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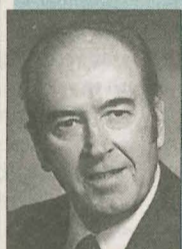
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## Retired KBC exec Owen, 93, remembered for vision, integrity

By Trennis Henderson  
Editor

Lexington—Franklin Owen, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1972-1983, died Aug. 30 in Lexington. He was 93.



Franklin Owen

Owen, a longtime Kentucky Baptist pastor and denominational leader, was lauded by Baptist leaders as a man of vision and integrity.

KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey noted that Owen "was used by God to help bring Kentucky Baptists together in a new spirit of cooperation." He said initiatives launched by Owen "continue to provide a powerful impact for the Kingdom of God today."

Owen was state convention president in 1964-65 and preached the KBC annual sermon in 1967. He also served as a trustee of Georgetown College, Western Recorder, the former Baptist Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During Owen's years as KBC executive secretary, convention receipts increased almost 220 percent, indebtedness was eliminated and ministry reserve funds were established. He also led efforts to build Baptist student centers on the campuses of several universities across the state as well as a major addition to the former Baptist Building in Middletown.

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## New York state of mind

**WORSHIP PREPARATION** Brooklyn native Dano Villegas, connections pastor at Mosaic Manhattan Church, sets out a sign to direct people to Sunday morning worship in the New Amsterdam Dance Studio just a few blocks from the former site of the World Trade Center. Mosaic Manhattan is one of at least 36 new Southern Baptist churches planted in New York since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. (BP photos by Jim Veneman)

## Baptist presence in Big Apple grows since Sept. 11

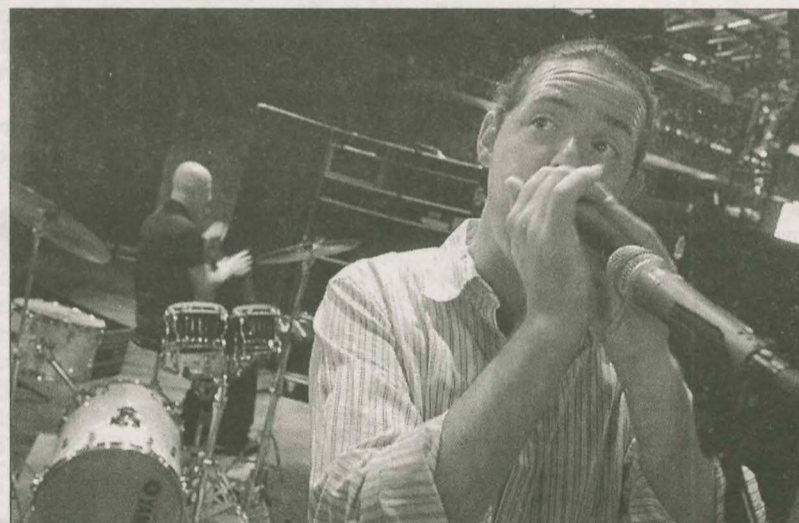
By David Roach  
Baptist Press

New York (BP)—Aaron Coe had been on staff at a Georgia church for only six months when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center five years ago.

But the images of a hurting city captured his heart and stirred him to move from Georgia to New York.

Coe and his wife, Carmen, relocated to New York in early 2003 to lead an initiative to reach college students on the city's 191 college campuses.

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**ROCK OF AGES** James Dalton, harmonica player in Mosaic Manhattan Church's praise band, leads worship with other professional musicians at the church, which sits just a few blocks from Ground Zero. On other days, each band member seeks to influence the New York City music scene with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Making a difference

9/11, 5 years later

## Kentucky minister details 10 tips to strengthen Sunday school

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

Lexington—Despite studies showing Sunday school to be an effective evangelistic method, many church members don't appreciate its value, according to a Louisville minister of education.

"It's the bedrock of the church," said Todd Beasley, minister of education at Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville. "We just don't realize the potential."

Beasley, who led a recent Super Saturday training workshop, noted that many churches don't teach their members that "Sunday school

is a leading strategy for reaching people for Christ and leading them to walk (with Him)."

Beasley, who will lead the same workshop in Somerset Sept. 9, said pastors, Sunday school teachers and church leaders all play important roles in promoting Sunday school.

Not only can classes reach non-believers, they also can help current members learn how to minister to others, Beasley said.

Building a vibrant program is no secret, it takes hard work, the education minister said.

He said pastors and leaders must

constantly promote Sunday school through sermons, prayer requests and special activities, such as an annual appreciation banquet.

It also means creating new classes, leaders taking responsibility for the success or failure of Sunday school and knowing the basics of training and operation, Beasley said.

Teaching from a book from LifeWay Christian Resources on "10 Best Practices to Make Your Sunday School Work," Beasley recommended the following ideas during his workshop:

■ **Commit to the strategy.** "(Decide) this is the way we're going to reach the community," the speaker

said. "I tell (small church) pastors, 'You may not have the big, dynamic worship service that will draw crowds, but you can have a Sunday school that's committed to reaching people.'"

■ **Organize with purpose.** Church leaders should consider how to set up classes to reach people outside the church, Beasley said.

For example, he said a small church that has only one class for men and another for women won't appeal to young couples who don't want to be separated.

He also suggested creating units for particular groups even if none of those people are in the church yet.

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BAPTIST  
DIGEST

**Southern Baptist leader Mark Corts** died Aug. 29 of congestive heart failure after a lengthy illness. He was 68. Corts, who became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., at the age of 25, served there until he retired in 2002. During his pastorate at Calvary, the church grew from 125 members to 6,000. He was president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from 1977-79; trustee chairman of the former Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from 1988-90 during 10 years of service as a trustee; chairman of the SBC's Resolutions Committee in 1990; and chairman of the SBC's Committee on Committees in 1995. He founded the Tarheel Leadership Network to mentor pastors in evangelism, church growth and missions.

**Thomas Graves, president of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond**, has announced plans to retire next year. Citing health concerns related to multiple sclerosis, Graves, 58, will step down July 1, 2007. He announced his plans Aug. 29 during a special called meeting of BTSR's board of trustees. The seminary was founded when the Southern Baptist Alliance—now the Alliance of Baptists—voted to establish a seminary in Richmond, Va., as an alternative to growing theological conservatism in Southern Baptist seminaries. Graves, a North Carolina pastor and former professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected the school's first president in 1991. Graves, a former Kentucky Baptist pastor, grew up in Louisville where his father taught at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Southern Seminary and Yale Divinity School.

## Baptists serve 'affected but neglected' victims of 9/11

By David Roach  
Baptist Press

**New York (BP)**—Five years after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings, Southern Baptists continue to minister to the residents of New York City.

Since then, the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association and its churches have conducted a three-pronged ministry of grief support, financial assistance for 9/11 victims and job development for those who lost steady employment due to the attack.

Those ministries have touched thousands of residents and made Southern Baptists one of the few groups still conducting organized recovery ministry five years later.

"When there is a traumatic experience such as 9/11, not only are the first responders and caregivers and the family of the deceased impacted, but there's a ripple effect that sometimes doesn't manifest itself until maybe a year or two later," said Gary Frost, who became executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association in 2004.

"I think pastors are (now) more appreciative of the need to minister beyond initial crisis intervention."

**Five-year ministry plan**

Taylor Field is one New York City pastor attuned to the need for long-term recovery ministry. As pastor and director of East Seventh Baptist Church-Graffiti, the church nearest Ground Zero at the time of the attack, Field launched an aggressive five-year plan to minister to the "affected but neglected" victims of 9/11.

Field, a Southern Baptist mission-

ary, hired a full-time 9/11 recovery director, Kareem Goubran, who leads support groups, financial assistance efforts and job skill development classes. From those ministries have come dozens of stories about changed lives.

One man, who lost his job as a hotel worker after 9/11, sent his children to an after-school program at Graffiti. He discovered that Graffiti was hiring 9/11 victims to help build a new facility, applied for a job and eventually came to faith in Christ through Field's witness.

A woman, whose cousin was one of the firemen who died on 9/11, came to Graffiti to help with the recovery effort. When it became evident that her life was filled with pain, Graffiti ministered to her. Today she works as the church's 9/11 recovery assistant.

Goubran can recount other stories reflecting how Graffiti shows people a "complete kind of love" akin to God's love.

"We know that when people are in crisis, you've got to be there for them long-term," Goubran said. "You don't just put a Band-Aid on it and say, 'Look at all we did.' You've got to really do everything you can to meet their needs completely because that's how God's love is—a complete kind of love."

**Ministry turning point**

Field sees 9/11 as a turning point for ministry in New York; it made New Yorkers more open to cooperation and conversation, which translates into increased openness to the gospel.

Frost agreed. "Native New Yorkers tell me that New York is a friendlier

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9/11, 5 years later



**CONCERNED COMMUTER** Gary Frost (right), executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, rides the subway almost three hours a day to and from his Bronx home. Five years after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Frost admits he still is wary of package-toting passengers aboard the trains. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

place now.

"People are more willing to engage in spiritual conversation. And the real distinction I've found is that they don't want to talk about church and churchy things. They want to have more relational contact. People are open to talk about God and Jesus."

To move forward in ministering to 9/11 victims, Frost said, Baptists must fight the temptation to become complacent in evangelism.

So far, Southern Baptists have capitalized on New York's openness to the gospel by planting churches, said Brad Veitch, church planting director for the Baptist Convention of New York.

"We have seen a continued increase in the number of baptisms from our church plants in New York City since that time," Veitch said. "We did not have much going on before then, but the churches that we are planting are continuing to

increase in the number of baptisms each year. I believe there is a growing responsiveness to the gospel in the city."

Veitch pointed out that New York Baptists' response to the terrorist attack has been possible largely because of the thousands of Southern Baptist volunteers who have poured in from across the country.

"There is no way our state convention would have been able to mount a response to 9/11 were it not for the Southern Baptist family and thousands of volunteers who have come and invested their time and their prayers and their financial resources in New York City," Veitch said.

Field said that trusting God is among Baptists' greatest challenges in the days ahead.

"I think there is a challenge that's with each person," he said, "to walk by faith and believe that God will bring good out of even the most difficult situations."

## Trustee's sermon on tongues banned from Southwestern's Web site

**Fort Worth, Texas**—Speaking last week at a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary chapel service, a prominent African-American pastor affirmed the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues.

Seminary President Paige Patterson, who opposes tongues as a modern gift, responded by refusing to post the chapel message on the school's Web site.

Dwight McKissic, a member of Southwestern's board of trustees and pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, told the Aug. 29 chapel audience that he speaks in tongues in his private prayer life.

McKissic, former Pastors' Conference president for the conservative Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, said he began speaking in tongues during his prayer time in 1981 while he was a student at Southwestern Seminary. Distancing himself from Pentecostalism, he said he believes all Christians receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit at salvation.

"Not all Baptists believe that the gift of tongues went out with the completion of the New Testament," McKissic declared. "Some of the foremost thinkers and leaders and theologians among Baptist life believe tongues is a valid gift for today."

Although he didn't mention the entity by name, McKissic referenced the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, whose trustees adopted a policy last year prohibiting the appointment of missionaries who practice a private prayer language.

**McKissic questions IMB policy**

"I think it's tragic in Baptist life when we take a valid, vital gift that the Bible talks about and come up with a policy that says people who pray in tongues in their private prayer lives cannot work in certain positions," McKissic said.

The seminary recently began live streaming-video telecasts of its chapel sermons. An Aug. 24 news release announcing the feature noted, "Audio and video recordings of each chapel service will be archived immediately after each service is over."

After receiving several requests for copies of the sermon, however, seminary officials posted a statement on the Web site that said while the school is "honored" to have McKissic as a trustee and chapel speaker, the seminary would not disseminate copies of his sermon free of charge. But copies can be purchased by calling the school's audio-visual learning center.

"While Southwestern does not

instruct its chapel speakers about what they can or cannot say, neither do we feel that there is wisdom in posting materials online which could place us in a position of appearing to be critical of actions of the board of trustees of a sister agency," the statement said. "Any trustee or faculty member is free to communicate his concerns to the boards of sister agencies, but it is difficult to imagine a circumstance that would merit public criticism of the actions of a sister board."

Declaring that "Rev. McKissic's interpretation of tongues as 'ecstatic utterance' is not a position that we suspect would be advocated by most faculty or trustees," the statement added, "In keeping with Baptist convictions regarding religious liberty, we affirm Rev. McKissic's right to believe and advocate his position. Equally in keeping with our emphasis of religious liberty we reserve the right not to disseminate openly views which we fear may be harmful to the churches."

**Patterson sermon cited**

The statement said Patterson had made the decision to limit distribution of the sermon, "lest uninformed people believe that Pastor McKissic's view on the gift of tongues as 'ecstatic utterance' is the

view of the majority of our people at Southwestern."

The site also guided interested individuals to resources that argue the gift of tongues isn't for today, including a chapel sermon Patterson preached last spring.

In an open letter, McKissic told Patterson that while he finds the school's stated rationale for banning his sermon's online distribution "fair and affirming of all parties involved," he believes it is "a form of unnecessary censorship."

"With regard to the 'public criticism of the actions of a sister board,' the IMB policy regarding missionaries who practice a private prayer language is a public policy that is in direct contradiction to what many noted Baptist scholars and preachers believe about the practice of a private prayer language," McKissic wrote. "My statement was designed to cause the students to critically think about whether or not the IMB policy lines up with Scripture, not to criticize the IMB."

"Because I said nothing during my message that contradicted the Bible or the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message," McKissic added, "I fail to see how my comments are viewed as outside of the Baptist mainstream." Compiled from reporting by Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press

## Kentucky minister outlines 10 ideas to improve your Sunday school

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### ■ Build Kingdom leaders.

This means adequate training. Pastors should lead the way in showing teachers how to teach and mentor others, and Sunday school instructors should help develop other leaders, Beasley said.

### ■ Develop soul winners.

In the eight years Parkland Baptist has used the FAITH Sunday school growth strategy, its average attendance has increased from about 680 to 876.

Whether using the FAITH program or another one, Sunday school teachers should learn how to tell others about their faith in Christ so they can lead their classes to do so, Beasley said.

"If there isn't a verbal witness, people just see you as a nice person."

■ **Win the lost.** Many classes have regular fellowships, but too many of them look at fellowships as social gatherings instead of an opportunity to reach non-members, he said.

A consistent effort to invite prospects and others outside the church will lead to opportunities to show others love and possibly chances to share the gospel, Beasley said.

■ **Assimilate people.** Getting guests and new members involved should encompass the entire family, not just adults, Beasley said.

■ **Partner with families.** Sunday school is only one hour a week, but teachers can encourage parents to continue instruction at home through lesson tips and handouts that reinforce what children learn at church, Beasley explained.

■ **Teach to transform.** The goal of Sunday school is leading people to have an encounter with God, not just cramming knowledge into them, Beasley said.

"Most adult teachers pride themselves on how much they study and how many facts they know," he said. "But people need to interact with God, God's Word and other believers so at the end of class they're ready to make a decision based on what they've read."

■ **Mobilize for ministry.** Every class should have a plan to help members with their needs and take the time to meet prospects, be a friend to them and pray for them, Beasley said.

■ **Multiply leaders and units.** Looking for new leaders and new classes is a constant process, the minister said.

"You should always be thinking and planning ahead," Beasley said. "You have to have a plan if you want to reach the lost."

## Owen remembered for vision, integrity

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Before accepting the KBC post, Owen served 18 years as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. He also was pastor of other Kentucky Baptist congregations as well as churches in Missouri, Georgia and Alabama.

A native of Missouri, he was a 1937 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and a 1942 graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville. He also held honorary degrees from Campbellsville University and Georgetown College.

A World War II veteran, he served as an Army chaplain with combat troops in Europe, earning the rank of major and receiving the Bronze Star.

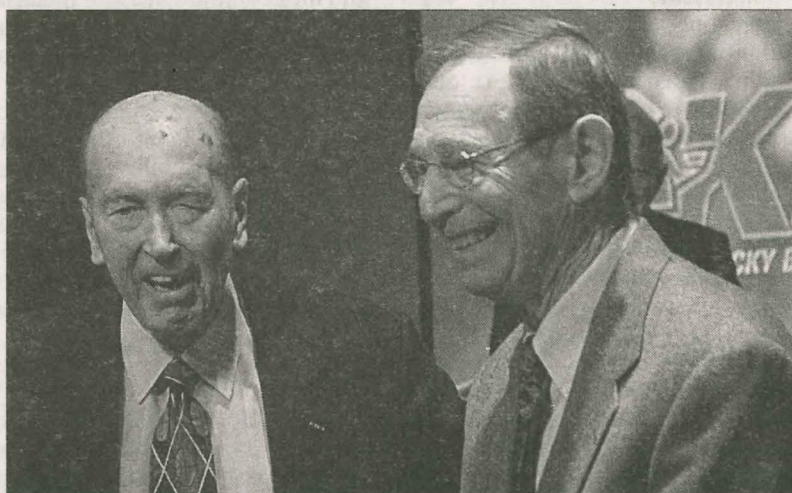
In addition to his denominational service, Owen was a Mason and Kiwanis Club member. Known for his humorous anecdotes, he recounted many of them in his book, "The Preacher Remembers: Slightly Soiled Saints."

Harold Sanders, Owen's predecessor as executive secretary, told KBC board members at the time of Owen's election that he "has the vision, concern and dedication required for this office."

Former Western Recorder Editor C.R. Daley described Owen as "a person of transparent honesty, integrity and openness."

Owen "will be a pastor for the pastors of Kentucky," Daley wrote at the time, adding that "his heart is as big as the world and his compassion as deep as the deepest need of his fellowmen."

During his inaugural Western Recorder column titled "I'll be Frank," Owen urged Kentucky Baptists to "be a fellowship of frankness and



**MINISTRY MEMORIES** Former Kentucky Baptist Convention executives Franklin Owen (left) and Bill Marshall visited together last year after being honored by the KBC Mission Board. (KBC photo by Brenda Smith)

openness, and above all, to be Christian and Christ-like in our regard for and treatment of one another."

### Continued involvement in KBC life

Although he retired more than two decades ago, Owen continued to be honored by fellow Baptists in recent years.

The KBC Mission Board named the chapel in the current Baptist Building in Owen's honor last year and honored him in 2004 for "lifetime achievement in supporting the Cooperative Program."

Additionally, the University of the Cumberlands established the endowed Franklin P. Owen Chair of Home and Foreign Missions in 2004.

"I have always been a supporter of missions," Owen said at the time. "Through the position I was elected to, I have worked hard to build the mission program."

Owen and his wife, Sue, "trav-

eled the commonwealth building relationships among Kentucky Baptists," Mackey recalled. Mrs. Owen died in 2001 at age 91.

Owen also "was known for his storytelling and for quoting poetry," Mackey added.

"Although a visionary leader, he knew how to be a good steward of resources for Kingdom ministry. We mourn with his family but celebrate his welcome into the presence of God and reunion with his beloved wife."

Owen is survived by three sons, Franklin Owen Jr., and Bill Owen, both of Lexington, and John Owen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Winchester, as well as nine grandchildren.

His funeral service was Sept. 2 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. Memorial gifts may be made to the Franklin Owen Chair of Pastoral Studies Fund at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Lexington.

## Contemporaries pay tribute to Owen's ministry legacy

"Dr. Frank Owen was a distinguished leader as a pastor in several states and as a denominational leader at the state and national levels among Baptists. However, most Kentucky Baptists knew Dr. Owen for his leadership in bringing Kentucky Baptists together as a strong fellowship in the support of missions with a strong emphasis on Christian higher education and collegiate ministry. Dr. Owen is best known for his storytelling and quoting poetry. During times of tension at conventions, Dr. Owen could step to the platform and share a funny story and after a hardy laugh, tension was reduced and generally a resolution discovered. I will always be grateful for his encouragement and affirmation of my ministry as a young pastor in Eastern Kentucky and as executive director. It is a humbling experience to serve in this role following such great men of God as Dr. Frank Owen." **Bill Mackey**, KBC executive director

"I 'apprenticed' three months with 'Dr. Frank' before he retired. Each afternoon we retreated to the larger room beside his smaller office for conversation and questions I had about specific aspects of the job. Occasionally those sessions lasted until Sue called to let him know that supper was ready at home! Though wearing a 70-year-old body at the time, he greatly impressed me with his physical and mental energy. I came to realize early in my tenure how

much I would have missed had the board not made that arrangement for the transition. In the 14 years which followed as his successor, I found in him both a friend and willing counselor. I will ever be grateful for those three months of treasured conversations he so willingly and patiently gave me." **Bill Marshall**, retired KBC executive director

"Frank was both a friend and a scholar. He is one of those modern saints. He is one of those whose religion simply flowed out of his everyday activity and context. That, to me, was one of his great strengths. Plus the fact that he loved people and really cared about everybody. He was a wise administrator not only in his service to Baptists in Kentucky but as a trustee at Southern Seminary. I've lost a friend." **Duke McCall**, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

"In 1949, I became pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in Baldwin, Ga., and Frank was pastor of First Baptist Church of Gainesville. We soon became friends and served on convention committees together. Frank was one of the best preachers I ever knew. I can still remember the first sermon I ever heard him preach. In 1970, when I came to Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. We've always been good friends. I appreciated his great denominational statesmanship. He was a

good, honorable brother in Christ and he left a good trail everywhere he went." **Ted Sisk**, retired pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington; KBC president (1976-77)

"Franklin Owen was a man who loved God and loved people. I had the opportunity to really get to know him when he served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington and when he became KBC executive secretary. We often rode together to the board meetings at old Bethel College. As we traveled, I drove and Frank quoted from his bountiful storehouse of poetry and experience. I was always amazed. Frank was a great friend who blessed my life and helped me to be more effective in my ministry." **John Kruschwitz**, retired pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas; KBC president (1977-78)

"I very much appreciated Frank and grew even more in that after I became KBC president and the following years. He had a great sense of humor that enabled him to reach out and relate to so many people. His deepest concern was the life of the churches and the ongoing work of the convention—that it be stable. He did us a great job. After I came to Clear Creek, I often heard from him. He would send a check to support Clear Creek or a personal note. That was very encouraging." **Bill Whitaker**, President of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College; KBC president (1980-81)

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for all delivered to the  
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## Sept. 11: Spreading hope five years later

By **Erich Bridges**

Richmond, Va. (BP)—Five years after one of our worst national nightmares unfolded in broad daylight, the echoes of Sept. 11, 2001, continue to reverberate.

Several regional wars—and a global one—are being fought as a result of that day. Major terrorist strikes have shaken England, Spain, Indonesia, India and other nations. Governments have risen and fallen based on their responses to threats and attacks. International alliances have been made and broken. Terror groups and extremist movements rival and sometimes surpass governments in their power and influence.

This month, a 9/11-magnitude attack on U.S.-bound airliners was foiled in what reportedly were the final stages of preparation.

World wars and the titanic struggle between communism and democracy marked the 20th century. The 21st, only a few years old, already seems plagued by a bloody, open-ended guerrilla conflict—not between nations or superpowers but between cultures and civilizations.

It's not a particularly friendly environment for Christian missions. Neither was the pagan Roman world in which Jesus and His early followers lived and began to spread the gospel. As Americans caught in the eye of the storm, however, perhaps we overestimate the repercussions of 9/11 and the terror war.

"When you look at the globe, there are many countries that have so many problems of their own that what happens in America has very little impact on them," says Gordon Fort, overseas operations chief for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. "Take West Africa. You could go to those countries and say, 'What do you think about what happened on 9/11?' and many of the people would say, 'Hey, I'm just try-

ing to get a meal today. I'm hungry and my people are dying of malaria, and AIDS is killing half our population.' 9/11 is a remote thing that happened to somebody else."

What is urgent for West Africans—and millions of other people in hurting, spiritually dark areas? The need for hope. They will accept it from almost anyone who offers it, and followers of Christ offer a hope that does not disappoint.

### Sacrifices not in vain

That's not to say that risks have not increased since 9/11 for missionaries and local Christians. Eight Southern Baptist workers have died in terrorist attacks since 2002. Many other believers have paid with their lives for following Christ in dangerous places.

But their sacrifice is not in vain. "The Lord is making amazing breakthroughs in the world of Islam," says one mission strategist. "Why? Muslims are being called (by God). People are having visions. Muslims do not want one foot in Islam and another in Christianity; they make clean breaks. They want the intimacy of the Holy Spirit."

"Also, we continue to see missionaries ask to fill assignments in some pretty tough, predominantly Muslim areas. What makes a moth fly into the light, firemen rush into burning towers, missionaries volunteer for the deepest and darkest lostness in the world? I'm not sure about moths, but for the rest it is the old hymn that comes to mind: 'Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; weep o'er the erring

### COMMENTARY

### What are you thinking?

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## 'Pray the Interior' & 'Haystack Awakening'

A "Pray the Interior" tour has been organized for Sept. 18-22. I and other Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders will make 30 stops to pray with and for Kentucky Baptists.

I am excited about the prayer tour and for the great opportunity to pray with so many Kentucky Baptists. The Lord commands us to pray, and the Bible says we are to pray without ceasing. Prayer acknowledges our complete dependence on God.

As we humble ourselves in prayer, I believe God will bless with His presence. It is an awesome experience to be in prayer with God's people.

At each site, the group will pray for revival and spiritual awakening. We will gather around pastors and church staff members in order to pray for God's anointing and blessing upon their ministries, and for the protection of ministers and families. We also will pray for God to lead the churches in reaching people for Christ and developing

them into devoted followers of Christ.

This year's tour follows up on last year's "Pray the Perimeter" tour which was such an incredible blessing. More than 1,370 people participated in the 32 prayer sessions.

All Kentucky Baptists will want to pray for "Haystack Awakening '06." This will be a time of simultaneous prayer, fasting and college campus evangelism Oct. 1-21.

According to materials from the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, Haystack "is a united effort to bring a mass collegian commitment to personal prayer, fasting and holiness, which will result in the presentation of the gospel to tens of thousands of college students."

It is nothing new for spiritual awakening to begin on college campuses. Twice already in North American history, the Lord has brought about national revivals through

one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus, mighty to save."

### Keep going despite risks

Jim Riddell, who leads the IMB missionary personnel consulting team, says the realities of a post-9/11 world have only increased the determination of new Southern Baptist missionaries. Well over half of new appointees go to restricted-access areas—difficult places where most of the world's unreached people live. Up to 40 percent of new long-term workers previously lived and served overseas in shorter-term assignments, so they know what they're getting into.

"We've adapted to 9/11. We're preparing our personnel to live in a dangerous world," Riddell says. "In terms of motivation, I do not believe that has stemmed the flow of missionaries the least bit. If anything, it has strengthened the resolve of many people. We continue to have people going to hard places in the world. Many of them have already been there and they want to go back. They capture a vision for the world through Christian eyes rather than CNN eyes. That makes all the difference."

"The whole church needs that vision in our day. The only way to get it is to keep going into the world—despite the risks."

"When you look at the push of the gospel globally, when you see where Christians are coming together with the express purpose of reaching the last unreached people groups, there's no doubt that a synergy is building that I believe cannot be stopped," Fort asserts. "We're going to see the gospel proclaimed in every language, people, race and nation in our generation."

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

### STEWARDSHIP

## New law changes rules on deducting charitable gifts

By **Don Spencer**

On Aug. 17, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This law addresses a number of key pension issues. But also included in the bill were some significant provisions that will affect charitable giving.

There is one provision that will affect many church members' ability to claim a tax deduction for their charitable giving, starting in 2007. Donations of cash no longer will be deductible unless the donor has a canceled check, bank record or a receipt from the recipient listing the organization's name, date and the amount of the contribution.

A typical local church example:

Martha routinely contributes \$30 each week to her church. She simply puts the \$30 in the offering plate, not using a church offering envelope. Each week she keeps a log of her contributions. At the end of the year she provides that log to her tax preparer who records the total as a charitable contribution deduction on her tax return.

Starting in 2007, she no longer will be able to claim a tax deduction for these contributions. If she writes a check, she would be able to take the deduction. Or if she uses a church offering envelope and the church provides her a written record of her donations, she could claim the deduction.

Another provision of this law will affect the donations of used clothing and household items. No tax deduction will be allowed for these items unless the item is in good condition—or if the item's value is over \$500, an appraisal is supplied. The IRS also is given the power to deny any deduction for clothing or household items of minimal monetary value.

On the positive side, during 2006 and 2007, individuals age 70 and a half or older can donate their IRAs (traditional or Roth) to charities on a tax-free basis. These tax-free payouts directly to charities are limited to \$100,000 per year and must be to a qualified charity.

As always, anyone wanting to make such a contribution should consult with a qualified tax professional.

For more information on rules about charitable contributions, go to [www.kybaptist.org/](http://www.kybaptist.org/) annuity and click on "Charitable Contributions."

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## Helping teens gain humility begins with focus on Jesus

**Q: How can I teach my cocky, "know-it-all" teenage son to be more humble?**

Your son's struggle with arrogance and pride likely is directly related to his relationship with God. Until he comes to see himself in the way God sees him, it will be difficult for him ever to be humble.

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Humility is agreeing with God. In this way, it is both a discovery and a volitional act. A humble person is one who recognizes his sinfulness before a holy God (Isaiah 6:2), and then is obedient (Deuteronomy 8:2) and submissive to God (2 Kings 22:19).

While pride always is rooted in human sinfulness, people typically manifest their pride in four areas. Some credit themselves with whatever success they achieve. Others cover up for their insecurity with an arrogant and cocky attitude. Some are prideful about their knowledge in a given area. Still others develop pride to cover up for their ignorance. Having an accurate understanding of one's worth and being able to "clothe (yourself) with humility" (1 Peter 5:5) depends upon having the "mind of Christ" and seeing one's self from His perspective.

Encourage your son to spend time with an older man who walks with Christ. Honoring a mentor can help him "put on humility" (1 Peter 5:5). Expose him to opportunities to spend time with groups of young men and women who are seeking Christ through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and activities that appeal to him. As he relates to other followers of Christ, they will mirror back to him both their and Christ's perspective of him.—Scott Wigginton

**Q: I recently broke up with my girlfriend whom I had been living with. The relationship was unhealthy and codependent. Now I am depressed, anxious and almost suicidal. How can I get my life back on track?**

You have taken a bold step in the right direction. Now undergird that decision with the following actions:

**Get some counseling.** You need to work with someone who can help you counter negative, obsessive thoughts about the past or the future. You can live in the present, one day at a time.

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**Get a medical consultation.** See your doctor and ask about a possible referral to a psychiatrist. You might need some medical help to get you through this rough patch in your life.

**Take steps toward a healthy social friendship and networking community.** This is not for dating. You need healthy friendships. Relearn how to make friends. Perhaps a Sunday school class or other small group is a place to start.

**Treat the breakup with the same seriousness as a divorce.** Read divorce recovery resources such as "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smoke or "Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends" by Bruce Fisher. As in divorce, you should make a clear break. Don't keep your foot in the door of the past relationship.

**Use affirmations to deal with codependent thinking.** "The Language of Letting Go" by Melody Beatty is a good place to start.

**Address the physical part of your life.** Gain a vision of your "ideal self" and work toward realistic goals. In six months, how do you see yourself physically? Start now by pushing yourself toward good choices. Beware of the temptation to medicate through food or other addictive behaviors.

**Address the spiritual issue of forgiveness.** Have you asked for God's forgiveness? Have you asked for the other person's forgiveness? Have you extended forgiveness to the other person? John 8:1-11 is still true. The twin truths of Jesus are "neither do I condemn you" and "go and sin no more."—James Stillwell

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## Learning lasting lessons amid life's storms

Next week marks the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and last week marked the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina—two of history's deadliest disasters on American soil.

Even closer to home, last week's crash of Comair Flight 5191 in Lexington compounded the human tragedy for families and friends who lost loved ones in the Aug. 27 catastrophe.

Whether we're coping with the mayhem from international terrorism, natural disasters or human error, what can we learn in the wake of life's gut-wrenching grief and trauma?

**Human life is fragile.** The opening scenes of Oliver Stone's powerful movie, "World Trade Center," recount the fact that Sept. 11, 2001, began as just a typical workday in New York City and elsewhere. Families, commuters, businessmen and others went about their normal routines with no hint of the horror that would unfold throughout the morning.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans residents breathed a collective sigh of relief at "dodging a bullet" before the levees broke and flooded the city.

Kentuckians and other travelers boarded an early morning flight in Lexington with no anticipation that an inadvertent turn down the wrong runway would become a fatal error for almost everyone on board.

Such tragedies are vivid reminders that there are no guarantees in life. It challenges believers to be prepared to live, serve and minister in the name of Christ "in season and out of season" to those around us.

**The human spirit still triumphs.** I vividly recall the numbing sense of shock and disbelief as the Western Recorder staff gathered around a television to watch breaking news of the 9/11 attacks. Few

Americans will ever forget the raw emotions they felt as the twin towers came crashing down. Feelings of loss and helplessness also welled up for most of us as we heard about the extent of Katrina's devastation and the fate of Flight 5191.

Despite such incredible setbacks, citizens across the nation responded with an outpouring of prayers, financial donations and personal sacrifice. Among those at the forefront of the 9/11 and Katrina responses were Southern Baptist disaster relief workers. Thousands of volunteers freely donated their time and expertise to aid and comfort victims while countless others provided generous monetary support to undergird the frontline efforts.

Disaster relief, crisis counseling, construction and related ministry projects are among the practical, personal ways Southern Baptists shine for Jesus in the midst of our desperate, hurting world. And many opportunities remain for individuals and churches to get involved—especially along the still-ravaged Gulf Coast.

**God is our shelter in life's storms.** Terrorism, storms and airplane crashes are part of the reality of life in today's world. Other heartbreaking tragedies include abortion, alcoholism, cancer, divorce, unemployment and a host of other woes. It sounds almost hopeless, doesn't it?

Yet God's Word clearly reminds Christians of our eternal source of help and hope. The inspiring words of Psalm 121:1-2 declare, "I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

When it seems there is nowhere to turn in the midst of life's storms, God always is available to offer peace, hope and comfort. That's a valuable lesson to ponder as we reflect on the tragedies of 9/11, Katrina and Flight 5191.

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



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## Owen's life, ministry promoted unity & peace

By Barry Allen

I am one of those fortunate individuals who discovered at an early age the career path God had for me. Dr. Frank Owen played a strategic role in that process.

I was supposed to have been in the automobile business in Mississippi. My late father and his parents before him were automobile dealers. I began working for my father when I was in seventh grade.

But my father died of lung cancer at the age of 43 the summer after I graduated from high school. I was 18. In the summer after my junior year of college, I began to sense God calling me into full-time Christian vocational service. My pastor advised me to enter Southern Seminary to discover exactly what it was God wanted me to do. I learned later Dr. Owen knew my pastor.

I began working for the Kentucky Baptist Convention in the business office on a part-time basis while at seminary. A year and half later Dr. Owen was elected KBC executive secretary-treasurer. In 1975, Dr. Owen promoted me from assistant business manager to business manager, a position I held for 21 years until I was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. I told him many times how indebted I was to him for giving me that opportunity

at the young age of 27.

Professionally, Dr. Owen and I were a perfect match. Over the years we developed a relationship of absolute trust and loyalty, and our years together as colleagues bore significant fruit in terms of the financial condition of the KBC.

At the time of his retirement, the KBC was the most fiscally sound of any state convention.

He and I spent many hours together planning and conferring. Whether it was in his office after hours co-signing 200 checks, in his car en route to meetings around the state or at lunch, we were together a lot. I learned so much from him about church and denominational life and how to be an effective leader in that context. For example, he told me he was never a joiner of one side or the other because he felt there always was the need for someone to be in the middle to negotiate a consensus. He would not fight because he believed one tended to become what one fought. He liked the slogan of Lexington's First Security Bank, "Big enough to bend a little."

Imprinted on his letterhead was the text of Ephesians 4:3: "Unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Unity and peace characterized his term, and he once stated, "The most satisfying reflection I had

upon going into retirement was the general sense of unity that had prevailed among Kentucky Baptists."

He was a grand storyteller and legendary master of the anecdote. Many of those were put in literary form in his book, "Slightly Soiled Saints," published by Cumberland College in 1985.

He used this gift most effectively in his role as executive secretary. A board member once commented, "No matter how intense an issue might be, Frank can tell one of his famous stories and have everybody practically eating out of his hand."

During the 23 years after his retirement and until his death, our relationship deepened. We have shared in each other's joys and sorrows; we have encouraged each other when faced with personal and professional challenges; and we have celebrated each other's personal and professional victories.

The last line of a handwritten note he sent me in April 1999 summed up our unique, special and God-ordained relationship. He wrote, "I love you, boy (which you'll always seem to me), like a son—and like a brother."

Today, heaven is dearer to me than ever before because I know I shall be reunited with this one whom I loved "like a father—and like a brother."

Barry Allen is president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation

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## THE Interior

**September 18-22, 2006**

*Prayer is crucial to help us stay focused on God's will as we seek to achieve the Kentucky Baptists Connect goals to reach more people for Christ, disciple Christians and develop leaders. To emphasize our reliance on God and the importance of prayer, Dr. Bill Mackey, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and other Convention leaders will lead a prayer tour that will take them through the interior of the state of Kentucky.*

**At each stop, committed Kentucky Baptists will gather to pray for:**

- ▶ Believers to experience Renewal
- ▶ Churches to experience Revival
- ▶ God to use our churches to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in their community

Day	Location	Time	Church
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	Louisville	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Kentucky Baptist Building
	Bardstown	11:00-11:45 a.m.	Parkway Baptist Church
	Elizabethtown	12:30-2:00 p.m.	Northside Baptist Church
	Leitchfield	1:30-2:15 p.m.	Leitchfield First Baptist Church
	Morgantown	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Morgantown First Baptist Church
	Beaver Dam	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Beaver Dam Baptist Church
	Greenville	7:00 p.m.	Woodson Baptist Church, Powderly
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b>	Madisonville	8:00-9:15 a.m.	Madisonville First Baptist Church
	Princeton	10:30-12 noon	Highland Baptist Church
	Bowling Green	2:00-2:45 p.m.	Warren Association Office
	Glasgow	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Calvary Baptist Church
	Munfordville	7:00 p.m.	Munfordville Baptist Church
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b>	Greensburg	7:30-8:45 a.m.	Greensburg Baptist Church
	Campbellsville	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Campbellsville Baptist Church
	Jamestown	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Jamestown Baptist Church
	Somerset	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Buena Vista Baptist Church
	London	4:30-5:00 p.m.	Corinth Baptist Church
	Oneida	7:00 p.m.	Oneida Baptist Church
<b>Thursday, September 21</b>	Stanton	7:30-8:45 a.m.	Stanton Baptist Church
	Winchester	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Central Baptist Church
	Lexington	11:15-noon	Parkway Baptist Church
	Berea	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Silver Creek Baptist Church
	Mt. Vernon	2:45-3:15 p.m.	Northside Baptist Church
	Stanford	4:15-4:45 p.m.	Lincoln Baptist Association Office
	Harrodsburg	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Baptist Church
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	Frankfort	7:30-8:45 a.m.	Crestwood Baptist Church
	Owenton	10:00-10:45 a.m.	First Baptist Church
	Williamstown	11:30-12:50 p.m.	Williamstown Baptist Church
	Eminence	2:00-2:30 p.m.	Eminence Baptist Church
	Shelbyville	3:30-4:00 p.m.	Highland Baptist Church

\* All times are local times.

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## Baptist presence in Big Apple grows since Sept. 11

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By last year, they say, the burden God had given them to reach students had grown to include young professionals.

The Bible study they began grew into a weekly worship service at the beginning of this year.

Now Coe is ready to officially launch The Gallery Church. The effort will launch this weekend on Sept. 10, one day before the fifth anniversary of the day that drew him to New York City.

"God has used 9/11 to really pave the way for what's going on in the city right now," Coe said.

"9/11 really threw open what we're calling a spiritual window here in the city. There are people in this city who are asking spiritual questions that they weren't asking before 9/11. So it really paved the way for evangelism and church planting to take place."

Coe is not alone in being motivated by the Sept. 11 attacks to plant a church in New York.

Since the attacks five years ago, Southern Baptists have planted at least 36 churches in the metro New York area and 364 Southern Baptist churches around the country have been involved in helping the new congregations.

Brad Veitch, church planting director for the Baptist Convention of New York, said Sept. 11, 2001, likely was a key catalyst.

"We did not have much going on before then, but the churches that we are planting are continuing to increase in the number of baptisms each year," he said.

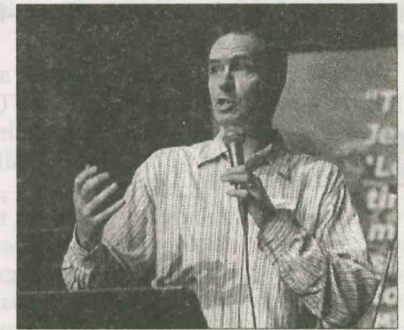
"I believe there is a growing responsiveness to the gospel in the city."

### Turning evil into good

Gary Frost, executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, said God took the evil of the Sept. 11 attacks and is using it to draw an influx of workers to New York.

"9/11 accelerated everything we did," Frost said. "One way it accelerated was New York began to attract more missionaries. People were willing to come from all over America to New York. There was a national response to New York's pain, and I think 9/11 alerted people to the needs of New York City."

"All of the church plants benefited from an increased volume of missionaries coming to help them do the work."



**TIELESS PASTOR** Gregg Farah's blue jeans and unbuttoned cuffs represent a transparent approach to his pastoral role at Mosaic Manhattan Church. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

One church planter impacted by Sept. 11 was Nelson Searcy.

When the attacks happened, Searcy was in New York planning to start a church, but the timeframe for the launch wasn't set. With an increased burden to bring the hope of Christ to hurting New Yorkers, Searcy initiated a Bible study.

The Bible study eventually grew into The Journey Church, which has celebrated its third anniversary. The Journey has met in comedy clubs, off-Broadway theaters and public schools. Today the church meets in the Manhattan Center's Grand Ballroom for four services each Sunday, averaging a combined attendance of more than 1,000.

Taylor Field, pastor and director of East Seventh Baptist Church-Graffiti in New York, has seen the impact of church planting firsthand.

Since Sept. 11, Field's church has been involved in starting several churches, including The Journey, that average a combined attendance of more than 2,000 each week.

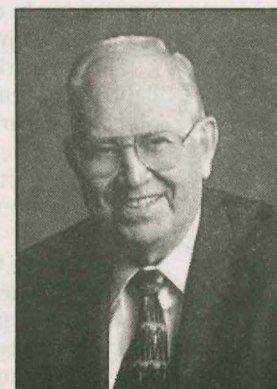
Among the churches East Seventh has helped start are the first Chinese-speaking church in the area and a church reaching out to punk rockers and Goths.

"In the last five years we've had the chance to partner with different kinds of churches," Field said. "It's a wide range, and we have a wide range of involvement with them."

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be Utterly **Amazed**

Be utterly amazed, for I am going to do something  
in your day that you would not believe,  
even if you were told.  
Habbakuk 1:5b NIV

Utterly Amazing are words Bill Barker, director of Appalachian Regional Ministry uses quite frequently to describe the work of God in eastern Kentucky. As volunteers and supplies pour into the state to bring hope to the mountains, God is doing things that many would not have believed possible a few years ago.

Utterly Amazing are words used by Keith Inman as he tells about the stirring of God among college students. Keith cannot stop telling stories of campus after campus where students are coming to Christ, growing in their faith, and going out in missions.

Utterly Amazing are words used by Wanda Walker, Kentucky WMU staff liaison with Baptist Nursing Fellowship, as she describes the outpouring of baby supplies given by Women on Mission groups to help with Baby Boot Camp. Baby Boot Camp is a ministry of Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship to reach pregnant teens and help to prepare them for motherhood.

Utterly Amazing are words used to describe the faith of Kentucky WMU in setting the Eliza Broadus Offering Goal at one million dollars for 2006. After a year when the outpouring of generosity for hurricane relief reduced gifts for state missions, it was a step of faith to look at the needs in Kentucky and say "Let's trust God to provide through His people."

The Eliza Broadus Offering goal is set each year in consultation with Dr. Bill Mackey and the KBC staff about missions funding needs in our state. Each year, the needs continue to grow. The Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) is an important part of the funding for missions in Kentucky. EBO funds, combined with Cooperative Program funds, make possible a variety of ministries. "The impact of the Eliza Broadus Offering is huge," says Dr. Mackey.

Kentucky is one of 11 state conventions partnering with the Appalachian Regional Ministry. This region includes 18 million people, 11 million of whom are unchurched. EBO provides \$45,000 for mountain missions.

Safe transportation is vital to the work of Baptist Centers in Eastern Kentucky. The Mountain Missions Transportation Fund is used to purchase minibuses to transport children and youth to Bible clubs and other activities. EBO provides \$15,000 per year to the Fund.

Through the Missionary Assistance Program, (MAP), the Eliza Broadus Offering helps 12-15 associations have a full-time Director of Missions, makes it possible for several key churches in Eastern Kentucky to have a pastor, and assists 35-40 of our associations to provide insurance benefits for the Director of Missions. EBO provides \$255,000 per year for MAP.

EBO is the chief provider of resources for language missions in Kentucky. This includes ministry through over 60 Hispanic churches, missions, and/or preaching points. Nearly every one of our Hispanic congregations have EBO funding as a base of their start and continued growth. Larry Baker, director for KBC Associational Missions/New Work Department, reports that EBO resources have helped to start 20 Hispanic congregations in the last 20 months!

A new Kentucky Hispanic Institute to provide training for Hispanic pastors and church leaders is underway. Language missions funding also includes ministry to the deaf.

Church and Community missionaries share the love of Christ through distribution of food, clothing and furniture. Through Baptist Centers, CCM missionaries provide Bible study, worship, and

other ministries such as counseling, tutoring, and after-school programs. These ministries open the door to share Christ with the lost. EBO provides \$85,000 towards salaries and benefits for CCM missionaries and an additional \$12,000 for CCM initiatives in starting new work.

The Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville is a unique partnership between the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (African American), KBC, and the Long Run Baptist Asso-

ciation. EBO provides \$15,000 for the operating expenses of this center.

The annual KBC literacy conference provides training and inspiration for Kentucky literacy volunteers who reach people for Christ by teaching them to read or speak English. EBO provides \$1,000 for this conference.

Our 2006 state missions theme is "Be Utterly Amazed!" We are amazed and you will be, too, as you read this special insert to the Western Recorder.

Bill Barker, director of Appalachian Regional Ministry, smiles at the array of school supplies brought to World Missions Unlimited this summer for distribution in Eastern Kentucky.



A packet of materials has been sent to the WMU director or contact person in every KBC church. It includes a DVD and teaching plans for all ages as well as suggestions for churchwide promotion of the Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Eliza Broadus Offering. Contact Kentucky WMU to order posters, prayer guides, and offering envelopes. You may request a state missions packet by calling Kentucky WMU at 502-489-3534 or toll free, 1-866-489-3534; or by email: [kywmu@kybaptist.org](mailto:kywmu@kybaptist.org). These materials are provided by the gifts of your church to the Eliza Broadus Offering and the Cooperative Program.

Church contributions to the Eliza Broadus Offering should be mailed to: Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, Kentucky Baptist Convention, PO Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433. Checks should be made payable to Kentucky Baptist Convention and designated "EBO." Church Treasurers may also include EBO contributions with other contributions through the Kentucky Baptist Convention using the KBC church contribution form and designating the amount for the Eliza Broadus Offering as "EBO."

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Contributions for the 2006-07 Eliza Broadus Offering will be received from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.



By Shirley Cox  
MSC Photojournalist

As the prayer movement intensifies, God's voice seems to echo, "Be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe."

Everywhere we are finding a major movement of God, we can find an individual or a group who has been praying for years or decades or lifetimes to see this movement.

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When Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples, He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go!" (Luke 10: 2-3a, NIV).

Across the state, Kentucky Baptists are asking for the Lord's leadership and intervention. Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders are

## Eastern Kentucky Ministries

During the past few years an amazing movement of God has taken place in Eastern Kentucky. As part of the Kentucky Baptist Connect strategy, Dr. Larry Martin, Consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Missions Growth Team, takes groups into the mountains several times a year for Eastern Kentucky Missions Awareness Tours. "Seeing in person how God has developed a ministry and experiencing local leaders telling their stories adds a new dimension," says Martin.

The first stop on an Eastern Kentucky Missions Awareness Tour is usually Christ's Outreach for the Blind, three miles off I-75 in Mt. Vernon. Blinded in a hunting accident when he was 32 years old, Mike Gates is building a camp for the blind and handicapped which officially opens this year. Thousands of missions volunteers from many states have assisted in building the camp and a number of people have accepted Christ during its construction.

Another stop on the Missions Awareness Tour which provides a powerful example of God's movement is in Cumberland, Benham and Lynch, three small coal-mining towns in Harlan County. "In March 1999, God led Lonnie and Belinda Riley back to Eastern Kentucky," Martin explains to tour participants. "Belinda had grown up in Lynch and Lonnie in Hazard. They came not knowing God's plan." In the past year, 3,800 missions volunteers from 35 states have worked with the Rileys.

My Father's House, a missions center in Jenkins, is another amazing ministry on the tour. Bessie McPeek, who was once herself in such dire need that she was forced to apply for welfare, began "God's Love from a Diaper Bag" by keeping diapers in the trunk of her car to give away to mothers. Today, the ministry includes food and clothing, home repairs, adult literacy, computer training, drug and alcohol counseling, Bible studies and other ministries. Missions volunteers from Kentucky and other states have ministered alongside Bessie and Lester McPeek.

Haven of Rest, another unique ministry, is located in Inez. Eileen

facilitating groups to pray quarterly in strategic locations of the state for spiritual awakening. KBC and WMU leaders are organizing groups to pray the perimeter in communities, church fields, and associations, claiming Kentucky for Christ. Prayer cells are praying in storefront buildings, theaters, service stations and homes. Prayer teams are prayer walking city streets and rural communities. Pastors and church members are gathering to pray in city parks.

Mullins was devastated when her son was sentenced to a prison term, but soon God spoke to her about establishing a hospitality house for families of inmates. Hundreds of missions volunteers have donated labor and materials to build a beautiful facility near a new federal prison that recently opened in her county. "When the prison opened, families, usually from out of state, were comforted with free lodging, clothing and someone to pray with them," Martin says. "Haven of Rest continues to grow as God reaches out in love in an utterly amazing way."

Cedaridge Ministries in Williamsburg, operated by Keith and Joyce Decker, ministers to thousands of families each year by building and repairing homes and distributing food and clothing. "When you hear Keith speak, you hear compassion which comes out of his own tragedy as a teenager and the love he now has to share in the name of Jesus Christ," Martin says.

Lynn and Angie Wagoner minister in McDowell through God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP). The ministry provides food and clothing for approximately 300 families a month and job training in an area with a 52% unemployment rate. Jonathan Smith, GAP youth director, is reaching many youth in the impoverished area using innovative methods.

A Missions Awareness Tour also includes a stop in Berea where Marie Wing directs a 7,000 sq. ft. food warehouse ministry. "For years, we prayed for a warehouse located near an interstate where we could receive tractor trailer loads of food to distribute to 47 food ministries in Eastern Kentucky," Martin says. The ministry is a partnership of Rockcastle and Tates Creek Associations. Mountain Missions Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation, operates a clothing ministry in an adjacent building and rents 15 housing units to families with low income. A separately housed childcare center serves as a model for training ministers in childcare.

Bill Barker, national director of

As the prayer movement intensifies, God's voice seems to echo, "Be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe" (Habakkuk 1:5b, NIV). In the shadow of His manifested presence, dramatic transformations of cities, churches and individual lives are producing waves of awe and astonishment.

During the 2006 Season of Prayer for State Missions, accept the challenge to join the prayer movement in Kentucky. Begin by

Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM), also plays an important role in mobilizing volunteers into Eastern Kentucky. Based in Kentucky, ARM, a partnership ministry of NAMB, WMU and ten state Baptist conventions, seeks to reach the Appalachian region which holds almost 13 million unchurched persons. ARM maintains a web site that lists volunteer opportunities in Appalachia and publishes an electronic monthly newsletter with stories about what God is doing in the region. "As a result, we are now seeing about 50,000 volunteers coming into the Appalachian Mountains each year to do missions," reports Barker.

"In Kentucky, we are seeing God do utterly amazing things through volunteers," Barker shares with tour participants and others who want to help in Eastern Kentucky. "For example, a church has been built in the Greenup Association and another is being planned next year in the Mt. Sterling area. A retired teacher in Jenkins is teaching a 57-year-old grandmother to read so she can read Bible stories to her grandchild. A retired missionary, Jack Hester, moved to Kentucky from Ohio and bought a house in an unchurched community. Looking around he asked, 'What can God do in a community that is drug infested?' Before long a church was meeting in his home."

"Today, Middlefork Mission is there and young people are coming to faith in Jesus. In Owsley County, the second poorest county in the nation and the poorest in Appalachia, Jerry and Susie Lacefield are touching lives through food, clothing and other benevolent ministries. And the hand of God is on Dale Hanson in Winchester who has converted an old factory into a ministry center," says Barker.

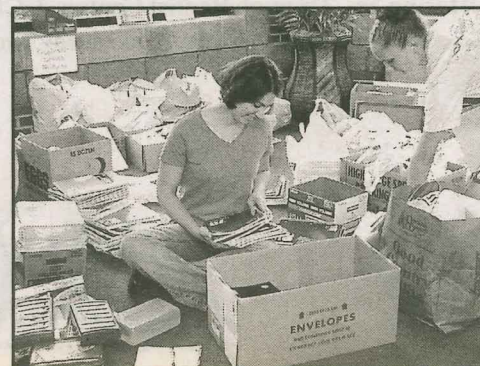
reading the utterly amazing stories of God at work in our state. Then pray that God will multiply His work throughout the state and extend His movement into other parts of the nation and world.

Pray for guidance as you give financially to the Eliza Broadus Offering which supports missions efforts in Kentucky. Listen to the voice of God calling, "Go!" Join the growing army of missions volunteers and you will witness miracles that will leave you utterly amazed!

Barker also cites a 2004 MissionsFEST, sponsored by WMU, as part of God's movement. WMU volunteers distributed Jesus videos that were purchased with EBO funds. Later an additional 15,000 Jesus videos were donated by a local businessman for distribution in Eastern Kentucky. "After MissionsFEST was over, people came to the Enterprise Association office in Prestonsburg asking for Jesus videos," Barker says. "The additional 3,000 videos we dropped off were an answer to prayer."

"Everywhere we are finding a major movement of God, we can find an individual or a group who has been praying for years or decades or lifetimes to see this movement," Martin says. "This is so evident that we use the term, 'prayers on deposit.' For example, three women in Mt. Vernon began to pray earnestly in the town gazebo for God to move and others joined them. Initially, they prayed for their families, churches and the community but God began to expand their vision to include the nation and world. One church in Mt. Vernon baptized more than 100 both last year and the previous year. Drug dealers have come to know the Lord. New ministries have developed at Renfro Valley, one of the state's premier tourist attractions. Christ's Outreach for the Blind has grown in amazing ways. A whole community transformation is taking place."

Please pray for additional volunteers to work alongside those who are doing ministry in Eastern Kentucky. As you pray, give to the Eliza Broadus Offering which supports ministries in Eastern Kentucky. EBO will provide over \$186,000 for ministries in Eastern Kentucky this year. This includes funds for missionary salaries and insurance, transportation, literature and ministry supplies.



Volunteers sort school supplies to be taken to the warehouse in Berea. The Berea warehouse distributes food, clothing, and other supplies to 47 ministries in Eastern Kentucky.

## Baptist Campus Ministry

When students pack up their hopes and dreams and move into college dorms, they are confronted by critical lifestyle choices. On 36 college campuses in Kentucky, Baptist Campus Ministry is reaching out to students with the love of Christ.

Twelve full-time Baptist campus ministers serve in the main universities and regional schools in Kentucky and 12 part-time campus ministers serve in the smaller schools and colleges. Interns, Mission Service Corps missionaries, and US/C-2 missionaries work with campus ministers to develop a mentoring relationship with the students. Nearly 5,800 college students participate in Baptist Campus Ministry each year and an average of 500 students serve in summer missions.

"Kentucky Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM), formerly known as the Baptist Student Union or BSU, is a ministry that seeks to make an impact for Jesus Christ and develop leaders for the future generation of the church," says Keith Inman, Kentucky Baptist Convention Director of Collegiate Ministry. "We do this in a variety of ways, primarily through evangelism, discipleship and missions, with a heavy emphasis on leadership development. Campus ministers have the opportunity to help students stay on the straight and narrow and buy into this purpose of being on mission for God on a university campus.

Inman also notes that discipleship presents a particular challenge because students are exposed to many different ideas and philosophies of life on a college campus and many are arriving biblically illiterate. "Our campus ministers have a strong emphasis on teaching the Word of God and what it means to be a follower of Christ."

At Northern Kentucky University (NKU), Baptist Campus Minister Brian Combs also believes that Bible study, a time when students "dig into the Word with each other," is foundational to spiritual maturity. "It is through that relationship with God that we find that Word and begin to live out what God called us to do."

One of the largest evangelistic outreaches to students at NKU is "Food for Thought," a weekly meal provided by local WMU groups, which have provided over 5,000

meals on the campus. Students pay \$1.00 for the meal, which is added to the BCM summer missions fund. "We have so many students coming to our Baptist Center that don't know the Lord," Combs says. "This is an opportunity for believing students to capitalize on the discipleship training they have received and to practice sharing their faith and develop relationships that will eventually lead others to come to know Christ. We have students who just came in for a meal who accept the Lord.

Students at NKU often describe the Baptist Ministry Center as 'a refuge' but BCM also encourages students to study the Bible, come together to worship and interact with each other, and to share Christ," says Combs. The NKU Baptist Campus Ministry Center is supported by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association and several churches.

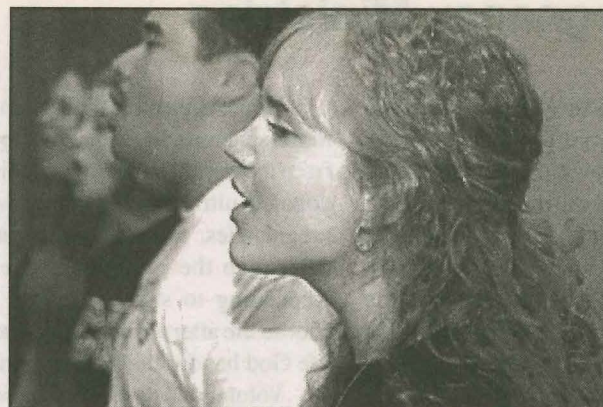
Students who become involved in missions may choose to audition for one of four Son teams (Son Bound, SonBurst [2], SonReach). The teams consist of four to seven students who are assigned to one of three specific areas of ministry: VBS, sports, or creative ministry. During the summer, the Son teams minister at many locations including camps, churches and resort areas, sharing Christ through sports, dramatic sketches, interpretive movement, VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, creative Bible study, games, music, puppets, clowns and a variety of other ways.

Son teams are sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, in partnership with the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board. Last year, a Son Share team led worship and youth camps in Switzerland. A congregation in Amherst, Massachusetts moved into a permanent building last year, six years after a Kentucky Son team helped to start the church.

BCM is also involved in ministries that affect Baptist churches statewide. To address the low baptism rate among youth in Kentucky, college students are sent into churches on a weekly basis to conduct youth revivals and Disciple Now and Experiencing God weekends. "The vibrancy and witness these students bring into the church is very effective and we are

seeing many students accept Christ as a result," Inman says.

Jennifer Burris and other members of Son Celebration hone their tight harmonies.



September 29-30, 2006, during Focus, the annual state Baptist Campus Ministry conference, BCM will launch Haystack Awakening '06. This will be 21 days of prayer and fasting, October 1-21, based on Acts 1:8 and commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Haystack Revival of 1806 which launched a missionary movement in America. All campus ministries will implement intentional witness training during August and September. Students enrolled in campus ministries will also receive instruction on the Holy Spirit and His role in everyday life. The students will be encouraged to share stories of the 21 days in churches through personal testimonies. "The aim is to reach many churches with this message of beseeching God to bring revival to our campuses and for there to be a genuine movement to God's heart for the nations," Inman says.

**haystack**  
awakening '06

At NKU, Baptist Campus Ministry connects students with other churches by sponsoring Youth Collegiate Connect, a training conference for youth and church youth leaders. College students bridge the gap between college students and youth by leading break-out sessions. "We bring in experts in key areas to have training sessions with youth leaders and love on them," says Combs. "We offer fellowship, encouragement, resources and connect larger churches with smaller churches, all working together, as the body of Christ, to have the greatest impact possible."

"Impact Northern Kentucky also connects students with local churches to do missions that impact the community," Combs says. "Students are disciplined for four hours each morning and then practice their faith through ministries in the community and in churches."

When hurricanes devastated the Gulf Coast, Kentucky Baptist college students went to the area to assist in the relief effort. "Many of our students went into homes of single mothers and ripped out sheet rock," Inman says. "Emotionally, these people were very fragile. A radiance of hope was delivered directly through the students to the Gulf Coast."

Involvement in Baptist Campus Ministry also provides opportunities for students to experience missions in an international setting. "Last summer, through a partnership with Thailand, students taught English as a second language," explains Inman. "In a primarily Buddhist culture, they were able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are beginning to see a church being birthed there.

In Costa Rica, students are taking fresh water and living water. Last year, students in Brazil witnessed through street evangelism. The students returned to the campus with an openness to developing relationships with internationals which leads to sharing their faith in Christ," he says.

When students accept Jesus on a college campus, a miraculous transformation takes place in their young lives which is a bold witness to others. "Sandy came to the university campus with misfortune in her background," Inman says. "She was struggling. She had been violated in many ways but when the gospel of Jesus Christ set her free, her friends saw the radical change in her life and it launched her as a dynamic witness on that campus. This young woman went on to have a healthy marriage and is involved in ministry in one of our largest churches in the country."

"Many times, these students end up in our churches as pastors, staff members and many times on the mission field as missionaries because someone was there at a critical time to remind them that God is forgiving, but He has also called them to a higher plane, to be on mission with God," says Inman.

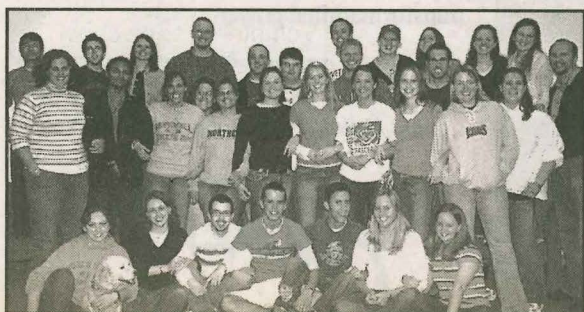
Please pray for the needs of Kentucky Baptist Campus Ministry and for opportunities to share the gospel with students.

As you pray, give to the Eliza Broadus Offering which provides funding for student summer missions, campus revivals, student missions activities, and international student ministries. EBO will provide \$97,000 for student ministries this year. An additional \$4,000 will help provide trainers and expenses for the Creative Ministries Festival/Youth Missions Workshop. EBO also provides funding for collegiate missions education and salaries for college students who work in the WMU missions camps.

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Smiling BCM participants welcome students to the "B" at NKU - [www.nkubsu.org](http://www.nkubsu.org)

## Crisis Pregnancy Ministries

### Hope Unlimited

When a twelve-year-old girl learns she is pregnant, she feels confused and hopeless. At a tender age, faced with an unwanted and unplanned pregnancy, she must make critical decisions that will affect the rest of her life.

Hope Unlimited Family Care Center, a non-profit organization in Paducah, is guiding many young women through this difficult decision-making process. Their mission statement reads: "Hope Unlimited Family Care Center exists to empower women and men to make life affirming decisions through counseling, education, compassionate care and the truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The center offers free pregnancy testing and education on abstinence, nutrition, parenting, childbirth, adoption, anger management and other important topics. Girls and their boyfriends who attend the classes also participate in Bible study. "Our maternity home, House of Hope, houses young girls during their pregnancy," says Karin Thomas, Executive Director of Hope Unlimited. "We are a service organization and an educational association, teaching three R's: reverence for God, respect for others and responsibility. Some of the girls return after their pregnancy to complete the program, bringing their babies with them. Girls also return, after their babies are placed for adoption, to grieve, be loved and get ready for a new independent living situation."

Sixteen years ago, the average age of Hope Unlimited's clientele was 18-25. Today, however, the age span of the girls is 12-19. "In a normal day, we may see three or four twelve-year-olds who test positive for pregnancy," Thomas says. A Nurse Practitioner, a licensed professional Christian counselor and lay counselors minister to the needs of the young girls.

Through a *Learn to Earn* program, the girls learn responsibility. Clients earn points by keeping appointments, completing classes or attending a church service. They use the points to buy baby supplies and other needs in the *Learn to Earn* store. "They feel so uplifted because they earned this and learned something," Thomas says.

Hope Unlimited also acts as a facilitator for adoptions. An adoption counselor helps to guide the girls and makes referrals to an adoption lawyer. "Young girls would rather abort a child than imagine giving it to someone through adoption," Thomas says. "I tell them, 'Don't be selfish. Let's be concerned about the child and then, let's trust God.'"

In addition, Hope Unlimited positively impacts the community through a Junior Ambassador summer program. Teens serve in the center and on alternate weeks go to classes to learn about Christ. As a result, a Junior Teen Ambassador support group of 45-60 teens has developed which meets monthly in a local pizza parlor. "The teens invite pastors to speak to them and form panel discussions," Thomas says. "They need a support group because they have decided to walk in purity and they are encouraging each other."

"At the end of the program, girls take their fathers to dinner at a Purity Ball and the daughter is presented to her father as a gift from God," Thomas says. Boys serve as escorts, waiters and lead the music.

Hope Unlimited will soon move to a more spacious location, four blocks away from its present storefront location. A newly donated ultrasound machine will confirm pregnancies, monitor cardiac activity and determine the gestational age of babies. According to statistics, 95% of women choose life after an ultrasound shows the new life God has formed inside them.

Volunteers are needed to sort clothing for Hope's Closet, a community clothing store that sells clothing priced at \$2.00 and under. Volunteers are also needed to do clerical work, repairs, plumbing or lawn care and volunteers with trucks are needed to pick up donations. Since 1999, Eliza Broadus funding has helped to purchase baby supplies for the *Learn to Earn* program. Please pray for wisdom for the board of directors, staff and for clients who make critical decisions. Pray that the girls will receive Christ.

### Baby Boot Camp

Another ministry to pregnant teenagers is Baby Boot Camp, a ministry of Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF). Baby Boot Camp is a ministry to help prepare pregnant teenaged girls and young women for motherhood. "Planned in connection with the WMU emphasis Project Help: Poverty, Baby Boot Camp is designed to teach and educate teen pregnant girls who are unwed and often in a poverty situation," says Jessica Childers, President of Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship. "We teach them all areas of wellness-physical, emotional and spiritual. We work with Baptist Centers and associations across the state to invite the girls to come to the camps."

Expectant mothers who attend the Baby Boot Camp rise early. "After a devotion and prayer, we talk about how important it is praise God for this blessing He has given and that it is part of God's plan," Childers explains. "Then, the girls are taught baby basics including bathing, diapering and dressing the baby and caring for the umbilical cord or circumcision. The girls receive instruction in breastfeeding, how to hold and cradle their baby, and the importance of giving the child as much love as possible." Baby Boot Camp participants also learn about *True Love Waits* and the Christian perspective on sexuality.

After lunch, the nurses talk about spiritual and emotional wellness, depression, and anxiety. "We tell them about the importance of happiness in life and that spiritual wellness is just as important as physical wellness. We teach them how to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and raise the child in a Christian home," Childers says.

"Afterwards, we go into a big baby shower and just pamper the girls," says Childers. Gift baskets, containing items donated by WMU women, include homemade quilts, receiving blankets, diapers, diaper rash ointment, wipes, powder, bottles, bibs, shampoo, sleepers, and toys. Baby Boot Camp gift baskets also include copies of helpful books. *Baby Boot Camp*, published by WMU, is a daily devotion for young mothers for the first six months of baby's life. *Caring for Your Baby and Young Child* is an aid for young mothers. They also receive *The Purpose Driven Life*.

## ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING

for Kentucky State Missions, Special Ministries, and Missions Education

### 2006-07 OFFERING ALLOCATIONS

The Eliza Broadus Offering is sponsored by Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union in partnership with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. All Eliza Broadus Offering funds are used for missions ministries and missions education in Kentucky.

#### Kentucky Baptist Convention

<b>State Missions &amp; Evangelism</b> .....	<b>\$650,000</b>
State Missionaries .....	318,000
Language Missions .....	96,000
Church & Community Missions .....	113,000
Evangelism .....	6,000
Student Work .....	97,000
Baptist Men on Mission Special Projects .....	20,000

#### Kentucky Special Ministries ..... \$75,000

Requests for Special Ministries Funds are made through an application process.

These funds are used to grant requests for mission project assistance with associations, churches, and MSC missionary projects.

The deadline for submitting an EBO allocation request for the 2006-07 offering is December 31, 2006. Contact Kentucky WMU for an allocation request form.

#### Missions Education

<b>through Kentucky WMU</b> .....	<b>\$275,000</b>
Leadership Training, Events, & Materials .....	57,900
Camp .....	76,400
Promotion .....	68,550
Administration .....	70,050
Scholarships .....	2,100

**OFFERING GOAL ..... \$1,000,000**

Leaders continue a relationship with the girls by staying in contact with them after the baby is born. "The leaders take these girls extra clothing just to let them know someone cares," Childers says. "The girls who attend Baby Boot Camp are amazed how much women, through WMU, have donated to them. They are utterly amazed that women who don't know them care so much about them and their baby."

Please pray for Kentucky BNF and that the nurses will show the love of Christ through their work. Please pray for Baby Boot Camp and other crisis pregnancy ministries in Kentucky. Pray that unmarried pregnant teenage girls will develop and grow in a relationship with Christ.

As you pray, give to the Eliza Broadus Offering. Through Special Ministry allocations, funding is provided for Baby Boot Camp, Hope Unlimited, and other church and association based ministries across Kentucky. Seventy-five thousand dollars has been earmarked for these requests this offering year. In addition, EBO will provide \$2,000 for the work of Baptist Nursing Fellowship.



### Be Utterly Amazed Pray... Give... Go

During the 2006 Season of Prayer for Kentucky Missions, you are challenged to become an integral part of God's movement through prayer. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers to meet the needs of the lost and suffering in Kentucky. Ask God to create a spiritual hunger in the hearts of Christians who have strayed away from their commitment or who have become complacent. Pray for God to magnify His movement in Kentucky and create new ways to minister.

Accept the challenge to support state missions by giving generously to the Eliza Broadus Offering. Pray for God's guidance concerning missions stewardship as you present your offering to Him.

As you pray, listen to the Holy Spirit calling, "Go!" Pray for God to reveal your place of service as a missions volunteer. Allow Him to use you to extend His comfort and strength to others as you share the gospel of Christ. Respond to His compelling call and you will discover the joy of service and be utterly amazed by His transformational power.

*"Be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe" (Habakkuk 1:5b NIV).*

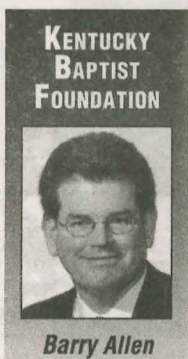
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### Endowing our Baptist-related schools

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Barry Allen

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### Kudzu



Doug Marlette

### For Heaven's Sake



Mike Morgan

### Bible Crosswords

By Elizabeth B. Smith

#### Across

- 1 Greek letter used for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter
- 3 Undergraduate degree, abbr.
- 5 David was king in \_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 2:11)
- 9 Raises up
- 11 Organization for African Unity, abbr.
- 13 In regards to, abbr.
- 14 He made a vow with David (1 Samuel 18:3)
- 18 Girl's name
- 20 Stomach muscle, for short
- 21 A small building
- 22 Compass point
- 23 Jesse's youngest son (1 Samuel 16:11)
- 25 Regret
- 27 "If the Syrians be \_\_\_\_ strong for me" (2 Samuel 10:11)
- 28 Sense of who you are
- 29 Champion of the Philistines (1 Samuel 17:4)
- 31 Lieutenant, abbr.
- 32 The opposite of down
- 34 Six, Romans num.
- 36 David used this to kill Goliath (1 Samuel 17:50)
- 39 Amount, abbr.
- 41 Woman's name
- 43 David's elder brother (1 Samuel 17:28)
- 44 A characteristic of David (1 Samuel 16:18)
- 47 "Drunk neither wine \_\_\_\_ strong drink" (1 Samuel 1:15)

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- 49 A type of tree
- 50 Masculine article, Fr.
- 52 "Are not his sisters \_\_\_\_ with us?" (Mark 6:3)
- 53 His mother was Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:24)
- 54 Resident, abbr.
- 19 "Herod ... slew all the children ... from \_\_\_\_ years old and under" (Matthew 2:16)
- 24 Wheeless vehicle
- 26 Electronic funds transfer, abbr.
- 28 That woman
- 30 Egg, prefix
- 33 David wrote many of these
- 35 David was in a \_\_\_\_ with Saul (1 Samuel 24:3)
- 37 "David made haste to \_\_\_\_ away" (1 Samuel 23:26)
- 38 "It was impossible for God to \_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 6:18)
- 39 The captain of Saul's host (1 Samuel 14:50)
- 40 Sown among the wheat (Matthew 13:25)
- 42 Dekaliter, abbr.
- 45 "By him were \_\_\_\_ things created" (Colossians 1:16)
- 46 New, recent, comb. form
- 48 Precious metal
- 51 "My word hath \_\_\_\_ place in you" (John 8:37)

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## NATIONAL NOTES

**University denies dismissing players because of faith.** An attorney for New Mexico State University denied last week that three football players were removed from the team because they were Muslims and said the school "did nothing wrong." Bruce Kite, the university's general counsel, was responding to a federal civil rights complaint filed on behalf of the three men, who currently play at Portland State University. The suit claims Coach Hal Mumme initiated a practice in 2005 of having the team recite the Lord's Prayer after each workout. The suit also claims Mumme, former coach at the University of Kentucky, questioned a Muslim player about his attitudes toward al-Qaida.

**Ministers back Ohio candidate.** A national coalition of Christian ministers threw down the gauntlet last week by endorsing Ohio GOP candidate Ken Blackwell for governor and challenging an IRS crackdown on political activities by churches. Implored by Pastor Russell Johnson of Fairfield Christian Church in Lancaster, Ohio, to "show your heart," the 28 ministers calling themselves Clergy for Blackwell said they had a legal right and moral responsibility to endorse the Republican secretary of state over Democratic Rep. Ted Strickland.

**Companies backing alcohol sales votes.** A recent New York Times report found national corporations are getting into local politics when it comes to votes to allow alcohol sales. Since 2002, such businesses as Wal-Mart, Kroger, Red Lobster and Olive Garden have spent more than \$15 million on campaigns to persuade voters in about 200 dry towns and 25 dry counties in six southern states to legalize alcohol sales in stores and restaurants, The Times reported. Wal-Mart has financed "dozens of elections," the Times noted, contributing \$5,000-\$20,000 per campaign.

**Study: Muslim men's wages dropped after Sept. 11.** Men from predominantly Arab and Muslim countries employed in the U.S. saw their wages drop about 10 percent in the years after the Sept. 11 attacks, according to a study. While approximately the same number of hours were worked before and after Sept. 11, 2001, the men's average wages fell from about \$20 to about \$18 per hour, the study found. "Sept. 11 was a catastrophic event for everybody and it clearly raised prejudice," said Robert Kaestner, a labor-market specialist who co-wrote the study.

## Study finds link between Baptist churches & obesity

**West Lafayette, Ind. (RNS)**—On the way to the church picnic, some Christians might not be sidestepping one of the seven deadly sins: gluttony.

A new study surmises that among Christians in the U.S.—particularly Baptists, Pentecostals and Catholics—there is a significant relationship between being religious and being obese.

The study tracked about 2,800 religious Americans of various denominations for eight years.

Baptists, according to the study, were most likely to be obese, followed by Pentecostals, Catholics, Methodists and members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Because religion often is associated with positive health factors, such as lower blood pressure and less depression, the results of the study were somewhat surprising, said Kenneth Ferraro, a sociology professor at Purdue University and a leader of the research.

"We usually think of religion as contrasting negative behaviors," Ferraro said. But "Baptists, as well as most fundamentalist groups, place great emphasis on separating the mind or soul from the body," which might lead to over-eating.

Ferraro said his study has received some negative attention from preachers who say he has "the wrong priorities."

But he said rising obesity rates in the U.S. present a dangerous health problem. "If you're a pastor you ought to be concerned about the condition of your flock."

## We are off to a good start

### Fewer inconveniences, new students make for great beginning to school year

It takes months of preparation to minimize the problems we normally face at the beginning of school each fall. In spite of our efforts, every year some things happen that create conditions for a less-than-perfect beginning. But it appears this year has been one of our best. Our academic staff is one of the finest I can remember. Many of our new staff already have shown us that they are eager and ready to help meet the needs of our students.

At the beginning of every academic year, we have students who are enrolling for the first time. The number of new students this year was the largest number since August 2000. We are pleased that they have chosen the opportunities Oneida Baptist Institute offers, and we certainly hope we can help them achieve their goals.

For many years, our academic year began about two weeks earlier than that of nearly any other school in Kentucky or any other state. We learned to accept the fact that we had to wait for other schools to open—usually around Labor Day—before we could get student records. But many schools in Kentucky now open a week or two earlier than our mid-August opening. We were told for years that not being able to get school records was our problem because we began our school year too early. Now that the shoe is on the other foot and many public schools have an earlier opening date, we are expected to get records out when requested. We will work it out, but it does create a difficult situation because the staff who work with those records are on vacation until our year begins.

### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood



The fall sports season is well under way, and many of our students who might never have played sports before are discovering the joy and pain of being on a team sport. Our "no cut" policy is designed to encourage all students to be involved in co-curricular activities. Many of Oneida's finest athletes in years past have been students who never were involved in activities available to them at their previous schools. When asked why they had not taken advantage of those opportunities, students often told us they did not want to face the embarrassment of being "cut" because they did not do as well as their peers. Having a no cut policy does create some strange situations, like having a 300-pound boy join the cross-country team, or having a girl who cannot swim join the swim team. But the overwhelming majority of our students agree that knowing they will not be cut is a great comfort and encouragement to them.

However, the biggest challenge facing us each year is helping students who either are failing academically or barely getting by. These students will require the greatest amount of patience and help during the next several months. The vast majority of our students will quickly recognize that having a dozen or so students in a class, compared to classes twice that size in their old schools, will make it possible for them to get the help they need without some of the distractions they faced before coming to Oneida. There is only one thing better than getting off to a good start, and that is completing the task before us and crossing the finish line.

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## Sharing from a pocket full of seed

### Don and Peggy Williams tell the good news in France

In support of our 2006-07 emphasis on evangelism and missions, the campus family recently heard Southern Baptist missionaries Don and Peggy Williams, on stateside assignment in Lexington. Peggy's brother, Bob Hughes, is missions and evangelism professor at Clear Creek.

When Peggy was in the fourth grade, Bob carried the crown at her Girl's Auxiliary coronation; at age 11 Peggy felt called to Brazil. In college she dated Don some, but he was going to be a civil engineer.

"While on the summer staff at Glorieta, I heard God say something was happening back home," Peggy recalled. "I was too cheap to call home, and a few days later two letters came telling me Don had surrendered to preach. Don's decision came at the exact time God spoke to me. Realizing he was God's choice for me, we were engaged, completed college and he became a pastor."

After serving two churches, God brought "a change in direction," similar to Paul's experience recorded in Acts 16:9-10. "God does the planning and the moving," Don said. They were assigned by

the International Mission Board to serve with the Home Mission Board of the French Baptist Union. For the past 27 years, they have assisted churches that needed healing, and served alongside French pastors to strengthen existing work. In one city, Peggy established a women's discipleship group.

Don and Peggy now are assigned as the cluster support team for 23 couples in three countries. The team coordinates annual budgets, housing and national relations. Outreach is focused on church planting and work with Muslims, students and the secular society. "Through the years our responsibilities have changed," Don said. "But God continues to use our gifts in an area where individuals acknowledging a personal relationship with Christ is probably about 0.5 percent."

The music background to a short video about France describes the faithful work of this missionary couple, "There's a famine in the land; you've got a pocket full of seed. With the water in your heart, would you quench the thirst of someone in need?"

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Scripture-based workshops help victims go from 'Fear to Faith'

New York (BP)—When the Red Cross announced it would sponsor grants to provide mental healthcare for people affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Gary Frost had an idea.

Frost, executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, envisioned a program that would train pastors, emergency responders and mental health professionals to counsel victims dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Working with Full Circle Health and Graffiti Ministries, the Baptist association now recruits churches to host workshops that combine science and biblical principles to teach ministers and other caregivers ways to help ethnic populations that often do not trust mental healthcare professionals.

The "Fear to Faith" workshops received Red Cross funding in early 2005 and have reached nearly 400 people with a message of healing and hope.

"A lot of the ethnic populations have had a mistrust for professional caregivers—counselors, psychiatrists, things of that nature," Frost said. "So many people who were affected by 9/11 would never seek help because of the trust factor. But they were willing and are willing to come to their churches for training or be ministered to by a pastor who has the expertise to help or those pastors having the ability to know how to refer them for help."

### From 9/11 to 91:1

Derek Suite, a doctor and co-founder of Full Circle Health, said the workshops always feature scriptural examples and principles, regardless of the venue.

"We didn't want to take out the biblical references because we felt that they were really as important a healing tool as any other for individuals who are suffering from trauma," he said.

The workshops occur in both church and secular settings and are adjusted according to the context. Frost estimated that 15-20 workshops have taken place in New York churches.

Using the theme "From 9/11 to 91:1," the workshops include videos, teaching sessions and discussion to help people move from the stress of Sept. 11 to the peace described in Psalm 91:1. That verse states: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

Suite said the Red Cross has been impressed with the number of people reached through the workshops. "The success is that God was clearly in the middle of everything."

# Ready, willing & able

## Challenge of Sept. 11 attacks strengthened SBC Disaster Relief

By Mickey Noah  
SBC North American Mission Board

Alpharetta, Ga. (BP)—Less than 36 hours after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief leaders already were in New York City planning their response.

Before the Sept. 11 response ended, Southern Baptist disaster relief crews had worked 20,000 volunteer-days over almost 12 months, served more than a million meals, cleaned 643 apartments, provided daycare for 850 children and distributed more than 21,000 teddy bears to scared New York children.

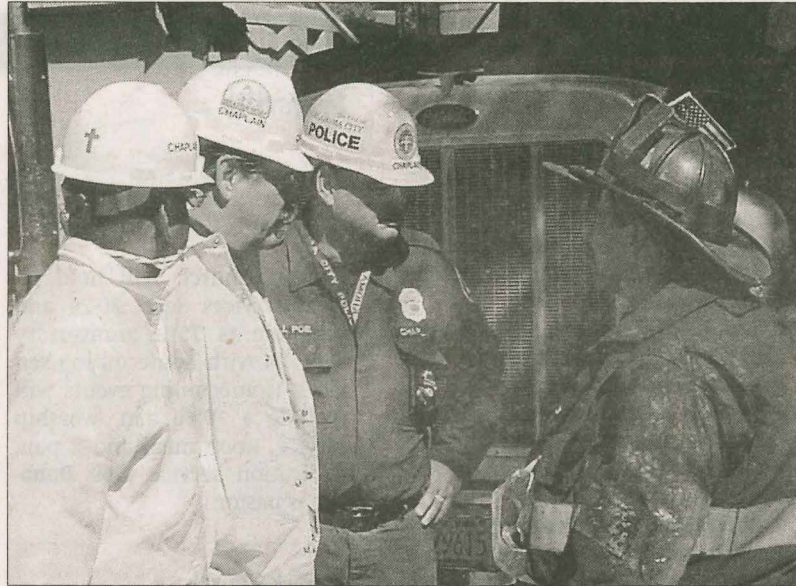
And nearly 100 Baptist chaplains counseled shocked and grieving New Yorkers.

The resulting months of feeding, cleaning and listening involved many Baptists from around the country in ministry, shared Christ with a hurting city and paved the way for more church plants in New York.

Mickey Caison said Sept. 11 provided real-time learning experience for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief that has paid dividends down the line.

"We learned that our advance disaster relief training was invaluable because it builds an expectation of how to respond in an emergency," said Caison, manager of adult volunteer mobilization for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

NAMB coordinates the work of Baptist Disaster Relief teams when they are asked to travel outside their



**LISTENING EAR** Oklahoma Baptist chaplains (from left) Leslie Sias, Sam Porter and Jack Poe visit with a New York City firefighter near Ground Zero shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. Chaplaincy was a key facet of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief ministry after the attacks. (BP file photo by Bob Nigh)

state.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the number of trained volunteers nationally has swelled, he added.

In 2001, NAMB worked with state volunteers totaling about 25,000 in North America.

"Today, the number of trained Southern Baptist disaster volunteers has climbed steadily to about 52,000, a direct result of 9/11," he said.

"9/11 created an awareness of what Southern Baptists do in times of disaster and, as a result, the number of both our volunteers and units has increased," Caison said.

But he's quick to add that new volunteers always are needed.

"A significant number of our volunteers are senior citizens who need a break after five to seven days," he noted.

### Heightened expectations

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is a victim of its own success, he said, because "the expectations on us are greater. We're expected to get to the scene quicker, stay longer and do more. But by and large, we've

been able to do that."

Southern Baptists' response to both the Sept. 11 attacks and last year's hurricanes has earned disaster relief workers' respect among other volunteer agencies, fellow responders, emergency management officials and the government, Caison said.

"We're now included in the plan up front," he said. "But with that respect comes responsibility."

All disasters have a spiritual side, he noted. "People ask questions and wonder why it happened. Where was God in all of it? Why did He allow it to happen? They want to know who we are and why we're there."

"Our volunteers have the opportunity to respond and to share the hope that is in Jesus Christ," Caison said. "We don't show up at a disaster and try to make Baptists out of all the victims or make them join our churches. We just want them to understand that our commitment is to Christ, and how the hope we have in Christ can also be their hope even in the midst of a disaster."

## Campbellsville to host forum about 9/11

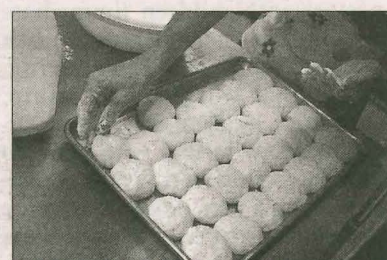
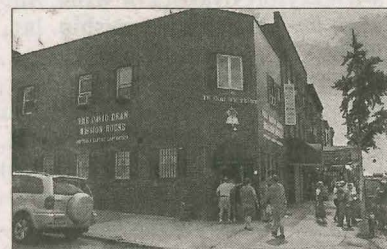
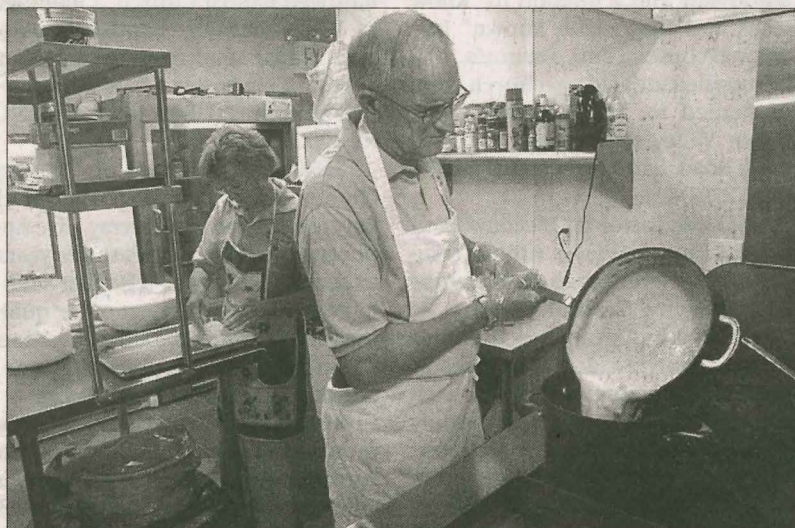
Campbellsville—Campbellsville University will host a forum exploring the impact of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America.

The event, "9/11—Five Years Later," will be held Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Little Auditorium.

Participants will include Harry Mason, an adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky's school of diplomacy; Jason Keller, of the Kentucky office of Homeland Security; and Max Wise, of the FBI's Lexington joint terrorism task force.

The event is free to the public. For more information, contact the university's Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy, which is organizing the event, at (270) 789-5520.

## Tennessee couple takes Southern hospitality to 'Gotham City'



**BAPTISTS & BISCUITS** More than 700 volunteers have stayed at the David Dean Mission House in Brooklyn, N.Y., this year. The house was purchased in 2002 and has served as a base of operations for many ongoing ministries that have developed as a result of Baptists' response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The house, named after the former director of missions for the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, can house up to 50 volunteers, who pay \$35 a day for room and board. Resident hosts Jack and Becky Snyder (above left) moved from the solitude of Cleveland, Tenn., to Brooklyn in 2004. "This is the final run for us," Snyder said. "So we have to go all out and do what we can. We want to make a difference. People need to get on board for missions." The pair cook two meals a day for volunteers, and their biscuits and gravy breakfasts have become legendary among the workers. "We haven't had any complaints about the food yet," Snyder said with a smile. (BP photos by Jim Veneman)

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By Mike O'Neal

The start of a new school year sparks excitement for many families.

That fresh start comes during the same season of the year when leaves change to brilliant colors before falling to the ground. There are new beginnings in the midst of old things dying and falling away.

In the Christian life, our old self dies and falls away so that Christ can be in us and we are born again.

These are the simple truths I would pass along about new beginnings in one's spiritual life:

**God loves you and has a wonderful purpose for your life.**

John 3:16 says it all: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

**Sin in your life keeps you from accepting God's gift of eternal life.** The Bible declares in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin.**

The substitutionary atonement of Christ is explained in 1 Peter 3:18: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

**Jesus becomes your Savior when you place your faith in Him.**

It is no more complicated than this: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

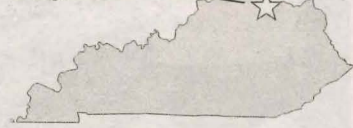
Mike O'Neal is pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

### Spotlight on ...

#### Maysville



Central Church will hold revival services Sept. 20-24 and celebrate its 75th anniversary Sept. 24 with homecoming services. Homecoming events will include a 10:45 a.m. worship service, noon meal and 2 p.m. dedication service. **Bob Donovan** is pastor.

Deer Park Church.

South Jefferson Church will celebrate its 84th anniversary and homecoming Sept. 10, with worship at 10:40 a.m., a noon fellowship meal and 2 p.m. musical program. **T.J. Francis** is pastor.

**MOUNT VERNON**—First Church will hold revival services Sept. 10-13 with **Don Mathis** as evangelist. For more information, call (606) 256-2922. **Eddie Nation** is pastor.

**MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church will host author and speaker **T.W. Hunt** Sept. 15 and 16, 6:30 p.m., and Sept. 17, 8:15, 9:35 and 11 a.m. **Paul Chitwood** is pastor.

**PADUCAH**—**Tom Williams** recently resigned as pastor of Oaklawn Church.

■ **ARLINGTON**—First Church recently called **Nick Robertson** as pastor.

■ **BEAVER DAM**—**Jesse Tichenor** recently retired after serving 42 years as pastor of Ridgecrest Church.

■ **CLAY**—**Paul Rideout** recently resigned as pastor of Diamond Church.

■ **CROMWELL**—Green River Church recently called **Matthew DeWeese** as minister of music.

■ **ERLANGER**—Erlanger Church will host Christian concert pianist **Sam Rotman** Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.

■ **HARDIN**—Aurora Church will hold revival services Sept. 17-22 with **Les Roberts** as evangelist. **Richard Edmiston** is pastor.

■ **HARTFORD**—**Eddie Duke** recently resigned as pastor of Concord Church.

Hartford Church recently called **Mark Huffines** as minister of youth.

■ **JEFFERSONTOWN**—Lakeside Church will host its eighth annual Southern gospel concert Sept. 10, 7 p.m. Musical guests will include **Sandy Glass** of York, Pa., and **The Master's Quartet** of Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (502) 267-4446 or visit [www.lakesidebaptist.us](http://www.lakesidebaptist.us). **Wes Brockway** is pastor.

■ **LaCENTER**—**Chris Cooper** recently resigned as pastor of Mount Pleasant Church.

■ **LEBANON**—**Ed Amundson** recently resigned after six years as pastor of Woodlawn Church to become a bivocational church planter.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**Becky Mosher** recently resigned as minister of children at



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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.

### October

5-7 Ministers in Transition, Louisville.

6-7 Celebrate the Mission, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

9 Senior Adult Choir—West, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

13-14 Women On Mission/Baptist Nursing Fellowship Fall Retreat, Cedarmore.

14 101 Workshop, Union Baptist Church, Union.

16 Senior Adult Choir—East, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

27-28 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.

### November

3-4 International Student Conference, Cave City Convention Center.

4 101 Workshop, Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro.

10-12 All State Jr. High Choir, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

10-12 Crossover, Bowling Green.

13 Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Rich Pond Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

13 Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

13 Kentucky Baptist Youth Ministry Association Fall Meeting, Bowling Green.

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

■ **PAINT LICK**—Mount Tabor Church will celebrate 122 years of ministry with a weiner roast, games and fellowship Sept. 16. Former Pastor **Dale Denton** will preach the homecoming message Sept. 17 followed by dinner on the grounds and special music by the **Hall Family** at 2 p.m. **Tim Robbins** is pastor.

■ **RAVENNA**—Cow Creek Church will hold revival services beginning Sept. 10. For more information, call (606) 723-6183.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Allansville Church will hold revival services Sept. 10-13 with **Dale Rose** as evangelist. For more information, call (859) 744-5733.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**BOOKS:** We buy quality used Christian books. Christian Book Nook, 2116 South Preston St., Louisville, Ky. (502) 637-8881.

**FOR SALE:** Christian, Spanish and patriotic neckties; retail value: \$12-\$15; your cost: \$6; great fundraiser. Humor book: "500 Laughter Doeth Good Like a Medicine" \$8. (606) 285-3051.

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**SEEKING:** Part-time youth director for Southern Baptist church in Prestonsburg, Ky. Membership: 325. Contact Pastor Mark Tackett at (606) 285-0900; or George May at (606) 874-2464 or [may\\_george@bellsouth.net](mailto:may_george@bellsouth.net).

**SEEKING:** Full-time associate pastor/youth/children (immediate opening) for Anchor Baptist Church—six-year-old, rapidly growing, traditional worship fellowship, Lexington, Ky., Paul Sisk, pastor. Occupying new facility with plans to build a recreation/education building within a year. Prefer a seminary degree, ordination and two years experience with youth. Evangelize, teach, disciple and counsel young people and their families in spiritual matters. Opportunity for an exciting challenge. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Send resumé with photo to: Charlie Cook, 3212 Buckhorn Dr., Lexington, KY 40515; or [Cookstuff@aol.com](mailto:Cookstuff@aol.com).

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Thornhill Baptist Church in Frankfort. Send resumé to: Truett Cohorn, 653 Shadrack Ferry Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or submit electronically to [tcornh@mis.net](mailto:tcornh@mis.net).

**SEEKING:** Pastor of youth and student ministries for Green Valley Baptist Church, an evangelistic SBC church in Saint Joseph, Mo., 40 miles outside metro Kansas City. We are a contemporary, purpose-driven, small-group-oriented, outreaching church with a biblical worldview and a mission to "Know Jesus and make Him known" (see [www.gvchurch.com](http://www.gvchurch.com)). Resumés may be e-mailed to [david@gvchurch.com](mailto:david@gvchurch.com); or mailed to: Youth Search 2006, Green Valley Baptist Church, 3110 Cook Road, Saint Joseph, MO 64506. (816) 279-3621.

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Meadow Land Baptist Church. Please submit resumé with references to 1188 Detour Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

**SEEKING:** Full-time student minister and church-wide outreach coordinator. Individual will work with students, their families and adult volunteers in the student ministry; individual will coordinate church-wide outreach. Individual will be responsible to plan, promote and implement an exciting and balanced ministry, leading students to worship, serve, grow and share. Bachelor's degree required—seminary preferred. Please send resumé to Crestwood Baptist Church, 1006 E Main St., Frankfort, KY 40601, Attn: Ms. Dottie O'Keefe.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister. Send resumé to Bellfield Baptist Church, 9980 Highway 136 E, Henderson, KY 42420, Attn: Personnel Committee.

**SEEKING:** Pianist/organist with strong skills in accompanying, improvisation and sight reading for blended worship. Contact Minister of Music Maria Lester, Versailles Baptist Church, 125 E Green St., Versailles, KY 40383; or call (859) 873-7338.

**SEEKING:** God's man to pastor Bardwell Baptist Church, a member of West Kentucky Baptist Association. Please send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Bardwell Baptist Church, PO Box 147, Bardwell, KY 42023.

**SEEKING:** Minister of music/church ministries for Memorial Baptist Church in Murray, Ky. Applicant must have at least five years experience, must be a Baptist seminary graduate and meet other qualifications. For a detailed position description or to submit resumé, e-mail [mbcsearch@hotmail.com](mailto:mbcsearch@hotmail.com).

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

**SEEKING:** Part-time music minister. Send resumé to: Friendship Baptist, 5411 Bengal Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

**SEEKING:** Full-time music/youth pastor for a Southern Baptist church in Salyersville, Ky. Please send resumé to [dalucas@gmail.com](mailto:dalucas@gmail.com).

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor, Southern Baptist church. Resumés to: PSC, Gardenside Baptist, 1667 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504; or submit electronically to [gbcpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:gbcpastorsearch@gmail.com).

**SEEKING:** Full-time associate pastor/minister of education for First Baptist Church of Festus-Crystal City, Mo. Applicant must agree to 2000 Baptist Faith & Message; bachelor's degree preferred minimum. Salary \$50,000. Send resumé and references to 107 Truman Blvd., Crystal City, MO 63019; or e-mail: [tbaker5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbaker5@sbcglobal.net) by Sept. 12.

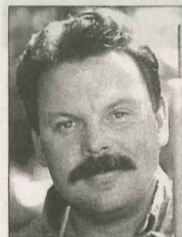
**SEEKING:** Experienced senior pastor for Red House Baptist Church. We are a missions-minded SB congregation with 478 average worship attendance. We are doctrinally based in God's Word, supporting the Cooperative Program and the Baptist Faith & Message. A strong commitment to missions, discipleship, evangelism, education, outreach and spiritual growth is essential. Resumés to Pastor Search Team, 2301 Red House Road, Richmond, KY 40475; or e-mail: [rhbc@redhousebc.com](mailto:rhbc@redhousebc.com). Visit [www.redhousebaptistchurch.org](http://www.redhousebaptistchurch.org).

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## Paper: Officials investigating possible fraud by painter Kinkade

Los Angeles (RNS)—FBI investigators are looking into allegations that Christian artist Thomas Kinkade and some top executives of his company have been involved in fraudulent practices related to galleries where his work was sold, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The investigation centers on issues raised in lawsuits filed by several former Thomas Kinkade Signature Gallery owners, according to people contacted by the FBI.



Thomas Kinkade

The former owners allege that the artist used his Christian faith to persuade them to invest in the independently owned stores that only sell Kinkade's work. These former owners said Kinkade and his executives then caused them financial ruin.

"They really knew how to bait the hook," one former dealer told the Times on condition of anonymity. "They certainly used the Christian hook."

Kinkade has denied the allegations.

Jim Bryant, a spokesman for Kinkade's company in Morgan Hill, Calif., said last week that the company had not been contacted by the FBI and was not aware of a criminal investigation.

"The Thomas Kinkade Co. asserts that there is no legitimate grounds for a federal investigation of any kind," Bryant wrote to the Times in an e-mail message.

FBI Special Agent Brian Wickham, who is based in San Jose, Calif., declined to comment and cited the agency's policy of neither confirming nor denying that investigations are in progress. Others familiar with the situation said the FBI's San Jose office was coordinating an investigation.

Former owners of galleries said they were driven out of business after investing tens of thousands of dollars. Company practices, they alleged, included being coerced to open more stores in saturated markets.

Known as the "Painter of Light," Kinkade has painted colorful pictures of homes that often feature glowing lights and picturesque lighthouses, churches and gardens.

Fans of his work pay from a few hundred dollars for paper prints to more than \$10,000 for canvas editions he has retouched and signed.

# Ironman initiative

Persistence pays off for church wanting to serve athletes

By Dannah Prather  
Partnerships Editor

Hayden, Idaho (BP)—Earlier this year, as plans for the Ironman triathlon were taking shape in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, members of NorthStar Church found themselves in a familiar spot: out of the loop.

"Coeur d'Alene hosts a number of internationally attended events," said Scott Hanberry, a Southern Baptist missionary and pastor of the 60-member congregation in northern Idaho.

In an Ironman-distance triathlon, competitors swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. In previous years, the church had offered to help serve the community and the thousands of triathlon competitors and visitors, but to no avail.

Nevertheless, the church was determined to give it another try. "The congregation began to pray," Hanberry said, "and God began to work."

Derek Spain, also a missionary and a pastor at Lake Placid (N.Y.) Baptist Church, heard of NorthStar's initiatives and was interested in helping NorthStar minister to the Ironman community.

Spain was the 2005 Ironman volunteer of the year and had received a free trip to any of the other North American Ironman events. He contacted Hanberry, and the two pastors discussed opportunities and scheduled meetings with race officials and chamber of commerce personnel.

"God used Derek's position within the Ironman organization to not just open the doors, but to tear down walls," Hanberry said.

The first order of business was to reach out to other Southern Baptists, he said. "We knew that the plans that we were making were



SWIM, BIKE, RUN & MINISTER NorthStar Church in Hayden, Idaho, ministered to Ironman triathlon competitors in June, after two Southern Baptist missionaries helped open doors for the outreach. (BP photo)

bigger than our church could staff or afford. However, we knew God was leading in this venture."

Mission teams from Sarasota (Fla.) Baptist Church and Golden Acres Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala., answered the call to help with an "IronPrayer" service and a free "carbo-loading" pancake breakfast.

"But God had bigger plans still," Hanberry said.

### Invited to take part

Ironman officials asked if the Baptist volunteers could help with the June 24 event's logistics.

"Suddenly the church was thrust into the heart of the event," said Tom Magee, NorthStar's worship pastor.

"It was amazing how quickly our church became central to the entire race environment."

Baptist volunteers were given the tasks of helping with registration, setup, food service and tear-down of the banquets for the race.

They also helped direct athletes along the course and kept them supplied with water and fruit.

More than 200 people attended the IronPrayer service, including several athletes and their family members as well as local residents. With help from Utah-Idaho Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers, more than 1,100 people were served at the pancake breakfast.

Coeur d'Alene officials invited Hanberry to the event's banquets and asked him to offer the invocation.

"God has used this week for building relationships with our community and to let them know that we are here and that we care," said NorthStar member Ken Woodbridge. He added that church leaders already are planning for next year's Ironman week.

"Church planting is just as much about endurance as is a triathlon," Hanberry said. "We want to finish well, and we want to see the Kingdom of God expanded."

## Megachurch pastor resigns over false resumé

By Hannah Elliott  
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West Palm Beach, Fla. (ABP)—Embattled pastor Steven Flockhart resigned from First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla., reportedly because he lied about his academic degrees.

Church leaders announced the resignation Aug. 27, less than three months after he was called to lead the 10,000-member church.

Flockhart, 40, was elected senior pastor in June. His resignation took effect immediately.

The announcement came the same day The Palm Beach Post newspaper ran a story about Flockhart's resumé. The resumé stated he graduated from Columbia International University and earned degrees from two other respected schools. In reality, he received bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees through correspondence classes from non-accredited Covington Theological School in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., the story said.

Flockhart left a Georgia church eight years ago with unauthorized debts from personal credit card use and personal checks totaling more than \$162,500. Macedonia Baptist Church in Dawnville, Ga., filed a lawsuit after Flockhart left in 1989 for Crosspointe Baptist Church near Memphis.

Flockhart repaid the debt last year. Bruce Phillips, chairman of the elders at the 170-year-old church, declined to comment.

The resumé also said Flockhart was obtaining a second master's from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, although the Post reported that officials at the Wake Forest, N.C., school denied the claim.

According to the Post, Flockhart said in his resignation letter that he did not expect his deceptions to resurface.

"I ask your forgiveness for this situation," Flockhart wrote to the church. "You embraced our family and loved us from the beginning. We immediately fell in love with

First Baptist and this community. I will cherish the sweet memories that we shared in this brief time together."

According to the Post, one part of Flockhart's resumé was true: his plans to begin working on a doctorate at Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. The school was founded by Jerry Falwell as part of Liberty University.

According to the Post, Liberty officials said Flockhart paid registration fees directly to seminary president Ergun Caner because Caner personally recruited him, said Ron Godwin, Liberty's executive vice president and CEO.

The Post reported that Godwin said Flockhart and Falwell, the school's chancellor, are friends.

The Post also reported that Flockhart was hired by the West Palm church on the strength of a recommendation from Johnny Hunt, a prominent Southern Baptist leader and pastor of a 14,000-member church in Woodstock, Ga.

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Missionary and pastor Scott Hanberry

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