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'Left Behind' video game draws criticism for violence

By Piet Levy
Religion News Service

Nashville (RNS)—Sex and violence are the bread and butter of the video game industry. But a soon-to-be released game aimed at Christian teens is banking on blockbuster status by replacing the sex with prayer—while keeping the violence.

Players either can join the Christians and kill or convert non-believers, or join the demonic forces and smite Christians, in "Left Behind: Eternal Forces," a video game due out this fall as part of the wildly popular "Left Behind" franchise.

"Eternal Forces" is the latest effort by Tyndale House Publishers to profit from the "Left Behind" novels, a fictional series about the apocalypse that its authors say has won converts to Christianity.

But "Eternal Forces" might be the franchise's most controversial product. The game purports to teach Christian values while allowing players to kill in the name of either Christianity or the Antichrist.

"Our first and foremost goal ... was just to make a great game that gamers would love to play," said Jeffrey Frichner, president of Left Behind Games. "It ties into the fact that it does take place in the tribulation, and the 'Left Behind' series has a lot of violence in it, and that's what's popular with video games."

Talks between Tyndale and Left Behind Games, a publicly traded secular company, began in 2004. The game makers were allowed to use the name and have creative control while granting Tyndale and "Left Behind" authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins final approval.

"There can always be complications when two organizations work together," said Jim Elwell, director of international publishing for Tyndale. "That hasn't been the case with Left Behind Games. ... It has been a satisfactory relationship."

Frichner said he and partner Troy Lyndon wanted to tap into the video game market by piggybacking on a well-known Christian product. The name "Left Behind," Frichner said, "stood head and shoulders" above the rest.

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Hands & hearts

Kentucky Changers serve Russellville, Louisville and Lawrenceburg

By Dannah Prather
Partnerships Editor

Louisville—For many Kentucky Baptists, paying for the privilege to work a week in the hot sun and sleep on a hard gymnasium floor has become a summer tradition more cherished than fireworks or lemonade on the front porch.

For 13 years, Kentucky Changers has drawn students and adults from across the commonwealth—and other states—to provide free home repair and renovation to individuals and families in need.

This summer, more than 850 volunteers served 65 homeowners in Russellville, Lawrenceburg and Louisville. A college team of Kentucky Changers also roofed a house in Lawrenceburg during spring break.

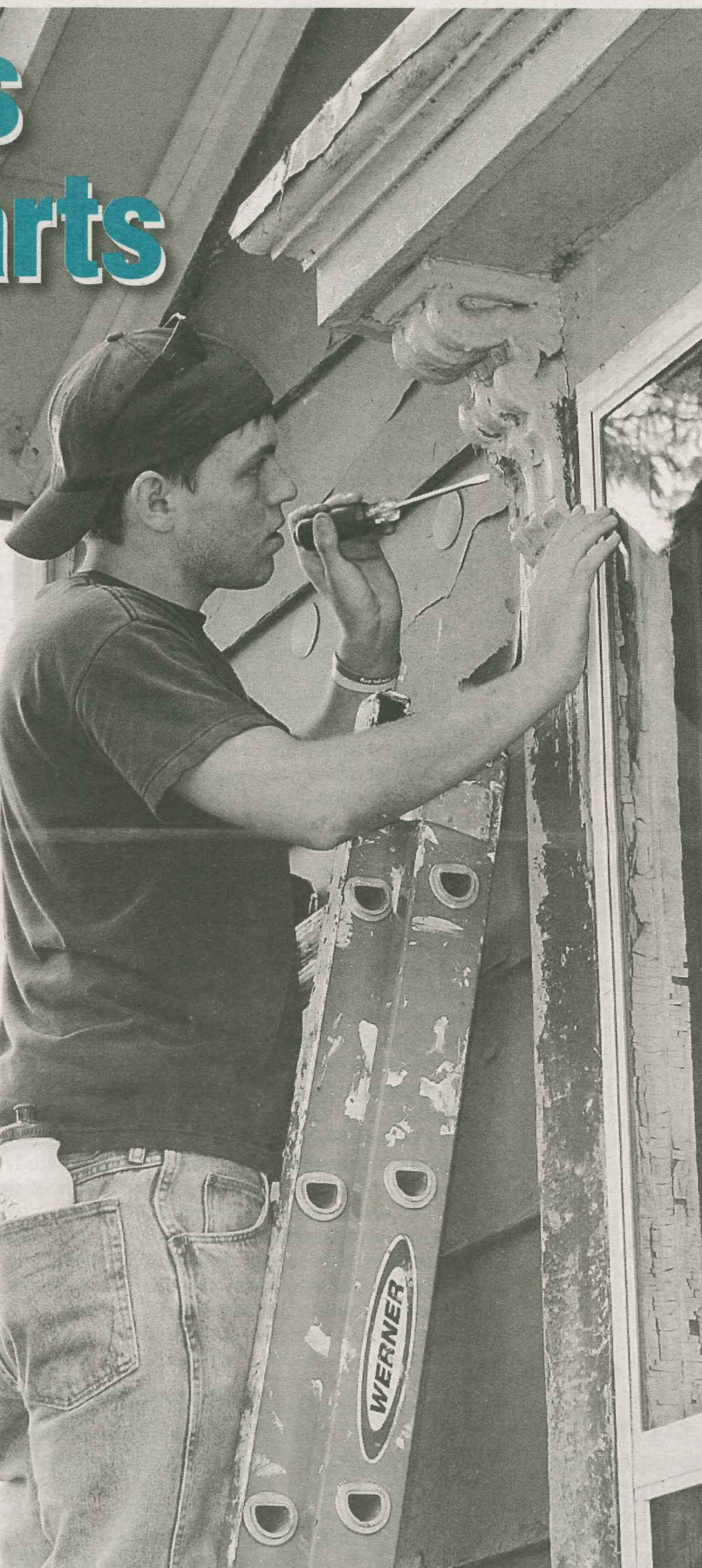
Taking a break from working on a West Louisville home, volunteer supervisor Terry Blackburn describes how he got hooked.

Friend and veteran crew chief Joe Ball Sr. "tried to hook me" for three or four years, said Blackburn, a member of Aurora Baptist Church. "I finally went just to get him off my back." That was about five years ago.

"It changes a house," said Ball, a member of Summit Hills Baptist Church in Bullitt County. "It changes the people living in the house. It changes the people working on the house."

The changes to a house can be night and day. Volunteers can perform a variety of work, from painting a house or installing new vinyl siding to building a new porch or ramp.

Jessie Harris of Louisville first made a request for assistance three years ago through New Directions Housing. Kentucky Changers was



DETAIL WORK Kentucky Changer Erik Filyaw of Columbus, Ohio, scrapes paint from a decorative window scroll on a home in West Louisville. The team of student workers and their adult leaders installed vinyl siding on the home of Jessie Harris during the final Kentucky Changers project of the summer. More than 850 student and adult volunteers have served through four Kentucky Changers projects this year.

given a list of 40 potential projects with resources available to complete 11, according to Joe Ball Jr., youth strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"We do what we know we can do," he said, adding each host city always has more needs than resources.

Harris, who has lived in Louisville since 1960, said she doesn't mind that it took three years for a

Kentucky Changers crew to arrive. "I have no complaints. The Lord has blessed me," said the pastor's widow.

Originally, Harris thought a new paint job was all her house needed, but Kentucky Changers coordinators suggested vinyl siding instead.

John Edwards, Lew Cook and Philip Ritchey are part of a statewide □ See Kentucky Changer teens ... Page 3

Fish affirms ongoing confidence in NAMB

"I'm here to be of help. I don't care what echelon you're in."

NAMB Interim President Roy Fish, speaking to NAMB employees

Alpharetta, Ga. (BP)—Declaring that "I've always had confidence in what goes on" at the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, interim president Roy Fish told NAMB employees his confidence in the Southern Baptist entity "has not diminished one bit."

Fish, a longtime professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, was named interim president in the wake of former NAMB President Robert Reccord's resignation amid concerns about his administrative leadership.

"I'm here to be of help. I don't care what echelon you're in," Fish told 200 NAMB staff members during a recent meeting at NAMB headquarters in Alpharetta, Ga.

Fish acknowledged that he was "a little intimidated, humbled and tremendously challenged" in assuming responsibility as interim president.

He joked that "interim could be part of my name," citing the fact

that he has served as an interim pastor at more than 50 Southern Baptist churches through the years. He currently is interim pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Fish said serving in NAMB's top executive post is "one of the greatest privileges of my life. I'll never touch anything bigger than this."

"When I read NAMB's report to the recent Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, I liked what I read," he added. "The report said the work of NAMB will have a true impact in North America only if we adopt a God-sized dream and God-sized goals. Then and only then, will we leave a God-sized legacy. I like that."

Recalling the story of Gideon, whose small band of 300 warriors defeated an opposing army of thousands, Fish reminded NAMB employees that to win, Gideon's soldiers stood in their place.

He noted they also carried torch-

es and sounded trumpets.

"I challenge you to commit yourself to be the person who stands in his or her place—to take your belt up a couple of notches, stay with it and be at your best. That's my personal responsibility and yours—to shine a light and trumpet the gospel. And again, that's why I'm here—to help you stand in your place."

George Thomasson, director of implementation in NAMB's church planting group, said Fish's words were "encouraging and energizing."

Thomasson was among Fish's former evangelism students at Southwestern Seminary.

Jonathan Wilson, an associate in NAMB's student volunteer mobilization unit, also was one of Fish's students at Southwestern.

"Ten years later, I still hear that passion in his voice for reaching the lost for Jesus Christ," Wilson said. "I can't think of anyone better to serve with us in this capacity right now."

Fish, a native of Arkansas, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southwestern Seminary.



Roy Fish

IMB study kit seeks to get Baptists 'on mission'

Richmond, Va. (BP)—"To the Ends of the Earth," an interactive study jointly developed by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and LifeWay Christian Resources, is designed to help churches get every member of their congregation involved in missions.

The study coincides with IMB President Jerry Rankin's goal of 10,000 Southern Baptist churches working hand-in-hand with missionaries to reach a lost world with the gospel of Christ.

The nine-session study—intended for both large groups and small groups—is based on Rankin's book bearing the same name.

"We wrote the book for churches and pastors to catch a vision for fulfilling our Great Commission task; to help them realize it's not the role of missionaries or the International Mission Board to reach the lost world but the church's," Rankin said. "Churches have a heart for missions, they support missions, but they don't have a vision for how they can be personally and directly involved. The interactive study will help them process that challenge

among their membership."

The study offers practical ways for individuals to get involved in missions. It also provides an in-depth look at how the IMB operates, from types of missionary service to strategy. Divided into a leader kit and member book, each unit includes a personal introduction from Rankin, video of IMB missionaries at work around the world and interactive questions to help participants apply what they've learned.

The interactive nature of the study is a new feature for IMB products.

"We've put out plenty of informational resources—high-quality brochures, booklets and magazines," Rankin said. "But there's something about people needing to interact with the material and draw them into a study where it really becomes a part of their life that makes this special."

John Kramp, vice president for LifeWay's church resources division, said he felt the story of Southern Baptist missions work wasn't as well known as it should be and wanted to help do something about it.

"Our special focus was on the millions of Southern Baptists (who) are going on overseas volunteer mission trips," Kramp explained. He said he believes educating volunteers before their trips means "they'll come to that volunteer opportunity already knowledgeable about the work and the strategy, maximizing their efforts overseas."

"To the Ends of the Earth" is the first in a series of interactive studies being developed by LifeWay and the IMB. The second, "Basic Training for Missions Teams," will be released next month. It is targeted at churches ready to take the next step—planning their own volunteer mission trip.

Dan Allen, leader of the IMB's media group, said IMB officials developed "Basic Training for Missions Teams" because Southern Baptist churches were asking for a practical guide to plan missions trips.

For more information about either resource, contact the IMB at (800) 999-3113 or go online to resources.imb.org; or contact LifeWay at (800) 458-2772 or visit LifeWayStores.com.

BAPTIST DIGEST

Blackaby resigns at Canadian seminary.

Richard Blackaby, president of Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, has resigned to become president of Blackaby Ministries International, an organization founded by his father, Henry Blackaby. The younger Blackaby, who has served 13 years at the seminary, has been named chancellor by seminary trustees. Seminary professor Bob Tucker is interim president.

Crossover records 800 profession of faith.

More than 800 people made professions of faith in Christ during last month's Crossover Triad evangelistic emphasis held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C. While several of the professions of faith resulted from Crossover events, Crossover coordinators reported the majority were the result of ministry efforts by the North American

Mission Board's Intentional Community Evangelism team, made up of 55 "witnessing warriors" from churches throughout the SBC. Approximately 2,000 throughout

took part in more than 30 Crossover evangelistic events, according to Darrel Davis, Crossover Triad ministry assistant for the Baptist Convention of North Carolina. He said 26 churches will be planted as a result of this year's Crossover efforts.

Study counts 1,600 ordained Baptist women.

Approximately 1,600 Baptist women in the southern United States have been ordained to the ministry, according to a report released by Baptist Women in Ministry. Authors Eileen Campbell-Reed and Pamela Durso presented their report, "The State of Women in Baptist Life," during the organization's recent annual meeting in Atlanta. The study reported that 60 Baptist

women were ordained as ministers in 2005.

According to the report, 102 women serve as pastors, co-pastors or church starters in churches affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship—moderate groups most closely aligned with Baptist Women in Ministry.

Swinford, retired Illinois Baptist exec, dies.

Maurice Swinford, who led the Illinois Baptist State Association for five years until his retirement in 1993, died June 24. He was 78. Swinford, an Illinois native, served 10 years as Illinois Baptists' church development division director before being elected executive director in 1988. Before joining the state convention staff, he served several churches in Illinois and Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte.

Baltimore tapped as NAMB's next 'Focus City'

Baltimore (BP)—Baltimore has been tapped as the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's newest Strategic Focus City.

Baltimore Baptist Association pastors officially have accepted NAMB's November 2005 invitation to form a partnership to focus national resources in local church evangelism and church planting efforts in the Baltimore area.

For the past three years, Baltimore-area churches and associations, along with the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware and other ministry partners, have been ministering in Baltimore through cooperative efforts known as Embrace Baltimore.

John Yarbrough, vice president of NAMB's strategic initiatives group, said area Baptist leaders "have a passion to reach the lost and see a spiritual transformation occur in Baltimore."

"Numbers of other state conventions, associations, hundreds of Southern Baptist churches and thousands of Southern Baptist volunteers will be mobilized to join our brothers and sisters in Baltimore to share Christ and start strong, vibrant churches to join the great existing churches," Yarbrough added.

The official launch of the Strategic Focus City strategy in Baltimore is scheduled for 2008 or 2009.

The first two Strategic Focus cities, Chicago and Phoenix, implemented their strategic plans in 2000. They were followed by Las Vegas and Boston in 2001, Seattle and Philadelphia in 2002, Miami in 2003-2004 and New York City in 2003-2005.

NAMB recently transferred coordination for efforts in Vancouver, British Columbia, to the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists. The strategy for Cleveland, Ohio, the newest Strategic Focus City, currently is being implemented.

Ritche Carney, NAMB's Strategic Focus City coordinator, said he hopes Baltimore's historic Baptist heritage will come into national focus.

Like Annie Armstrong, who lived and ministered in Baltimore, "Baptists everywhere have the opportunity to invest in a city of great need," he said.

"Baltimore, particularly the Inner Harbor, is growing economically and educationally off the charts," he noted. "Even so, the poverty in the city is shocking; the crime is shocking; the vast number of unwed mothers and the number of high school dropouts are shocking."

Carney said he hopes the Strategic Focus City emphasis will help Christians build personal relationships throughout the region that will lead people to faith in Christ.

Kentucky Changer teens spend week serving others

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volunteer network of Kentucky Changers coordinators in charge of various aspects of the projects. They said homeowners often exhibit skepticism when they first hear that a group of students plans to renovate their house free of charge.

Kentucky Changers serve each community for two consecutive years. Edwards, a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Glasgow, said the first year often is about building trust with homeowners, vendors and other members of the community.

"When they start seeing what we can do and the professional, Christian manner we're exhibiting, the second year they become much more receptive," he said.

Projects cost an average of \$1,500. Local governments often provide money, according to Peggy Murphy, ministry assistant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Baptist Men on Mission department. In recent years, more dollars are coming directly from Kentucky Baptist associations and churches.

"It's not a camp," Cook said. "It's hard work and these are difficult jobs."

Crew chiefs experienced in carpentry and contracting lead groups of 11 to 14 students. "I get a charge out of students coming who don't know how to drive nails. ... They're willingness to learn just comes out," Edwards said. "To see them progress in a week, I get excited about it."

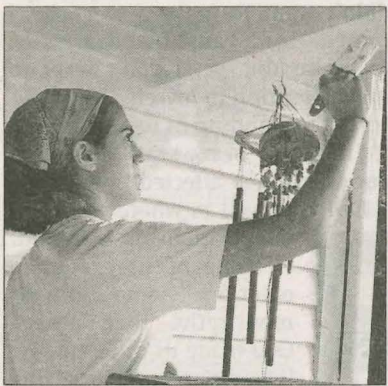
This was Ashlee Pitcock's first year as a Kentucky Changer. "At first, I had no idea what I was doing," she said, but added that the crew chiefs and experienced members of her team taught her what she needed to know. Soon, she was helping replace the roof of a house.

"I thought it was going to be harder than it has been," said Pitcock, a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville.

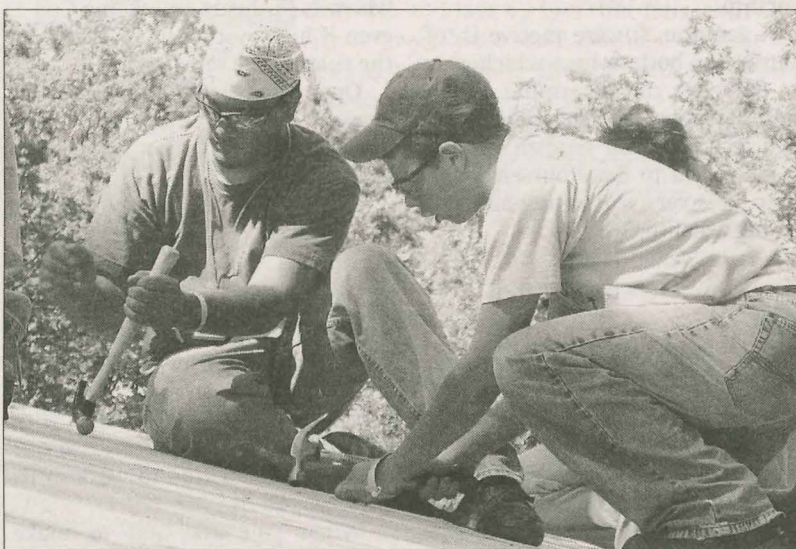
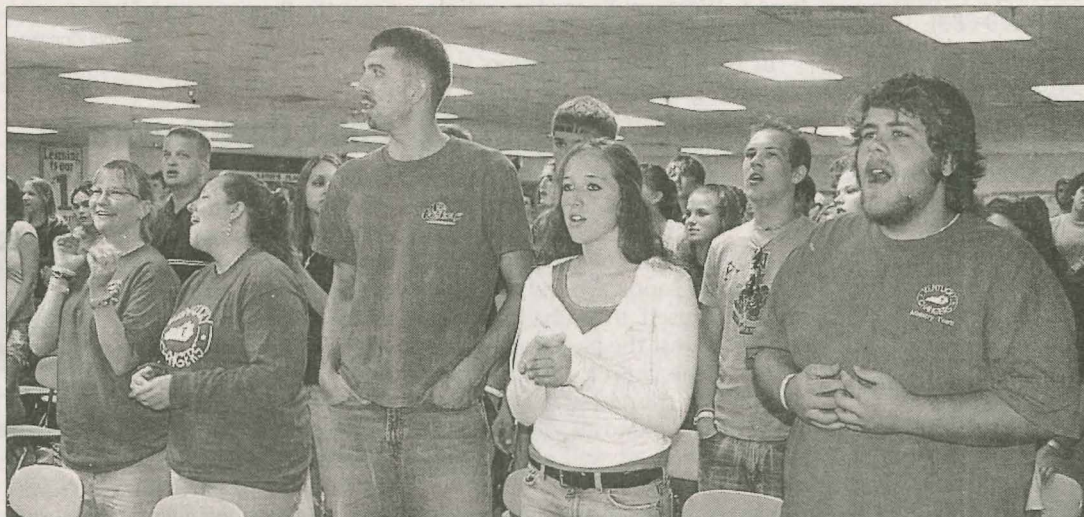
Changing homeowners

When a dozen or more noisy teenagers converge on a street, neighbors want to know what is going on, Cook said.

"We've had homeowners who didn't know their neighbors," he noted. Through Kentucky Changers, "they began to talk to each other and see that they have things in



PAINTING Kristen Doult, a member of FBC Oak Grove, paints a house during a Kentucky Changers project in Russellville. (Photos by Bobby Essler)



ROOF WORK Michael Oxford, a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, and Derek McKibben, a member of Greensburg Baptist Church, hammer shingles on the roof of a Habitat for Humanity house in Russellville.



HABITAT HELP Celia Collins, a member of Greensburg Baptist Church, saws plywood for a Habitat for Humanity house in Russellville.

FILLING UP Evening worship helps students replenish spiritually, according to Kentucky Baptist Convention Youth Strategist Joe Ball. Most Kentucky Changers already attend church, but each year students make first-time professions of faith in Christ, or rededicate themselves to a Christian lifestyle. Some students also make decisions to pursue full-time Christian service after high school. (Photo by Dannah Prather)

common."

Edwards added: "It doesn't matter if you're in Louisville or Uno, people know you're there and there's a huge witness."

Changing volunteers

"God is changing lives at each project," Cook said. Although most students who participate are involved in church, the experience of daily service, followed by nightly worship with times of prayer and Bible study sprinkled in between, creates a transforming environment.

This year, Murphy said 11 students made first-time professions of faith in Christ during Kentucky Changers projects. Twenty others said they felt God was calling them to full-time Christian service.

"Kentucky Changers is about how God will talk to a kid on a ladder with a paint bucket ... when they might not hear Him the same way if they're sitting on the couch playing Playstation," said Ball Jr. "Their souls get hungry when they're doing good things."

Adults say that working with Changers impacts their attitudes about youth and worship.

"You get 300 young people worshipping, the older folks might not necessarily like (the music) but the message is the same—salvation," Cook said. "This has helped me appreciate young people more."

"I love working with the youth," Blackburn said. "They are so energetic, full of life and full of the Spirit, it just overflows. To see them walk up to a stranger on the street and start telling them about Jesus, that's great. Most of us adults don't have that kind of courage."

Students say making a tangible difference in the lives of others, and being challenged by peers and adult leaders is exciting.

"At other camps, it's about getting a mindset on God," said Jaelyn Ball, a student at Whitefield Academy. "Here, you get your mind set on God, but you also help people."

It was the second year in Kentucky Changers for Jaelyn Ball and Allie Orr. "We came last year and made tons of friends," Orr said. "It was a real bonding experience."

On the job site, schedules and rules are critical to efficiency and safety, but off-site, Orr said the atmosphere is more relaxed compared to other camps. She said the Bible studies and messages at eve-

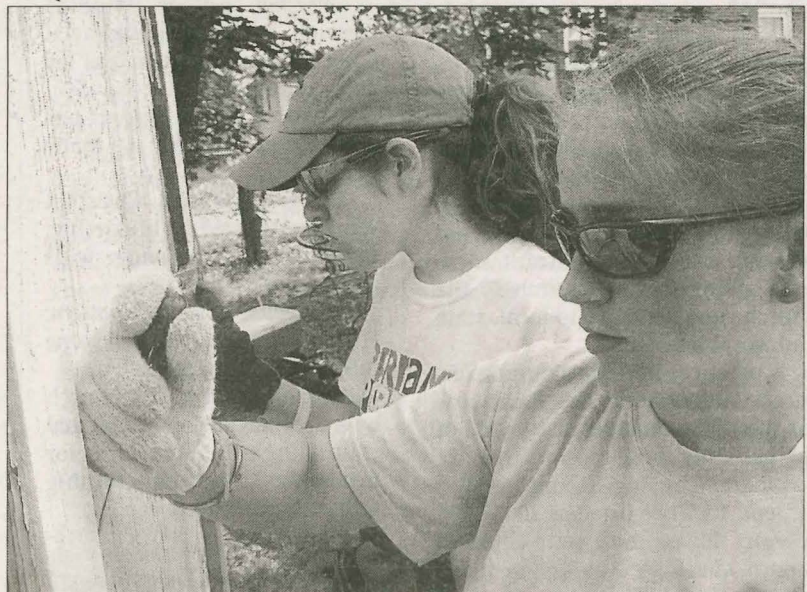
ning worship "were about real-life experiences you can apply to your life."

Both generations agree that Kentucky Changers inspires them to share God's love and the gospel in many different ways.

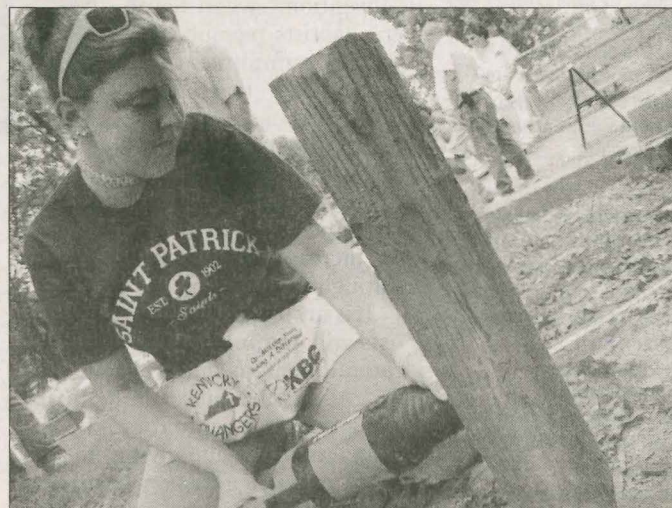
"People in Louisville need God as much as people in Africa," Jaelyn Ball said. "It's important to serve here too."

Churches should see the potential Kentucky Changers has for equipping future missionaries, Edwards said.

"If we could get students doing a one-week mission opportunity each year from seventh through 12th grade, and then four years of college, that's 10 years of missions," Edwards said. "After 10 years, it should be built into their life when they graduate college and get into their own local church. That's what we're after."



PREP WORK Ann Furguson (right) and Jessica Lee, both from Memorial Baptist Church in Murray, scrape paint from a house in Lawrenceburg.



DECONSTRUCTION Megan Gallenstein, a member of Central Baptist Church in Maysville, cuts down a post that previously supported a porch. She attended the Kentucky Changers event in Lawrenceburg.

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Maintain Baptist roots

I am writing in regard to the June 6 Western Recorder article titled "Who rules?"

In my opinion, the pastors who consider governance by elders instead of a congregational model in Baptist churches should move to the Presbyterian churches who practice this type of control over their members.

I believe that congregationalism is linked to Baptists' belief that God reveals Himself to every Christian and not to just the pastor and a few elders in the church. We have deacons in our churches who minister to the pastor and to all the members of the church, as well as reaching out to the community.

I am 70 years old and have been a Christian in a Baptist church since I was 9 years old.

I wholeheartedly agree with Bill Leonard, dean of the school of theology at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, who states that congregationalism is linked to Baptists' belief that God reveals Himself and His will for a congregation to every

member of the church, not solely to a pastor or bishop.

Elder governance is a departure from the Baptist roots of belief.

Patricia Donahoo
Sebree

Don't thwart worship

In response to the June 27 Western Recorder article, "Church leaders differ over applause in church": Beyond cheering the performer, clapping is a way to say, "I agree with you" or "Yes, Lord, please hear that as my song to You also." Since we can't all sing, preach or play an instrument, we can at least clap (or say "amen") to participate at some level in the offering of praise and worship.

A genuine, sincere motive is, of course, the bottom line, which only we ourselves can determine. When we let ourselves truly delight in the Lord, clapping can happen spontaneously; and to force ourselves not to do so is very frustrating and can thwart worship.

I've felt a similar frustration when I wanted to stand and raise my hands in heartfelt worship, yet didn't want to make a spectacle. I prayed, "Lord, I am not embarrassed to praise You, yet I don't want to draw attention to myself. You know, Lord, I'm standing in my spirit even if I'm sitting in my seat!" Obviously our worship is affected by our personality, as well as where we are in our relationship with God.

Some of us are more emotional, some more demonstrative than others. God made us different—He likes different. So let's "sing when the Spirit says, 'Sing!' and clap when the Spirit says, 'Clap!'" Let's pray as Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles 30:18-19, "May the Lord, Who is good, pardon everyone who sets his heart on seeking God ... even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary."

One thing is fairly certain—in heaven we will clap and even dance. (Now that may raise some eyebrows!)

Ginger Wilkinson
Louisville



Serving an all-powerful God

By Henry Blackaby

Atlanta (BP)—The God of creation is my God and your God—today. And there is so much we can learn about God from what we see of Him in His creation.

First, He is sovereign. When He wills some-

thing it always comes to pass. When God speaks it happens, and it is always good. What a wonderful revelation we receive from the very beginning of the Bible (Genesis 1:9-10, 11-13, 14-18, 20-21, 24-25). God is omnipotent. He always possesses infinite power. That which He speaks comes to pass and that which He purposes He does (Isaiah 14:24, 27; 46:10-11).

Then, we see God actively at work

among His people throughout the Bible. He created them, and He always thinks and desires the very best for them. In short, He loves them. In Jeremiah 29:11-13 He says: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

God's "good will" for His people is always accomplished if they seek, yield and obey Him. God still is actively at work in our lives and our churches. He even is present and active in our workplaces. But we must

stay so close to God that we know with full assurance that when He speaks into our lives it always will "be so" and it always will "be good." It is imperative that we seek Him with all our heart and release our lives in faith for God to work in us and through us.

When you ask God to make known His will in your life to you, you must:

- Have an intimate relationship with Him so you can hear His voice.
- Have a faith that always will believe Him.
- Have a heart to trust and obey Him.
- Let Him do His will in you and through you wherever He places you daily.

Henry Blackaby is founder of Blackaby Ministries International in Atlanta

COMMENTARY

Missions support through CP

Some people have questioned the vitality of the Cooperative Program as the best way for churches to support state missions and ministries and world missions.

But others believe the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C., will be remembered as the "Cooperative Program convention," when Southern Baptists reemphasized their commitment to cooperating together to fund missions and ministries at home and around the world. That could be the case if church leaders vote with their pocketbooks and church budgets to increase support of missions through CP.

It is my prayer that Kentucky Baptists will continue to grow in their commitment to and gracious support of mission causes in Kentucky and around the world through CP.

In recent years giving to the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board offerings has grown significantly while CP giving by churches has increased only slightly. Some churches have

chosen to reduce the percentage of undesignated receipts that go to state and world mission causes through CP. Nationally, CP giving by churches has dropped from 10 percent of undesignated receipts to a little over 6 percent.

However, in Kentucky, CP giving has remained above 7 percent, and it is my hope that the percent given by KBC churches will increase. A small percentage or dollar increase by each church would have a powerful impact on meeting ministry needs in Kentucky and around the world.

In Kentucky, undesignated receipts to churches are growing about \$10 million per year. If churches gave about 10 percent of that yearly increase, many mission and ministry needs would be met in Kentucky and beyond.

Here in Kentucky, one of the greatest challenges we are facing is how to respond to the increased numbers of Hispanics flowing into Kentucky. A recent article in the Louisville Courier-Journal indicated that within 12 years 14 percent of

school enrollment will be Hispanic students.

If we are to keep up with the growth and minister to the needs of our new neighbors, we should start an average of 25 Hispanic churches each year for the next 12 years. The Kentucky Baptist Convention already has established a Hispanic Bible Institute in order to train leaders. Forty-five people currently are enrolled.

I am grateful for the gracious gifts by Kentucky Baptists through the Cooperative Program. Currently in Kentucky, we are ahead of last year's CP giving and slightly ahead of budget.

As church leaders and members, please remember that there are pressing needs that warrant sacrificial giving to your church so the church can give more to local, state and world missions.

A practical note for church treasurers and pastors: The fiscal year for the KBC concludes at the end of August. Only those receipts that are postmarked by Aug. 31 and received by Sept. 1 will be listed as 2005-2006 receipts. Please mail your church's August check by Aug. 29 to make sure it arrives by Sept. 1.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

STEWARDSHIP

Churches' changing patterns of biblical stewardship (part 2)

By Doug Strader

Last month I addressed changing stewardship patterns that are impacting churches in the 21st century. This is a continuation of that article based on Brian Kluth's writings. Note how the patterns are changing and how this might impact your church stewardship practices.

Giving. Previous pattern: Assumed that most people gave on a weekly basis. The reality is that 30 to 50 percent of people do not give. Others give on a monthly or semimonthly basis.

Emerging pattern: Churches offer people ways to give to God according to the way people receive from God (weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, offering by mail, electronic funds transfer, year-end bonuses).

Deacons. Previous pattern: Faithful stewardship giving was not a requirement to serve as a deacon.

Emerging pattern: Faithful stewardship giving is one of the requirements to serve as a deacon.

Missions. Previous pattern: Mission giving was a medium or low priority.

Emerging pattern: Strategic mission giving is a high priority.

Tithing/10 percent giving. Previous pattern: Concept was ignored or was taught as a goal to strive for in the future.

Emerging pattern: Tithing is taught as the starting point of faithful stewardship.

Building projects. Previous pattern: Primarily paid for through mortgages and bonds.

Emerging pattern: Primarily paid for through biblically based capital campaigns.

Debt problems. Previous pattern: Pastor and church often were unequipped and unprepared to handle debt issues.

Emerging pattern: Handled through small-group financial Bible studies, seminars and lay debt counselors.

Practical needs. Previous pattern: Often ignored by many churches.

Emerging pattern: Christian seminars offered on budgeting, investing, home buying, wills and estates.

Benevolence. Previous pattern: People in need were given some money or turned away.

Emerging pattern: The church offers financial or vocational counseling and provides for needs (food, housing, clothing and transportation).

Doug Strader, retired director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department, is pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville



Nonverbal cues help spouse feel listened to, understood

Q: My wife says I show no emotion. She often gets angry with me when she is talking to me and I'm not sure why. What are some techniques I can use to become a better communicator and listener?

When we think about the process of communication, many of us think about talking, using words to express ourselves.

MARRIAGE

The largest percentage of communication actually happens without words. It is nonverbal communication which includes facial expressions, tone of voice, body movement and position, hand gestures and audible sounds.

We communicate and seek to understand much of communication through the nonverbal. When one is listening, it is important to focus on the speaker by positioning your body fully facing the speaker.

The listener's eyes should be focused on the speaker's face. The listener's hands should be still and empty. These are nonverbal cues for the speaker that the listener is physically ready to receive the message.

It is important when speaking or listening that one's facial expressions match the content of the message given. If the topic is about a sad event, it is important that the facial expressions show sadness. For a speaker sharing about an event that evoked fear or pain, it is important for the speaker to see expressions of concern or worry reflected in the face of the listener. These reflections help the speaker feel heard. Without these reflections, the speaker might not feel heard and could become upset.

If your wife doesn't see your facial expressions as consistent with her narrative, she might feel ignored or uncared for by you. Some people fail to respond with appropriate facial expressions because of inattention to the speaker. Consider paying more attention to how you communicate with your wife nonverbally.

In giving us the bodies we have, God designed us to communicate with our entire being. Because of this gift, we should be aware of the many messages we communicate. It is important to be intentional with our communication, both verbally and nonverbally.—Valerie Vincent

Q: My teenage son increasingly is obsessed with money. He is working several jobs due to his desire to purchase things he really doesn't need. How can I help him understand the danger in this?

While it is natural for a teenager to want to have some discretionary money, it is important to instill in your son the wisdom that Paul communicated to young Timothy when he wrote, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).

PARENTING

Engage your son in conversation at a time when you are not irritated with him and he is not overly defensive. Help him realize some of the dangers that love of money poses for the believer. These include:

- The illusion of wealth and security coming from our own endeavors.
- The desire for wealth producing anxiety.
- Temptation to compromise honesty and ethics for material gain.
- Making money more important than one's health or relationships.

An old Roman proverb states, "Wealth is like sea water; it intensifies your thirst." Paul reminded Timothy that "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

Before you talk with your son, take a look at your own level of contentment to make sure you are not making an idol out of money and material possessions. It might be that the most important thing your son will hear from you is an apology and request for forgiveness for leading him in the way of your own temptation and sin.—Scott Wigginton

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'An oasis for those ... in the deserts of life'

"To be faithful to the gospel may mean death."

The words were spoken so calmly and matter-of-factly that their incredible impact caught me off guard.

There I was, sitting in a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance's Freedom and Justice Commission. The speaker, who cannot be identified due to security concerns, candidly was sharing about the religious persecution and other human rights abuses suffered by many Christians in his home country.

While Christians in the U.S. voice concern about the persecuted church in other parts of the world, it's emotionally unsettling to listen to a fellow believer quietly recount the atrocities he has witnessed firsthand.

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it," Jesus told His followers in Luke 9:23-24.

Most of us living in affluent Western democracies scarcely comprehend the meaning of life-threatening sacrifice, suffering or persecution. But thousands of our brothers and sisters around the globe face such challenges daily, knowing that being faithful to the gospel of Christ could bring rejection, persecution or even physical death.

May we as Western Christians renew our commitment to pray faithfully for fellow believers facing untold hardships. May we also strengthen our resolve to be bold witnesses for the gospel regardless of personal inconvenience, perceived threats or potential rejection.

In addition to BWA's historic commitment to religious freedom and human rights, the recent gathering in Mexico City highlighted ways to saturate Mexico with the gospel.

While the majority of Mexican citizens are cultural

Catholics, many of our neighbors to the south reportedly have no personal relationship to Jesus Christ. In addition to spiritual challenges, Mexico's longtime economic struggles are reflected in the current U.S. debate over immigration reform and Mexico's contested presidential election that mirrors our nation's election turmoil in 2000.

Gilberto Guterrez, president of the Mexico Baptist Convention, led a workshop on evangelism in his nation.

Posing the question, "If we want to be successful, how can we evangelize in Mexico?" Guterrez encouraged concerned Christians to be direct, dynamic and dramatic. "Don't beat around the bush," he urged. "Our people in crisis need to be faced with the truth."

Citing the need to share words of spiritual hope, the Mexican Baptist leader added, "Our poor people who live in insecurity do not need to be scolded; life has scolded them enough. ... They also do not need mirages of the prosperity gospel. They need real hope."

Affirming the need for evangelism to be enriching and pertinent while respecting cherished Hispanic traditions, Guterrez said, "We are living in a historical moment of constant change, the loss of values and a generalized crisis in all of life. Evangelism is God's tool to offer non-believers answers to those questions of life."

The key to effective evangelism, he said, is "to share in a natural way the supernatural gospel."

Emphasizing that "God's Word is the only thing unmoving until beyond the end of times," Guterrez poetically described evangelism as "an oasis for those who walk in the deserts of life."

In a world desperately in need of good news, those are valuable outreach insights whether seeking to minister in Kentucky, Mexico or the uttermost part of the earth.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Let's give God the glory

By Frank Page

Taylor, S.C. (BP)—In my new role as Southern Baptist Convention president, I firmly am convinced that Southern Baptists must renew their understanding of who is in charge, who has the power and who sets the agenda.

I call on all Southern Baptists to reaffirm that we belong to the Lord, that we accept His marching orders, and that His great Book, the Word of God, gives us that which we need for life.

Ephesians 3:20-21 says, "Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think—according to the power that works in you—to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Let us confess that He alone is able. Isn't it exciting to see that He is able to do even more than we ask or think or imagine?

■ Is He truly able to transform our churches? Is He truly able to bring revival to the Southern Baptist Convention? Is He truly able to encourage us in Cooperative Program giving and mission work?

■ Is He able to involve a record number of people from every age group and every size church?

■ Is He able to bring health and dialogue back to our convention?

■ Is He able to help us win more souls to Christ than ever before?

Let us correct our errant thinking. The Scripture is very clear—it is His power that is at work. Paul

reminds us in Ephesians 6:10, "Be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength."

Let us confirm that God is at work among us. Even in my limited time as SBC president, I already am seeing examples of God's power and work in the lives of people.

FIRST PERSON

Immediately after the SBC annual meeting, my wife and I left for a preplanned trip to Yellowstone National Park. Our precious and supportive church, First Baptist Church of Taylor, S.C., gave us this gift in recognition of five years of service.

While on this wonderful getaway, we passed by a small SBC congregation, First Baptist Church of West Yellowstone, Mont. Wanting to encourage that dear church, I stopped in to see if I might find someone there. It was a Sunday evening and it was getting late. However, in the parking lot I found several people who were part of a North American Mission Board resort outreach called the Innovators Ministry.

While there, I did not get to meet Pastor Benny McCracken, but I did meet Mission Service Corps missionary Butch Riek and NAMB resort missionary Brad Lartigue. These men were helping to oversee a group of college students from around the SBC who minister to workers in Yellowstone National Park. What an encouragement it was to see God at work in this way. That work, of course, is made possible largely because of the Southern

Baptist Cooperative Program.

Throughout the year, I am going to be emphasizing that God's power is at work through our cooperative ministries funded by the Cooperative Program. In fact, I just received my first letter from a fellow Southern Baptist who is committed to bringing his church back up to a 10 percent level of CP giving.

Let us give credit where credit is due. The Bible says it well: "To Him be glory!" Let us repent of taking credit from the Lord. Let us seek forgiveness from God for our selfishness and our lack of cooperation. Let us see things more clearly and in more honest light than ever before.

Let us join in God's concern that this glory be given to Him perpetually. The Scripture is clear that He wishes for glory to be ascribed unto Him throughout all generations.

We recognize that we have done a poor job of passing the gospel down to succeeding generations. We must realize there are powerful societal and cultural forces at work. However, rather than being discouraged because of the difficulty of living in a post-Christian nation, let us remember that our God is able, and that He is able to do more than we ask or think.

Let's be honest where we have failed. Let us admit that we often have taken the credit. Let us also be encouraged that the task belongs to God and that the power is God's power. To Him be the glory.

Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is pastor of First Baptist Church of Taylor, S.C.

Campbellsville launches worship arts degree program

Campbellsville—Campbellsville University's School of Theology has announced a new program called "worship arts area," an interdisciplinary program of study uniting music, theology, art, communication and theater.

The worship arts area will begin in the fall and will lead to a bachelor of science degree.

"The new program will equip and empower students to lead a local church to revitalize the arts in their worship of God," said John Hurtgen, dean of the School of Theology.

"As Robert Webber (Christian worship educator) says, 'The arts are the wheels on which the gospel turns,'" Hurtgen said.

"In a culture that is in many ways returning to a more visual image-driven orientation, with music very much at the heart and center, Campbellsville University provides the opportunity for called and gifted young men and women to train for holistic worship ministry," he said.

Hurtgen said the program is designed to train students to think critically about the intersection of faith, culture and the arts. He said the program would equip students to:

- Evaluate the biblical and theological content of all elements of a worship service.
- Design and lead worship in a variety of settings.
- Call out the musical, art, drama and media gifts of Christians in a local church and empower them to worship and serve.

The School of Theology, in cooperation with the worship arts committee, also will host an annual worship arts conference. The first conference is scheduled for next March and will feature Grammy and Dove award winner Michael Card and Charlotte, N.C.-based worship leader John Mark McMillan.

For more information about the new program, contact Hurtgen at (270) 789-5078 or at jehurtgen@campbellsville.edu.

Kentuckians fare well at Bible drill, speakers' event

Birmingham, Ala.—Cunningham resident Shelby Brown recently won a national competition for youth Bible drills.

Brown, a member of Friendship Baptist Church, represented Kentucky after winning the competition with 52 other Bible drilling competitors from throughout the commonwealth.

She faced 10 other seventh, eighth and ninth graders during the event, which featured two rounds, according to Jay Parker, of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's youth ministry and Sunday school group.

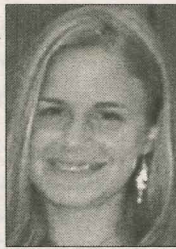
Each round consisted of five stages, including finding a specific Bible verse, finding a book of the Bible and finding a scripture passage that addressed a specific subject.

Each round included 25 questions, and a perfect score was 300 points. But bonus points were awarded to students who found the passage first.

Brown scored 305 points in the preliminary round, Parker said. Competing against five other finalists, Brown scored 310 to win the competition.

The June competition was sponsored by Baptist discipleship leaders from throughout the southeast.

Also at the competition, Lindsay Jones won runner-up honors for the speakers' tournament.



Shelby Brown



Lindsay Jones

Jones, an 11th grader, is a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Lincoln County. She competed against 15 10th-12th graders.

She spoke on the subject, "Why abstinence is the best choice."

This year, 389 4th-6th graders took part in the state's children's Bible Drill, according to Alice Seymour, of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's preschool/children's ministry and Sunday school group.

Of those, 371 were named state winners for correctly responding to at least 20 of 24 questions. Of the state winners, 84 were three-year winners.

The KBC mails information about Bible drills to each Kentucky Baptist congregation in the fall. For more information about Bible drills, call Seymour at (886) 489-3575.

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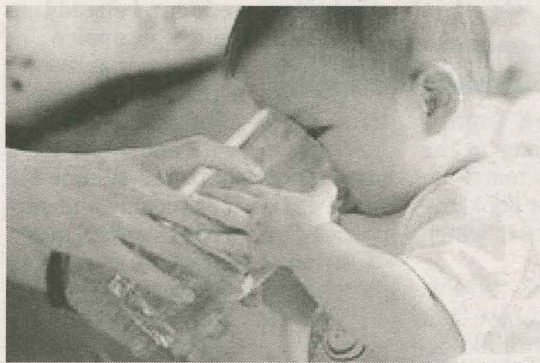
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Life insurance policy could become part of giving plan

Have you ever considered giving life insurance? My wife and I have used life insurance to add flexibility to our giving plans, and I recommend you do the same.

Perhaps you have a policy on your life that was intended to protect your spouse or your child, or to complete a mortgage payment, and those needs no longer exist.

Perhaps you bought a policy for retirement income, but you since began contributing to an employer plan or to an IRA.

You might have purchased a policy to guarantee money would be available for your children's education, and your children are now educated, thus this need no longer exists.

Like many others, you might have bought life insurance to pay federal estate taxes at your death, but due to the growing exemption equivalent, you no longer will be required to file a federal estate tax return.

Another reason you might have purchased a policy was to protect a business that no longer exists.

If you are like I was, you still

have a small policy your parents bought when you were a child.

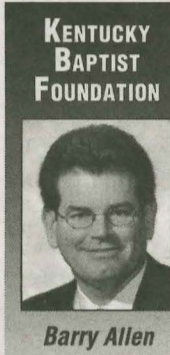
All of us have changes in our lives that may render obsolete certain life insurance coverages. I encourage you to review your coverages with your present and future needs and then consider how your life insurance can help to accomplish your charitable giving needs.

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Across

- 1 Christian disciple from Joppa who was known for her charity (Acts 9:36-43)
- 6 Resurrection day
- 10 Sixth Jewish month (Nehemiah 6:15)
- 11 Jesus did not give this to Pilate (John 19:9)
- 12 In the direction of
- 13 Derisive wit that attacks evil
- 15 A priest placed blood on the tips of these (Leviticus 14:14)
- 18 Dog noise
- 19 Laughter noise
- 20 "The valley of the shadow of ____" (Psalms 23:4)
- 21 Live
- 22 Noah's boat
- 24 What John did to the little book given to him by the angel (Revelation 10:10)
- 25 Eagle (Leviticus 11:18)
- 27 The son of Ikkesh (2 Samuel 23:26)
- 28 Expressing gratitude
- 31 Ceremonial act
- 32 "Wilt thou break a ____ driven to and fro?" (Job 13:25)
- 33 In order that
- 35 Up to now
- 36 "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the ____, and length, and depth, and height" (Ephesians 3:18)
- 39 "This is the ____ which the Lord hath made" (Psalms 118:24)
- 41 Absence or closure of a natural body passage
- 44 "I shall ____ thee wisdom" (Job 33:33)

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- 46 The Lord makes us do this in green pastures
- 48 To act properly
- 50 "____ Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and earth" (Jeremiah 32:17)
- 51 "They sought to ____ hold on him" (Mark 12:12)
- 52 Edward, for short
- 53 One does this on the seventh day of the week
- 54 Feminine pronoun
- 17 "For every one that ____ shall be cut off" (Zechariah 5:3)
- 19 Esau was, but Jacob wasn't
- 21 Pleads
- 23 Part of the children of Zebulun's inheritance (Joshua 19:15-16)
- 25 "Covet earnestly the best ____" (1 Corinthians 12:31)
- 26 Opposite of out
- 29 "The day of the Lord is ____" (Obadiah 1:15)
- 30 Location of the water of Meribah (Numbers 27:14)
- 34 Amorite king (Deuteronomy 31:4)
- 37 Contests of speed
- 38 "The mountains and the ____ shall break forth before you into singing" (Isaiah 55:12)
- 40 Paul continued a ____ and a half at Corinth (Acts 18:11)
- 42 The father of Rizpah, Saul's concubine (2 Samuel 3:7)
- 43 President Lincoln, for short
- 45 Address abbreviation
- 47 "Mine ____ affecteth mine heart" (Lam. 3:51)
- 49 Edwin for short
- 50 In this way

Down

- 1 Dover is the capital of this state, abbr.
- 2 Old Latin, abbr.
- 3 Moabite woman from whom Christ was descended
- 4 Jesus ascended up to heaven in one of these
- 5 A day of rest and worship
- 6 Curved shape
- 7 Gone
- 8 Animal or plant bristle
- 9 Voyage
- 14 Son of Salah and grandson of Shem (Genesis 10:24)
- 15 "The child Jesus ____ behind in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:43)
- 16 "His ____ was locusts" (Matthew 3:4)

Last week's solution

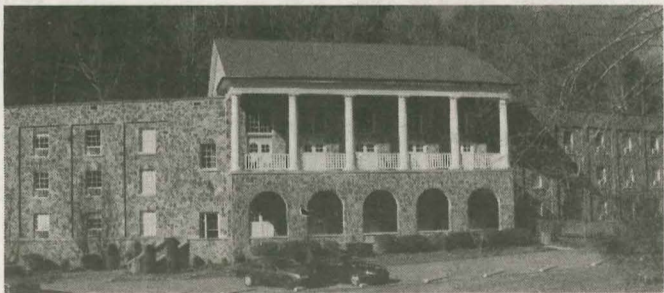
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Pastors resign from Katrina church fund advisory committee

Washington (RNS)—The co-chairs of a religious advisory committee to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund have resigned, saying checks were distributed without their knowledge in the \$20 million effort to help Gulf Coast churches.

T.D. Jakes, a Dallas megachurch pastor, and William Gray III, the former president of the United Negro College Fund, said in interviews that they were no longer comfortable leading the committee that has advised religious aspects of the fund established by former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush.

The co-chairs of the fund, former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and former Commerce Secretary Don Evans, issued a statement thanking Gray and Jakes for their work but declined further comment. But Jakes and Gray questioned the fund's fiscal oversight.

"We wanted to make sure that these monies were handed out to the people who actually, legitimately needed them," said Jakes, pastor of the Potter's House. "Before we could finish that system and that process, checks were flying out the door and it was just, to me, an uncomfortable situation."

Gray said that at least five of nine members of the fund's Interfaith Advisory Committee have resigned, along with the chief staffer in the New Orleans office they had set up. Bill Pierce, a spokesman for the fund, said he could only confirm the resignations of Gray and Jakes.

"It's a philanthropic FEMA," Gray said, referring to criticism of the Federal Emergency Management Agency after Hurricane Katrina last year.

"How do you put together a top-level board like this and then subvert the process on them?"

After holding several large-scale meetings with clergy in the affected region and reviewing grant applications, the advisory committee recommended 38 churches that should be considered for grants ranging from \$35,000 to \$200,000, Gray said. After review by fund officials, Gray and others intended to have staffers visit the houses of worship to verify their needs before money was disbursed. But the money apparently was disbursed before those visits took place, according to Gray.

"The next thing we know, we're getting calls from people saying, 'I got a check for \$35,000,'" said Gray, pastor of Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

'Left Behind' video game draws criticism

Continued from page 1

On top of that, the concept of the apocalypse for a video game setting could appeal to hard-core gamers who might not share Christian core values. And, he added, you can't have an apocalypse without violence.

"We are trying to think very thoughtfully and carefully about how we deal with the subject of death," Frichner said. "We care about these matters. We care about them deeply. But we don't want to shy away from the fact that there is violence and that is essential to making a great game with this brand."

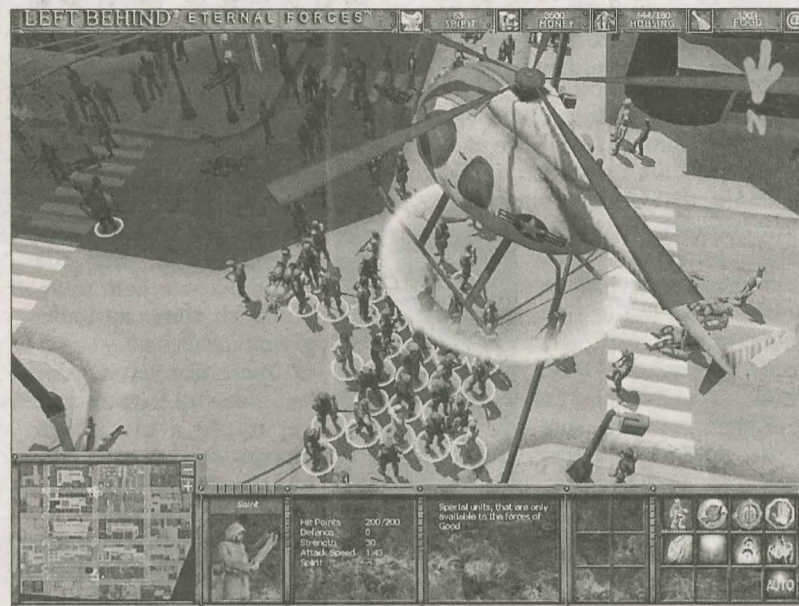
Frichner likens the game's violence to the movie "Star Wars"—no blood or guts but plenty of fighting and gunplay. The bodies will stay on the video screen instead of simply disappearing, which Frichner says will underscore that "death is a reality."

Points are subtracted for killing people while playing for the Christian forces, but can be retrieved by praying, converting non-believers, helping orphans and widows, and obtaining scrolls that contain verses of Scripture.

Joining the dark forces

But there is an option—when more than one player is participating—to join the dark forces and kill Christians at will without being penalized. Frichner says that even though players on Satan's side can prevail in a particular battle, they cannot ultimately win the war.

And while he predicts the game will get a "T" for "teen" rating by the Entertainment Software Rat-



APOCALYPSE NOW A scene in "Left Behind: Eternal Forces," a video game that has drawn criticism for its violence, including the killing of Christians and Satanic forces during the End Times. (RNS photo courtesy of The Bohle Company)

ing Board, he believes "it very well could be played by everyone," and predicted most Christians won't be offended.

Still, the game has aroused criticism well before its release.

The game's most vocal opponent is conservative Christian attorney and violent-video-game critic Jack Thompson. Thompson published his book, "Out of Harm's Way," with Tyndale last November. He has since severed ties because of "Eternal Forces."

He said Tyndale, by endorsing the game, has "personally broken my heart." He accused the company of abandoning morality by exploiting a "cash cow" in the "Left Behind" series, and said co-author

LaHaye "ought to be ashamed of himself."

"We've got a company that's really prostituting the name 'Christian' and using it as a sales tool to market to Christian kids that which is harmful by any other name," Thompson said.

Blois Olson, spokesman for the National Institute on Media and the Family, said although he hasn't played it, the game does not sound appropriate for those under 17.

"Violence is violence," Olson said. "It doesn't matter if it's Christian-focused violence or non-Christian-focused violence. The game needs to be scrutinized for the effects that playing it will have on children."

State certification extended through 2011

Volunteer certification reaffirms school's commitment to goals, direction

By Dan Stockton

Oneida Baptist Institute Principal

During the 2005-2006 academic year, Oneida renewed its 10-year relationship with the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission by participating in the five-year certification cycle.

The Kentucky Department of Education participates directly with the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission in working to assure that quality educational programs are offered to students who attend private schools in the state. KRS 156.160(3) directs that any "private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools."

Because state certification is completely voluntary for private schools, it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the select group of institutions that have chosen to achieve this high standard. At its regular meeting on June 13, the Kentucky Board of Education approved Oneida's certification, which is effective through June, 2011.

The Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission provides each of its participating schools with the necessary "document" for the detailed self-study. The comprehensive self-study requires that each school precisely examine, document and assess several major standards.

Some of those standards include the following areas: (1) the school's established philosophy and mission, (2) interaction between the school and community and its effective programs, (3)

the overall governance structure, (4) well-defined and clearly communicated policies, (5) processes in place for short- and long-term planning, (6) personnel qualified for their positions, (7) the educational program having clearly defined and communicated academic expectations, (8) educational programs and related student services consistent with the assessed needs of the students, (9) the school's physical plant, equipment and supplies support the learning outcomes of the educational programs and (10) the institution being financially stable to support and maintain the expected learning outcomes of the educational programs.

The certification process was a productive learning experience for the entire school and its staff. It was an excellent opportunity that allowed all of us to reaffirm our established goals, to determine and continue our sense of direction, and to strengthen the school community as a whole for the service of God.

This process provides proof that Oneida is a mission-driven school with a real Christian living, learning and working environment in which all of its students, Christian or non-Christian, are diligently challenged to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in order to acquire an "Education for Time and Eternity."



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God at work in the military

Danville graduate serves as Navy chaplain

I returned to the office after the Fourth of July holiday to read a message from Chaplain Dan Stallard, assigned with the Chief of Chaplains office in the Pentagon. I had sent him a word of thanks for his faithful stand at the front of America's freedom.

"I count it a privilege to serve my God and nation through my gospel calling and spiritual vocation as a Navy chaplain," Stallard wrote. "Our great country is blessed to have sons and daughters of freedom who take serious the principle of self-sacrifice for the greater good of all humanity."

In August, Dan begins a 12-month assignment in clinical pastoral education at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va. During this time, he also will complete the remainder of course work toward a PhD in health psychology. In the fall of 2007, he goes to Camp LeJeune, N.C., and the 2nd Marine Division to complete research on his thesis about combat stress coping strategies. He looks forward to earning his PhD in the summer of 2008. He previously completed a

master's degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and a master's at the Army War College. He recently taught chaplains headed for Iraq.

Dan is a native of Danville. In 2004, the faculty selected the 1991 grad as a distinguished alumnus. He and Donna celebrate 25 years of marriage this summer. Donna and

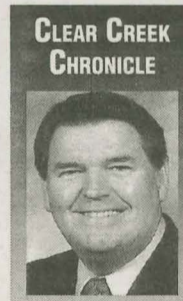
daughter Hannah will remain in Washington the next three years. Dan will be at home on weekends for part of that time, but will be deployed while at Camp LeJeune.

"I think about Clear Creek most every day," Dan said. "I appreciate the solid foundation I received." Dan and Donna recently revised

their estate plans to include Clear Creek, and they give regularly to help us build the student workshop endowment.

As a soldier of Christ, Dan continues to practice his primary mission. "Just yesterday (June 29) I had the honor of leading a Naval officer to the Lord in my office," he wrote. "I continue to be amazed at God's activity within the federal government and military."

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Bill Whittaker

Golden anniversary

Falwell marks 50th year with new sanctuary

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

Lynchburg, Va. (RNS)—Fifty years after starting his ministry in Lynchburg, Va., Jerry Falwell unveiled a new 6,000-seat sanctuary for his Thomas Road Baptist Church on Sunday, July 2.

"Very few people are blessed with the privilege of starting a ministry at age 22 and then 50 years later, at age 72, see the original dream become a reality," Falwell said in an interview.

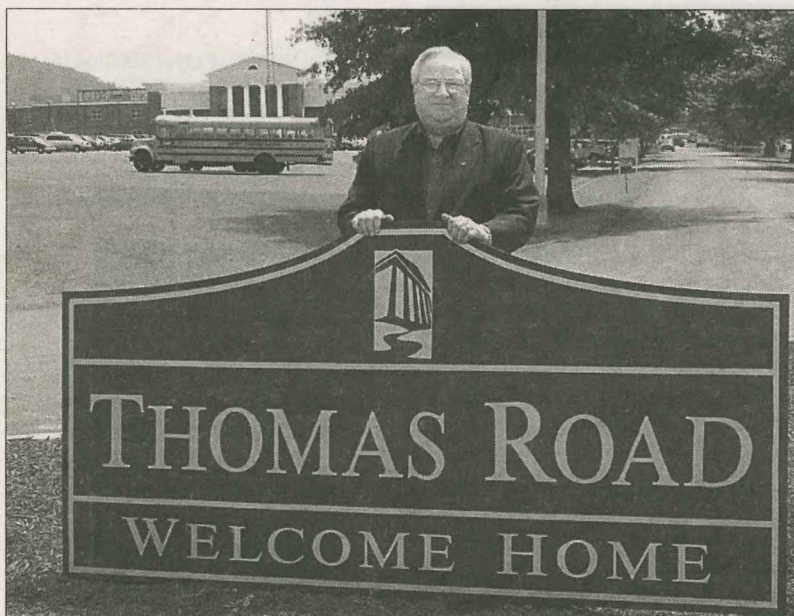
"Our original dream, as we started the new church with 35 people, was to build a church and out from that church, a full-blown Christian education system from preschool through a Ph.D."

Falwell said he has fulfilled that dream with a 24,000-member church and Liberty University, which has grown from 154 students in 1971 to 23,000 residential and long-distance students. The church, which became affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1990s, also spawned a Christian day school with students from preschool through 12th grade and has long included a television ministry.

From this complex of ministries on what he calls "Liberty Mountain," Falwell emerged as a key leader of the religious right. And though some of his influence may have waned, he continues to be a local pastor with a national audience.

A decade and a half after he shut down his Moral Majority organization, Falwell's latest political efforts stem from his Moral Majority Coalition, which he began shortly after the 2004 election to encourage evangelicals to "vote values" at the polls.

James J.H. Price, co-author of "Jerry Falwell: An Unauthorized Profile," said Falwell's influence continues more on an individual than an organizational basis. That influence contributed to the May appearance of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., as a commencement speaker at Liberty University.



FIFTY YEARS Jerry Falwell stands outside the new sanctuary of his Thomas Road Baptist Church, which opened July 2. The longtime leader within the religious right founded the church 50 years ago in Lynchburg, Va. (RNS photo courtesy of Thomas Road Baptist Church)

"They know he still has some power," Price said of politicians. "He's a guy that commands a lot of attention but the Moral Majority (Coalition) as a movement, I don't think it has great power, not like James Dobson's Focus on the Family."

Ron Godwin, Falwell's spokesman, said the church's regular attendance ranges from 3,500 to 5,000 each Sunday.

The new sanctuary is part of an \$80 million complex that includes more than 1 million square feet of "educational, recreational and worship space" on property adjoining the university, Falwell said.

"It's a considerable milestone when you think about 50 years," said Price, a professor of religious studies at nearby Lynchburg College. "It started as a very small church."

Price said some of the church's initial growth stemmed from racial tension in the Southern setting.

In a 1958 sermon titled "Segregation or Integration: Which?," Falwell made the following comment about the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, which outlawed public school segregation: "If Chief Justice (Earl) Warren and his associates had known God's Word and had desired to do the

Lord's will, I am quite confident that the 1954 decision would never have been made."

Falwell said he didn't recall that sermon, but attributed it to being raised in segregated times.

"As a youngster growing up in the South, all the pastors I knew and all the people I knew were pretty well ingrained in the culture of the South," he said. "The Spirit of God brought me out of that early in my ministry."

Falwell said he had another change of heart over the years regarding his role in politics.

"Early in my ministry, I did not believe that ministers should be involved in political matters," he said, but that changed after abortion was legalized by the Supreme Court in 1973. "It was not until 1979, following Roe v. Wade about six years, that I completely reversed myself and formed the Moral Majority."

He dissolved the conservative Christian ministry 10 years later.

"By that time, the religious right, that is religious conservatives, had been created, organized and, very frankly, have not needed a single leader," Falwell said. "But I've been an outspoken conservative and I am to this day."

Graham takes pulpit one more time at son's Baltimore crusade

Baltimore (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham told a Baltimore crowd on July 9 that his appearance at his son's crusade could be "the last time I'll have an opportunity to preach the gospel to an audience like this."

At age 87, the elder evangelist gave the closing sermon of the three-day Metro Maryland Festival headlined by his son, Franklin Graham, and organized by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



Billy Graham

Festival officials said the last day at Oriole Park at Camden Yards drew a crowd of 33,500, who stood to their feet to welcome the elder Graham as he entered the stadium on a motorized cart.

His comments about his future included the likelihood that his days of appearing with team members who have worked with him for six decades might soon be over.

"Unfortunately, I'm getting too old to do this," he said, wearing a gray suit and speaking in a strong voice. "I thought on the way out this may be the last time I'll have an opportunity to preach the gospel to an audience like this and to have Cliff Barrows here and George Beverly Shea."

The elder Graham made a similar statement about his age and preaching at an appearance with his son in New Orleans in March, saying, "This is probably the last evangelistic sermon I'll ever preach."

Barrows, 83, the longtime music director, recalled visiting Baltimore for Graham crusades in 1949 and 1981 and led the audience in singing traditional hymns.

He introduced "97 years young" Shea, who became famous as a soloist at Graham's crusades. Shea received a standing ovation after singing a couple of brief songs before Graham preached.

"It's been 60 years of ministry," Graham said of the trio's work together. "We have an amazing relationship that only the Holy Spirit could have made."

More than 80,000 people attended the three-day festival, which also featured Christian rock band the Newsboys, gospel legend Andrae Crouch, former American Idol contestant George Huff, country music artist Randy Travis and a 1,500-voice choir from area churches.

Franklin Graham preached on Friday and Saturday nights, before yielding the pulpit to his father on Sunday.

"I am going to tell you what I am going to do," Franklin Graham began each of his messages. "I am going to invite you to come forward in a few minutes to give your life to the Lord Jesus Christ. ... It's the most important decision you'll ever make in your life."

After Billy Graham invited members of the Baltimore crowd to come down to the ball field to make a Christian commitment, it was his son—at a smaller podium on the opposite side of the stage, almost a mirror image of his father—who prayed with the hundreds who came forward.

"You know, you'd have to be the father of a man like this to realize how proud you are and so happy to have a son that's preaching the gospel like he is," Graham said of his son at the start of his sermon. "I'm grateful."

With additional reporting by Shannon Baker for Baptist Press

Backside workers celebrate opening of chapel at Churchill Downs

By Amy Trang
Louisville Courier-Journal

Louisville—Thunder rumbled from dark clouds covering the sky at Churchill Downs, but it couldn't drown out the shouts of "Amen" that marked the opening of a new chapel at the track.

About 340 people celebrated the recent opening of the freshly painted brown and green Christ Chapel.

Among them were members of local churches that have helped make the chapel a reality. It will serve a 150-member non-denominational congregation, most of them backside workers.

Seven people cut strips of white ribbon to dedicate the church, among them Pat Day, a Kentucky Derby winner and Hall of Fame

jockey; Enrique Torres, executive director of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America; and two members of the chapel's congregation.

The ceremony was followed by the weekly Monday service, offering up remarks in English and Spanish.

About 65 percent of the congregation speaks Spanish, which will be used in services and chapel events, Chaplain Kenneth Boehm said.

Building a structure dedicated solely for worship has been a dream for many of the people attending the dedication service.

"You have gambling, recreational stuff at the other building," said Lewis Epps, who has been attending services for seven years. "Now we have a place that is just used for

spiritual contact."

The congregation will no longer have to sit on folding chairs packed tightly around the backside recreation center's pool table to worship each Monday.

The chapel, which will feature green fabric chairs, can seat as many as 320 people.

"For some, we are their only family," Boehm said. "This chapel isn't a Churchill Downs facility; this is their facility, and this is their haven, their sanctuary."

The chapel also houses a clothing distribution area, a food service room, offices and two classrooms.

"It's awesome," said Yeni Martinez, 21, a singer in the chapel's praise band. "It's a real blessing to have a place where people can worship."



Churchill Downs provided land while the Kentucky chapter of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America helped raise \$630,000 for the construction, which began in December, Boehm said.

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CELEBRATION Members of the Arcadia Baptist Church choir perform during the dedication ceremony for Christ Chapel at Churchill Downs. (Courier-Journal photo by Sam Upshaw Jr.)

PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray for the following Kentucky Baptist missionaries and ministries:

God's House of Hope at Calhoun Baptist Church. Pastor Richard Sams said his congregation and other churches in the county are working together to build a mission center. The churches already operate a food pantry, clothing closet, work incentive program and youth center. A warehouse has been donated and a grant has been provided to help fund remodeling and improvements. The ministry also provides a Christian-based drug and alcohol recovery program, and leaders hope to offer emergency housing facilities in the future. Pray that God will lead the church to an individual with a calling and giftedness to direct the ministry. Pray that through the ministry, people will come to know Christ and be baptized.

Southern Baptist missionaries Charles and Margie Wilson of Wheelwright. The Wilsons, who direct the Wheelwright Baptist Center, have developed several ministries designed to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people in the small Appalachian community. Ministries include food distribution, sewing classes, home repair, sports camps, music programs, senior adult ministry, crafts and kids' clubs. Pray that God will lead many volunteers this summer to discover how they can partner long-term in the ministry at Wheelwright. Pray also that God will lead the Wilsons to develop additional ways to reach the non-Christian and hurting people of Floyd County with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

■ **BOAZ**—Wice Church recently called **Jim Compton** as interim pastor.

■ **BREMEN**—**Thurmon Harris** recently resigned as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—A 17-member mission team from Beech Grove Church recently participated in a mission trip to Mars Hill, N.C. Team members taught vacation Bible school at Northview Mission in Weaverville, N.C., each evening and did landscaping work on the campus of Mars Hill College during the day.

■ **CORBIN**—First Church will host the combined youth choirs of First Church, Monroe, N.C., and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S.C., July 27, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (606) 528-4378.

■ **CADIZ**—Donaldson Creek Church will hold revival services July 23-28 with **Ken Cummins** as evangelist.

Larry Nichols recently resigned as pastor of Trigg County Church.

■ **EDDYVILLE**—**John Ahart** recently retired as pastor of Bethany Baptist.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—**Robert Hanses**, pastor of Central Avenue Church, died July 8. He was 52. Hanses, who recently was called as pastor of Central Avenue Church, previously was pastor of churches in Northern Kentucky and Buckner. He is survived by his wife, Linda. Memorial gifts may be made to the Central Avenue Church building fund or the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

■ **FISHERVILLE**—Parkland Hills Church recently called **John Sanders** as interim pastor.

■ **JENKINS**—**E.J. Mullins** recently resigned as pastor of First Church.

■ **HENDERSON**—**Bill and Jean Sugg**, members of Immanuel Temple, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

■ **LEXINGTON**—**Frank Morgan**, a longtime deacon at Boone's Creek Church, died June 28. He was 74. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo, who served 41 years as church secretary.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will

Spotlight on ...

Springfield



Temple Church will hold a dedication service Aug. 6, 2:30 p.m., for a 400-seat sanctuary and educational space. The church also renovated the former sanctuary as a fellowship hall. **John McDaniel** is pastor.

host **The Florida Boys** in concert July 22, 7 p.m.

Eastern Parkway Church ordained **Michael Powell** to the gospel ministry July 9. **John Lott** is pastor.

Jerry and Martha Arthur, members of South Jefferson Church, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

■ **PAYNEVILLE**—An 18-member mission team from Payneville Church and Dry Valley Church in Payneville recently worked with First Church of Booneville and the Emma Quire Mission Center in Booneville. Activities included renovation projects, nursing home visitation, leading backyard Bible clubs and hosting an evangelistic block party.

■ **PLEASUREVILLE**—**Bill Arnold** recently resigned as director of missions for Henry County Association to accept a position as part-time chaplain at Jewish Hospital. He also joined Ambassador Counseling Services as an associate counselor.

■ **RICHMOND**—Unity Church will hold revival services July 28-30, 7 p.m., with **Hershael York** as evangelist. **Dennis Brewer** is pastor.

■ **SCOTTSVILLE**—Mount Gilead Church recently honored **Murl Pitchford** on his 100th birthday. **Kenneth Fisher** is pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Allansville Church ordained **Don Haggard** and **Eddie McKinney** as deacons June 25.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

21-22 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Severns Valley Baptist Association Office, Elizabethtown.

21-22 World Missions Unlimited, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville.

31-Aug. 2 Mountain Missions Conference, Oneida Baptist Institute.

August

5 Crafters on Mission Day, Grace Baptist Church, Lexington.

19 Super Saturday, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

26 Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

September

9 Super Saturday, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, and Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.

15-16 Women on Mission/Baptist Nursing Fellowship Fall Retreat, Jonathan Creek.

16 Super Saturday, Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood.

18-21 FAITH Clinic, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville.

18-19 Kentucky Baptist Ministers Golf Tournament, Cherry Blossom Golf Course, Georgetown.

23 Children in Action Day Camp, Cedar Crest.

25 Discipleship/Assimilation, Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

29-30 FOCUS 2006, Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood.

For more information, call (800) 266-6477 or visit www.kybaptist.org



WORSHIP CENTER Leaders of Warren Baptist Association and Nueva Vida Baptist Mission held a recent groundbreaking service for the Hispanic Baptist mission's worship center. The mission, established by the association in 2002, has met for the past four years at Forest Park Baptist Church in Bowling Green. The new facility will be built on 6.5 acres of land donated by Larkin Ritter, a local contractor. In addition to multiple worship services, the worship center will house seminary extension classes and English as a second language classes. The site also will include a soccer field. **Jerry Oakley**, executive director of Warren Association, said the construction project is part of an ongoing partnership between the association and the Hispanic congregation "to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed for many years to come." **Jose Luis Espinosa** is pastor of Nueva Vida Mission.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1985 32-passenger church bus; new tires, runs and drives good. \$2,900. Call (606) 523-0043.

NEEDED: Used 15-passenger van for small Eastern Kentucky church. Contact Bill Walton, (606) 593-7144.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music and a pianist. Send resumé to: Grace Community Baptist Church, 7300 National Turnpike, Louisville, KY 40214.

SEEKING: Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Tenn., is accepting resúmes for the position of worship minister. To be considered, applicant must be well-grounded in doctrine, love the Word of God more than music, have a passion for expository preaching and teaching of the whole counsel of God, and be willing to fill out a lengthy questionnaire and undergo thorough questioning, credit and background checks. If interested, e-mail Jonosmbc@bellsouth.net, or write to 900 Union St., Shelbyville, TN 37160, Attn: Jonathan Sims.

SEEKING: Youth pastor for Oakland Avenue Baptist Church. Responsibilities: Planning and implementing discipleship, mission and recreational activities for middle/high school students. Salary based on education and experience. Send resumé to: Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, 3265 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, KY 41129, Attn: Youth Search Committee.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of students. Northside Baptist Church (Elizabethtown, Ky.), a steadily-growing, evangelistic church, is seeking an energetic, spiritually mature individual for a full-time ministry opportunity. Must have: (1) long-term, career-oriented passion for students; (2) bachelor's degree (minimum); and (3) at least one year of experience working with youth and/or children. Salary plus health benefits available. For a detailed position overview, please contact Northside Baptist Church at (270) 765-6424. Resúmes will be accepted until position is filled.

SEEKING: Pianist for Kings Baptist Church. Send resumé to: Eddie Baker, Kings Baptist Church, PO Box 380, Mount Washington, KY 40047.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of students for Rineyville Baptist Church. Duties include leading the youth and children's ministries. Salary package plus a parsonage is included. Please send resumé to: RineyvilleBaptistChurch, 5629 Rineyville Road, Rineyville, KY 40162, Attn: pastor; or e-mail resumé to rbcash@Alltel.net.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister (20 hours per week). First Baptist Church (predominant affiliation: CBF). Mail resumé to church: 254 South Buckman St., Shepherdsville, KY 40165, Attn: David Wells; or call the church office, (502) 955-7372, for more information.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music for contemporary, purpose-driven church. Please forward resumé and DVD to: Worship Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 106 East Walnut St., Leitchfield, KY 42754.

SEEKING: Part-time music minister—blended services and full worship department (dance, drama, choir, praise band/instruments). Contact office: (502) 933-2761.

SEEKING: Part-time music minister. Mail resumé to: LaVetta Mahan, Piney Grove Baptist Church, 3009 Mountain View Lane, Corbin, KY 40701.

SEEKING: Organist. Paid position—Sunday mornings only. 17-rank Schantz pipe organ. More information, contact Greg Harry, FBC Hodgenville. (270) 358-3193.

SEEKING: Part-time youth director for First Baptist Church, Hazard, Ky. Visit our Web site at hazardfbc.org for salary information and job description. Applicants should send resumé to: Dr. Ricky Ray, First Baptist Church, 560 Main St., Hazard, KY 41701.

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Ky. Changers leaders see silver lining in vols' decline

Louisville—The number of volunteers attending Kentucky Changers projects dropped some this year, but organizers say they've found more than one silver lining.

The ongoing clean-up from hurricanes Katrina and Rita continues to draw Southern Baptists to Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

In 2005, 1,000 Kentucky Baptists participated in Kentucky Changers projects. This year, the number dropped to 869.

"We know some youth groups that went to the Gulf Coast," said Lew Cook, a statewide coordinator for Kentucky Changers. "It just opened up slots for other groups to come."

According to Peggy Murphy, ministry assistant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Baptist Men on Missions department, 30 percent of the participating churches in the Russellville project were newcomers to Kentucky Changers. In Lawrenceburg, 25 percent of the churches were new to the ministry. Three first-timer churches participated in the Metro Louisville project.

In all, 49 churches sent volunteers or provided other support to Kentucky Changers this year, Murphy said. Four colleges also were represented during the spring break project in Lawrenceburg.

"Our numbers are down, but it doesn't make us sad or feel defeated," Murphy said. "Missions is not one location, one week out of the year. Missions is a lifestyle. As much as we miss the ones that usually come every year, we're still very thankful that they are staying on mission and that they understand the call to be on mission."

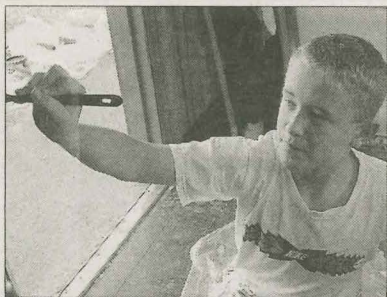
Even with the slight dip in the number of volunteers, Kentucky Changers made a positive impact in its three project communities. Murphy estimated the number of individual homeowners assisted at 66.

Support growing

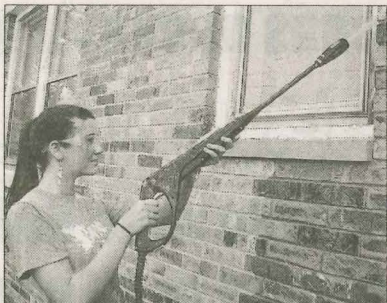
Organizers note that Kentucky Changers is becoming a missions priority for many Kentucky Baptist churches.

"This year, two-thirds of our summer projects were completely funded by churches or associations," Murphy said.

Building materials used in dozens of home renovation projects in



A NEW COAT OF PAINT Hunter Haley, of Elkton Baptist Church, paints a door at a Boy Scout cabin in Russellville.



PRESSURE WASHING Meagan Groves, of Trenton Baptist Church, pressure washes a house in Lawrenceburg to prepare it for painting.

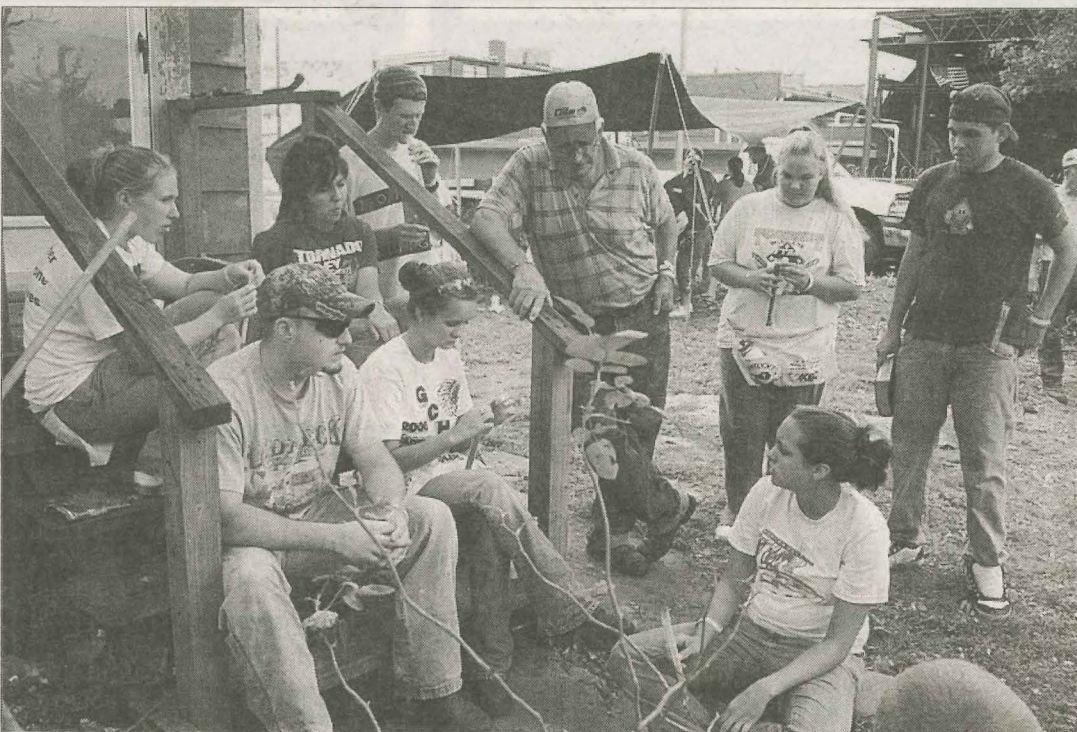


TEAM PRAYER A team at the Louisville event prays after a day of work. (Photo by Dannah Prather)

Lawrenceburg and Russellville this summer were purchased by local Baptists.

Phil Ritchey, a member of Sand Spring Baptist Church in Anderson County and a Kentucky Changers coordinator, said the ministry has "kick-started" Anderson Baptist Association. The group of 13 congregations in the Lawrenceburg area is one of the smallest associations in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and currently does not have a director of missions.

"One church can't do a Changers project," Ritchey said. "It takes a combination of a lot of churches working together. Every church (in Anderson Association) contributed in some fashion."



REST AND REFLECTION Lunchtime is for spiritual renewal as well as physical renewal during Kentucky Changers. Assistant crew chief Terry Blackburn (leaning on rail) of Aurora listens as students discuss a Scripture passage during the Louisville event. (Photo by Dannah Prather)

ROOF REPLACEMENT Patricia Duncan, of Crosspointe Church in Owensboro, nails shingles to a roof in Russellville. (Photos by Bobby Essler)

Murphy estimated the total contribution at more than \$20,000.

Baptists in Todd/Logan Baptist Association equally were generous, contributing more than \$32,000 for the Russellville project.

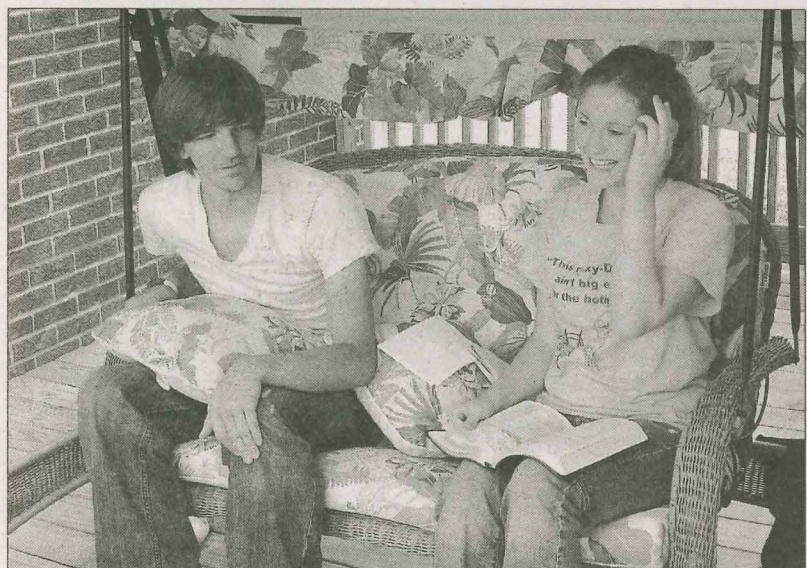
As in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky Changers did not need monetary support from local government. "It makes me very proud that our churches have stepped up to show the love of God in a practical way," she said.

Next year: Winchester and beyond

Next year, more college Kentucky Changers will be needed for a spring break project at Boone's Creek Camp in Winchester. Usually college Changers work in shifts to build an entire house, but Cook said multiple structures at the camp need renovation and Murphy estimated up to 100 students could be kept busy over the three-week period.

Summertime projects will include Maysville and a return to Russellville, Murphy said. The third location is yet to be determined.

This year, a \$180 per student fee covered two daily meals, Bible study materials and other necessities. Costs per student may vary slightly from year to year.



SCRIPTURE READING Donna Hatfield, of Barbourville Baptist Church, leads a devotion from Job during lunch for her work crew in Lawrenceburg.



HABITAT HOME Allyson Snellin a member of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Locust Grove, Ohio, works atop the roof of a Habitat for Humanity house in Russellville.

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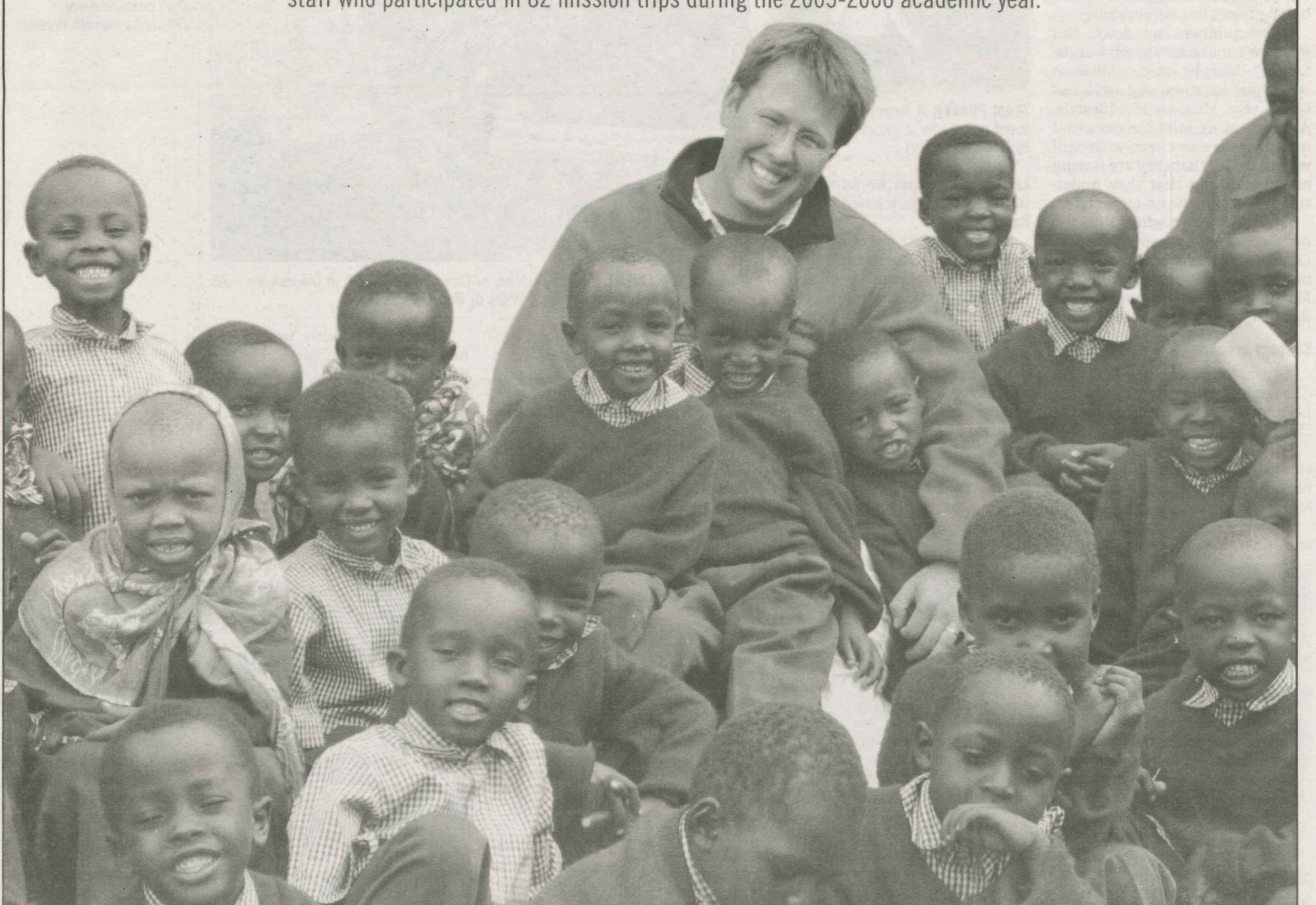
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“**Nendeni ulimwenguni kote, mkawahubirie watu wote Habari Njema.**”

“**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.**”

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Campbellsville University provides a variety of mission experiences throughout Campbellsville/Taylor County, Kentucky, the United States and the world. Jon Hansford, a CU graduate student, ministers to children in Tanzania. He is one of 196 CU students, faculty and staff who participated in 82 mission trips during the 2005-2006 academic year.



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