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## High school choir told not to sing 'Lord's Prayer'

Plainfield Township, Mich. (RNS)—The Comstock Park High School choir performed "The Lord's Prayer" six months ago at a benefit for the family of Nick Szymanski, a choir member who was killed in an accident last October.

In honor of their classmate, the choir decided to sing it again during the school's May 31 graduation.

But that plan changed last week when choir director Keith VanGoor said school administrators would not allow them to sing the religious song during the graduation at Sunshine Community Church.

"We're dealing with legal advice. Legal counsel said, 'Don't go there,'" explained Dwight Anderson, the superintendent of Comstock Park Public Schools. "I feel bad for the kids because they do a great job with it." There were no complaints or threats of litigation that led to the decision.

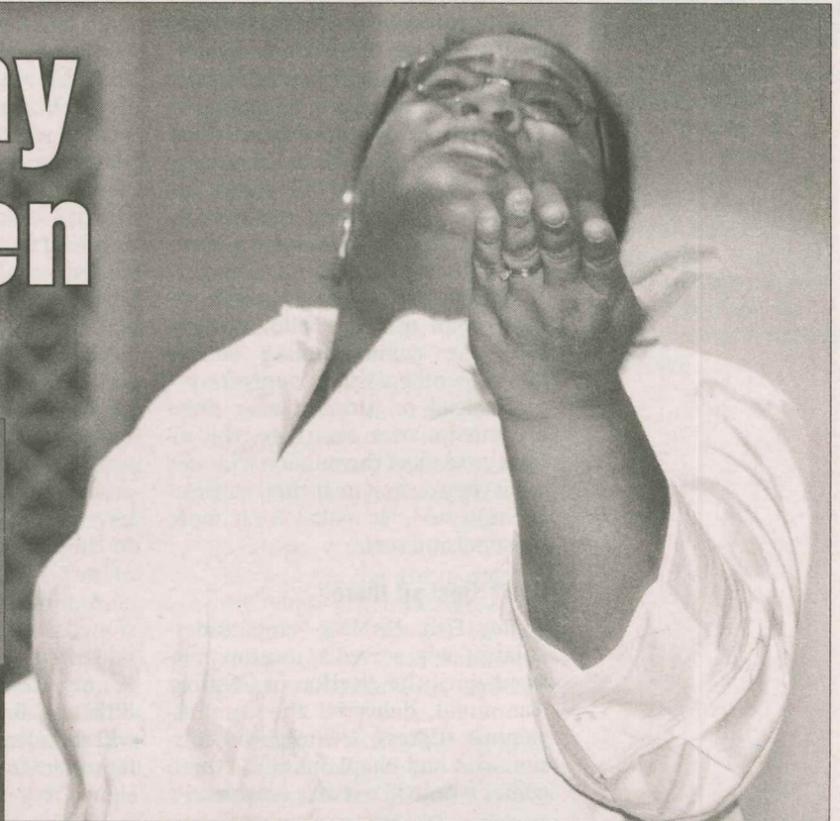
Szymanski, 16, was electrocuted Oct. 1 when a ladder he was moving came in contact with a power line. He was volunteering his time to help a church leader paint his house.

Choir member Hilary Shively, a junior, said they wanted to sing the song once again in remembrance of Szymanski.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that prayer at a graduation ceremony isn't appropriate," Anderson said. "We are going to abide by the law."

Court rulings on similar cases are inconsistent, said Michigan Association of School Boards legal counsel Brad Banasik. He noted that a lot of choral music has its roots in religion.

## Worthy Women



Sign artist Tyra Lokey-Robinson of Lawrenceburg conveys reverence for God as she interprets a song at this year's Women of Worth Lifestyle Evangelism Conference at Northside Baptist Church in Princeton. Inset: Dawn Robinson describes how she escaped the 61st floor of the World Trade Center's north tower on Sept. 11, 2001. (Photos by Dannah Prather)

## Speakers encourage Baptist women to carry their faith everywhere

By Dannah Prather  
Partnerships Editor

Princeton—In some situations, there's no time to grab a Bible.

One of the speakers at this year's Women of Worth Lifestyle Evangelism Conference told how she led a friend to Christ after dodging debris from the crumbling World Trade Center on 9/11.

Another speaker described how God's love kept her on her feet—and proclaiming His word—to almost everyone she met the day of her husband's shocking death.

"Lifestyle evangelism" is more than a theme for Dawn Robinson and Phyllis Hendry. They told Kentucky Baptists attending the May 22 event at Northside Baptist Church in Princeton that knowing God and hiding His Word in their hearts be-

came lifelines during the most difficult hours of their lives.

Robinson, a native of Snellville, Ga., and a Christian college graduate, said she moved to New York to take a month-long break from full-time ministry. She wanted to find a job "and be normal like everyone else."

When an entry-level job for a World Trade Center tenant became a career, Robinson said she was grateful for the opportunity to share her faith in a secular setting. She had to be careful, however. A woman in her office threatened to complain to a supervisor if Robinson did not tone down conversations about her faith.

A supervisor herself, Robinson said she developed a rapport with her staff that permitted her to share her Christian testimony with them

privately. If workplace discussions ventured to the spiritual, she used the code phrase, "getting on the bus," when referring to accepting Christ.

"Cassie, when are you gonna get on the bus?" Robinson recalled saying to a friend.

Robinson said she was "joyful" when she awoke that clear Tuesday morning in 2001. As she did most mornings, she recited Psalm 3:3 which declares God is "a shield ... and the lifter of my head."

In an effort to clear her desk before a business trip, she arrived early to her office on the 61st floor of the WTC's south tower. It would be the second tower struck by a hijacked airliner that morning, but the first to collapse.

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## LifeWay study indicates many teens are confused about eternity

By Libby Lovelace  
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Nashville (BP)—Many teens are confused about what it takes to get to heaven, according to results from a recent LifeWay Research study.

More than 1,000 teens were surveyed in January and February 2007 by mail questionnaire. The results were compared to an identical survey conducted in 2005. Each sample was based on responses by 12- to 19-year-olds.

The latest results show that 69 percent of teens believe heaven exists. Also, a majority (53 percent) strongly agree with the traditional Christian belief in Jesus Christ's death for their sins as the reason they will go to heaven.

While many teens believe they will go to heaven because of their belief in Jesus Christ, one-quarter trust in their own kindness to others (27 percent) or their religiosity (26 percent) as their means to get to heaven.

Out of the 69 percent of the teens who strongly or somewhat agree they will go to heaven because Jesus Christ died for their sins, 60 percent also agree that they will go to heaven because they are religious and 60 percent also agree they will go to heaven because they are kind to others.

That leaves approximately 28 percent of American teenagers who are trusting only in Jesus Christ as their means to get to heaven.

"This is where confusion and perhaps a bit of self-made salvation have crept in," Scott Stevens, LifeWay's director of student ministry, noted in a column at [www.lifewayresearch.com](http://www.lifewayresearch.com).

"Why would teenagers feel the need to add anything to Jesus' work on the cross?" he asked. "Maybe it's because so many of them are fully engulfed in a performance-based existence where they are constantly striving to earn the favor and acceptance of those around them, especially those in positions of authority. How often do these teens experience unconditional love at home, school or even in their church?"

"The central theme of Christianity is the person and work of Je-

sus Christ—His death and resurrection," said Scott McConnell, associate director of LifeWay Research. "It is surprising that only about half the teenagers who attended a Christian church in the last month are depending solely on the grace of Jesus Christ to get to heaven."

Though the large majority of teenagers believe heaven exists (69 percent), there has been a 6 percent drop since 2005 (75 percent) in the percentage of teens who are sure in their belief of heaven. Only 5 percent of teenagers strongly agree that they do not believe heaven exists.

African American teenagers are more likely to believe in heaven than the average teen (81 percent versus 75 percent). □ See LifeWay: Many teens ... Page 8

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## NAMB appoints 83 missionaries, chaplains

By Mickey Noah  
SBC North American Mission Board

**O'Fallon, Ill. (BP)**—In its first-ever missionary commissioning in Illinois, the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board commissioned 83 new missionaries and SBC-endorsed chaplains during Sunday morning services May 20 at First Baptist Church of O'Fallon.

The missionaries and chaplains represent ministries in 25 states, two Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico. Following a processional including the flags of each of the states and provinces, the missionaries were introduced and shared a brief description of their new assignments.

NAMB trustee Doug Munton, senior pastor of the O'Fallon church, said the commissioning service "gives members a face to missions."

"Instead of just knowing there are missionaries out there, this allows us to meet the missionaries, see what they do and hear their stories," Munton said. "It makes it far more personal and real."

### Don't "just sit there"

Roy Fish, NAMB's "ambassador-at-large" who served as interim president until the election of Geoffrey Hammond, delivered the commissioning address. He told the missionaries and chaplains that "there comes a time in a man's or woman's

life when you can no longer just sit there and do nothing."

Using Ezekiel 37 as his text, Fish described how God took Ezekiel into a valley of dry bones but brought the bones back to life by "allowing breath into them," restoring the bones by His Spirit with skin, tendons and flesh.

"Take a look at the dead around us," Fish added. "They might not be dry bones in a valley. But they are bodies walking, they have mouths that talk, eyes that see, ears that hear, but they are dead—cut off from the life of God. The Bible calls it 'being dead in trespasses and sin.'"

Fish challenged the missionaries, chaplains and church members to be part of bringing the spiritually dead to life.

"One of the remarkable things about God, He took a valley of dry bones and turned them into an army," Fish said. "God can take those around us who are dead, breathe new life into them and bring them to the Savior and into the fullness of life."

Among the chaplains commissioned were three military chaplains and their wives—Scott and Christy Kennis, Herb and Katie Lemke and Kirk and Brandi Kay—all of whom will soon leave for Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training and then be assigned to a military base with possi-

ble deployment to Iraq.

Kennis, in his first Army chaplaincy assignment, will be ministering to soldiers in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y.

When asked how he would communicate the love of Christ and God's forgiveness to soldiers whose buddies may be killed by a roadside bomb or sniper's bullet, Kennis had a ready answer.

"You tell them about a wonderful God who can comfort them through all circumstances," Kennis said. "He provides eternal comfort and peace."

### Missionary to 2010 Olympics

Chad Chomlack, who with his wife, Anastasia, was commissioned as a Mission Service Corps missionary, will minister to visiting athletes and spectators at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, Vancouver, Canada. They will serve through the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists as resort missionaries.

"We'll be local missionaries before and after the Olympics and will facilitate volunteers, serve as resident chaplains for the athletes and share the gospel with people from throughout the world," Chomlack said. "It will be a great global gathering of people. The world will be coming to us in Whistler."

## Texas convention officials decline to pursue lawsuits

**Dallas (ABP)**—The Baptist General Convention of Texas will not file lawsuits to recover church-starting money mismanaged in the Rio Grande Valley.

Civil litigation would be costly and complex, and the statute of limitations could prevent recovery of a significant portion of the misappropriated money, attorney Steven Wakefield wrote in a letter to the BGCT Executive Board. BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade reported the recommendation to the board at its May 21-22 meeting in Dallas.

Last year, a five-month independent investigation uncovered evidence that 98 percent of the 258 new churches reported by three church planters in the Rio Grande Valley between 1999 and 2005 no longer exist, and some never existed. Those churches received more than \$1.3 million from the BGCT. The investigative team faulted the BGCT Executive Board staff for poor oversight, uneven management, failure to abide by internal guidelines and misplaced trust.

Two weeks after it received the investigators' report, the BGCT board met to take action to clean up the scandal and prevent future problems. One of the motions approved directed the board's executive director, in consultation with legal counsel and with convention and board officers, to consider "the full range of methods for recovery of funds misused or misappropriated" by individuals named in the investigators' report, and to initiate action to recover the money.

Wakefield and Wade forwarded the investigative report and all its supporting documents to the United States Attorney in Brownsville, Texas, in December.

"I have coordinated, on a regular basis, follow-up with the U.S. Attorney's office to attempt to determine that office's interest in pursuing any criminal cases that are attributable to possible misappropriation of funds provided for church-starting efforts," Wakefield wrote in his letter to the board.

He also looked at options to recover misspent funds, including civil litigation, he reported.

"After consideration of all relevant facts, we believe that civil litigation by the convention to recover funds is neither practical nor would it represent good stewardship of churches' resources," he concluded.

Since three church planters—Otto Arango, Aaron de la Torre and Armando Vera—were named in the investigators' report and their circumstances vary, any attempt at restitution would require three lawsuits, Wakefield noted.

## BAPTIST DIGEST

**Maryland pastor is SBC vice presidential nominee.** Maryland Baptist pastor Eric Redmond will be nominated for second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a Virginia Baptist leader announced May 18. Doyle Chauncey, executive director of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia convention, said he will nominate Redmond for the post during the SBC's June 12-13 annual meeting in San Antonio. Redmond is pastor of the SBCV-affiliated Hillcrest Baptist Church in Temple Hills, Md. He is a trustee at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and an executive board member of the National African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society. Redmond is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and Washington Bible College. Information for Hillcrest Baptist Church from Southern Baptists' 2006 Annual Church Profile lists 13 baptisms. The church gave \$100,000, or 13.3 percent, through the Cooperative Program from total undesignated receipts of \$751,400.

**Haykin named to Southern Seminary faculty.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has added Michael Haykin to its faculty to help launch the seminary's new Ph.D. and D.Min. programs in biblical spirituality. Haykin, a prolific author and noted scholar in areas of early church history, Baptist history and Christian spirituality, will join the faculty as professor of biblical spirituality and church history. He also will head the seminary's Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies and will supervise doctoral candidates primarily studying the early church fathers. Haykin has served as principal and professor of church history and spirituality at the Toronto Baptist Seminary since 2003.

**Fla. Baptists respond as wildfires sweep state.** Responding to raging wildfires, Florida Baptists in the past weeks have opened their doors to fire suppression crews and residents of their communities, providing shelter, food and staging facilities. While more than 163,000 acres have burned in more than 225 fires throughout Florida, the firestorm—fueled by lightning strikes and arsonists in severe drought conditions—forced evacuations and closed down major highways. Florida Baptist Convention leaders are calling for churches to pray for rain. At Hope Baptist Church in Starke, Fla., in a community where two large fires converged to char more than 18,000 acres, more than 350 firefighters and other public safety personnel and leaders worked out of the church round-the-clock for nearly a week to contain fires in the area.

## Huckabee cancels appearance over Carter's criticism of Bush

**Jacksonville, Fla. (BP)**—Mike Huckabee, Republican presidential candidate and former governor of Arkansas, has withdrawn from the New Baptist Covenant Celebration planned for next January in Atlanta in protest of former President Jimmy Carter's labeling of the Bush administration's foreign policy as "the worst in history."

Huckabee called Carter's comments an "unprecedented personal attack."

The New Baptist Covenant Celebration is being organized by Carter and Mercer University President Bill Underwood to bring Baptists together to work on social concerns and improve what they regard as the judgmental image of Baptists, according to Associated Baptist Press.

Also involved in the Jan 30-Feb. 1 meeting will be former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

Huckabee's involvement in the New Baptist Covenant Celebration was announced May 17 as part of a line-up of speakers intended to respond to early criticism that the meeting may have presidential political overtones in light of the timing of the meeting and prominent involvement of Democratic politicians. Other Republican Baptist speakers announced were U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.

"While I continue to have great respect for President Carter as a fellow Christian believer and Baptist, I'm deeply disappointed by the unusually harsh comments made in my state this past weekend regarding President Bush, and feel that it

represents an unprecedented personal attack on a sitting president by a former president which is unbecoming the office as well as unbecoming to one whose conference is supposed to be about civility and bringing people together," Huckabee told the Florida Baptist Witness.

Alan Stanford, executive director of the North American Baptist Fellowship, noted, "It is unfortunate that Mike Huckabee is letting comments made in the political arena determine his participation in a purely Christian event designed to bring Baptists together across racial, geographic, economic and social barriers."

In a May 19 interview with the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Carter said of Bush's administration, "I think as far as the adverse impact on the nation around the world, this administration has been the worst in history."

Carter spoke while promoting his new audiobook series, "Sunday Mornings in Plains," a collection of Bible lessons from Plains, Ga.

On May 21 Carter appeared to modify his criticism of Bush, telling NBC's "Today Show" his comments were "maybe careless or misinterpreted" and that he "certainly was not talking personally about any president."

"I think they were (careless), yes, because they were interpreted as comparing this whole administration to all other administrations," he said, adding that in his initial comments he was comparing the Bush administration to the Nixon administration.

With additional reporting by Associated Baptist Press

## Speakers' testimonies illustrate lifestyle evangelism

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Robinson said she and her co-workers felt the planes strike the buildings, but the impact was dozens of floors above them. "We had no idea what was going on."

There was no evacuation announcement. Robinson said it wasn't until they smelled smoke that they left the 61st floor. They took an elevator to the 44th floor where a cafeteria and common area was located. Robinson said people were unconcerned. She compared the atmosphere to that of a school fire drill, students celebrating a break from classes.

An announcement instructed them to return to work. As she pushed the elevator button to go back upstairs, Robinson said she suddenly was overwhelmed by fear. Her only thought: "You've got to get out of this building." She credits the Holy Spirit for compelling her to gather a nearby group of co-workers and start down the stairs.

As they joined the evacuation, the building shuddered, knocking them against the walls, she said. There were screams and cries of terror, and then, an eerie silence.

### Comfort amid terror

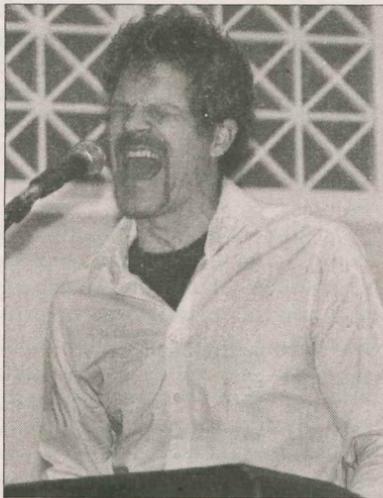
"I could hear the building start to crack and crumble," she said. Robinson began to pray aloud for herself and everyone in the structure.

As she prayed, she said she found comfort amid the terror. "It was not the first time I'd talked to Him that day," Robinson said. "I knew that if He decided to take me, His eyes would be the next thing I'd see."

Still praying aloud, she reached the ground floor, then realized the woman in front of her was the same employee who threatened to file a complaint for her overt expressions of faith.

"I hope I didn't offend you," Robinson told the woman.

"Please don't stop," she replied. "It's the only comfort I have right



**SAYING NOTHING?** Former *NewSong* frontman Michael O'Brien belts out a song at the recent Women of Worth Lifestyle Evangelism Conference in Princeton. One of his selections described the impact of lifestyle evangelism with the lyric: "What would my life say to you if I said nothing at all?" (Photos by Dannah Prather)

now."

"People want to hear about hope," Robinson explained to the women attending the conference.

Police and other emergency personnel instructed WTC workers to stand next to the building to protect them from falling debris. No one considered the towers would collapse, Robinson explained.

The smoke and heat were so intense, Robinson said she and one of her co-workers, Cassie, decided to "make a run for it" to get away from the WTC. As they ran, Robinson glanced up at the towers. Instantly, her eyes were burned, her vision damaged permanently.

"I believed 100 percent I was going to die that day," Robinson said. "I'll be honest; I just didn't want it to hurt."

A firefighter saw the two women picking their way across the street and ushered them onto the relative safety of an abandoned bus.

The irony that she and Cassie were sitting on a bus did not escape Robinson. Abandoning the politically correct code of the workplace, she turned to her friend and said, "We don't know what's going to happen. ... Don't you think it's time to give your heart to Jesus?" Cassie did just that.

Robinson said the days immediately after the attack were difficult. She had seen people jump from the towers, had stepped over bodies and body parts, and watched people horribly burned, wandering the streets in shock.

She admitted she was "ticked off at God" at first for not arranging her business trip so she could have avoided the trauma. Then, Robinson said, she thought of Cassie.

"I'm so grateful God chose to use me that day," she said.

Robinson concluded her testimony with a prayer that she and all the women attending the conference would be bold Christian witnesses, prepared to share the gospel at any minute. She asked God: "Help us to realize that if we don't tell them, they may not ever hear."

### Scriptures supply strength

Phyllis Hendry's tragic day didn't make headlines, but few people around her could deny the strength of her faith.

Seventeen years ago, her seemingly healthy husband went out to mow the lawn. In just a few hours, he was dead.

"Sometimes the first sign of heart disease is fatal," were the words Hendry said she and her daughter heard from the doctor.

Reeling from shock and grief, she said the thoughts that flashed through her mind were placed there decades before, when she began to memorize Bible passages.

When she was 8 years old, Hendry accepted the challenge to memorize 300 verses of scripture during the school year to qualify for two

free weeks of summer camp.

Her father, a pastor, agreed to help if she would get up at 6 o'clock each morning to study. At the end of each week, she would recite the verses for her father.

Hendry met the challenge and went to camp. It was little 8-year-old Phyllis' first time away from home, however, and she became terribly homesick; she stayed only a week.

Disappointed in herself, Hendry said she left camp thinking, "I didn't get my reward."

As she matured, she said she realized having God's Word always on the tip of her tongue was the reward, not summer camp.

Sitting beside her stricken husband in the ambulance, Hendry said she kept repeating God's words spoken in Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you ... to give you a future and a hope."

When she was told her husband of 22 years was dead, Hendry said she protested silently to God. "You promised me a future and a hope. This doesn't feel like any of that."

Immediately, another verse came to mind, she said. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

As Hendry watched her daughter and son grieve, she said she thought, "God, do You know how hard this is? Lord, do You see me? Then I heard, 'I knew you before you were born'" (Psalm 139:16).

Hendry prayed and quoted scripture throughout that day, demonstrating her faith to emergency personnel, doctors, nurses, neighbors and friends from church. At the same time, she reminded herself of God's sovereignty and love.

Some believers may be impressed by Hendry's command of scripture but she is quick to say, "I'm ordinary. I'm not special, except to Him." She told Kentucky Baptists, "What He has done in my life, He will do in your life."



**LEADING LEADERS** Phyllis Hendry is president of "Lead Like Jesus," a ministry that provides resources and coaching for people in leadership positions. Based in Augusta, Ga., "Lead Like Jesus" provides insights on how Christ was the ultimate example of strong leadership.

## Salyersville church carries on pastor's vision of growth despite accident

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

**Salyersville**—To hear members of his congregation tell it, Pastor Matthew Gullion is a do-it-all kind of guy who goes non-stop.

Nearing the end of an almost five-year church relocation project, the pastor of First Baptist Church of Salyersville has had his hands in all phases of the building process. From coordinating countless volunteer groups to driving many of the nails himself, Gullion stays busy.

"He gets up at like 4 or 5 in the morning," church member Tara Lyons said about her pastor. "Then he goes and works at the church until 10 or 11 at night every single day and has for years."

"He's not the average pastor," confirmed Tara's husband, Mike.

So how could a simple chore like mowing the grass become a life-changing event for such an active man?

Gullion was doing just that at the church parsonage May 11, when he clipped a gas meter with his riding lawnmower, spewing natural gas from the line. Gullion tried to close off the leak, but too much gas got into the mower's engine, causing an explosion.

The blast sent Gullion flying more than 20 feet into his front yard. It also touched off a fire at the parsonage, almost completely destroying the home.

Gullion was rushed to a nearby hospital, and then flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Doctors estimated Gullion had first-, second- and third-degree burns over at least 40 percent of his body, mostly below the waist. Gullion recalled the accident vividly, but said he doesn't remember the days immediately following.

The accident sent a wave of shock through the mountain community. Upon hearing the news, a local high school baseball game was stopped so that the players, coaches and parents could have a time of prayer. Hundreds of people showed up at the parsonage that evening to move all of the pastor's belongings out of the burned-out home.

"We've had so many people praying for him," Tara Lyons said. "People we don't even know coming up to us and saying, 'Our church had a special prayer for him.'"

And Gullion has certainly felt the effects. "You can definitely see it in the progress, the power of prayer," Gullion said.

After a week in the burn unit, Gullion walked out of the UK Medical Center on May 18. He has been recovering since then at his parents' home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

And his healing has been nothing short of remarkable. Doctors initially told Gullion the burns on his legs would require skin grafts. However, in only a few days, his burns had healed so quickly, Gullion's home health nurses told him the grafts may no longer be necessary.

"I just really can feel the prayers being answered on a day-to-day basis," Gullion remarked.

Equally remarkable has been his church's determination to forge ahead with their relocation even in Gullion's absence. With the project only a few weeks from completion, many members of the congregation have stepped up to help fill the pastor's shoes.

"It's just a continued commitment," declared Mike Lyons, the church's finance committee chairman. "It's just required more effort for some of us filling the gap of what Matthew was doing."

Kerry Howard, the chairman of First Baptist's building growth committee, has taken over many of Gullion's project duties. He said he never realized just how

much work was involved, but noted that all the members of the church have pulled together to see the job through.

First Baptist began the relocation process nearly five years ago, with the purchase of a five-acre site in Salyersville. Construction began three years ago and as Lyons said, through a series of blessings and the help of 3,000 volunteer laborers, the 38,000-square-foot building is on target to be finished in July.

Gullion credited a volunteer group called the Mississippi Nailbenders with getting the building started and with coming in this summer to help in its completion. He also praised the Kentucky chapter of Campers on Mission for their thousands of hours of labor.

But Gullion, who has been pastor of the church for more than a decade, said he is proudest of the members of his church for persevering through crisis.

"Our calling as pastors," Gullion said, "is to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry and they have picked up and ran with it and done a marvelous job."

And when the doors of the new facility open this summer, Pastor Gullion knows right where he'll be. "I'll be there," he declared. "No fire can keep me away."

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## Is your church breaking the law?

By Howard Dayton

**Gainesville, Ga. (BP)**—Many churches break the law on a weekly basis, making illegal copies of music. Some vague thought process assumes that "as long as it's for the Lord's work, it should be OK." Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Internet provides the ability to find a superabundance of material almost instantly. This has contributed to the capacity to illegally use copyrighted materials. The recording industry has brought lawsuits against some Web sites and has even turned its attention to some individuals.

The suits generally are related to widespread copyright infringement: music that's offered electronically that allegedly damages protection that is provided through current copyright laws.

Works created by an individual that are fixed in a tangible medium, such as the article you're now reading, are protected from theft by the United States copyright laws. The law is intended to protect the "intellectual property" of authors, artists, composers and others. However, many—including musicians whose music is being pirated—say that current copyright laws are protecting an archaic industry, and not the new electronic world.

## Cultural revolution

Electronic media has revolutionized our culture, and copyright laws probably are in need of extensive revision. However, until that happens, current copyright laws are just that—the copyright laws.

Violating copyright law denies the copyright holder fair compensation for his or her labor. The Bible says, "Now to the one who works, pay is not considered as a gift, but as something owed" (Romans 4: 4). Breaking a copyright law is not much different from picking the pocket of the copyright holder.

## COMMENTARY

A work is copyrighted as soon as it is written, photographed, painted, programmed or put into some tangible form. Original works may be registered with the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington D.C. for a small fee. However, works do not have to be registered in order to be copyright protected; an original work is copyright protected as it is created.

Generally, a copyright in a work created after Jan. 1, 1978, lasts for the life of the owner, plus 70 years after his or her death. Only the owner of a copyright-protected work may authorize adaptations, distribute copies, perform, display and copy his or her work. It should be pointed out that copyright does not protect facts, ideas, systems or methods of operation, although it may protect the manner in which these things are expressed.

## What about emergencies?

"But, it was an emergency. Our soloist became ill and the choir had to perform. We didn't have enough copies of the music for all the choir members."

It's up to the individual to define an "emergency" situation that he or she believes has justified improper copying. But emergencies do not justify breaking the law; illegal is illegal. If you find that recurring emergencies require copying someone else's material, you need to take an honest look at your planning—and your practices.

Some people operate with the attitude that they will do something and then apologize, because it's easier to do that than to get permission in the first place. Ethically, at its best

## What are you thinking?

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## Armstrong celebrates 40 years of ministry

Beaver Dam Baptist Church held an incredible celebration of 40 years of ministry and retirement for Pastor Glenn Armstrong and his wife, Elaine, on May 20. He preached his final message as pastor during the 10:30 a.m. worship service to a packed house.

Armstrong is known as an outstanding preacher and the final sermon was one of about 6,000 that he has preached at Beaver Dam. The church experienced 759 baptisms and 1,041 other additions during his tenure.

The celebration service and reception following were filled with humor and laughter as the pastor, church staff and church members shared memories. Four former members who are now ministers of other churches were present to express thanks to their mentor and sing a song about him. A church youth drama team pantomimed the early years of Glenn and Elaine—including times when Armstrong had to work through great challenges.

Armstrong gave credit to his supportive wife and the vital role she has played in their ministry. He also gave credit to the minister of music, John Cashion, who has been at the church 24 years, and to the youth minister, Doug King, who has served 22 years.

The Armstrongs' four daughters and their families were present, including 10 grandchildren. The Armstrongs are so pleased that their children are active in churches where they live.

After the celebration inside, the capacity crowd was asked to assemble in front of the church, but to leave the driveway open. The city police then escorted a new Avalon, with attached balloons and a bow, for a special presentation.

The Armstrongs plan to retire in Beaver Dam where they will give their support to the next pastor. Armstrong already has five preaching engagements and a revival scheduled.

He enjoys riding bicycles and mo-

torcycles and plans to do some traveling. In addition to yard work and taking up golf, he hopes to use his chainsaw skills to assist in disaster relief.

Armstrong has been an excellent leader. Research shows that the population of the average congregation shifts about 40 percent every 10 years due to losses and gains. This means that even by staying in one place, Armstrong has pastored four different congregations in his years at Beaver Dam.

The advantage of this kind of longevity is that effectiveness is not lost in starting and closing ministries. Maximum effectiveness for most pastors usually begins somewhere between years five and seven of their ministries.

Armstrong's vision for missions has been demonstrated in leading the church to give 19 percent to state and world missions through the Cooperative Program in 2005. He has led the church to learn that they can move forward together under God, obey God's Word, have fun, and grow in their relationships to God, family and one another!

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

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After all, if it's the Lord's work, let's be sure we do it honestly, excellently and honorably.

Howard Dayton is CEO of Crown Financial Ministries

## CHURCH

## Consider specific ways to help meet church's budget

By Doug Strader

Most churches are interested in how they can increase the giving among their members. Even churches that are meeting their current budget are

interested in increasing the giving because they are interested in doing more ministries—and more ministry usually means more financial resources are needed.

I am pastor of a church that is running behind in our budget giving this calendar year. I am chairman of the associational finance committee and the association is running behind budget this year. The Kentucky Baptist Convention also is running behind in the Cooperative Program budget for the year. Most churches need to consider increasing their budget giving since associational and state convention budgets rely on the churches for their budgets.

What are some of the things churches can do to help alleviate budget shortfalls?

- Pastors can preach and teach on tithing and grace giving.

- Churches can educate their members about what increased giving means to the church, the association, and the state convention in ministry at home and around the world.

- Most churches can enhance the offering time by consciously making it more worshipful.

- Pastors, other staff members and key leaders can be good role models as faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to them.

- Churches can offer debt management classes to assist their members in getting out of debt and staying out of debt.

- Schedule positive giving testimonies from laypeople.

- Handle the church's money wisely, using good financial money management practices.

- Spend the church's money wisely; do not waste the money.

- Thank the people for their faithful financial stewardship. Never take faithful stewardship for granted.

- Provide for an annual audit by an outside auditor, or by an in-house committee that consists of members who do not have any responsibility for receiving, counting, depositing or spending the church's money.

Hopefully these suggestions will serve as a springboard to help you begin the process of increasing giving among your church's members.

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



## Positive communication skills vital to successful marriages

**Q: Many couples seem to divorce in the first few years of marriage. How can I beat the odds and have a marriage that will last?**

Take advice from Socrates and Jesus. First, from the ancient Greek guy: Know thyself. If you haven't figured out what makes you happy, you can't expect happiness to be delivered by another person. Spend some time in introspection.

### MARRIAGE

Jesus said, "If I have washed your feet, so should you wash one another's feet." Christian marriage, as much as any human relationship, is about mutual servanthood. If we follow the example of the disciples in the upper room, we will always wait for the other person to go first, and we're both going to be frustrated.

Paul put it this way in Ephesians 5: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, respond lovingly to your husband's acts of service. Husbands, serve your wife the same way Christ loved the church. With these philosophical and theological guidelines in mind, here is some practical application:

**Communicate expectations.** You come from two different sets of rules, traditions and ways of doing things. Whether you're about to go on a trip, go out to eat, visit relatives or observe holidays, remember to talk about it first.

**Communicate about money.** It doesn't matter how you deal with money as much as that you agree. This goes for joint accounts and separate accounts, financial goals and budgets.

**Nurture the marriage.** When we talk about "the two shall become one," we may give the idea that it's an instantaneous transaction. Rather, unity is a process that takes decades to meld into ever-increasing unity of love. Be careful not to neglect yourself, your spouse or your marriage, which is a garden that must be continually cultivated.

**Communicate constructively.** Welcome conflict, but structure discussion so that it is not done in anger. Observe agreed-upon rules. Carefully avoid fouls such as put-downs and defensiveness. Attack the problem, not the person. Speak for yourself, and listen with all your being.

Give your marriage at least the same amount of attention you give your job, your parenting or your church. It's the most important relationship of your life, so be intentional. God will bless your efforts.—James Stillwell

**Q: What special problems do interfaith families face when it comes time to teach their children about faith?**

In my work as a minister to children, I continue to encounter families who describe themselves as "interfaith families"—families where Mom and Dad share very different faith perspectives. Most often the combination includes one parent who is Jewish and one who is Christian.

True religion ultimately revolves around truth claims, and truth claims by nature are often mutually exclusive. The degree of difficulty interfaith families will face depends on the level of commitment each parent has to his or her beliefs. Issues can include decisions about where to worship, what holidays to observe, what scriptures to believe, how to pray, and in general, what to teach the children about God.

Children end up caught in the middle. If parents are passive about their faith, the child may grow up embracing the logically inconsistent idea that it really doesn't matter what one believes. On the other hand, the child may become a pawn as each parent pushes and promotes their way.

Most children are smart enough to eventually figure out that the answers to faith questions have eternal ramifications. Worrying and wondering about who is right, who is going to heaven, etc., can create tremendous anxiety in a child.

To avoid dealing with these and other conflicts, many interfaith families downplay or ignore the very real differences—but that does not make them go away.—David Garrard

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## Testimonies highlight Kentucky ministries

The Western Recorder's news and editorial coverage of Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board meetings typically highlights such business-related issues as budgets, personnel, ministry goals and other proposals.

While such newsworthy developments are the primary focus of Mission Board meetings, other key components of the events are the inspirational testimonies and reports shared throughout the two-day gatherings. The KBC Mission Board's meeting earlier this month at Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center provided several examples of such inspirational moments.

With the meeting being held in Western Kentucky for the first time in recent memory, convention officials took advantage of the opportunity to spotlight several ministry efforts going on in that region of the state. Reports from convention leaders in other areas added to the statewide emphasis on what God is accomplishing throughout the Bluegrass State.

Among those who shared during the Mission Board meeting about their ministries were:

**Mark Whitt**, Baptist campus minister at Murray State University. "Truly the world is represented on our campus," Whitt noted. "The ministry of Baptist Campus Ministry on the campus of Murray State is a light on our campus. ... Students reaching students is what it's all about. ... Thank you for allowing us to do what we do by pointing students to Jesus."

**Matt Johnson**, pastor/church planter of Journey, a KBC high impact church in Murray. "The Journey was launched on Sept. 11, 2005, by a group of eight people. We currently are averaging about 160 people in attendance. ... The vast majority of the people who attend our church have never attended church in their lives or haven't attended church in years. ... God is doing great things. ... At least 31 people have professed

faith. People's lives are being changed; families are being changed."

**Todd Gray**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Grove near Fort Campbell. Serving near a military base with more than 26,000 active duty soldiers and their families, Gray said, "We're always in transition. Every year about 20 to 25 percent of our congregation moves elsewhere. ... I felt like the Lord led me to get involved in the lives of individual young men just to make disciples. ... The Lord is saving people; it's a great place to minister."

**Jerrell White**, Mission Service Corps missionary to the Job Corps Academy in Morganfield. As a chapel volunteer, White said

his primary goal is "to be an encouragement to the 1,600 young people and 450 staff members and to be a liaison to the local churches. ... Just a little encouragement, just a little love can make a big difference. ... We've had 80 people saved since the first of this year."

**Donnie Fox**, the newly elected president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. "I humbly stand before you grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord and Kentucky Baptists as the fifth president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. As I look at the Lord's calling on my life, I could think of no greater honor that He could bestow on me. ... This is not a job to me, it is a ministry calling. ... My greatest vision is to build upon the legacy of those godly men who have gone before me. ... When it's God plan, I may have a lot to think about but nothing to worry about."

As you read about Mission Board business and other convention-related developments in each issue of the Western Recorder, remember that our primary business as Kentucky Baptists is seeking and following God's will—and working to make a difference for the sake of God's Kingdom here in Kentucky and beyond. That's an important reminder for all of us.

## How's your integrity level?

By Judy Woodward Bates

**Dora, Ala.** (BP)—"Whoever lives with integrity fears the Lord, but the one who is devious in his ways despises him" (Proverbs 14:2).

Is there such a thing as a "sneaky" Christian? Unfortunately, yes, but it's not the sort of behavior our Lord wants us displaying. We who have been bought by the blood of the Lamb are still very capable of being worldly, self-absorbed and even "devious."

Let's put together a scenario. You're up for promotion, but so is Brandi. You're a Christian, but so is Brandi. You're doing everything you can to be sure your name will be on the door of that prized corner office. So you work diligently, faithfully, dependably, and you pray for the Lord to give you favor for that position.

But you do something extra. You begin a quiet campaign of destruction against Brandi.

Sticking your head into your boss's office—the one who will be making the decision about the promotion—you innocently say, "Hey, I really need to head on to lunch if that's OK, but I hate to leave us shorthanded. Brandi's a bit late getting back again today." You put an ever-so-slight hint of emphasis on the word "again."

Later that day you see the boss coming your way, so you hurry over

to Brandi's desk to ask her about the one project on which she's behind. Timing yourself to the boss's arrival, you question: "Don't mean

to pressure you," you smile sweetly, "but how much longer do you think you'll be on the Simmons proposal? I've gone as far as I can with what you've been able to give me." You gaze down at the seated Brandi with a look that clearly says you're doing the best you can to be patient with an obvious inferior.

Did you say anything about Brandi that wasn't true? No. Did you start a rumor? Tell a lie? No. Were it not for the intent of your heart, you'd be perfectly innocent, wouldn't you? But you knew that every action you took was for the express purpose of casting a negative light on your competition.

But when we trust God, we don't need to tear someone else down in order to build ourselves up. "Whoever lives with integrity fears the Lord." We can't have integrity in our relationship with the Lord and still be devious. We can't deviously manipulate people or circumstances if we truly fear the Lord—that is, have a healthy respect for His Person and His power.

In Acts 8, we read the account of Simon who, seeing the Holy Spirit come on people as Peter and John

laid their hands on them, offered money for the disciples to enable him to have this same power. Peter and John were appalled. And Peter told him:

"Repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that the intent of your heart may be forgiven you" (Acts 8:22).

If you read the full account in Acts 8:9-24, the Bible leaves no doubt that Simon had truly believed and had even been baptized (verse 13)—he was a believer. And yet he was told to repent of the intent of his heart.

"The one who is devious in his ways despises the Lord." We can't be "sneaky" Christians. There is no room for pretense or subterfuge. To treat other people in such a manner is to have so little respect, so little obedience to the way in which Christ wants us to live, as to actually despise God.

Be honest here: Would you consider yourself to be a bit sneaky? It's a choice, you know. It's an old habit that you haven't gotten around to getting rid of. Hey, if we're flat-out truthful, it's an old sin that you love too much to part with.

Examine the intent of your heart, and if there's anything within it that doesn't honor Jesus, repent so that it "may be forgiven you."

Judy Woodward Bates, a freelance writer and speaker, is the author of "Blessedly Budgeted Women's Events."

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

## New podcast aims to offer youth ministry workers 'fresh insights'

*KBC expands online resources to answer growing demand*

**Louisville**—Seeking new ways to connect with youth ministers and workers, the Kentucky Baptist Convention has turned to the world of podcasting.

The new "Despising None" podcast offers fresh insights and discussion about youth ministry issues.

Hosted by Joe Ball, youth strategist for the KBC, the podcast can be accessed free of charge at [www.despisingnone.com](http://www.despisingnone.com).

"This is training on the go," Ball said. "It's one more way we can equip our youth ministry workers, and it's all about convenience."

A podcast is a digital media file that is distributed over the Internet (see article below). Users can subscribe to a feed and receive new files automatically by subscription. Used primarily for audio files, podcasts first became popular in 2004.

### Global benefit

"Despising None" serves primarily as a resource for youth ministers and youth workers in Kentucky, but those with Internet access around the globe can benefit from the podcast. Listeners can share their own insights and stories through the "comments" feature on the "Despising None" blog, authored by Ball.

"It's really just another form of online networking," Ball said. "We hear about youth workers across the state who have experience and

knowledge in certain areas. These podcasts help make that information available to everyone."

Special guests will include youth ministers from across Kentucky, as well as experts on matters related to youth ministry. The first episode features Tim Ashley, youth and young adults pastor for Beechland Baptist Church, in a discussion about hosting special events.

To celebrate the launch, the KBC will give away an iPod shuffle. Contest participants must listen to the first episode and submit a comment related to the podcast.

Comments will be accepted through June 4. Ball will announce the winner online June 5 along with the release of the second "Despising None" podcast, featuring SBC President Frank Page.

Each episode will last approximately 15-20 minutes and will be released every two to three weeks. Listeners can access the podcast online at any time, or download episodes for playback on portable media players or personal computers.

"Despising None" is the convention's first podcast effort, according to Robert Reeves, the KBC's director of communications. Reeves also pointed out that it is the first youth ministry podcast launched by a Southern Baptist state convention.

"Our studies show that more and more church leaders are looking for resources online, so we're working hard to provide as many options as possible," Reeves said. "This is just one more way we can serve youth ministers and youth workers."

## Kentucky Changers to repair dozens of homes this summer

**Russellville**—More than 300 Kentucky Baptist teenagers and their chaperones will serve in Russellville June 9-16 to provide home repairs in low-income communities.

The volunteers are part of Kentucky Changers, a program sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention that provides practical assistance in Kentucky communities. At least 28 Russellville homeowners are scheduled to benefit from the group's efforts.

Two other groups of young people will conduct similar projects in Maysville June 23-30 and in Monticello July 7-14. A total of almost 1,000 volunteers will be involved in the three projects.

### Community partnership

Each Kentucky Changers project involves a weeklong missions experience for teenagers, college students and adults. Participants have the opportunity to live out their faith while completing light construction work for low-income families.

The high school students divide into teams to take part in painting, roofing and other work for families who cannot afford to pay for needed repairs. The work is supervised by experienced crew

chiefs, often adults who do similar work throughout the state.

Kentucky Changers partners with local Baptist churches, government agencies and homeowners to complete community development and construction projects. Evenings are filled with fellowship, group sharing times and worship.

The repairs are done at no cost to the homeowners. Team members pay their own expenses to participate, and local churches volunteer to cover the costs of construction materials. Schools in the area typically contribute to the effort by providing housing accommodations.

"It's great to see churches and the community come together for a common cause," said project coordinator Peggy Murphy, a ministry assistant in the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission department. "Students from churches all over the state give of their time and money to help make a difference in the community."

For more information about Kentucky Changers, contact the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission department at (502) 489-3527 or toll-free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3527, or visit [www.kybaptist.org/kychangers](http://www.kybaptist.org/kychangers).

## Podcast Basics 101

### What is a podcast?

Podcasts are sound recordings, similar to radio programs, that can be played on a computer or personal portable media player, such as an iPod.

### How do I subscribe to a podcast? (The quick and simple way.)

If you have the latest version of Internet Explorer, simply go to the Web site where the podcast is located—for instance, [www.despisingnone.com](http://www.despisingnone.com)—and click on the orange "feed" icon in the browser tool bar.

This will take you to a page that displays the content of the feed along with a prompt at the top to "subscribe to this feed." Clicking on this prompt will save the link to the podcast as a "fa-

vorite" that you can return to anytime by clicking on the "star" icon.

### How do I subscribe to a podcast? (Only slightly more complicated.)

You can also download free "aggregator" software to collect podcasts. Free programs such as iTunes ([www.apple.com/itunes](http://www.apple.com/itunes)) and Juice ([juicereceiver.sourceforge.net](http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net)) are all built specifically to manage podcasts and have stronger features than you will find with Internet Explorer.

### Do I have to subscribe to a podcast to listen to an episode?

No. Users may download and playback single episodes without subscribing by visiting the podcast's Web site.

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## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Committee on Resolutions will be receiving resolutions to be considered at this year's annual meeting until October 14.

This year's meeting is to be held Nov. 13-14 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown

IF YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

E-mail it to: [executive@kybaptist.org](mailto:executive@kybaptist.org) (preferred method)

OR

Mail it to: Committee on Resolutions  
c/o KBC Executive Office  
P.O. Box 43433  
Louisville, KY 40253

### All Resolutions Must:

- Be typewritten, titled and dated
- Be accompanied by a letter or e-mail from a church qualified to send a messenger to the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention certifying that the person submitting the resolution is a member in good standing
- Include complete contact information for the person submitting the resolution and his or her church

No person may submit more than three resolutions in a single year.

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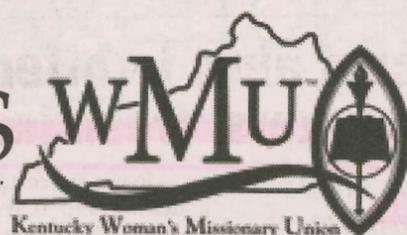
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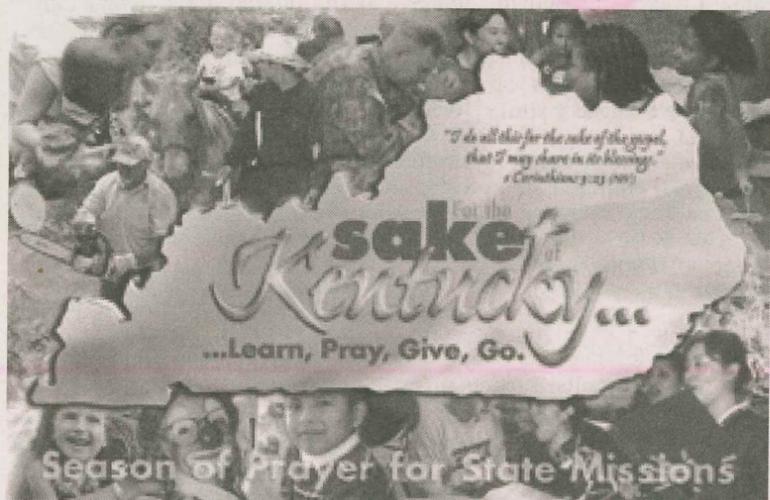
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## For the Sake of Kentucky: Learn, Pray, Give, Go

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- A packet of state missions teaching materials, DVD, poster, offering envelope, and promotional ideas will be mailed to the WMU director or WMU contact person in every church in July. Pastors will receive an additional copy of the DVD.
- DVD segments include: 90-second promotional spots (one for each Sunday in September), Mission Study video, camp bonus video, and computer files of all printed material. The Mission Study video includes Literacy, Prayer, Camp & Toy Project, and MissionsFEST. New this year: The DVD is closed-captioned.
- Please return the order card for additional envelopes, prayer guides, and posters.
- All state missions materials are provided free of charge.
- This year's material is undated and may be used any time during September. Suggested date: September 9-16, 2007.

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**QUESTIONS?** Call 502-489-3534 or 1-866-489-3534 OR e-mail: Brenda.Price@kybaptist.org

## A Personal Word

This summer 16 volunteers will travel to South Korea to teach English. Six will be going in June and July to teach English as a Foreign Language (EFL) at the Korea WMU Office. Ten more will travel in August to lead English camps in six churches. They will primarily work with children and combine teaching English with Bible stories, songs and activities.



**Joy Bolton**  
Executive  
Director-  
Treasurer

When the volunteers recently came for training, we prayed and gave thanks for the gift of our language, English. Something so simple, the language we speak every day, in the hands of the Lord can be a tool for the gospel.

These volunteers will prepare the way for future teams.

We will have more volunteers go to teach English and others to prayer walk. Above all, we want to encourage our Korean Baptist friends in their missions work and in their evangelism goals for Korea. We also are continuing to pray for North Korea.

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer letter by e-mail, please e-mail me at Joy.Bolton@kybaptist.org. If you are interested in a future trip, please let us know that as well. As trips are planned, we will send information and give you an opportunity to apply.

Even as we are praying for our partnership with Korea Baptist WMU, we are ever mindful of needs right here in Kentucky. Pray for the many church mission teams traveling to various places in our state and beyond. Pray for ministries which utilize missions teams such as Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM) and Mississippi River Ministry (MRM).

If you would like to participate in a summer mission trip, it is not too late. Visit the KBC, ARM, MRM, or NAMB web sites to learn about needs you can fill. Contact your director of missions about associational ministries this summer.

Let me say thank you for the largest Eliza Broadus Offering ever given—and we are still counting! Our offering year is September 1 - August 31, so we will be counting the 2006-07 offering until then. Thus far the offering has reached \$949,959. Thank you for your faithfulness. Our goal remains \$1,000,000.

You might wonder why it is so vital that we reach the one million dollar goal. Each year, our state ministries plan for the year ahead. They prayerfully seek God's direction and strive to use their resources wisely. The Kentucky WMU Finance Committee reviews every request for EBO funding. They, too, seek to make wise decisions and stretch the dollars to meet as many needs as possible.

EBO provides vital funding for language missions, church planting, student ministries, missionary salaries and insurance, camp, missions education, ministries to internationals, and much more. Combined with the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering funds that come back to Kentucky, EBO is an important part of supporting missions in our state.

Materials for our 2007 state missions emphasis will be mailed in early July. WMU directors and contact persons will receive a packet of materials, including a new DVD. New this year, pastors will receive an additional copy of the DVD. Our 2007 emphasis is "For the Sake of Kentucky - Learn, Pray, Give, Go." The theme includes four practical, progressive steps we can follow for the sake of the lost in Kentucky. Don't wait until September. Start now!

—Joy Bolton

## WMU Directors



*Change a Church.  
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Does being involved in missions and mission education change my church? Does it change the world?

Just ask a new church start from southeastern Kentucky that recently started churchwide WMU and Women on Mission. The church, through the efforts of WMU and Women on Mission, has changed the world of three families who experienced a fire. People in the church are getting involved and making a difference and the local community is seeing first hand the love of God being shared.

Ask the WMU team who went to Brazil in March and prayed for teams that will be coming on evangelism trips in the future. While the WMU team was still there, the first team arrived and worked in the first area that was prayerwalked. Fifty conversions! WMU was part of changing the world.

WMU offers the opportunity for all ages to hear and understand the call of God. WMU offers an awareness of and sensitivity toward other cultures and language groups. WMU experiences missions first hand. Churches with WMU are more likely to pray for mission needs and give to special missions offerings. WMU develops leaders. WMU can change a church and in turn, change the world.

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Wanda Walker

## Adults

"We must be willing to get out of our comfort zones and out of our own neighborhoods and start living the Gospel and serving our communities and being salt and light . . . And guess what? We've got a young generation coming up that is willing to do that, but we must be willing to pray for them and unleash them in the world." These are words of former SBC president Jack Graham spoken at the Executive Committee meeting of the SBC. Never have truer words been spoken.

We do have a generation of adults that want to do, go and be involved and we need to accept the responsibility of preparing them to do just that. We can't be certain that the tried and true ways of mission education for adults will prepare them to be unleashed. They just want to be let go and do it. Some of us as adult leaders need to think like a young adult of 2007, not 1907. Hey, I am including myself here.

Here are suggestions for working with adults.

- Enlist adults to get involved in a mission project. As the project comes to completion and you are debriefing, include how this situation is like the one that missionaries face. Include the names of those missionaries. If you are receiving the Mission Mosaic (and I know that all our leaders and readers of this article do) then you have the resource to give that information to them.

People relate to people with similar experiences. So, you may have to refer to an issue that is old, you are still doing mission education.

- Order extra *Mission Mosaics* to hand out in to young adults in your church. Oh, but that costs \$20.99 a year. Dinner out one time costs that much. This is for a whole year of missions for a person. If your church budget will allow, purchase extra copies and leave in the lobby or Christian Life Center.



People will pick them up and read them.

- Beginning September 1, my MissionFulfilled.com will offer women an opportunity to connect to other mission hearted believers with online Bible study, prayer and current world issues. Every woman has a different life experience and may love missions but literally does not have the time to attend an event or a missions project. This gives women the opportunity on their time.

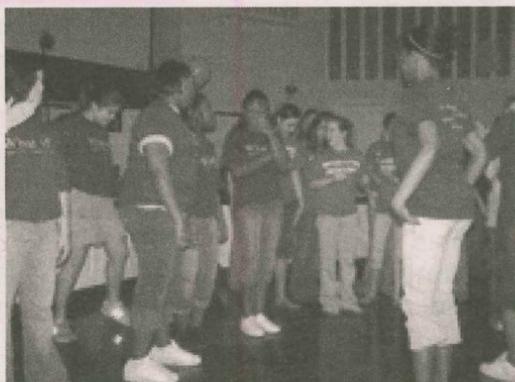
No, these may not be 'meetings,' but women will be learning about missions. Who knows, maybe she will be another woman like Lottie, Annie or Eliza.

Look at the opportunities coming up for adults...BNF Summer Luncheon (open to all women), June 30 in Frankfort; Crafters on Mission, August 11 in Central City; and Fall Retreat at Jonathan Creek, September 14-15 and Cedarmore, October 12-13. Hope to see you there.

Peace, Joy and Summer Blessings!

—Wanda

## Youth



The "Anointed Steppers" of New Hope Missionary Baptist lead a workshop on steeping at Exalt.

Exalt 2007 was an energetic weekend full of worship, fun, ministry and inspiration. We explored the question, "What If" from many different angles. Katie Richards, student at WKU, was the keynote speaker. Her messages were relevant and thought provoking. Rachael Hurt did a great job leading the music. The guys from 4:GO joined us on Saturday afternoon for a time of commissioning and closure. Mark April 17-18, 2008

on your calendar for Exalt and 4:GO next year.

It's going to be a busy summer this year. Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest is June 13-17. This week for girls in grades 6-10 features ministry projects in the community. Acteens Splash at Jonathan Creek will be held June 22-23. The weekend event will be relaxing, inspirational and will give you a chance to enjoy the water.

Blume is just around the corner. We will have the Kentucky party on Tuesday evening following the opening session. The party will take place in the convention center and will feature pizza. The cost is \$12. The Acteens from Liberty Baptist church have designed the t-shirt that Kentucky girls will wear. Information about the Kentucky Party and the t-shirts was sent to all registered leaders in May. If you haven't received the information yet, please contact LaRaine at Kentucky WMU.

Paradise '08 is an event for high school and college students that will take place May 25, 2008. This event will gather Christian students from across the country in Paradise, Kansas. Students can have input into shap-

ing the event by visiting the website (much like people have done in creating Wikipedia).

While Paradise '08 is not a profit-making event of any sort, there are logistical costs in putting it together. You can now register for this event at an "early bird" price. The web site is [www.paradise08.com](http://www.paradise08.com).



"Acts of Praise" of Second Baptist Hopkinsville sharing in worship.

## Preschool and Children

It's relevant, redesigned and ready-to-use! These words describe the new curriculum for Mission Friends, Girls in Action and Children in Action beginning September 2007. Find out more about what's new for 2007-08 in missions education for preschoolers and children by attending World Missions Unlimited this summer! There will be something to learn and share whether you are a new leader or an experienced one. Be the best leader you can be! (See page 1 for the details.)



In September preschoolers and children in your church will want to participate in the Season of Prayer and Offering for State Missions. It would be a great way to start the new church year. The study and prayer material will focus on literacy missions in Kentucky. Teaching guides are available from your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office.



—Brenda Price

## Children in Action Missions Day Camp Cedar Crest (at Cedarmore)

Saturday, September 23  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
Cost - \$10.00 per person

For members of Children in Action  
(boys and girls, grades 1-6)

Meet missionaries, make new friends, learn about God and His creation, do crafts, play games and have fun galore!

Contact the Kentucky WMU office after  
July 1 for details.

## President's Perspective

WOW! I am still on a high from the WMU annual meeting. What a wonderful time! I personally want to thank Joy and the WMU staff for all the hours they gave to see that all the plans for our meeting were carried out. I appreciate all of you that prayed for me before and during the meeting. As I have shared, speaking in front of a group isn't my favorite thing. I certainly felt the prayers and, once we got started, I actually had fun!



**Pat Reaves**  
Kentucky WMU  
president

I have tried to decide on my favorite part of annual meeting, and I can't do it. The musicians were great. Wanda Lee's theme interpretations were so inspiring. I always love hearing the international missionaries and this year was the best! How exciting to hear about the Eliza Broadus Offering approaching a million dol-

lars and how it is used in Kentucky. The college students from the Baptist Campus Ministry let us see that there are many fine young Christians spreading the good news on the college campuses as well as around the world. Drew Phillips shared what is going on in his part of the U.S.

Embracing the world through prayer was a very meaningful time for me—hopefully it was for you too. We met Chelsea Ballou, a Kentucky Acteen. She has been chosen as a National Acteen Panelist. We are extremely proud of her. Our guests from Korea lead us in worship beautifully. You could see their love for Jesus in their faces. If you weren't there, you should have been! Plan to come next year when we meet in Bardstown.

Another exciting announcement during the meeting was our campaign to grow the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund to \$1,000,000. We are looking for a 1,000 people or groups of people (like your Women on Mission Group, a group of friends, or family) to give a thousand dollars to the fund. The Heritage Fund is to help support and sustain the work of Kentucky WMU. The more self-supporting we become the more money we can give for mission work around Kentucky. Dudley and I have decided that we want to be a part of the mission of God through Kentucky WMU and have given \$1,000. I challenge you to pray and ask God to show you how you are to be involved in this campaign.

I want to welcome the new board members that were elected at our meeting. Sandra Duguid is our new vice president, and I am looking forward to working with her. It is always sad to say goodbyes to our outgoing board members. They have given many hours of their time to Kentucky WMU and will be greatly missed. Pat Key has served faithfully as vice president for the last four years. We will miss her sense of humor and creativity, but know that she will continue serving through WMU. I feel very honored to be serving as your president another year. Thank you!

Hope to see you at World Missions Unlimited this summer. We have a lot of new things happening in WMU and we want you to be well informed. Please come. I also hope to see some of you at *Blume* in July. Walk worthy!

*Working together,*  
Pat Reaves

## Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund

December 1, 2006—February 28, 2007

The following persons were honored or remembered through gifts to the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund during the second quarter of the 2006-07 fiscal year. Thank you to each person who gave to the Heritage Fund in honor of or in memory of someone significant to you and WMU. At the Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting we launched the 1000<sup>2</sup> Campaign to enlist 1000 WMU donors (individuals or groups) who will give \$1,000 between 2007-2010. Even before Annual Meeting, pledges and donations began to come in. We will include pledge gifts in our report each quarter, which may also be given in honor or memory of someone.

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## Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund 1000<sup>2</sup> Campaign

The Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund is a permanent endowment for the purpose of developing, promoting, strengthening and sustaining the work of Kentucky WMU. The earnings from this endowment fund are used by Kentucky WMU for our vital work in missions education. You can leave a living legacy through your support of Kentucky WMU through the Heritage Fund.

By increasing the Heritage Fund to a million dollars and beyond, the increased endowment distribution to Kentucky WMU will allow us to do more in missions education and support. A strong endowment will ensure financial viability of WMU work in Kentucky for the future. If one thousand WMU donors (individuals or groups) would give \$1,000 by 2010, we will increase the Heritage Fund by one million dollars.

The 1000<sup>2</sup> Campaign was launched at the 2007 Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting and pledge cards were distributed. Before the meeting ended, several \$1,000 gifts were given and a number of pledges received! If you would like to make a pledge, please contact Kentucky for a pledge card or visit our website ([www.kywmu.org](http://www.kywmu.org)). Click on the Heritage Fund page.

A \$1,000 pledge could be paid in a one-time donation or paid in yearly or monthly installments of \$334 per year or \$28 per month. Or you may wish to make a larger pledge! All contributions to the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund are tax deductible.

## 2007-08 Kentucky WMU Executive Board

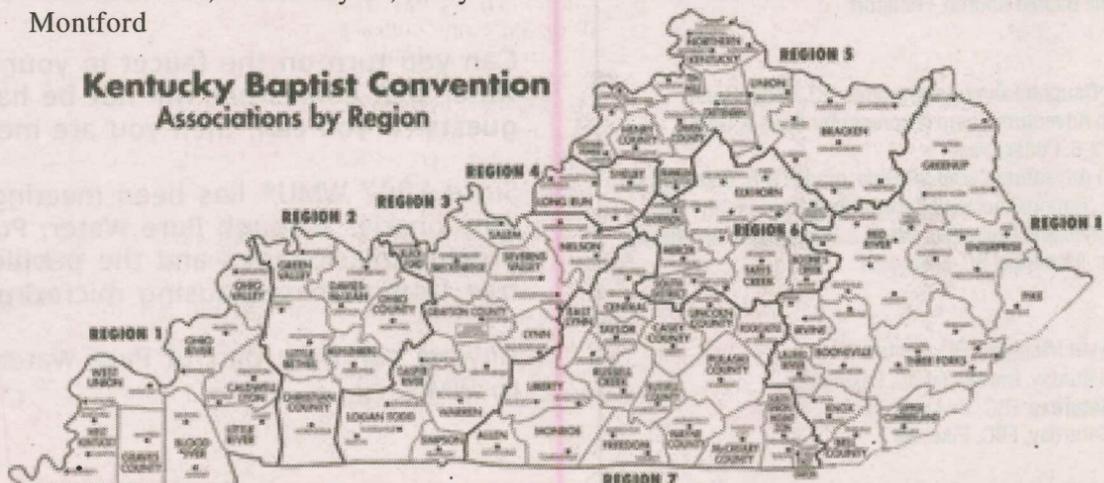
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### Kentucky Baptist Convention Associations by Region



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(Positions are still available for Assistant Cabin Leaders. Students in grades 11-12 or college may apply. Please contact Stacy at 502-489-3454.)

### 2007 CAMP SCHEDULE

Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest

June 11-15 Girls in grades 6-10

June 18-22 Girls in grades 3-6

June 25-29 Girls in grades 3-6

July 5-9 Girls and Boys, grades 3-6

July 9-13 Girls in grades 3-6

Mother/Daughter Overnights

For girls in grades 1-3 and moms

June 15-16 July 2-3

June 29-30

Overnights at Jonathan Creek

June 22-23 Mother/Daughter Overnight

GA Overnight

Acteens Splash

*Space may still be available!*

For more information,

contact the WMU office at:

1-866-489-3534

### Continuing Education Session

#### Advances in Women's Health

Farmdale Baptist Church

Frankfort, KY

Saturday, June 30, 2007

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$15.00 for BNF Members

\$25.00 for non-members

Join BNF (\$15) and receive the member rate!

Lunch is included in fee.

Education Session is open to any women who would like to attend.

2 Continuing Education Units will be given.

### Crafters on Mission

August 11, 2007

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church Central City  
Central City, KY

Crafts made will be used in children's ministry at medical and dental clinics in Southeast Asia where Kentucky residents "John and Kimberly Johnson" are serving as IMB missionaries.

### Calendar

#### June

- 4-9 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, Staff Training, Cedar Crest
- 10-11 National WMU Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 12-13 Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, TX
- 11-15 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, grades 6-10, Cedar Crest
- 15-16 Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest
- 18-22 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest
- 22-23 Acteens Splash, grades 7-12, Jonathan Creek  
GA Overnight, grades 4-6, Jonathan Creek  
Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Jonathan Creek
- 25-29 Missions Adventure Camp for Girls, Cedar Crest, grades 3-6
- 29-30 Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest
- 30 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Summer Luncheon, Farmdale Baptist Church, Frankfort

#### July

- 2-3 Mother Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest
- 5-7 Mission Adventure Camp (Express) for Boys & Girls, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest
- 9-13 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest
- 10-13 BLUME (National Acteens Convention), Kansas City, MO
- 27-28 World Missions Unlimited, WMU & Baptist Men on Mission Leaders, Immanuel BC, Lexington

#### August

- 11 Crafters on Mission, FBC, Central City
- 18 Super Saturday, Immanuel BC, Lexington
- 25 Super Saturday, FBC, Owensboro  
Super Saturday, FBC, Pikeville

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Memorial gifts

Memorial Day offers reminder of legacy left by loved ones

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A memorial gift is a way for you to establish a legacy in memory of that special one and, at the same time, provide financial resources to one or more charitable organizations for the effective fulfillment of their missions.

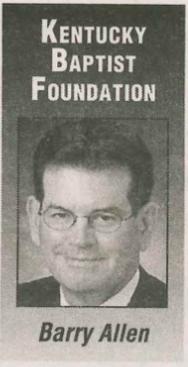
As you reflect on Memorial Day, I encourage you prayerfully to consider making a memorial gift in honor of someone who was special in your life. Consider the focus of your gift to be a living memorial to further the mission of Christ through one or more of the organizations with which you and/or that

special person has been affiliated. Give Laurie Valentine and me the privilege of assisting you in your consideration. There are a variety of tax-wise giving methods available to you.

In addition to cash gifts, gifts of appreciated securities and real estate have specific tax advantages. You may have a cash value life insurance policy, the original purpose for which you purchased it no longer exists. Gifts of life insurance provide an excellent way to make a memorial gift and to receive a tax benefit. A beneficiary designation of a retirement account also offers some important tax advantages. In fact, for those over age 70 and a half, there is a special window of opportunity in 2007 to make tax-free memorial gifts up to \$100,000 from IRA funds. A charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust and a bequest in your will are ways to make memorial gifts at your death. Call Laurie toll-free for the details.

I hope you and your family had a meaningful Memorial Day!

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Bible Crosswords

By Malina D. English

Across

- 1 Bottommost parts of faces
- 6 Having to do with either the North or South Poles
- 11 The sister of Tubal-cain (Genesis 4:22)
- 12 Lets up
- 14 Preposition
- 15 "The soldiers ... \_\_\_\_ his side" (John 19:34)
- 17 Military police, abbr.
- 18 Man's name
- 20 Not the clergy
- 21 7, Romans num.
- 22 Paul's original name
- 24 Root-mean-square, abbr.
- 25 One hundredth of a dollar
- 26 Motors
- 28 "The \_\_\_\_ of the wicked have robbed me" (Psalm 119:61)
- 29 "I will surely do thee \_\_\_\_" (Genesis 32:12)
- 30 Steal
- 31 Mix together
- 33 "The \_\_\_\_ of death are fallen upon me" (Psalm 55:4)
- 36 Rodents
- 37 Jesus is the \_\_\_\_ of man
- 38 Chocolate sandwich cookie
- 39 Article that precedes a vowel
- 40 "I have \_\_\_\_ ashes like bread" (Psalm 102:9)
- 42 Astronomical unit, abbr.
- 43 Selfish part of the psyche, according to Freud
- 44 "We were \_\_\_\_ of God to be put in trust with the gospel" (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

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- 46 Physician, in other words, abbr.
- 47 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a \_\_\_\_, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom" (Mark 10:25)
- 49 Washes away
- 51 "The angel appeared to (Joseph) in a \_\_\_\_" (Matthew 1:20)
- 52 Person who gives something
- 13 Expels saliva
- 16 Edges
- 19 Small chunk of gold
- 21 Seller
- 23 "Faith ... stopped the mouths of \_\_\_\_" (Hebrews 11:33)
- 25 Egyptian capital
- 27 Biblical land (Genesis 4:16)
- 28 Rod
- 30 Made fresh
- 31 Organ of thought
- 32 Alit
- 33 Dorothy's dog
- 34 Peruser of books
- 35 Turns acid
- 37 Melchizedek was king of this (Genesis 14:18)
- 40 Girl's name
- 41 Roman emperor
- 44 Lemon drink
- 45 Donald, for short
- 48 More, suffix
- 50 "\_\_\_\_ thou that which is good" (2 Kings 10:5)

Down

- 1 Biblical land
- 2 Expression of laughter or sarcasm
- 3 Mischievous child
- 4 "I will fasten him as a \_\_\_\_ in a sure place" (Isaiah 22:23)
- 5 Cut
- 6 Agreements
- 7 "\_\_\_\_ my voice, and I will be your God" (Jeremiah 7:23)
- 8 Boy
- 9 Preposition
- 10 Call to memory
- 11 "Make a joyful \_\_\_\_ unto God" (Psalm 66:1)

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## LifeWay: Many teens confused about issues related to eternity

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70 percent). Girls (73 percent) are also more likely to strongly agree heaven exists when compared to guys (66 percent).

Twenty-six percent of teenagers don't know if heaven is in their future, and similar uncertainty (24 percent) exists among teenagers who agree they will go to heaven because Jesus Christ died for their sins.

Four percent of teenagers strongly agree with the statement, "I don't care if I go to heaven."

### Diverse religious activities

Many teenagers indicated they have attended a church or religious service in the last 30 days (54 percent). Twenty percent attended a Catholic service, 8 percent attended a Southern Baptist service and 28 percent attended some other type of Christian service. Four percent indicated they attended a religious service of a religion other than Christian.

Involvement in other church activities is much less common than attending church services, with 23 percent indicating they attended a church youth group social activity in the last 30 days.

Twenty percent attended Sunday school, 14 percent attended a small-group Bible study and 8 percent have been in a leadership role within their youth group.

When asked about personal religious activity within the last 30 days, 39 percent of respondents said they had prayed regularly and 14 percent said they had read the Bible.

Compared to the 2005 results,

there are several significant statistical declines. Fewer teens are attending Sunday school (20 percent versus 24 percent) and small-group Bible studies (14 percent versus 18 percent).

As for outreach activity, fewer teens are discussing their beliefs with friends and inviting them to church activities. Twenty-four percent said they had told a friend about their religious beliefs in the last 30 days (compared to 30 percent in 2005). Fifteen percent had invited someone to a church activity in the last 30 days (compared to 19 percent in 2005).

"Previous research has shown the vital role that invitations and word of mouth have in motivating people to visit church," McConnell said. "As outreach has declined among teens, it is not surprising that Bible study attendance has also declined."

Older teens (18- and 19-year-olds) are less likely than 12- to 17-year-olds to attend youth group activities (13 percent versus 26 percent), and they are less likely to attend Sunday school (8 percent versus 24 percent).

Female teens are more active religiously than their male counterparts. More females pray regularly (48 percent versus 31 percent) and read the Bible regularly (17 percent versus 11 percent) than male teens.

The level of teen participation also is higher for females than males for church youth group social activities (26 percent versus 20 percent), small-group Bible studies (18 percent versus 11 percent) and leadership roles in their church youth group (10 percent versus 6 percent).



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We not only accept non-believers, we accept Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and even an atheist now and then. We have never said being a Christian school with such a diverse student body is easy, but we believe we are fulfilling the guidelines Jesus set forth in Luke 19:10. If His purpose for coming to earth was to "seek and to save that which was lost," we do not believe we have any greater responsibility than telling our students about Jesus.

The class of 2007 is now history, but I would like to share some of their thoughts about their spiritual experiences while attending our school.

"Oneida has a lot of opportunities that have been beneficial to me. ... When I was first told that I had to go to church every school day and twice on Sunday, I wasn't too thrilled. I thought, 'that is just way too much church,' but I came to love the chapel services. It gave the students who were Christians a chance to strengthen their relationships with God, and it gave students who were not Christians an opportunity to learn about God and to realize that Christ died for them."

This is from one of our Chinese students: "I heard about Christianity before in China, but I never did pay any attention to it. Before I came here, going to a 'Christian' school scared me a little bit. Now I know I was totally wrong. Christians are friendly and they do not have any bias to non-Christians. At Oneida I experienced Christian

worship services for the first time. I know more about Christianity and the Bible now because of my Bible class. The things I have learned at Oneida have caused me to think more about spiritual things."

Another graduate's opinion: "I've always attended a Catholic church before coming to Oneida, but I really didn't care about paying much attention to the service. I was surprised when I was told that we have daily chapel services, but I soon began to enjoy them and I started paying attention. I even got saved and became a Christian. ... I developed a better relationship with God and I have come closer to Him. It has also made me more confident about my faith."

Another student wrote: "I was raised in a Christian home, but I kind of strayed away from my relationship with God. As much as I hated getting up on Sunday mornings to go to the chapel services, I am blessed and thankful for the opportunity to hear the word of God. Learning about Jesus is the best thing anybody can do, and studying the scriptures explains God's greatness and all the wonderful things He has to offer."

Another testimony: "It doesn't matter if you are a Christian or not; you can worship freely and not have to worry about people making fun of your religion. It was hard to be a Christian in my old school. Here at Oneida you can praise God and not worry if someone is making fun of you. You can talk to anyone here about their faith."

Thank you again, Kentucky Baptists, for allowing Oneida to share the gospel with those Jesus came to seek and to save.

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W.F. Underwood

## One couple's journey to harmony

### After online introductions, Kincaids confident of future

North Carolina student Eric Kincaid heard three advertisements for eHarmony, an online dating service, during a "Focus on the Family" radio broadcast. "I respect their recommendation and I had the Lord's leadership that I should submit a profile," Eric said.

That same week, Nichol Adams of Morristown, Tenn., submitted a profile at the encouragement of her uncle. eHarmony.com matched the couple; they began to learn more about each other via e-mail. "We corresponded for three months and then met," Eric said. "For two years I kept I-40 busy as I drove to her hometown for a date." Eventually they married. "The Lord put us together," Eric said.

He graduated from the two-year program of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute near Asheville, N.C., and then came to our school.

"Clear Creek is an excellent transition from Fruitland," he said. "The family-oriented atmosphere makes it a good place. The curriculum continues what we had, so that a person can usually complete a (bachelor's) degree within two years. It is a good match—like a hand fits a glove. Four classmates of mine from Fruit-

land are here; all of us enjoy it and believe it is a privilege to be here."

The Kincaids said they are grateful for the campus "workshop" program that provides campus employment for students and their spouses. Nichol works at the Irene Peterson Child Development Center. They serve at Immanuel Baptist Church in Corbin. "In the absence of a pastor, I began preaching when they needed me," he said. "I now serve as assistant interim pastor." Nichol plays guitar, teaches Sunday school and often helps lead music.

Transitions are on the horizon. Eric graduates this month, and the couple is expecting their first child. "We're not sure about the future—whatever God has will be done in His time," Eric said.

Just as they trusted the Lord's leadership when He brought them together in marriage, the Kincaids said they know He will keep every aspect of their lives in "harmony."

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



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**MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY** A ramped-up Baptist outreach booth is planned for Main Street at this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. (BP photo)

## Dakota Baptists revving up their ministry at popular Sturgis Rally

By Karen Willoughby  
Baptist Press

**STURGIS, S.D.** (BP)—Dangle the possibility of winning a high-dollar Harley in front of people decked out in black leather and strapped with an abundance of clanking chain, and what do you get?

New Christians, Dakota Baptists found out last year.

In a first-ever venture for the state convention, Dakota Baptists rented booth space on a busy street at the massive Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in 2006 and offered the 400,000-plus visitors a chance to win a new Harley-Davidson limited-edition motorcycle. All they had to do was listen to a three-minute gospel presentation and they could put in their name for a chance to win the bike.

When the dust settled, about 2,500 people heard the gospel, and 744 of them made professions of faith in Christ.

"The Dakotas never saw this kind of harvest in one week before," said Jim Hamilton, executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention. "Few places in the United States see that kind of harvest. God really blessed the effort."

### Help wanted

To do it again this year, Dakota Baptists need at least 60 volunteers a day from Aug. 4-10 to share the three-minute gospel presentation and at least one prayer team each day in Sturgis for the 30 days before the rally, according to Garvon Golden, evangelism team leader for the Dakota convention.

"Our booth this year is going to be on historic Main Street," Golden said. "We're anticipating 100,000 people a day coming by our booth."

With an attendance expected to approach 500,000, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is the world's largest motorcycle event. What started in 1938 as spirited competition between rival motorcycle franchise owners grew by the mid-1960s into the late summer destination of various motorcycle gangs.

That dangerous element still exists in Sturgis during the rally, Golden pointed out, but they are a very small percentage. They became outnumbered by professionals and middle-class Americans in the 1980s and '90s.

"It's probably a more family friendly place than it has been in the past," Golden said, "but I think you have to be kind of careful."

Golden said he does not want youth groups to come to Sturgis. He's looking for adults unruffled by swarming motorcyclists, many of whom may smell of beer or marijuana and who will use words not usually heard in church.

### "Looking for answers"

But behind their swagger, Hamilton said, bikers often are covering up deep hurts in their lives that make them more approachable than most people realize.

Bikers "are looking for answers to life's tough questions, just like everyone else," Hamilton noted. "Talking to bikers on their own turf is what makes the difference. They feel more comfortable opening up and talking about the baggage that keeps them in bondage. "Honesty, transparency and compassion defuse their hostility," Hamilton added. "Once their heart is open, the Holy Spirit pierces the darkness and speaks truth into their life."

Training in three-minute gospel presentations will take place every morning during the rally. The booth will be open through the daylight hours. Housing is available at area churches.

"So far we've got volunteers coming from Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and the Dakotas," Golden said. "We need at least 60 a day, and probably more than that."

"We want a presence at Sturgis because it is the one time a year that the world literally comes to South Dakota," Golden declared. "We just feel if the world is going to come to us, we need to take the opportunity to present the gospel during the event."

For more information about ministry needs of the Sturgis outreach, contact Garvon Golden at garvon@dakotabaptist.com.

**The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life.** Robert Webber. Baker Book, 2006. 282 pages. \$14.99. ♦♦♦♦

For more than 40 years the late Robert Webber (who died April 26, 2007) has called the evangelical community to a holistic renewal of worship and spiritual life. Through a raft of books—including his monumental multi-volume encyclopedia of Christian worship—as well as conferences on worship and his Institute for Worship Studies, Webber has challenged the evangelical tendency to worship by opinion polls. He has called us to dig deep into the church's story, both biblical and historical, to develop a worship life that reflects what God has done in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, while also propelling us into the coming future of the Kingdom of God.

The Divine Embrace is Webber's call to the church to address the contemporary passion for spirituality with an authentic Christian picture of spiritual wholeness. He argues that every spiritual quest has a story, and that, contrary to popular belief, it is impossible to mix and match spiritual paths without distorting the narrative behind each. If Christians are to speak with an authentic voice in a spiritually hungry world, we must be thoroughly grounded in the narrative of our faith. To that end, Webber devotes the first section reviewing the history of Christian spirituality.

The second half of the book outlines the challenge of returning to a spirituality rooted in the story of God's embrace of the world, humanity and each of us. The basis for an authentic Christian spirituality begins with the reality that "God stretched out His arms of Love on the hard wood of the cross." It continues as we make God's story our story and learn to live in union with God through the community of faith.

Though he covers a lot of ground, and engages several unfamiliar topics for evangelicals, Webber has written a highly readable and usable book. His presentation is not a color-by-the-numbers spirituality that is culture friendly. "Obviously the church must speak to the culture. It only speaks authentically and with integrity, however, when speaking out of the story of God." Jim Holladay

**One Life: 50 Powerful Devotions for Students.** Jim Burns. Regal Publishing, 2001. 143 pages. \$12.99. ♦♦♦♦

Jim Burns has written an inspiring little devotional book that is directed mainly to students but everyone can learn from these pages.

As the title indicates, "One Life: 50 Powerful Devotions for Students" is divided into 50 neat tidbits, stories and challenges for the reader.

Burns has divided the 50 days into seven categories that make the journey something one can learn from systematically. The categories are "No Compromise," "Daily Walk," "Servanthood," "Discipleship," "Obedience," "Jesus Is Lord," and finally "Commitment."

Each day's devotional will take

about five to 10 minutes to read, digest and think about. Most of the devotionals are no more than two to three pages long, but are packed full of memorable stories for teens to learn from, recall and tell their friends.

The book could be used for a small group Bible study in a local coffee house or other informal setting. The subjects covered in the book range from sexuality to family relations, trusting God, worry, burnout and peer pressure.

The stories in the book will also make great sermon illustrations for pastors to use from the pulpit as well as youth Bible study teachers. All youth pastors can use the book to lead an impromptu program without a huge investment of preparation time. Steve Coleman

**The Last Sin Eater.** Directed by Michael Landon Jr. Released 2007 by FoxFaith Movies. Rated PG-13. 118 minutes. \$19.99. ♦♦♦♦

Frequent viewers of the Hallmark Channel are familiar with Michael Landon Jr.'s film adaptations of Jannette Oke's novel series that began with "Love Comes Softly." Landon's most recent project is even better.

"The Last Sin Eater," based on Francine Rivers' novel of the same name, recently was released on DVD. In it, Landon delves deeply and unapologetically into the gospel message.

Set in the mid-19th century, the story follows Cadi, a girl who carries a burden of guilt that could outdo most 60-year-olds.

The elders of this Welsh, Irish and Scottish community carried a terrible ritual from the old country when they settled in Appalachia 20 years before. They named one of their own a Sin Eater, a scapegoat who eats bread and wine laid out upon the dead in the false hope that it will cleanse the deceased of their sins and assure them a place in heaven.

The Sin Eater is an outcast. Believing he can contaminate others with the sin he carries, he dares not look upon or touch anyone. The community feeds his paranoia with the superstition than if they look upon their scapegoat, they will assume some of his collective sin.

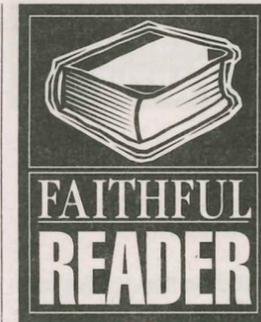
Desperate for relief from her burden, Cadi seeks out the Sin Eater, hoping he can eat away her sin now, instead of waiting for her death. Her despair deepens when she realizes the ritual is empty and powerless.

Cadi's literal and spiritual journey back from the brink is heart-wrenching and wonderful, and employs a mysterious girl named Lillybet and a stranger known only as the Man of God.

Amid the mystery, however, is a profound explanation of the simplicity and sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice without apology.

The film is rated PG-13 and contains very frank dialogue and action regarding death. It also depicts the verbal and emotional abuse of a child. Physical violence is unleashed on children and adults.

The film stands alone but also is a treat for fans of Rivers' novel. Dannah Prather



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## PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray for the following Kentucky Baptist missionaries and ministries:

**Mission Service Corps Missionary Chris Clarke of Marion.** Clarke is the director of Happy Trails Ministries and serves as chaplain each weekend in horse shows and equine venues throughout a multi-state region. Clarke is known for his "cowboy church" method of sharing the gospel with those who attend his weekend services. Pray that those attending services will respond positively to the gospel and make decisions to receive Christ. Pray that God will provide additional partners to assist in and provide for the ministry.

**Celebrate Recovery, New Life Baptist Church in Owensboro.** Pastor Todd Camp and his congregation are leading an effort to help recovering drug addicts find freedom. They are involved in a weekly ministry that provides a large group challenge featuring a testimony by a former addict and small groups that provide counseling and accountability. Many individuals are seeking freedom from addiction through participation in the ministry. Pray that addicts will accept the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ, trusting Him for the strength to overcome their addictions. Pray that former addicts will remain faithful to live out their freedom in Christ as a witness to the community.

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

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **CADIZ—Terry Mitcheson** recently resigned as pastor of New Light Church.

Oak Grove Church recently called **James Simmons** as interim pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSBURG—Bert Montgomery**, pastor of Campbellsburg Church, graduated May 12 with a master of divinity degree from the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Lexington.

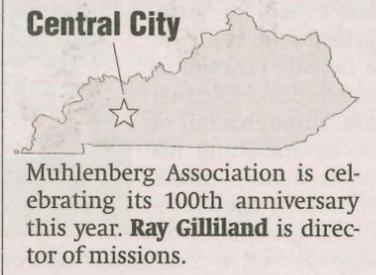
■ **LEXINGTON—South Elkhorn Church** recently called **Jerry Stone** as minister of music.

■ **LOUISVILLE—Highland Church** recently called **Renee Kenley** as minister to children and their families. **Joe Phelps** is pastor.

Hunsinger Lane Church ordained **Mike Butenko, Scott Cordle, Rory Goffner, Randy Simmons, Eric Tadata** and **Lee Wilson** as deacons

### Spotlight on ...

#### Central City



Muhlenberg Association is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. **Ray Gilliland** is director of missions.

May 21. **Charlie Davis** is pastor.

■ **OAK GROVE—David Coram**, pastor of Living Waters Fellowship, received his doctor of ministry degree May 19 from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

■ **SCIENCE HILL—King Bee Church** recently called **Kenny Daulton** as pastor.

## Samford dedicates sculpture in memory of martyred missionary

**Birmingham, Ala. (BP)**—A life-size bronze statue of the late medical missionary Martha Myers has been unveiled at the library of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Myers, a 1967 Samford alumna who served the people of Yemen for more than two decades, was shot and killed at Jibla Baptist Hospital by a Muslim extremist in late 2002.

The statue shows the Alabama native dressed as she might have been on a typical day at the hospital: covered from head to toe, as is the custom for women in Yemen.

Samford's president emeritus, Thomas Corts, recalled the career missionary's legacy during a dedication service May 11, noting that Myers' calling to medical missions led her to medical school and appointment to the mission field, where the Yemeni hospital treated nearly a million people over a 24-year span.

Giving her weekends to care for people in remote areas, Myers became a local legend, Corts said. "Wherever she stopped on the road, people flocked to see 'Dr. Martha.' She loved the people of Yemen, for whom Christ died as much as the people of Alabama. And the people of Yemen loved her."

Corts said he hopes that students who pass by her likeness may be stirred by her story and inspired to surrender their hopes of ease and prosperity in favor of eternal treasures.

The sculpture by Georgia artist Glynn Acree was unveiled by Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and Ira Myers, the late missionary's father.

Myers said his daughter "had a genuine enthusiasm for learning to do what she was called to do, and how to deliver it."



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

2 Church Weekday Education Seminar  
Crestwood Baptist Church,  
Crestwood.

9 Technical Ministries Conference,  
Baptist Building, Louisville.

9-16 Kentucky Changers, Russellville.

11-15 Mission Adventure Camp for  
Girls, Cedar Crest.

15-16 Mother/Daughter Overnight,  
Cedar Crest.

17-24 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra  
Tour, Campbellsville.

18-22 Mission Adventure Camp for  
Girls, Cedar Crest.

22-23 Acteens Splash, Girls in Action  
Overnight, Mother/Daughter  
Overnight, Jonathan Creek.

23-30 Kentucky Changers, Maysville.

25-29 Mission Adventure Camp for  
Girls, Cedar Crest.

29-30 Mother/Daughter Overnight,  
Cedar Crest.

30 Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
Summer Luncheon, Farmdale  
Baptist Church, Frankfort.

### July

2-3 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar  
Crest.

5-7 Express Mission Adventure Camp  
for Girls & Boys, Cedar Crest.

5-7 Pursuit Student Leadership  
Academy, Campbellsville  
University.

7-14 Kentucky Changers, Monticello.

9-13 Mission Adventure Camp for  
Girls, Cedar Crest.

19-20 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for  
Spiritual Awakening, Northside  
Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.

25-26 Kentucky Baptist Secretaries'  
Summer Conference, Baptist  
Building, Louisville.

27-28 World Missions Unlimited,  
Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Lexington.

### August

11 Crafters on Missions, First Baptist  
Church, Central City.

14 Understanding Other Beliefs,  
Bellevue Baptist Church,  
Owensboro.

18 Super Saturday, Immanuel Baptist  
Church, Lexington.

20-22 Freedom Experience, Lincoln  
County High School.

25 Super Saturday, First Baptist  
Church, Owensboro, and First  
Baptist Church, Pikeville.

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

## KBC offers ministry training events

**Louisville**—Mission Service Corps missionaries and other ministry workers who raise their own financial support can benefit from the upcoming Mission Service Corps Basic Training June 18 and Support Development School June 19-22.

Both events are sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and will be held in Heritage Hall at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Participants may choose to attend one or both events.

MSC Basic Training is designed for MSC missionaries and candi-

dates considering MSC work. There is no cost to participate, but registration must be completed at [www.namb.net/msctraining](http://www.namb.net/msctraining).

The Support Development School will offer MSC missionaries, church planters, collegiate ministers, chaplains and other self-funded ministry workers approximately 28 classroom hours on principles for raising financial support.

The cost to participate is \$225 per person or \$250 per couple, which includes materials, lunch meals and breaks. For more information or to register, visit [www.namb.net/msctraining](http://www.namb.net/msctraining).

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR RENT:** Family reunion or wedding parties. Highway 30A, beach-side, 75 yards from the ocean; more than 5,000 square feet, eight bedrooms including five masters; full game room; large dining area; private heated pool. Call Suzannah at (800) 397-2708; [www.reunionhouse.org](http://www.reunionhouse.org).

**FOR SALE:** 1993 Ford E350 Supreme 14-passenger bus. V8 w/ cruise, AC front and back, rear luggage compartment, 67,000 miles. Used as church bus. \$12,500 Call (502) 608-9808

**SEEKING:** Part-time music minister for west Kentucky church. The successful candidate will be able to develop and promote a music program that encourages the worship and praise of Jesus Christ for all ages, creates an excitement for worship and Bible study. Must be experienced in traditional, blended and contemporary music. Will be responsible for developing programs for all ages. Two years experience is wanted. Send resumés to: Music Search Committee, Memorial Baptist Church, 906 Main St., Murray, KY 42071.

**SEEKING:** Part-time worship leader who can lead blended worship effectively for growing church in Woodford County. Send resumé to Glen's Creek Baptist Church, 4678 Steele Road, Versailles, KY 40383.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music with seminary degree for conservative but progressive SBC church in southeast Kentucky. Must be energetic, Spirit-led individual with an ability to work with all age groups, blended as well as traditional worship services. Send resumés to: Music Search Team, First Baptist Church, 170 Madison Ave., Whitesburg, KY 41858.

**SEEKING:** Lawrenceville First Baptist Church in Gwinnett County, Ga., is accepting resumés for a full-time senior pastor. Please mail a resumé, and a DVD, videotape or other media, to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 228 Lawrenceville, GA 30046-0028.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Ky. Send resumés to the Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 730 Tonieville Road, Hodgenville, KY 42748.

**SEEKING:** Minister of students/recreation (6th grade through college age). Accepting resumés until May 31. Send to: Red House Baptist Church, 2301 Red House Road, Richmond, KY 40475; or [rhc@redhousebc.com](mailto:rhc@redhousebc.com).

**SEEKING:** Ministry assistant to youth and children's minister. Applicant should be proficient using Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. Individual must possess excellent people skills. Interested applicants may submit resumés to Personnel Committee, Shively Baptist Church, 1599 Sadie Lane, Louisville, KY 40216.

**SEEKING:** Music minister/director to lead the Sunday and Wednesday services and work with the choir and individuals in providing special music for small, rural church. Looking for a person with strong Christian morals who can work well with our pastor and set the tone for a Spirit-filled worship service. If interested, send resumé to Mt. Eden Baptist Church, PO Box 310, Hawesville, KY 42348. For more information, contact Alberta Morris at (270) 927-8755.

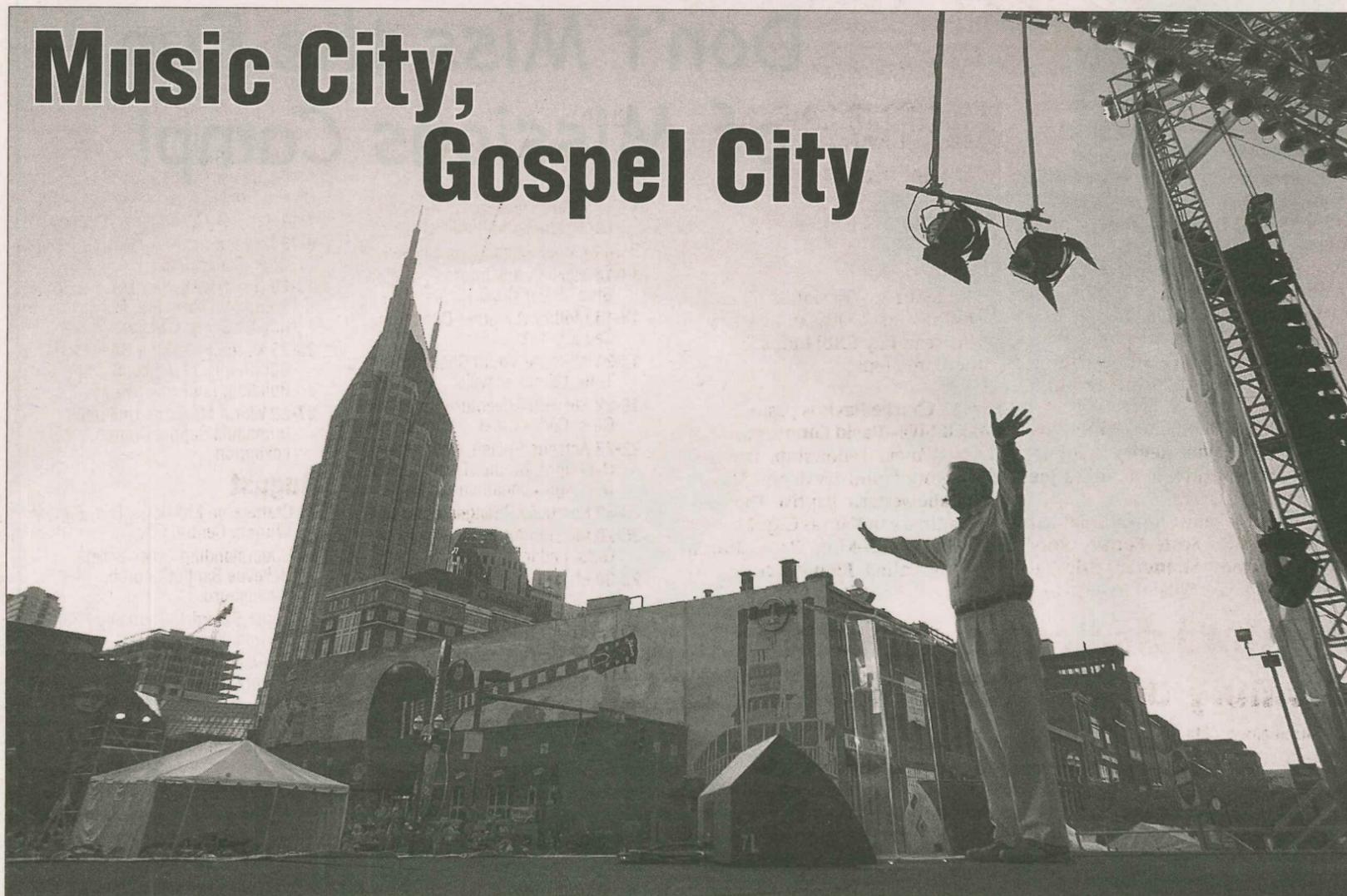
**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music for southeast Louisville church. Send resumé to [Khill@universallinen.com](mailto:Khill@universallinen.com); or call Jeff at (502) 263-4099.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor. Send resumé to Hyattsville Baptist Church, 3245 Richmond Road, Lancaster, KY 40444, Attn: Cynthia Bourne; or e-mail to [crbourne@windstream.net](mailto:crbourne@windstream.net).

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Munfordville Baptist Church in Munfordville, Ky. Interested parties should mail resumés to: MBC, PO Box 768, Munfordville, KY 42765.

**SEEKING:** Youth minister and music minister or combination—this could be full- or part-time. Submit resumé with letter of interest to: Silver Creek Baptist Church, PO Box 97, Berea, KY 40403.

**SEEKING:** Part-time/bivocational minister of music (approx. 20 hours/week). Duties include leading Sunday morning worship and evening congregational singing in blended music style, plus leading adult choir, youth choir and children's choir. Send resumé to: Search Committee, McHenry Baptist Church, PO Box 154, McHenry, KY 42354; or e-mail [mchenrybaptist@voyageonline.net](mailto:mchenrybaptist@voyageonline.net).



**CITYFEST** Luis Palau preaches from the main stage for the Luis Palau CityFest in Nashville which attracted an estimated 90,000 people May 19-20. (BP photos by Guy Lyons)

## Nashville-area churches partner to host Palau festival of sports, music & evangelism

By Tobin Perry  
Baptist Press

**Nashville** (BP)—Some of the most raucous nightclubs in Nashville are found in four city blocks along the Cumberland River, but those streets were home to another kind of party during the May 19-20 weekend—a celebration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

More than 90,000 people crowded into the streets surrounding Nashville's Riverfront Park for the Luis Palau CityFest featuring music, extreme sports and a simple presentation of the gospel by international evangelist Luis Palau.

More than 100 of the 300-plus Middle Tennessee churches that helped sponsor the festival were Baptist, event organizers said.

"The point of this festival is not the music and the sports or anything else; it is to get all of you ready to go to heaven when God calls you," Palau said on Sunday evening.

Palau, speaking from the event's main stage, began his message by talking about award-winning musician Jeremy Camp's wife, who died just a few months into their marriage. Using that story to contemplate heaven, Palau clearly and deliberately shared the gospel message, telling the audience that they could never earn God's approval on their own.

"You see, none of us would get into heaven—not the nicest grandma or mom or dad—if it wasn't for the blood of Jesus that He gave on the cross 2,000 years ago," Palau said.

At the end of his message, he extended an invitation for people there to respond to the gospel message by raising their hands if they had made a decision for Christ. Then, church-trained counselors gave the new be-

lievers a copy of the Gospel of John and a small cross to mark the occasion. The new believers and the people who recommitted their lives to Christ filled out response cards the Palau team will use for follow-up. A major goal of follow-up is to connect new or recommitted believers with a local church.

Although Palau's gospel presentation during the festival would have been familiar to anyone who had attended an evangelistic crusade in the past 50 years, his methods are unique. In the late 1990s, in an effort to reach a younger audience, Palau transitioned from the crusade format of his mentor and friend, Billy Graham. Instead of a stadium event focused on an evangelistic sermon, Palau's team provides two days of concerts and extreme sports demonstrations.

Known worldwide as "Music City," Nashville's festival included

a diverse collection of some of the most well known names in Christian and secular music. LeeAnn Rimes, Steven Curtis Chapman, Craig Morgan, TobyMac and Jeremy Camp were among the featured performers.

Musicians focused their attention on the young crowd, encouraging them to make decisions for Christ and to make an impact for Him in their communities.

### Changing the world

"We were made to change this world," BarlowGirl lead singer Alyssa Barlow said. "We were made to tell people about God. We were made for something so great."

After Palau's message on Sunday evening, former Tennessee Titans wide receiver Chris Sanders was interviewed on stage about his relationship with Christ. Sanders compared his spiritual journey to one of

the most memorable plays in Super Bowl history, when the Titans came up one yard short of winning the Super Bowl in 2000.

"What I want to say to you today is that if we run God's plays, we won't fall a yard short," Sanders said. "I don't want to just call myself a Christian. I want to live according to what God says."

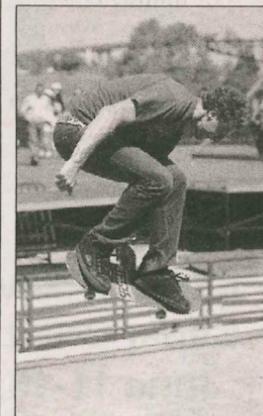
The festival also featured extreme sports, such as bicycling, skateboarding and motorcycle stunts. Each "Living It" extreme sports show, produced by actor Stephen Baldwin and Palau's son, Kevin, ended with a gospel presentation.

Bob Mortimer, a frequent guest at Luis Palau events, also shared his personal testimony. A double amputee since a car accident when he was 21, he described how God turned his handicap around and has used it for His purposes.

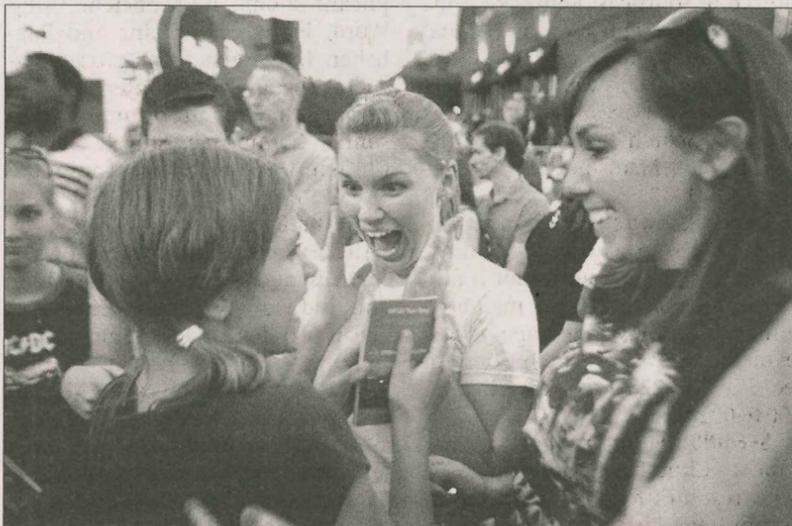
"No matter how many times you have fallen, no matter how many cars you have wrecked, He loves you anyway and cares about you," Mortimer said. "Twenty-seven years ago I gave my life to Jesus Christ. I said, 'Jesus take my life.' With a simple prayer, like many of you prayed tonight, I became a whole man. I have no legs and only one arm, but I know what makes me whole isn't in my shoes, it is in my heart—Jesus Christ."

The \$2.25 million needed to produce the festival was raised entirely by local businesses, churches and individuals. None of the 90,000 festival attendees was asked to make a contribution.

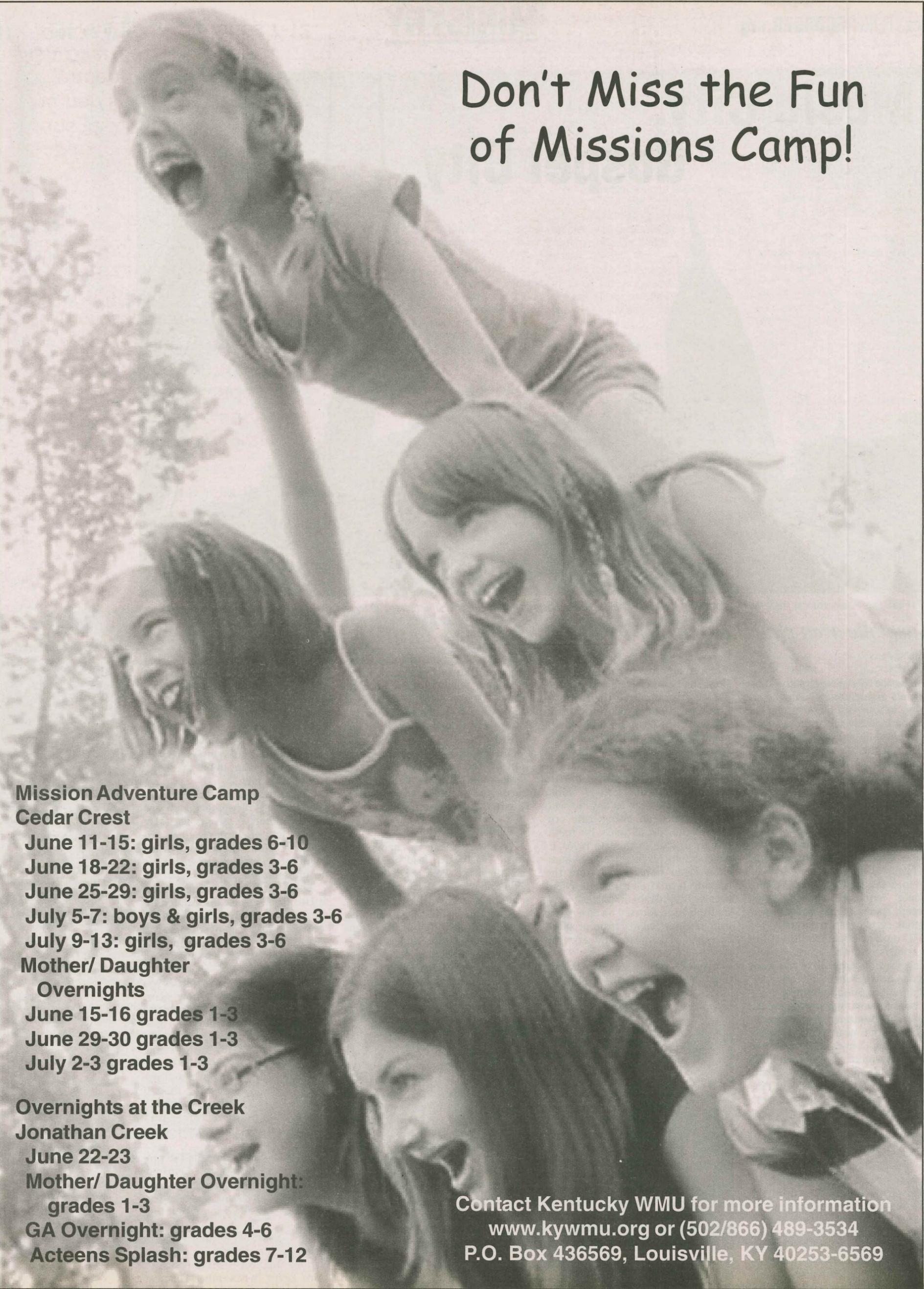
The Luis Palau Evangelistic Association has five more festivals planned this year—including one in Cairo, Egypt, in November. The next festival will be in Dallas, June 29-30.



**TO THE EXTREME**  
Judd Heald performs a skateboarding maneuver during the Luis Palau CityFest in Nashville.



**SISTERS FOREVER** Amy Porter (right) watches as Shani Mahoney (center) discovers that her sister, Molly, has just prayed to accept Jesus during the recent Luis Palau CityFest in Nashville.



# Don't Miss the Fun of Missions Camp!

## **Mission Adventure Camp Cedar Crest**

**June 11-15: girls, grades 6-10**

**June 18-22: girls, grades 3-6**

**June 25-29: girls, grades 3-6**

**July 5-7: boys & girls, grades 3-6**

**July 9-13: girls, grades 3-6**

## **Mother/ Daughter Overnights**

**June 15-16 grades 1-3**

**June 29-30 grades 1-3**

**July 2-3 grades 1-3**

## **Overnights at the Creek Jonathan Creek**

**June 22-23**

**Mother/ Daughter Overnight:  
grades 1-3**

**GA Overnight: grades 4-6**

**Acteens Splash: grades 7-12**

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