mum on immigration.

Amber Hildebrand, a spokesperson for the Washington-based Family Research Council, explains: "It's not that we don't think (immigration policy) is important. There have just been other issues the FRC has chosen to focus on."

Colorado-based Focus on the Family spokesperson Gwen Stein gives the same reason for her group's reticence to take a stand.

definitive statement from the Supreme Court."

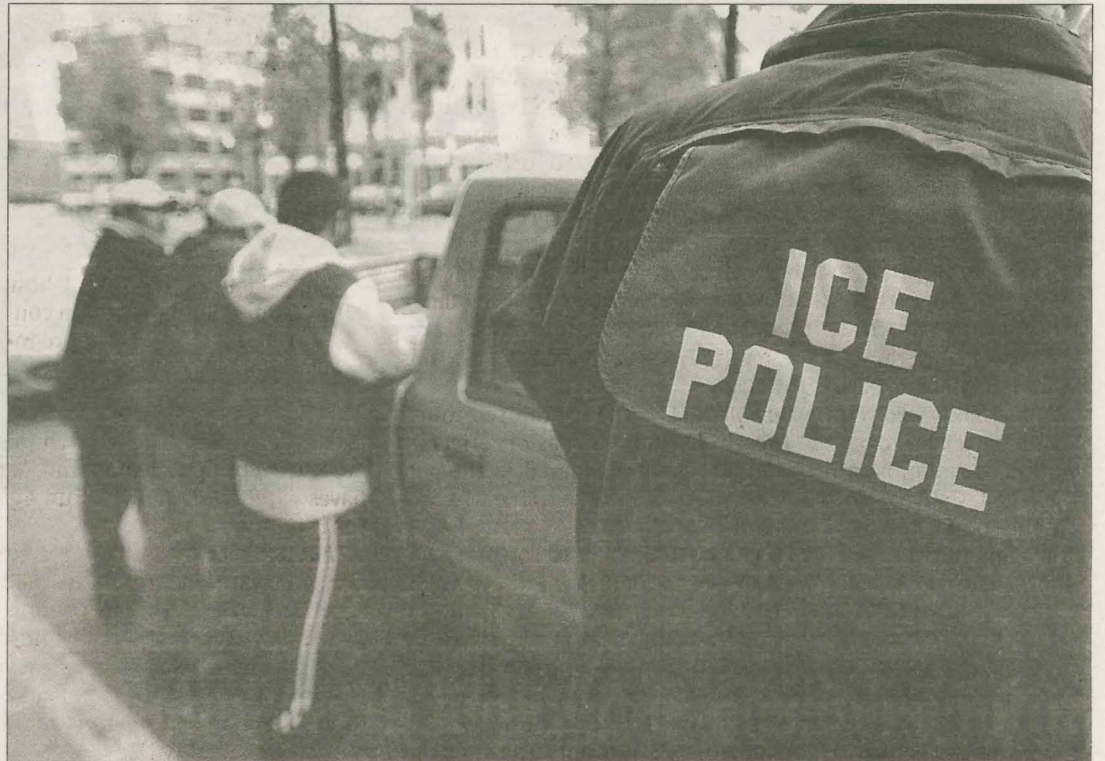
Definitive or not, supporters of the law won a victory Jan. 17. Though the high court's 6-3 ruling did not address the right to end one's life, it did end speculation that the Justice Department could punish doctors for prescribing in accordance with Oregon's Death With Dignity Act.

And it left intact the Oregon model for other states to follow.

Eighthme predicted several states, including California and Vermont, would seriously consider doing so this year.

"The main push is in California," he said. The political stakes there are huge, because the state is home to one in nine Americans.

A bill modeled on Oregon's law cleared two committees in the California Assembly last year but never came to a floor vote. A modi-



The National Association of Evangelicals hasn't taken a position on immigration since 1985. At that time, as President Reagan was ushering in what was in effect an amnesty program for illegal aliens, the NAE pledged "to eliminate the spirit of racism in any of our responses" and "show personal and corporate hospitality to those who seek a new life in our nation."

Fear of looking liberal?

Evangelicals' hesitancy traces, observers say, to political as much as moral reservations. Evangelicals might be inclined to sympathize with fellow Christians from south of the border who have taken a grave personal risk in order "to support their families back at home," Bliss says, but those views apparently can't survive in public discourse.

"The rhetoric is considered a liberal issue," Bliss says. "Fear of looking weak or too liberal permeates a lot of the discussion. I think that's the concern."

Evangelical groups, if determined to appear tough on illegal

immigration, could endorse the House-approved bill, which provides for a fence along 700 miles of the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexican border, though it doesn't address the question of what to do with undocumented immigrants.

But evangelicals who appear unsympathetic toward immigrants run other political risks.

They could alienate business interests, that is, political allies in industries known to employ thousands of undocumented workers.

They also could run afoul of a growing foreign-born constituency, according to Manuel Vasquez, associate professor of religion at the University of Florida and an expert on religion and immigration.

"In many ways, conservatives see immigrants from Latin America are bringing values that they would like to regain: values of family, gender roles that are very well defined, an ethic of hard work," Vasquez says.

"Immigrants have values that can convert America and return America to the values of thrift and hard work."

IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS Three Latino men are stopped by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers near a day labor site in New Orleans. (RNS photo by Michael Falco)

Will decision on assisted suicide lead to laws in other states?

By Don Colburn
Religion News Service

Portland, Ore. (RNS)—When Oregon became the first state to legalize doctor-assisted suicide in 1997, backers hoped and opponents feared that others would follow.

None did. Oregon remains the only state where a doctor can legally prescribe a drug dose aimed at hastening a patient's death.

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week, in favor of Oregon and against the Bush administration, could change that—as much by its symbolism as its substance.

"There has been this wait-and-see attitude; a reluctance even on the part of our supporters to push legislation," said George Eighthme, executive director of the Oregon branch of Compassion & Choices, an assisted suicide advocacy group.

"People said they wanted, a

fied version is being pushed on the Senate side this year, said Donne Brownsey, Compassion & Choice's lobbyist in California.

Doctor-assisted suicide is one of the most passionately argued issues in U.S. medicine and politics.

Public split on assisted suicide

A Pew Research Center poll released two weeks before the high court's ruling found that 46 percent of U.S. respondents supported a right to assisted suicide, and 45 percent opposed it.

Even in states where public opinion supports doctor-assisted suicide, proponents face fierce institutional opposition from groups such as the Catholic Church, the American Medical Association and the Bush administration.

"Something that intentionally causes death—how can that be a valid medical practice?" said Dr.

Charles Bentz, a Portland, Ore., internist and the president of Physicians for Compassionate Care, which opposes assisted suicide.

Bentz said the practice of assisted suicide "erodes the trust of patients in their doctor."

In all, 18 states have seen ballot measures proposed or bills introduced on assisted suicide. Most of those bills went nowhere.

Oregon voters narrowly approved the Death With Dignity Act in 1994 and reaffirmed it in 1997 by a wider margin after legal challenges.

Under the Oregon law, doctors can prescribe a lethal drug dose to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who requests it both in writing and aloud, and meets other requirements.

During the law's first seven years, 208 Oregonians died that way.

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Dr. Charles Bentz, president of Physicians for Compassionate Care

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