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Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—Thanks in large part to missions gifts from Kentucky Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program, pastors trained in Kentucky are reaching thousands of people from the fastest growing ethnic group in America: Hispanics.

Many of these new church leaders are graduates of the Hispanic Baptist Bible Institute (Instituto Biblico Bautista Hispano), formed three years ago by the Kentucky

Baptist Convention. With campuses in Louisville, Covington and Bowling Green, the institute has graduated 76 students, with another 57 enrolled this semester.

Half of the educational costs for the effort come from the Cooperative Program, the historic vehicle for funding missions in the KBC and Southern Baptist Convention.

"The Cooperative Program means the institute is a reality, not just a dream," said Director Twyla Hernandez. "It means our Hispanic ministers will have a deeper theo-

logical basis and we'll help train leaders for our churches."

Despite CP's importance in ministries such as the Hispanic Baptist Bible Institute, giving has remained slightly behind budget through the first half of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Record January and solid February receipts helped recover much of that deficit, but the remaining months will also need to be strong in order to meet budget, noted Steve Thompson, KBC's assistant executive director.

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Study: Spirituality is important factor in kids' happiness

Toronto (RNS)—Spirituality is a major contributor to a child's overall happiness—even more so than for adults—according to a new study from the University of British Columbia.

The study tested 315 children aged 9 to 12, measuring spirituality and other factors such as temperament and social relations which can affect a person's sense of happiness.

"Our goal was to see whether there's a relation between spirituality and happiness," said Mark Holder, associate professor of psychology at the school and the study's co-author.

Past studies have shown that in adults, spiritual feelings and higher levels of religious behavior typically account for about 5 percent of a person's overall happiness, according to a statement from the university.

The results of the UBC study showed that 6.5 to 16.5 percent of children's happiness can be accounted for by spirituality.

"From our perspective, it's a whopping effect," Holder acknowledged. "I expected it to be much less—I thought their spirituality would be too immature to account for their well-being."

Children who participated in the study were asked to rate statements such as "I feel a higher power's presence," and answer questions including, "How often do you pray privately outside of church?"

Parents were also asked to describe each child's apparent happiness and spirituality.

The study's authors plan to conduct the same research in India to see whether children score similar results in a country not dominated by Christianity.

Judge tosses funding lawsuit against Sunrise Children's Services**By Drew Nichter**
News Director

Louisville—After an eight-year legal battle, a federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Sunrise Children's Services which questioned the constitutionality of the agency's state funding.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Simpson III ruled March 31 that the lawsuit, brought about by the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, "fails to demonstrate taxpayer standing" to challenge the agency's funding.

In dismissing the case, Judge Simpson cited last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Hein v. Freedom From Religion Foundation*, which stated that taxpayers could not challenge religious-based activities, such as faith-based social services, that are funded on the federal level.

The Sunrise lawsuit initially

stemmed from the 1998 firing of a female employee of the agency—then known as Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—after it was discovered she was a lesbian. Alecia Pedreira was dismissed by KBHC in October of that year, on the grounds that her sexual orientation was a violation of the organization's employment policy.

The suit, filed in April 2000, claimed that KBHC—which changed its name to Sunrise in February 2007—should no longer receive reimbursement payments from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide foster care for children because of its religious affiliation and its policy which prohibits the hiring of homosexuals. The plaintiffs argued that such discrimination violated the First Amendment's Establishment Clause.

In a written statement, Sunrise Children's Services President Bill Smithwick noted that the lengthy

legal battle has impelled the agency to enhance its services to the state's abused and neglected children.

"This long and stressful experience has made us a better agency by forcing us to look more closely at our procedures and practices," he said. "Without compromising our mission, we have improved service delivery to each child in our care."

Smithwick has previously noted that the contract between the state and Sunrise Children's Services includes a provision that the agency address the spiritual needs of the children without being coercive in doing so.

"We know faith is a choice," he added. "In order to make a choice, one must have an option. The opportunity for children to embrace faith is part of our mission."

According to the statement released by the agency, approximately 67 percent of its funding in 2007 came in the form of reimburse-

ments "for services provided to abused children and teenagers in Kentucky." Smithwick has estimated that nearly \$15 million of Sunrise's \$23 million annual budget is provided by state funds. That money allowed the organization to serve nearly 2,000 children through its 10 residential facilities and its foster care programs last year.

Sunrise is one of more than 50 private child care agencies in Kentucky—many of them faith-based—that have contracts with the state. Like all such agencies, Sunrise is licensed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services which sets specific standards for all contracted organizations.

"Our mission motivates us to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the kids charged to our care," Smithwick noted. "We choose compassion over coercion. For us, choice trumps indoctrination and hope overcomes despair."

Carver urges passionate prayer for military

U.S. Army's Chief of Chaplains pays visit to his alma mater

By Garrett Wishall
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Louisville (BP)—Maj. Gen. Douglas Carver, the U.S. Army's Chief of Chaplains and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, challenged students to passionately serve God and to pray for the military during a chapel service at the campus last month.

If God matters, it should show through a person's passionate prayer, praise and service, Carver said.

"Does God matter to you? If He matters to us we need to always recommit ourselves to be passionate for Him in the good times and bad," Carver declared. "All of the seasons of our life are in His hands. We must praise Him with a pure and holy heart. We must love Him intently, with our mind, body, spirit, soul and strength. And may we never forget to pray for others."

"Let's continue to pray for our brave men and women in uniform," he added. "They faithfully protect and defend the freedom of our great nation, standing watch 24/7."

In welcoming Carver, who was appointed the Army's 22nd Chief of Chaplains last July, Southern Seminary President Albert Mohler said Carver "represents thousands of military chaplains serving around the world. With so much on our minds and hearts, with so many hundreds

of thousands of United States military personnel serving all over the world, with millions of men and women in uniform ... what a debt we owe Gen. Carver (and those) who serve on that mission field."

In his chapel address, Carver recalled being in the Middle East five years ago at the onset of the war in Iraq. Noting the fact that the United States recently lost its 4,000th service member in the fighting, he said he is often asked about the morale of troops serving in the conflict overseas.

"Having made frequent trips to Afghanistan and Iraq, I can honestly make this simple statement: God matters to our service members," Carver explained. "God matters so much to soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. They are not shy about their faith. They are not afraid or prevented from praying in Jesus' name or the name of their particular choice. They are not bashful about their faith."

Ultimate sacrifice

Meanwhile, Mohler prayed for chaplains, military personnel and their families, noting that each of the service members who has died in the war willingly sacrificed their lives.

March 23 "marked the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq and the 4,000th casualty was recently reported," Mohler said. "I was very frustrated that on the television news pro-

grams all day, (the war) was instantly turned into a political question. And I wondered when someone was going to stop and say, 'Those are 4,000 human beings made in the image of God who gave their lives willingly.'"

Carver advised that when believers pray to God and praise Him in every situation it changes their hearts.

"It is kind of sad and pathetic that we wait until those 'concrete bunker moments' to cry out to God," he said. "The Lord would want us to have that same sort of passion all the time."

In 1973, Carver was recognized as a distinguished military graduate and appointed as a regular Army officer in the field artillery branch. After serving on active duty for six years, he resigned his commission to enter the ministry. He subsequently was commissioned as an Army chaplain in 1984. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, Carver has pastored churches in Kentucky, Colorado and Virginia.

Carver's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Ranger Tab. He received the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award in 1982 from Southern Seminary. In 1995, he received the Witherspoon Chaplain's Award from the Layman's National Bible Association for outstanding service rendered by a military chaplain in the promotion of Bible reading and study among military families.



Douglas Carver

Ky. pastor among appointees to 2008 SBC Resolutions Committee

Indianapolis (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention President Frank Page has named the members of the Resolutions Committee who will serve during the June 10-11 SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Page, pastor of First Baptist Church in Taylors, S.C., appointed Darrell Orman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stuart, Fla., as committee chairman.

Other members appointed to the committee are:

- Kevin Smith, pastor of Watson Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville and assistant professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith also served as Kentucky Baptist Convention first vice president in 2006-2007.

- Tony Beam, vice president for student services and Christian worldview at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C., and member of Northwood Baptist Church in Greer.

- Galen Jones, African-American church planting strategist in Tuscaloosa, Ala., under dual appointment of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. Jones is a member of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa.

- Rick Lineberger, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bradenton, Fla.

- Michael Martin, vice president for academic affairs and professor of New Testament studies at Gold-

en Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and member of The Quest, a Southern Baptist congregation in Novato.

- Jeff Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Altus, Okla.

- Frank Moreno, director of the Florida Baptist Convention's language division and member of First Hispanic Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

- Charles Strickland, pastor of Whitefield Baptist Church in Belton, S.C.

- Greg Thornbury, dean of Union University's school of Christian studies and member of Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn.

Proposed resolutions may be submitted as early as April 15 but no later than 15 days prior to the SBC annual meeting, giving the Resolutions Committee a two-week period in which to consider submissions. Resolutions may no longer be submitted during the annual meeting.

Proposed resolutions also must be accompanied by a letter from a church qualified to send a messenger to the annual meeting certifying that the individual submitting the resolution is in good standing.

Proposed resolutions should be submitted by e-mail or mailed to the Resolutions Committee in care of the SBC Executive Committee. The drafts must be typewritten, titled, dated and include complete contact information for the person and his or her church.

Church 'deficit' in U.S. stresses need for church plants

By Mickey Noah
SBC North American Mission Board

Alpharetta, Ga. (BP)—Why does the Southern Baptist Convention need to start even more churches than the 43,000-plus now on the books?

David Meacham, senior strategist for church planting with the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, said it is because Christian denominations—especially the 16-million-member SBC—regard planting new churches as the single most effective way to evangelize.

New churches, Meacham explained, simply do a better job of reaching more people for Christ than long-established churches.

"A three-year-old church is only half as effective in reaching people for the Lord as it was in its early days," he noted. "And once a church is 15 years old, it becomes only one-third as effective."

Reflecting the overall current deficit in new church planting, Meacham cited a 10-year study of 300,000 Christian churches in America by Dave Olson, director of church planting for the Evangelical Covenant Church. The research indicated that 3,200 churches close their doors each year in America, while only 3,600 churches are started.

"That resulted in a net gain of 4,600 churches between 1990 and 2000," Meacham pointed out. "But to have kept pace with population growth during that decade, a net gain of some 39,000 new churches were needed."

He added that during the past 10 years, the overall membership of Protestant denominations in America has declined 9.5 percent, while the national population has increased by 11 percent.

To emphasize the need for Southern Baptist churches to plant new churches throughout North America, the SBC recently began designating certain Sundays as "Planting New Congregations Sunday."

"By dedicating a special day to focus on planting new churches, we hoped it would inspire and motivate existing churches and individual members to recognize their communities as mission fields and to be used by God to start new churches," Meacham said.

According to NAMB statistics, there were 29 churches for every 10,000 Americans in 1900; 12 churches for every 10,000 in 2000; and only 11 churches for every 10,000 in 2004.

"Clearly, we are losing ground with each passing year," Meacham said. "We have a growing evangelistic deficit in America that will best be answered by starting new churches."

BAPTIST DIGEST

Mo. convention faces \$10 million countersuit. The Missouri Baptist Convention could face paying more than \$10 million to a developer over land formerly owned by Windermere Baptist Conference Center. William Jester of Springfield, Mo., has filed a counterclaim to legal action convention officials originally filed against him and the conference center in 2006. Jester accuses the convention of hurting his business and defaming his character through the original lawsuit and publicity associated with it. He claims the interference has cost him more than \$10 million in possible sales or development of the disputed property.

Leader reiterates call for Union offering. Tennessee Baptist Convention President Tom McCoy recently repeated his request for a special offering in the state's churches to help Union University recover from a Feb. 5 tornado that caused an estimated \$40 million in damage. McCoy urged all Tennessee Baptist churches to take a special offering April 6, to be given to help the university rebuild. Thompson Station Baptist Church, where McCoy is pastor, showed a four-minute video provided by Union, before the church took its offering for the school. "Union was delayed but not derailed. Union will make a total and complete recovery," he said during a recent visit to the campus.

Cedarville trustees uphold prof's firing. Trustees of Cedarville University voted unanimously April 4 to uphold the termination of David Hoffeditz, a tenured professor in the school's biblical studies department. In July 2007, Hoffeditz and another tenured professor, David Mappes, were fired. While Mappes chose not to appeal the action, Hoffeditz took the decision to a faculty grievance panel. Last month, that panel decided in Hoffeditz's favor. The university's appeals process called for the panel's findings to be forwarded to President William Brown, who turned the matter over to the school's trustees. According to previous media reports, the dismissals arose from the debate over the degree to which Christians can be certain in their knowledge of truth. Cedarville previously was affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, but the convention voted to sever ties with the school in 2006.

KBC leaders encourage percentage giving through CP

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Prior to January, CP had slipped to its lowest percentage of budget in six years. As of Dec. 31, gifts for the first four months of the fiscal year were 11.3 percent behind budget, a deficit of nearly \$904,000. That is the lowest level since 2001-02, when gifts ran 12.6 percent behind for the same period, though that year ended only 1.4 percent in the red, Thompson recalled.

According to KBC Business Manager Lowell Ashby, churches gave \$2,794,763 in January and \$1,950,880 in February, to bring giving totals for the fiscal year to \$11,842,040, narrowing the deficit to 1.3 percent.

History-making totals

The January contributions were the most ever given in any month throughout the history of the Cooperative Program, Ashby added.

The annual budget for CP during the 2007-2008 fiscal year is \$24 million. Ashby said \$12,157,960 would be needed for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet budgeted projections. For that to be achieved, slightly more than \$2 million would need to be received in each of the remaining six months.

"Even though we are working on what we call a 'spendable budget' because of a shortfall in CP gifts earlier in the year, we're hoping for a full funding of the CP budget by year's end," Thompson said. "We are extremely grateful for a record January, which went a long way toward making that possible."

CP funds come from the percentage of undesignated offerings for-

warded to the state convention by more than 2,400 Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky. The KBC invests 63.3 percent in missions and ministry efforts in the state, and forwards the rest to the SBC's Executive Committee to help fund missions agencies and seminaries.

The Cooperative Program percentage of the KBC churches' undesignated gifts has declined steadily, from just more than 10 percent in 1996 to 7.2 percent in 2006.

"Most notably, more of our churches are doing hands-on mission programs on their own," Thompson explained. "So they're keeping some of the missions money they have been giving through the Cooperative Program."

Another trend that Thompson said he cannot document, but knows is occurring, is an increasing number of churches are giving a set dollar figure through CP instead of a percentage of total undesignated receipts from the congregation.

"That is of particular concern because it doesn't let CP rise and fall with donations," Thompson pointed out. "If a church uses a set figure to control costs, CP can't rise when giving goes up."

One way the KBC is addressing the decline is by adding Billy Compton to the staff as executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources.

On the job since early January, Compton has already spoken in numerous venues about the Cooperative Program's value in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.

"One of the foundational pieces is to remind our churches and lead-

ers to make sure they get information and understand what CP is and does," Compton said. "Not only what it does now, but what it has done in the past and will continue to do in the future."

He encourages pastors across the commonwealth to use bulletin inserts and other informational pieces available through the KBC to inform Kentucky Baptists about where such donations go. Those resources include DVDs with short testimonies that can be shown prior to taking offerings or during special giving campaigns.

"Not only can pastors do this, but directors of missions are on the front lines too," Compton acknowledged. "We need to encourage what they're doing while they use tools to inform the churches they minister with in the local area."

Raising awareness of CP

At the national level, CP gifts rose 1.25 percent for the first six months of 2007-2008. Bob Rodgers, vice president for the Cooperative Program with the SBC Executive Committee, attributes that to increased promotional efforts by state conventions.

In order to promote awareness of CP's role in Kentucky Baptist life, the KBC has designated April as Cooperative Program Month. In addition, April 13 has been declared Cooperative Program Sunday.

Rodgers noted that one CP effort in Oklahoma has been so successful, he said he is considering adapting it to the national level. Promotion is one key to reversing the decline in giving because, according to Rodgers, awareness of the program had



faded in recent years.

"We have tried to change our promotion to better articulate CP and what we provide," he explained. "Every number has a story. The story is very important. At the end of that story is the value of the Cooperative Program."

In Kentucky, that story includes 66 Hispanic churches and missions welcoming an average of 1,500 worshippers each week, many of them recent converts.

"We are growing and growing because we are part of this Baptist family," said Carlos de la Barra, KBC's ethnic associate for the new work and associational missions department. "Without cooperation, Baptists are not Baptists."

"If we believe we're supposed to reach the world with the Good News of Christ, there's no way we can ignore the Hispanics who have come to Kentucky," Hernandez added. "Planting churches is important to seeing people come to Christ."

And those congregations are being planted and nurtured in Cooperative Program soil.

IGLESIA DE GRAN

IMPACTO Cooperative Program funds go to start Hispanic churches and other ministries like Iglesia Baptista Cardinal Valley, a KBC High Impact church plant in Lexington. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

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Judge blocks display of Ten Commandments at Grayson Co. court

By Peter Smith

Louisville Courier-Journal

Leitchfield—Thou shalt not post the Ten Commandments on public property with religion in mind.

A federal judge made that clear, issuing a permanent injunction against a display of the commandments in Grayson County, the latest in a series of high-profile decisions involving similar displays in Kentucky county courthouses.

The Grayson Fiscal Court had a "religious purpose" for erecting the display, and later efforts to depict it as educational were a "sham," according to the ruling issued March 28 by U.S. District Court Judge Joseph McKinley Jr. for the Western District of Kentucky.

A Kentucky Baptist minister who proposed and financed the display in the Leitchfield courthouse had "purely religious reasons" for doing so, according to McKinley. The Fiscal Court, in unanimously supporting him, violated the constitutional ban on government-sponsored religion, McKinley ruled.

The ruling is the latest in a series of mixed results involving Kentucky counties displaying identical exhibits that are titled "Foundations of American Law and Government." The exhibits include the Ten Commandments, along with several other historic documents, including the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and the lyrics to "The

Star-Spangled Banner."

In some Kentucky counties, such as McCreary and Grayson, whose case reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005, officials were barred from posting the display because the public record indicates their motive was to promote religion.

But in other counties, such as Mercer, lower courts have allowed identical displays because there was no explicit evidence that they had a religious motivation.

Case history

The Grayson case began in 2001 when Chester Shartzter, pastor of Clearview Baptist Church in Leitchfield asked the fiscal court to display the commandments in the county courthouse at his expense.

The Fiscal Court unanimously approved it, with the minutes indicating that magistrates spoke of the exhibit primarily as one featuring the Ten Commandments, and their main concern was how to do so legally, McKinley ruled.

The District Court issued a preliminary injunction in 2002 after the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky filed suit. An empty frame has stood in the Grayson courthouse where the commandments had been, and the other Foundations documents remain on display.

The case remained on hold until 2005, when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Foundations' dis-

plays in McCreary and Pulaski because county officials had a long track record of trying to promote religion with the displays. But the court did not say the displays themselves were a problem—just the motivation for erecting them.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit seized on that part of the decision later in 2005, when it allowed an identical display in the courthouse in Mercer County. Public statements by officials there indicated their motives were educational.

Based on those two precedents, a judge in the Eastern District of Kentucky last year dismissed one lawsuit against Rowan County but allowed another to proceed against Garrard County.

The exhibits were identical, but the Rowan case lacked significant evidence of religious motivation, while the Garrard case had such evidence, the judge ruled.

In the Grayson case, the same exhibit has the "predominant purpose of advancing religion," in violation of the constitutional ban on government-sponsored religion, McKinley wrote.

Attorney David Friedman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky said he was pleased with the decision.

"People should not be made to feel like second-class citizens in their own communities, especially in a courthouse, because they may

not share the prevailing religious view," he said.

Shartzter said the ruling was "not fair to the children."

"It's really not right to take part of our heritage away and leave part of it," he noted.

Grayson County is "very much a Christian community," he added. Everyone who looks at the empty frame where the commandments stood knows what "ought to be" there, he said.

He added that more than 150 businesses in Grayson County are now displaying the commandments and that they are also on display along main arteries in the county.

"God has taken a mess and made a miracle," he said.

Attorney Mathew Staver, who is representing Grayson County, said an appeal was planned.

He argued the motivation was educational.

He said he also hopes to bring a commandments case back to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has more conservative members now than in 2005, with the argument that if the display itself is legal, the motivation should not matter.

"The dickering over the motivation is about as ridiculous as trying to count how many angels can dance on the head of a pin," he said.

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Spirited and Christ-like climate debate

By Frank Page

Taylor, S.C. (BP)—Recently, Southern Baptists' attention has been focused on media reports which relate to the release of a document titled, Southern Baptists Environment and Climate Initiative. Sel-

dom have I seen such a reaction. For example, I had no idea that we had as many experts in climatology and earth science as we seem to have. Second, I have seen an arrogance among a few that is truly discouraging. Third, I have been called names that I have not been called in my entire life. As you might recall from last year's SBC annual meeting, I do not like to be "yelled at" and this has brought out some redneck reaction in me.

However, I also see this as an opportunity for very healthy debate about important issues. Unfortunately, this issue has been brought to a point where it is an internecine debate.

This has been caused, in part, by

secular media misconstruing the very basis of this issue. I will take responsibility for part of that misunderstanding. Because of the title of the document in question, it has seemed to the secular media, as well as to persons within our convention, that this was an SBC initiative or approved document. For that, I do apologize. It is a Christian worldview statement on biblical stewardship of the environment which was endorsed by a host of Southern Baptists in order to encourage a biblical perspective.

In the initiative are many items for discussion and debate. I continue to stand by the content of this document and believe that it is needed and appropriate. However, let me mention again my surprise at the amount of energy that has come forth, both positive and negative, since the announcement of this document. Honestly, if we could harness some of this emotion and turn it to evangelism and missions, we could

FIRST PERSON

KBC audit work group issues annual report

The audit work group of the Kentucky Baptist Convention mission board's business and finance committee met Dec. 11, 2007, to perform its annual review and evaluation of the financial condition and practices of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's affiliated entities and its mission board as reflected in their 2007 audited financial statements.

This annual audit review process is an important way Kentucky Baptists receive an accountability report from the convention and its affiliated entities. Kentucky Baptists can be pleased that this procedure exists whereby the convention and its institutions and agencies can give an accounting of the stewardship of the resources entrusted to them.

These entities include Camp-

bellsville University, University of the Cumberlands, Georgetown College, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Kentucky Baptist Assemblies, Sunrise Children's Services, Baptist Healthcare System, Woman's Missionary Union, Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the Kentucky Baptist mission programs and subsidy.

Kentucky Baptists also can be pleased and encouraged with the sound financial condition and stability of the institutions and agencies and the level of cooperation demonstrated by them. The work group complimented the board and administrative leadership of the convention and each of its affiliated entities. Kentucky Baptists are en-



Is your church ready to make a comeback?

By Alan Witham, interim team leader for the KBC's church development team

When Paul wrote to the saints in Philippi, he reminded them that they were a people in process. He stated in Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

In that same letter, Paul described the fact that he personally was in process, stating, "Not that I have already obtained all of this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." A familiar children's song summarizes the theology of these passages well: "He's still working on me, to make me what I ought to be."

Kentucky Baptists are a people in process, both individually and collectively in our churches. Ideally, a process implies progress. Progress often occurs when people receive good information—or truth—that informs them about "needed changes" and "next steps."

It continues as people begin to apply that information in their lives. The end result is life or church transformation. God's process involves forward movement toward his preferred future.

As Kentucky Baptist Convention staff, we seek to join God in working with churches like yours to encourage and foster forward movement toward God's preferred future. One way we hope to accomplish this is through an emphasis on what are known as "Comeback Churches."

In their book of the same name, co-authors Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson share information from 324 churches across the country that experienced growth after a significant period of plateau or decline. They share about factors that helped bring renewed growth in those churches. Last month, we hosted Stetzer for a Comeback Church conference. Our goal was to provide good information based on the latest research.

We now want to build upon this

see a massive change in our evangelistic endeavors.

Many people have reacted strongly and negatively without having even read the document. We have been accused of being a part of a left wing, liberal agenda on global warming. There has been much misunderstanding, much anger and much speaking of unkind and demeaning words.

I ask that Southern Baptists review these recent events. Have we acted in a way to honor our Lord? Have we evaluated our positions in the light of the Word of God?

Since being elected SBC president in 2006, I have called for Southern Baptists to be people who can honestly debate and dialogue about important issues. This is a prime opportunity to do so. Without listening to secular media reports, let's truly dialogue about these issues. However, let us remember the words of Ephesians 4:15 and "speak the truth in love."

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

couraged to increase their support of these institutions and agencies prayerfully and financially.

Members of the audit work group were: chairperson Jerry Tooley (Owensboro), Greg Faulls (Owensboro), Steve Fegenbush (Danville), James Jones (Campbellsville), Doug Miller (Hardinsburg), Wesley Noss (Versailles), Royce Pile (Oneida), Jennifer Ringstaff (Louisville), Business Manager Lowell Ashby, Accounting Services Director Cathi Roy-Sanders, Accounting Services Senior Accountant Tonya Penick, Executive Associate Steve Thompson and Executive Director Bill Mackey. In addition, a certified public accountant met with the group. The work group's report was made to the full Business and Finance Committee on March 28, 2008 and approved.

Jerry Tooley, chairperson KBC audit work group and Business and Finance Committee

event and engage church leaders in a process that will result in church transformation and growth. From April through August, our church development team will offer opportunities for you to engage in dialogue about the five key factors that can lead a church to a "comeback experience." These regional network meetings will provide an opportunity to think about how to apply comeback strategies in your setting.

At our Super Saturday training conferences this year, we will offer a Comeback Church track with seminars related to each of the factors Stetzer has identified. We will also seek to assist churches with more in-depth strategy planning for future growth.

Is your church making forward progress toward God's preferred future? What "next steps" has he called you to make? Are you willing to make the necessary changes to become a Comeback Church?

If you would like more information regarding the Comeback Church process, contact the church development team office at (502) 489-3571, or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3571.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

FAMILY

Financial maturity corresponds with spiritual maturity

By Jeremy White

Our culture and economy value speed. Get it at the drive-thru, deliver it overnight, e-mail it, buy it online, grab fast food, microwave it. Consumers demand everything right

now. We complain that the computer, processing billions of calculations each second, runs too slow.

This get-it-now mentality carries over to our personal finances—to our detriment. According to Ron Blue, "Financial maturity involves giving up today's desires for future benefits." Without delayed gratification, you will have no money to meet long-term goals.

Children—who generally are immature financially—have a hard time learning the lesson of giving up something of minor value now for something of greater value later on. Perhaps they have a hard time because adults aren't mature either. Americans are poor savers, yet excel at credit-card spending.

The best way to provide for the long term is not to spend money in the short term. Make saving a little bit over a long time a priority. Think of a tree used for firewood. Once it has been consumed, it's no longer usable for building a house or making paper for a book, things which continue to produce benefits for a long time.

If all your money is consumed on lifestyle and debt in the short term, there is no way to provide for long-term goals of giving, education, retiring, starting a business, or becoming debt free. Unless you receive an inheritance or increased income, or succeed with a get-rich scheme, cutting spending is the more certain path.

We hear the pastor quote Bible verses about "waiting on the Lord." We tend to think of this only as some vague spiritual meaning. One way of waiting on the Lord is having the patience to wait on God to provide and to see how a need or a desire can be fulfilled by Him. He is our provider, not a credit card company.

Believers in Christ should know better; the same truth and mindset for financial maturity is also the truth of spiritual maturity. Christians are willing, by the very act of becoming Christians, to give up today's desires for future benefits. We live with the hope of eternal reward rather than succumb to the live-for-now philosophy or other vain short-term beliefs.

Jeremy White is a certified public accountant with Blythe, White & Associates in Paducah



There are many unique ways to preserve a family's legacy

Q: How can parents preserve family heritage?

Judy Russell is a freelance writer who recently shared some great ideas for helping families preserve their heritage. Most parents intuitively look for ways to preserve and pass on traditions, experiences and belongings that hold significance for their family. Russell encourages parents to be intentional in this pursuit and offers specific suggestions to help, several of which are shared here—with her permission.

FAMILIES

Share cherished keepsakes. Display special books, photos and other belongings from the past. Use them as a starting point to tell stories about grandparents and other family members. Consider passing along special belongings. Every Christmas, Russell said she gives her daughters-in-law something that belonged to their husbands when they were children (a first pair of shoes, a special cup, etc.). This past Christmas, I gave my son a tie bar that belonged to his grandfather.

Make a family scrapbook. Scrapbooking has become a major hobby and provides an excellent way to record family history and memories. Photos, wedding invitations, letters and cards are among the many items that can be included and are fun to revisit. In this computer age, items that are handwritten are of special value.

Take an annual family photo. Finding a time that works for everyone and getting small children dressed, smiling and standing can often require a lot of work. However, family photos can play an important part in celebrating and preserving family heritage.

Pass along a legacy of faith. Sharing spiritual stories, traditions and resources can help children see and understand how faith has been passed down from one generation to another.—David Garrard

Q: My wife and I have been married for some time and need a few pointers that will help us stay on track. We're looking for some words of wisdom to help us along the way.

Prioritize your marriage. When other values come in conflict with your marriage—including other family members—remember that your most important human commitment is to your spouse. Be intentional in having time to communicate. Court each other daily.

MARRIAGE

Fill the other person's "emotional bank account." Know your spouse's "love language"—what love means to them—and set about to express that each day. Maintain a ratio of at least five positive experiences to every negative one.

Don't "mind read." Let the other person tell you what he or she is thinking and feeling; do not assume that you know. Listen until you get feedback that says you really understand what the other person thinks or feels.

Don't "keep score." When love is a win/lose proposition, you both lose. Learn to forgive.

Practice the "art of repair." Using humor, appreciation, genuine concern and clarifying your common ground, back down from heated conflict or take a break when you need it. All these methods help avoid misunderstandings and keep you in your rational mind, away from the destructive nature of defensive reactions.

Practice selfless service. This is what Jesus modeled when he washed his disciples' feet and what Paul meant when he talked about mutual submission. The smallest act of kindness has a powerful effect. Try to outdo one another in love.

Celebrate victories and traditions. Create loving memories and revisit them often. Celebrate the benefits, blessings and memories of marriage. Create loving rituals that are meaningful to you both. Christian marriage, like the Christian faith, is held together by celebrating the great memories that make you who you are.—James Stillwell

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History, future defines Cooperative Program

Change is a fact of life and a common response to it is resistance. I have experienced this with the re-naming of church and convention titles. I resisted the change in referring to the Sunday school superintendent as the Sunday school director. I had the same concern when Discipleship Training replaced Training Union, the Foreign Mission Board became the International Mission Board and the Baptist Bookstore became LifeWay. Though I processed these changes, it wasn't until I understood the reasons behind the new names that I gained an appreciation for the more descriptive terms.

One name I am glad no one has changed is the Cooperative Program. Changing it has been discussed, but the name fits because it is a program built on cooperation. Although I became the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive associate for the Cooperative Program and resources just three months ago, this conviction was instilled in me years ago, as I am a product of such cooperation.

At age six, I stood in line at Salem Baptist Church in Cave City to participate in a vacation Bible school worship service. I accidentally swallowed the nickel my dad had given me to place in the missions offering. With the coin lodged in my throat, two Bible teachers picked me up by my heels and beat me on the back, popping the nickel to the ground. This harrowing experience served as a reminder of parents and the church working together to share Jesus Christ with me.

At age 15, I served as a Royal Ambassador counselor at Camp Joy in Brownsville. It was that week I began to understand God was calling me to full-time Christian service. Camp Joy was a ministry of cooperation of regional churches and local Baptist associations.

While studying at Campbellsville University, I learned from my professors that my education was supported by the joint investments of many Kentucky Baptists. I graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary knowing this journey in life was made possible by Southern Baptists who had a vision to prepare future generations to be on mission with God.

GUEST EDITORIAL



Billy Compton

Having been shaped for ministry through these childhood experiences and educational opportunities, as well as pastoring seven churches, I learned firsthand the impact Kentucky Baptists have through the Cooperative Program. I have witnessed God multiplying individual investments as they are joined with other cooperating churches to tell the Good News.

The Cooperative Program is a missional infrastructure in being witnesses for Christ simultaneously "in Jerusalem, in all Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Nothing has more potential for witness than the synergy of churches combining their resources to strengthen other churches and ministries. The Cooperative Program provides 90 percent of the KBC's budgeted funds for a composite of missions and ministry needs.

Ultimately, the strength of the Cooperative Program lies in its team approach. Individuals give offerings to their churches, which then designate a portion of their budgets through the Cooperative Program to support missions agencies and institutions. The KBC channels a portion of these funds to the Southern Baptist Convention, making possible the broader mission endeavors of Southern Baptists. This cooperative work can be defined as "together everyone achieves more." Through the collective effort of Kentucky Baptist churches, the Cooperative Program becomes an extension of the churches fulfilling the Great Commission and Acts 1:8.

I invite you to join Kentucky Baptists throughout our state in celebrating April as Cooperative Program Month, and April 13 as Cooperative Program Sunday. You cannot get better than the Cooperative Program for cooperation. We don't need to rename it; we just need to keep reminding others of its tremendous history and its bright future. If we do change the name of the Cooperative Program, let's rename it the Cooperative Program.

Billy Compton is the KBC's executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources

Put an end to disposing of the disabled

By Ken Connor

Leesburg, Va. (BP)—Most parents receive the news that they are "expecting" with joy and excitement. For some, however, the good news turns sour when they learn that their unborn, or newborn, child has Down syndrome or is afflicted with some other disability, like cystic fibrosis.

What parents are told about their child's future—and how they are told—often influences whether that child is born at all. That is why Sens. Sam Brownback and Ted Kennedy have co-sponsored the "Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act"

The act mandates that health care providers give the mother of an unborn, or newborn, child "up-to-date, scientific, written information concerning the life expectancy, clinical course, and intellectual and functional development and treatment options for a fetus diagnosed with, or child born with, Down syndrome or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions." In addition, the health care provider must offer "referral to supportive services providers," including hotlines, resource centers and support programs. These measures seek to ensure that medical advice to parents of developmentally disabled children is accurate and balanced.

Sadly, in today's post-Roe v. Wade environment, the news that a child is likely to be born with a significant

handicap is often a death sentence. According to The New York Times, about 90 percent of unborn children who are diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted.

Meanwhile, in Massachusetts, the number of children born with cystic fibrosis dropped by 50 percent when a prenatal cystic fibrosis test was developed. No studies have been done to assess the cause of the drop, but the odds of this being simple coincidence are quite low. A likely cause is the prevalent cultural notion that "flawed" human beings do not have lives worth living.

Parents whose child has been diagnosed with Down syndrome or cystic fibrosis are often apprehensive and frequently terrified. They have little idea what to expect for the future and even less understanding of the resources available to help them provide for their child. Unfortunately, their fears are often heightened by doctors who present the news as a tragedy or encourage the parents to pursue an abortion. In their time of trial, many of these parents are not given sound information about the reality of raising a handicapped child.

We have entered a period in our history when children who do not measure up to someone else's subjective standard of perfection are consigned to the ash heap of history. Roe v. Wade has produced a disposable man ethic which holds that if people are less than perfect or unwanted,

they may be disposed of with impunity. What will be required in the future to secure our membership in the human family?

And have we become so soft and self-centered that we cannot bear the burden of providing for those less fortunate than ourselves? Are we unwilling to learn the life lessons that come from serving the weak and frail and handicapped? Have we come to the point where we seek only our own comfort and our own pleasure, rather than the good of others? Is there no room in our society for those who are counted among the least of our brethren?

Only time will tell. But in the meantime, Brownback's and Kennedy's bill seeks to dispel the myths associated with disabilities and to let parents of handicapped children know that they are not alone.

There were times in America's past when neither blacks nor women were regarded as full-fledged members of the human family. As a result, they too were deprived of the full panoply of rights endowed by the Creator to those created in His image. Those were not the best of times in America's history. Thankfully, however, there were other times when Americans were willing to pay the price to see to it that both blacks and women received the protections they were entitled to by virtue of their humanity. Will we be willing to pay such a price for the unborn and the handicapped in our time? Again, only time will tell.

Ken Connor is chairman of the Center for a Just Society based in Washington D.C.

From Kentucky to Korea

At annual meeting, WMU receives thanks and encouragement for ongoing support

By Dannah Prather
Partnerships Editor

Bardstown—At the recent 105th annual meeting of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, members and guests of the women's auxiliary heard how their support is impacting people around the world, and about the joys available to those who choose to serve.

The meeting was held March 28-29 at Parkway Baptist Church in Bardstown.

Rick Brenny, a Southern Baptist North American missionary and executive director of the Jefferson Street Baptist Center in Louisville, thanked WMU members for their prayers, in-kind donations and missions advocacy.

"We could not do what we do without God's people," he emphasized. "You keep churches focused on missions ... (and) going in the right direction." The center provides services to homeless adults in Louisville, including a day shelter and temporary housing.

Brenny added that the Eliza Broadus Offering for state missions "has been huge in the life of Jeff Street." The ministry serves 2,200 people annually.

In 2006, Claudio Toro left a successful business career in Chile to come to Kentucky. Today he is pastor of Iglesia Bautista Cardinal Valley in Lexington. The congregation provides assistance to some of the 25,000 Hispanics living in the Cardinal Valley area of Lexington.

The church is open every day except Friday, offering two hours of tutoring for Hispanic students of the local elementary school. There is a craft ministry for the women and ongoing efforts to meet day-to-day needs of local families.

Toro also is a chaplain at Keeneland race track in Lexington. Every morning during racing season, he walks the horse barns meeting track workers.

Social ministries are "the gate to the church," and opportunities to share the gospel, Toro said.

Once again, Kentucky WMU welcomed Korea WMU members to the annual meeting. Sook Jae Lee, executive director of Korea WMU, noted that 2008 is the final year of the Kentucky/Korea partnership. However, she hinted that the relationship built over the past three years may continue officially.

Last year, Korea WMU leaders visited Kentucky to observe how WMU provides its summer-long series of camps for children and teens and mother/daughter weekends. "They all said it was an eye-opening experience," Lee said.

Ongoing efforts to teach English to South Koreans using Bible stories as the foundation of the curriculum continue. Lee noted that some of the Kentucky volunteers who came to Korea last year taught children during the day and tutored adults in their host families at night.

A Friday-evening panel discussion focused on short-term missions.

WMU President Pat Reaves, her husband, daughter and grand-



SERVANT GIFTS Kentucky WMU devotes "well over \$10,000 a year for our ministries to missionaries," said Executive Director Joy Bolton. Missionaries with Kentucky ties receive Christmas and birthday gifts, subscriptions to the Western Recorder and other support. This year, WMU members and guests to the annual meeting gave more than \$7,500 to the effort.



FAMILYFEST TESTIMONY During a panel discussion at the recent annual meeting of Kentucky WMU, Stan Lowery (with microphone) talks about his experience taking a mission trip with his family. Lowery is director of missions for Nelson Baptist Association. National WMU organizes FamilyFEST events every year, providing parents and children the opportunity to serve side by side. (Photos by Dannah Prather)

daughters were there to discuss the joys of serving together. FamilyFEST, an initiative of national WMU, mobilizes hundreds of volunteers each year to assist local churches with community outreach and evangelism projects. The Reaves family's most recent trip was to Pittsburgh.

"It will just be a highlight of your Christian life," Dudley Reaves noted. "It's an opportunity to grow together." He added that seeing his grandchildren serve others was proof that "missions education had taken hold."

Peggy Ballou of Corbin said she has been on 10 mission trips with her grandchildren. She emphasized that a missions destination "doesn't have to be far away," adding that hands-on service "is a wonderful way to teach missions" to children.

Ballou's granddaughter, Chelsea, agreed, saying that through missions education, hands-on service

and consistent modeling of Christian attitudes by adults, children and teens will "finally have that light bulb moment" when they understand the importance of sharing Christ with the world.

Mission trips are the norm for the Stan Lowery family, but the director of missions for Nelson Baptist Association said until FamilyFEST, his family usually was "on mission" apart.

Lowery called the trip to Pennsylvania "a great experience ... and an opportunity to serve together."

Kentucky Baptist Convention President Bill Henard also made a stop at the annual meeting before starting a mission trip to Ukraine. He congratulated WMU for their contributions to and advocacy of the 2007-08 Eliza Broadus Offering which, for the first time in its history, exceeded \$1 million.

Henard, pastor of Porter Memori-



AN M.K.'s THANKS Jamie Bruckert, a student at Campbellsville University, thanked WMU members for their twice-annual gifts and other assistance to children of missionaries. Born in Southeast Asia, Bruckert said, "God doesn't just call the parents. He also calls the family as a whole and I think that's beautiful."

al Baptist Church in Lexington, appealed to WMU members to apply their advocacy skills in support of the Cooperative Program.

"The money in Kentucky churches continues to increase; the bad news is that the percentage of what we are giving to the Cooperative Program is decreasing."

Noting that more churches, including his own, "are being empowered to go out and do missions," Henard said the ministries that rely upon CP funds should not be neglected.

If churches would commit to increase their contributions of undesignated funds to the Cooperative Program at a small rate—32 percent—annually, "it would be amazing to see what we could do," Henard urged.

The 2009 annual meeting of Kentucky WMU is set for March 28-29 at First Baptist Church of Richmond.

Eight new board members installed

New members of the Kentucky WMU Executive Board installed at the 105th annual meeting were:

Marcia Ballard, Allansville Baptist Church in Winchester; Jessica Childers, Mays Lick Baptist Church in Maysville; Molly Hall, Grayson Baptist Church; Mary Lauer, Parkway Baptist Church in Bardstown; Cathy Mattingly, West Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville; Jo Pelham, First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville; Kim Price, Lebanon Baptist Church; and Mary Lou Ray, First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg. Serving as an ex-officio member of the board is Benita Decker, president of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship and member of Farmdale Baptist Church in Frankfort.



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KBC seminar designed to help churches improve assimilation

Louisville—Continuing to emphasize the importance of assimilation within its churches, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will host a Beyond the First Visit seminar on May 22.

The event is geared toward church leaders who are looking for ways to retain visitors and members in their congregations. The seminar is based on concepts presented in "Beyond the First Visit," a popular church assimilation book released in 2006, and will be led by the book's author, Gary McIntosh.

"Churches think they are friendly to guests, but that's not always the case," noted Steve Rice, KBC's discipleship and assimilation director. "We want to help church leaders evaluate and improve the way their church attracts, welcomes and connects newcomers."

Rice added that McIntosh will review concepts such as how to keep visitors in the church, as well as how people in today's culture are coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

The Beyond the First Visit seminar will serve as the wrap-up event for the KBC's Assimilation Tour '08. Rice, Darryl Wilson, KBC's Sunday school depart-



Gary McIntosh

Steve Rice

ment director, and several KBC regional church strategists are currently visiting churches across the state throughout April and May, promoting the importance of improved assimilation. Events remain in Pikeville, Corbin, Mount Washington, Russellville and Danville.

McIntosh currently serves as president of the McIntosh Church Growth Network and is editor of both the Church Growth Network newsletter and the Journal of the American Society for Church Growth.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville and the cost to register is \$25 per person (includes lunch and materials). For more information, or to register, visit www.kybaptist.org/beyond, or call (502) 489-3581, or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3581.

Increase in relief responses strains KBC disaster funding

By Kristie Randolph
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—Although there have been no major disaster relief requests made of Kentucky Baptists since hurricanes Katrina and Rita slammed into the Gulf Coast in 2005, numerous smaller events have kept volunteers busy and funds tight.

Baptist Men on Mission disaster relief associate Coy Webb said Kentucky Baptist disaster relief teams responded to 18 locations in 2007, using a total of 1,625 volunteers. Already this year, Kentucky Baptist teams have been called out seven times to deal with clean up related to tornado and windstorm damage, large snowfalls and flooding.

The responses are keeping volunteers busy and straining the available funds for meeting their needs, Webb acknowledged. He noted that while the Cooperative Program funds the infrastructure of Kentucky Baptist disaster relief, the assistance efforts themselves are supported through donations of various types.

Webb also pointed out that disaster relief volunteers pay for their own uniforms and travel, while the American Red Cross provides much of the food prepared by Kentucky Disaster Relief kitchens. Associations also help to provide much of the equipment and some funding for relief efforts.

However, other costs are typically covered by a fund that receives donations from Kentucky Baptists and the public. These donations go directly to actual relief response expenses, including food supplies, fuel for chainsaws and relief vehicles. Funds also are used for volunteer training, the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and tax and licensing requirements for the ministry, Webb noted.

A little more than \$112,000 was spent in 2007 and "that was actually one of our lowest years in terms of expenses," according to Webb, adding that a single response to winter storms across Kentucky earlier this year cost the ministry \$22,000.



Gifts typically arrive following major disasters because of widespread publicity, but smaller disaster relief needs generally do not result in substantial gifts.

Webb said Kentucky disaster relief funds are low now because individual donations have been down since the outpouring of generosity that followed Hurricane Katrina. Donations made then helped establish a strong financial base for immediate relief, as well as for ongoing recovery efforts in those areas.

"Our ability to respond depends on having the funds to do so," Webb explained. "Disasters hit suddenly, but donations are often weeks in coming."

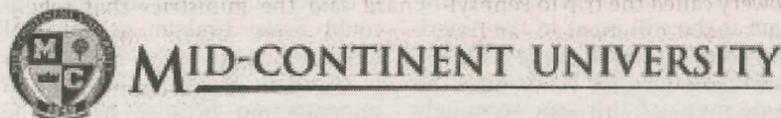
Kentucky Baptists are part of a larger network of Southern Baptist volunteers trained to respond to disasters by manning mass feeding operations, using chainsaws to clear downed trees and limbs, clear mud out of flooded homes and more.

Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers work in conjunction with other organizations, such as the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Together, Southern Baptists compose the third largest relief organization in the United States.

"Kentucky Baptist disaster relief is one of our frontline ministries that, I believe, has gone a very long way in establishing the integrity of our witness in the secular world," Webb said. "Someone recently told me that yellow shirts and yellow hats are recognized as people who care and you can count on."

SHORT OF HELP A team from Three Forks Baptist Association works on a home in Mississippi damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Coy Webb, disaster relief associate for the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission, said that even though Kentucky Baptist disaster relief teams have not responded to a major disaster since the 2005 hurricane, smaller relief efforts are putting a strain on disaster relief funds. (File photo)

Those who wish to contribute to Kentucky Baptist disaster relief efforts may send contributions to the KBC, Dept. 5008, PO Box 740041, Louisville, KY 40201-9976. Please note "disaster relief" in the check memo. Online donations also are accepted at www.kybaptist.org/dr.



LaVonna Willingham—ADVANTAGE Student



The Christian life can be an adventure, and we should encourage one another along the way. I struggled trying to find a way to go back to college at age 35 with a full time job and a full time family life with two very active kids in school. A good friend, in the church I attend, recommended Mid-Continent University's ADVANTAGE program. After much prayer and research, I was sold! Sign me up! It fit perfectly into my schedule.

Before signing up, several things appealed to me: meeting one night a week in the same location, meeting close to home, having SACS accreditation, and being with my peers. Another benefit was that each Cohort group in the ADVANTAGE program has a class leader and a class chaplain. We had prayer requests and shared positive things in our lives before each class began, which gave us an opportunity to draw closer as classmates.

During the 18 months of the program, several of our classmates struggled with life issues. Our class leader unexpectedly lost her husband; another class member went through a divorce, while another was facing a serious surgery. Putting God in the middle and focusing on the spiritual needs of others helped our class to stay close and was truly the reason for our success.

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Scholars cast a critical eye on legacy of Billy Graham

"Could (Graham) not have said more? Could he not have created more sympathy for the marginalized and stigmatized and thus effected more lasting change?"

J. Philip Wogaman, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, and former pastor to President Bill Clinton

By Cecile Holmes
Religion News Service

Elizabethtown, Pa. (RNS)—Ecumenist, prophet, peacemaker. Friend of presidents and queens. Evangelical powerbroker who was sometimes too closely tied to politicians. Each description applies to Billy Graham.

An official 1991 biography by William Martin called America's foremost evangelist a "Prophet With Honor." The editors of a new book largely agree, but not without casting a more critical eye on Graham's remarkable career.

There are many reasons to appreciate Graham, say the authors of "The Legacy of Billy Graham," without granting him "iconic status."

The book examines Graham's political influence, his relationships with Richard Nixon and other American presidents, his views on women, sexual ethics, poverty and the content and style of his preaching.

And while it notes the moderation that came with age, the book's 14 essays nonetheless ask critical questions about whether Graham could have done more to harness the power of his popularity to address public concerns.

"Graham's admirers frequently speak of his moral integrity, and they are right to note his efforts to lead a ministry without Elmer Gantry lurking in the background," said Michael Long, editor of "Legacy" and an assistant professor of religious studies at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. "But if we're honest about his legacy, we'll also recognize that Graham was shockingly deceptive when he told us that his relationship with Richard Nixon was primarily spiritual."

Like some others who have listened to the Nixon tapes, Long concluded that Graham rarely discussed spiritual matters with Nixon in the Oval Office. Indeed, Graham apologized in 2002 for telling Nixon that Jews held a "stranglehold" on the

country.

Graham, now 89 and in failing health, has retreated to his home in his beloved mountains of western North Carolina. His public ministry has been taken up by his son, Franklin, who displays some of the edgy fire of his father's early years.

J. Philip Wogaman, former pastor to President Bill Clinton and now a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, noted the opportunities facing Graham as the man who "has spoken directly, in person, to more people than anybody else in human history."

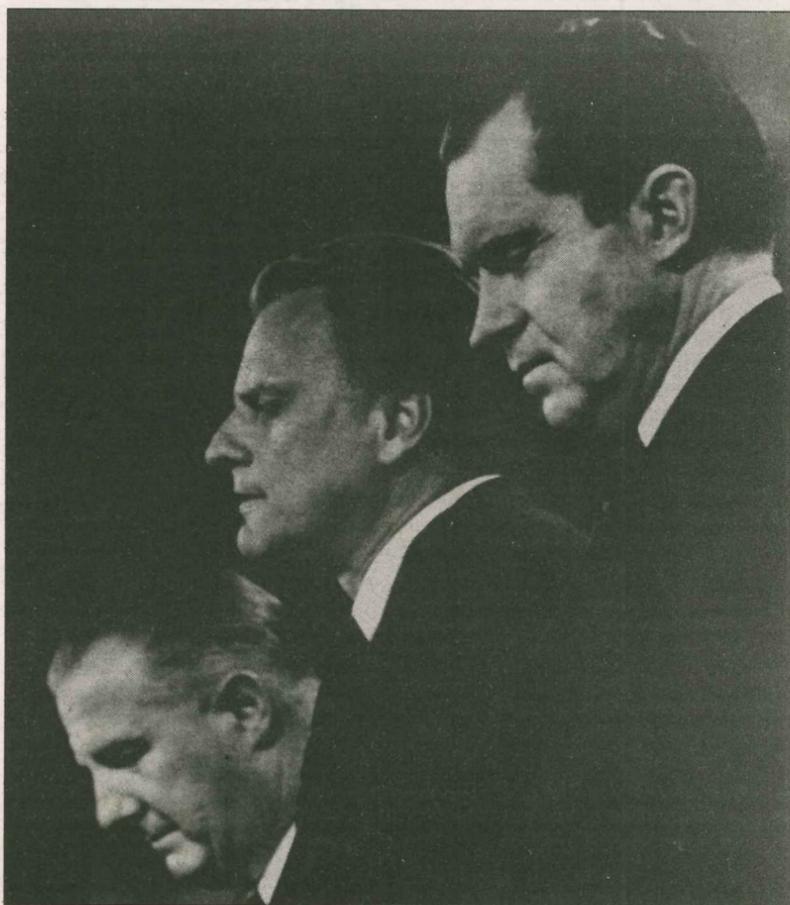
"Could he not have said more? Could he not have created more sympathy for the marginalized and stigmatized and thus effected more lasting change?" Wogaman asked.

The essayists noted the simplicity of Graham's message. Time and again, listeners at his crusades were shown a world on the brink of disaster, a world that might only be saved by each person committing their life to Christ.

"Starting as a raw-boned fundamentalist, Graham matured and broadened and soon became much more than the icon of evangelicals," wrote Harvey Cox of Harvard University. "Polls showed him to be the most respected religious leader in the country. Still as he shook off his early shell, his actions took a prophetic turn."

That turn included cooperating with more liberal Christian denominations in many crusades. And though he neither joined demonstrations nor went to jail over civil rights, Graham insisted that his crusades—even in the South—would not be segregated. Later, he called for the abolition of all nuclear weapons after visiting behind the Iron Curtain.

Thomas Long, a professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, noted Graham's enduring popularity—and power—in a changing world.



LEGACY EXAMINED Evangelist Billy Graham (center) is flanked by GOP presidential candidate Richard Nixon (right) and Gov. Spiro Agnew, as he delivers the benediction at the 1968 Republican National Convention. Authors of a new book examine Graham's significant legacy and ask if the 89-year-old evangelist could have done more in his career to address social concerns. (RNS file photo)

"In a windstorm of changing values and shifting circumstances, Graham is the still point in the American moral universe," Long said. "He has maintained for six decades the same message, the same seemingly untroubled convictions, the same unblemished ethical record. In an age of anxiety, he calms the national soul."

The breadth of Graham's legacy can be seen in both the emerging Christian Left, with its hope of alleviating poverty, and the Chris-

tian Right, with its push for a socially conservative public agenda. Both could evoke Graham as spiritual forebear, Long noted.

"Graham is worth studying and remembering because he is the face of American noninstitutionalized religiosity," Long added. "When Americans are in their private chapels, or none, they believe very different things. But when they come together in the public square, they believe essentially a version of what Billy preaches."

Chaplain uses cookies to reach out to soldiers serving in Iraq

Baghdad (ABP)—For American military personnel serving in Iraq, there's nothing like a taste of home—literally.

Soldiers are finding comfort in a coffeehouse that provides homemade cookies run by chaplain Kari Maschhoff.

"Our service members need a place they can know and feel that they are cared about," Maschhoff said. "The chaplain coffeehouse is for them. It is about taking care of our service members. The mission of our unit demands a lot of them. They need a place where they can receive some care back."

Maschhoff makes some of the cookies for the 24-hour coffee shop with an Easy-Bake toy oven, while some baked goods are mailed to the chaplain from people who want to support the troops.

The coffee and cookies serve as more than reminders of home for service men and women. They are an avenue of connection where troops can share with the chaplain about issues in their lives.

"The outreach connects our service members with people back home who want to show their support of our men and women in uniform by baking something special just for them," she noted. "We all need to know and feel that we are loved, and that is especially true when you live and work in a combat zone."

"Through the outreach, our hope is that the service members know that people back home care about them and are praying for them, that the chaplain team cares for them, and most importantly, that God cares for them and will never forget them."

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Following Christ amid financial crisis

Economic hardships offer opportunities for witness

Recently it seems as though numerous conversations are taking place in regard to our national economy. While I certainly do not presume to have the solution to the problem, I do think there are some simple ideas that would solve many of the nation's current hardships. Not only would these solutions help the economy, they would potentially change the church and the worldwide effort of missions.

Just a few days ago, a good friend proposed that if all Americans would simply purchase small fuel-efficient vehicles, the majority of our problems would be solved. I respectfully disagreed. While wise fuel consumption would be beneficial, our core problem is not rooted in fuel consumption, but rather personal financial discipline.

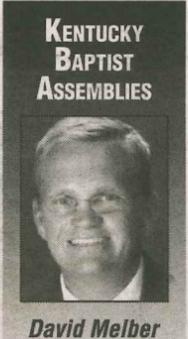
Perhaps you have noticed the crisis in the mortgage market. In many cases, this problem could have been avoided if consumers would have purchased homes within their financial means.

What impact is all this having upon the church and our missions efforts? It would be hard to measure the effect with certainty,

but the economic crunch is more than likely a potential financial hindrance on the church's mission.

What are we to do as believers during a time like this? I believe we have a great witnessing opportunity as great numbers of people face personal difficulties. As individuals face a crisis, we are afforded real situations in which to offer hope. Challenging circumstances cause people to seek assistance and answers. We can point them to Jesus Christ, and the certainty that can only be found in Him. We can be examples as we choose to manage our finances wisely and put God first as we prioritize the use of our personal finances.

When hardships come during our time on earth, it is of greatest importance for us to be reminded that we are not home. We, as Christ followers, should be living as though we are temporarily passing through this world. While on this earth, we should passionately seek to store our treasures in Heaven where worldly financial crisis is of no consequence.



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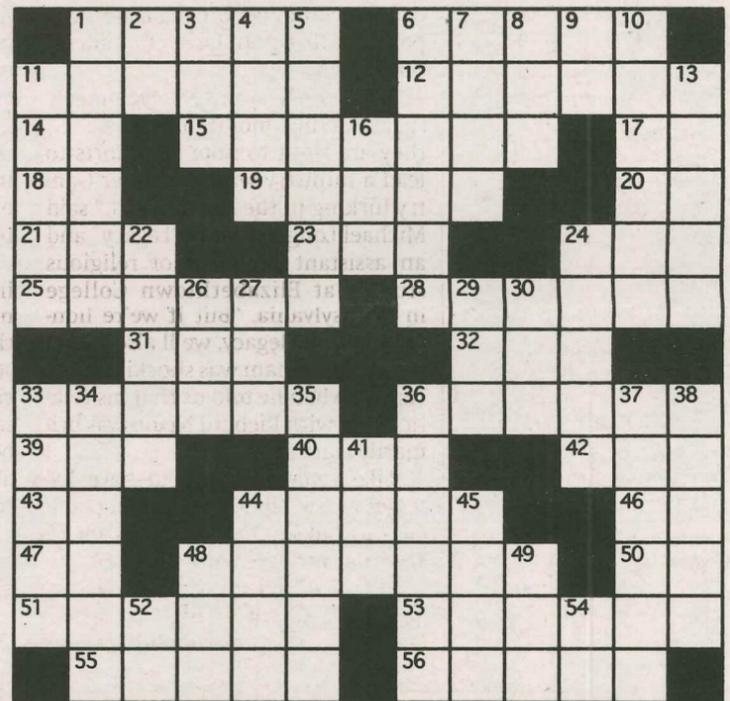
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Bible Crosswords

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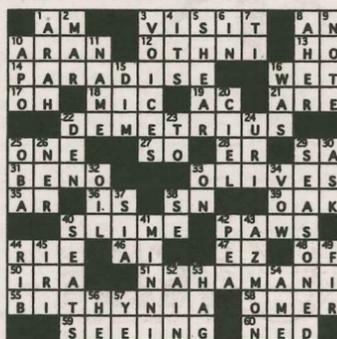
- Across**
- 1 Shoe parts
 - 6 Greek form of Uzziah
 - 11 Son of Levi (Genesis 46:11)
 - 12 Father of Baruch (Jeremiah 32:12)
 - 14 Masculine nickname
 - 15 Son of Adiel (1 Chronicles 9:12)
 - 17 School subj.
 - 18 Vote
 - 19 Father of Darda (1 Kings 4:31)
 - 20 Pronoun
 - 21 Family of returned exiles (Ezra 2:57)
 - 23 Pilot makes one
 - 24 ___ change
 - 25 Assign (arch.)
 - 28 They come in flights
 - 31 Slangy denial
 - 32 It gives a hoot
 - 33 Cauterized
 - 36 Address
 - 39 ___ blond
 - 40 Construction necessity (abbr.)
 - 42 Jane ___
 - 43 Phonetic sound
 - 44 Exhibits
 - 46 Hospital inits.
 - 47 "The kingdom of heaven is ___ hand" (Matthew 3:2)
 - 48 Son of Elieonai (1 Chronicles 3:24)
 - 50 Biblical exclamation



- 51 Catch one's eye
- 53 Glided
- 55 What Simeon was called at Antioch (Acts 13:1)
- 56 "The heifer ... which is neither ___ nor sown" (Deuteronomy 21:4)
- 16 Pronoun for a seafaring vessel
- 22 Son of Asher (1 Chronicles 7:30)
- 24 Bribed
- 26 Wax or wig
- 27 Article
- 29 Big ___
- 30 Reverence
- 33 Antichrist
- 34 Son of Mehir (1 Chronicles 4:11)
- 35 Merchant
- 36 Contention
- 37 Became aloof
- 38 "When ___ had heard these things, he was troubled" (Matthew 2:3)
- 41 "Of Keros, the children of ___" (Nehemiah 7:47)
- 44 Visage
- 45 Father of Heber (Luke 3:35)
- 48 Verb for flower child
- 49 Mount where Aaron died (Numbers 20)
- 52 Polynesian woody plant
- 54 I (pl.)

- Down**
- 1 Greek form of Sodom
 - 2 Buckeye state (abbr.)
 - 3 O.T. book
 - 4 "He (Samson) ...dwelt in the top of the rock ___" (Judges 15:8)
 - 5 Son of Jahdai (1 Chronicles 2:47)
 - 6 What the Israelites missed in the wilderness
 - 7 Ardor
 - 8 Son of Bela (1 Chronicles 7:7)
 - 9 City near Bethel
 - 10 "Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of ___" (Micah 1:11)
 - 11 Early descendant of Adam (1 Chronicles 1:2)
 - 13 What a good dog does

Last week's solution



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Allen Baptist Association			
Bays Fork	\$4,484.58	\$2,550.14	\$181.00
Dover	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holland	\$1,002.07	\$944.12	\$0.00
Liberty	\$2,462.70	\$1,998.00	\$500.00
Mount Gilead	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$940.48	\$940.20	\$612.00
New Middle Fork	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Rough Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Scottsville	\$2,816.10	\$2,678.56	\$2,130.95
Trammel Fork Missionary	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$1,178.00
White Plains	\$6,405.96	\$13,016.78	\$11,519.98
Subtotals	\$18,211.89	\$47,130.80	\$16,621.93

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Anderson Baptist Association			
Alton	\$7,000.00	\$8,963.50	\$1,671.82
Ballard	\$1,701.28	\$1,834.00	\$100.00
Fellowship	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
Freedom	\$505.00	\$1,132.00	\$0.00
Friendship and Unity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glenboro	\$2,646.00	\$2,274.00	\$1,026.00
Goshen	\$950.00	\$700.00	\$268.00
Hope Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lawrenceburg First	\$61,159.32	\$56,409.25	\$11,632.87
Mount Pleasant	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$414.78
Pleasant Grove	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Sand Spring	\$36,005.38	\$52,912.52	\$16,544.59
Tyrone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Van Buren	\$453.81	\$453.35	\$60.00
Subtotals	\$112,149.79	\$125,908.62	\$31,918.06

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP 9/1/06-2/28/07	COP 9/1/07-2/29/08	OTHER 9/1/07-2/29/08
Bell Baptist Association			
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bennetts Fork	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethlehem	\$1,633.01	\$3,031.31	\$437.00
Binghamtown	\$3,500.04	\$3,500.04	\$0.00
Blackmont	\$300.00	\$535.00	\$353.42
Callaway	\$451.82	\$125.63	\$1,007.00
Chenoa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chester Ave	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dean Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dunlap	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	\$8,308.00	\$8,978.00	\$4,711.00
East Jellico	\$1,954.00	\$3,102.00	\$2,515.75
Fonde	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gap Fellowship	\$314.00	\$316.00	\$0.00
Garmead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hosman	\$1,623.50	\$1,617.00	\$422.00
Insull	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jenson	\$1,543.00	\$1,742.00	\$0.00
Mill Creek	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Mos Chapel	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
Mount Hebron	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Mary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newtown	\$119.88	\$148.98	\$0.00
Northside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$864.00
Old Straight Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Old Yellow Creek	\$6,211.83	\$5,213.65	\$10,578.10
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pathfork	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pineville First	\$5,824.98	\$7,268.58	\$8,019.70
Red Oak	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$2,787.33	\$2,786.70	\$2,000.00
Riverview	\$422.71	\$530.34	\$1,493.10
Southside	\$3,998.27	\$3,103.83	\$3,157.23
Stoney Fork	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tracy Branch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trinity	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$905.00
Tugglesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory Missionary	\$828.15	\$533.57	\$0.00
Wasioto	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$4,500.00
West Cumberland Avenue	\$1,968.31	\$1,781.93	\$337.75
West Pineville	\$2,422.31	\$2,241.57	\$123.00
Subtotals	\$45,861.14	\$48,456.13	\$42,824.05

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Blackford Baptist Association			
Blackford	\$18,657.34	\$20,038.84	\$819.00
Central	\$4,797.61	\$5,280.00	\$1,058.00
Chestnut Grove	\$6,560.91	\$5,313.56	\$4,855.94
Dawson Memorial	\$2,498.00	\$2,598.00	\$0.00
Friendly Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hawesville	\$18,738.02	\$16,862.72	\$7,202.31
Lewisport	\$13,479.58	\$13,326.52	\$17,160.35
Lewisport First	\$909.46	\$1,366.41	\$0.00
Mount Eden	\$5,961.00	\$4,623.00	\$1,805.72
New Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$1,892.30
Newton Springs	\$790.36	\$1,000.24	\$240.18
Old Panther Creek	\$1,223.00	\$1,589.00	\$896.00
Patesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pellville	\$7,921.85	\$9,070.55	\$8,186.85
Roseville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union	\$871.48	\$1,432.79	\$4,785.77
West Point	\$146.00	\$248.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$82,754.61	\$83,099.63	\$48,902.42

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP 9/1/06-2/28/07	COP 9/1/07-2/29/08	OTHER 9/1/07-2/29/08
Blood River Baptist Association			
Altona Missionary	\$13,960.66	\$14,420.84	\$5,281.55
Bethel	\$9,223.80	\$11,577.00	\$1,002.00
Bethlehem	\$1,983.14	\$1,686.80	\$529.00
Blood River	\$1,337.00	\$1,182.00	\$250.00
Briensburg	\$52,128.74	\$53,364.45	\$15,277.98
Cherry Corner	\$4,196.89	\$2,221.54	\$1,530.00
Coldwater	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$3,225.88
Dexter	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
East Marshall	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$1,043.00
Eva	\$1,204.74	\$1,281.20	\$308.00
Flint	\$6,553.30	\$6,686.34	\$3,009.36
Gilbertsville	\$1,633.49	\$1,527.51	\$397.00
Grace	\$7,306.74	\$8,549.32	\$2,738.13
Hamlet Missionary	\$4,367.07	\$5,956.04	\$466.20
Hazel	\$3,257.25	\$12,161.23	\$800.00
Kirksey	\$589.00	\$891.00	\$793.00
Lakeview	\$4,678.35	\$4,605.08	\$345.13

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Ledbetter	\$632.27	\$664.76	\$332.37
Locust Grove	\$6,357.72	\$6,007.52	\$2,535.67
Memorial	\$15,316.21	\$13,266.39	\$899.35
New Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,251.62
New Harmony	\$19,835.75	\$21,179.13	\$7,830.10
New Mount Carmel	\$1,934.39	\$1,782.99	\$1,395.00
New Providence	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Zion	\$5,633.75	\$5,757.12	\$2,220.00
Northside	\$15,199.00	\$15,209.00	\$1,628.77
Oak Grove	\$4,297.96	\$3,444.98	\$1,615.00
Olive Missionary	\$9,431.43	\$7,712.88	\$681.50
Owens Chapel	\$5,519.00	\$5,471.00	\$1,100.00
Pleasant Hope	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Valley	\$1,800.00	\$1,925.00	\$1,494.05
Poplar Spring	\$3,131.15	\$3,917.45	\$2,887.09
Salem	\$7,642.66	\$2,563.76	\$0.00
Scotts Grove	\$2,181.59	\$2,231.05	\$1,048.50
Sharpe Missionary	\$27,224.61	\$27,470.85	\$3,450.00
Sinking Spring	\$1,150.00	\$1,825.00	\$542.65
Spring Creek	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$694.00
Sugar Creek	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Symsonia	\$6,778.00	\$6,501.00	\$964.64
Union Ridge	\$3,058.39	\$2,664.05	\$966.00
Vanzora	\$3,564.00	\$2,439.00	\$443.00
Walnut Street	\$778.39	\$724.72	\$0.00
West Fork	\$4,410.92	\$2,895.06	\$430.00
Zions Cause	\$700.00	\$3,073.74	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$267,097.36	\$271,836.80	\$86,405.54

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Boones Creek Baptist Association			
Allansville	\$6,092.73	\$6,284.99	\$8,205.13
Beech Grove	\$547.50	\$387.00	\$200.00
Boone's Creek	\$14,493.89	\$14,177.64	\$11,015.53
Calvary	\$7,737.97	\$7,806.22	\$1,214.00
Central	\$78,839.95	\$67,321.58	\$58,679.31
Clay City	\$1,525.00	\$1,242.00	\$691.00
Corinth	\$2,657.68	\$1,786.08	\$1,184.00
Cow Creek	\$1,960.00	\$1,648.00	\$0.00
Creekside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel	\$1,319.07	\$1,289.86	\$213.00
Ephesus	\$3,140.00	\$4,506.00	\$490.00
Faith	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$120.00
Friendship	\$1,775.94	\$1,800.55	\$1,272.35
Greenbriar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heidelberg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heritage	\$5,012.78	\$4,019.06	\$3,564.61
Howards Mill	\$4,973.79	\$3,609.00	\$424.00
Irvine First	\$1,596.28	\$1,756.00	\$0.00
Ivory Hill	\$2,415.06	\$1,257.43	\$329.93
Jeffersonville	\$5,602.83	\$5,506.83	\$1,257.25
Kiddville	\$1,336.83	\$1,257.15	\$4,300.00
Macedonia	\$2,255.59	\$2,318.58	\$142.00
Means	\$826.00	\$2,705.00	\$120.00
Mount Olive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$570.04	\$515.02	\$488.00
Northside	\$7,283.18	\$7,338.21	\$2,692.00
Panola	\$931.41	\$825.65	\$111.00
Powells Valley	\$1,000.60	\$1,363.60	\$39.00
Providence	\$2,420.00	\$2,435.00	\$642.00
Providence	\$1,600.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,524.97
Reid Village	\$1,180.67	\$2,025.69	\$4,262.88
Salem	\$3,132.00	\$2,601.00	\$1,261.00
Spears Mill	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Spring Street	\$1,814.00	\$1,562.00	\$1,506.00
Thomas	\$1,745.66	\$2,504.17	\$25.00
Valley View	\$141.84	\$0.00	\$0.00
Williams Memorial	\$2,132.16	\$1,907.42	\$720.86
Subtotals	\$169,740.25	\$161,686.73	\$106,694.82

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Booneville Baptist Association			
Big Creek	\$839.34	\$826.97	\$170.00
Booneville First	\$5,492.44	\$3,856.21	\$255.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garrard	\$425.00	\$475.00	\$0.00
Gray Fork	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Horse Creek	\$19,367.12	\$20,950.75	\$16,302.11
Island Creek	\$629.78	\$1,511.29	\$3,393.84
Lerose	\$350.00	\$156.51	\$0.00
Lilly Grove	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Lytleton	\$3,916.53	\$3,736.00	\$5,291.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$2,070.24	\$1,324.00
Manchester	\$9,351.78	\$6,328.40	\$8,670.59
New Home	\$320.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Prospect	\$610.00	\$871.00	\$0.00
New Zion	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$421.00
Oneida	\$1,536.53	\$2,114.52	\$3,535.95
Pleasant Point	\$382.20	\$419.41	\$200.00
Pleasant Run	\$1,278.00	\$1,422.00	\$700.00
Royal Oak	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$200.00
Southside	\$139.51	\$111.16	\$0.00
Turkey Missionary	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Upper Buffalo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vincent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
White Hall	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Zion	\$967.00	\$1,444.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$46,295.53	\$47,183.46	\$41,163.49

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Bracken Baptist Association			
Aberdeen	\$6,392.05	\$6,551.02	\$3,697.20
Augusta First	\$422.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$345.00	\$450	

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Newman	\$579.91	\$376.02	\$80.00
Owensboro First	\$149,066.49	\$147,941.87	\$170,036.97
Owensboro Third	\$9,075.24	\$4,425.73	\$5,141.00
Pack	\$0.00	\$1,427.00	\$0.00
Panther Creek	\$4,410.00	\$5,320.00	\$833.50
Parrish Avenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Pleasant Grove	\$28,313.00	\$27,391.50	\$3,909.60
Pleasant Memorial	\$581.52	\$2,381.58	\$421.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$3,648.18	\$3,383.94	\$1,972.44
Red Hill	\$150.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Ridgewood	\$631.50	\$101.57	\$0.00
Riverside	\$2,025.48	\$1,997.54	\$2,401.71
Sacramento	\$5,122.21	\$5,901.62	\$2,317.00
Seven Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sorgho	\$4,431.13	\$2,350.15	\$1,135.60
South Hampton	\$3,849.00	\$3,909.00	\$2,093.00
Stanley	\$0.00	\$296.03	\$294.50
Station	\$2,221.50	\$2,284.52	\$1,298.95
Sugar Grove	\$5,814.40	\$5,843.18	\$15,960.00
Utica	\$4,584.60	\$12,920.41	\$1,431.00
Walnut Memorial	\$20,242.36	\$28,392.56	\$0.00
Whitesville	\$350.00	\$629.40	\$75.00
Wing Avenue	\$582.20	\$603.60	\$927.31
Yellow Creek	\$41,682.67	\$41,802.77	\$9,465.10
Yelvington	\$2,226.61	\$2,421.17	\$70.00
Subtotals	\$520,935.32	\$517,581.97	\$321,317.24

East Lynn Baptist Association

Allendale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corinth Missionary	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$1,702.60
Holly Grove	\$2,502.81	\$2,136.50	\$0.00
Liberty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Carmel	\$300.00	\$368.00	\$334.00
New Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rolling Fork	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Summersville	\$2,035.28	\$2,412.27	\$0.00
Whickerville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$5,538.09	\$5,216.77	\$2,036.60

Elkhorn Baptist Association

Anchor	\$19,575.32	\$21,750.52	\$6,005.97
Andover	\$0.00	\$1,591.00	\$880.00
Ashland Avenue	\$8,274.48	\$8,274.48	\$31,986.32
Beckerville	\$88.30	\$12.00	\$0.00
Bluegrass Deaf Mission	\$0.00	\$790.70	\$0.00
Broadway	\$38,251.09	\$45,370.56	\$12,075.01
Brookside	\$2,602.11	\$4,582.39	\$1,796.48
Cadentown	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$18,066.36	\$26,194.76	\$43,066.99
Cane Run	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Central	\$15,913.22	\$19,731.35	\$2,858.15
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clear Creek	\$2,780.58	\$4,801.42	\$0.00
Clover Bottom	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$90.00
Consolidated	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corbin First	\$398.54	\$1,100.00	\$983.00
Cornerstone	\$6,992.20	\$16,100.06	\$6,869.11
Crosswoods	\$7,192.58	\$12,083.28	\$500.00
Davids Fork	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dry Run	\$2,885.38	\$2,382.87	\$0.00
Durbin Memorial	\$7,106.31	\$6,734.96	\$5,036.00
East Hickman	\$6,030.56	\$9,562.05	\$2,895.00
Eastside	\$611.20	\$701.40	\$0.00
Edgewood	\$11,831.83	\$12,789.00	\$17,553.15
Faith	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Covenant	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Gano	\$14,905.41	\$17,741.42	\$0.00
Gardenside	\$884.39	\$12,200.00	\$0.00
Georgetown	\$16,605.57	\$12,679.04	\$9,810.82
Glens Creek	\$2,868.00	\$2,034.00	\$0.00
Grace	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,700.09
Great Crossing	\$5,670.76	\$6,439.21	\$2,048.50
Highlands	\$12,430.35	\$13,457.86	\$3,500.00
Hillcrest	\$2,552.00	\$2,580.00	\$2,389.24
Hillsboro	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Imani	\$500.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Immanuel	\$163,977.02	\$182,961.29	\$77,350.54
Immanuel Japanese Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Irishtown Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey	\$2,045.44	\$1,169.88	\$1,950.91
Lawrenceburg Community	\$1,331.13	\$1,297.04	\$924.25
Lexington First	\$444.90	\$355.92	\$0.00
Living Hope Fellowship	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Lick	\$818.00	\$1,826.00	\$409.50
Main Street	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mallard Point	\$1,918.42	\$1,831.00	\$415.35
Maranatha	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Master's	\$11,089.98	\$12,464.51	\$17,300.00
Midway	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$335.00
Millersburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Millville	\$5,500.00	\$13,135.00	\$620.54
Mount Freedom	\$4,498.37	\$3,731.96	\$0.00
Mount Pleasant	\$3,701.92	\$3,401.38	\$2,724.66
Mount Sterling First	\$10,166.64	\$9,166.69	\$6,344.06
Mount Vernon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$407.86
Nada Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$6,600.90	\$8,619.94	\$35.00
Nicholasville	\$4,791.83	\$2,773.76	\$5,270.00
North View	\$12,891.38	\$8,212.27	\$1,501.10
Open Door Community	\$626.32	\$532.88	\$0.00
Palomar	\$6,396.07	\$5,376.91	\$3,536.84
Paris First	\$19,071.91	\$17,378.58	\$7,156.12
Parkway	\$8,325.43	\$8,388.75	\$4,367.45
Penn Avenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pinckard	\$13,182.74	\$14,585.76	\$3,465.19
Porter Memorial	\$169,184.48	\$152,632.16	\$0.00
Praise Tabernacle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River of Life	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rosemont	\$15,014.94	\$13,376.91	\$3,484.00
Royal Springs Southern	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Russell Cave	\$2,163.68	\$2,616.17	\$530.33

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Seventh Street	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shawhan	\$665.00	\$815.00	\$800.00
Shiloh	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Silas	\$1,725.17	\$1,657.22	\$300.00
South Elkhorn	\$4,970.96	\$6,911.69	\$2,693.94
Southern Heights	\$13,620.29	\$14,633.20	\$2,308.88
Southside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stamping Ground	\$3,109.72	\$2,955.16	\$1,849.66
Tatesbrook	\$3,415.09	\$2,751.67	\$0.00
Thoroughbred Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trinity	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00	\$0.00
Versailles	\$36,966.79	\$42,927.85	\$21,194.84
Victory	\$14,970.48	\$7,430.97	\$0.00
White Sulphur	\$2,321.14	\$3,293.77	\$3,550.81
Winchester First	\$2,590.47	\$2,817.34	\$3,145.00
Subtotals	\$758,843.15	\$825,708.96	\$329,015.66

Enterprise Baptist Association

Allen	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,135.54
Benedict	\$425.00	\$448.00	\$0.00
Bethel Bible	\$413.00	\$430.00	\$180.00
Brushy Fork Missionary	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
Fitzpatrick First	\$5,711.00	\$6,869.00	\$300.00
Garrett First	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,400.00
Inez First	\$1,368.08	\$2,282.82	\$1,460.00
Ivlyton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacks Creek	\$315.75	\$82.27	\$0.00
Lancaster	\$560.80	\$475.42	\$0.00
Liberty	\$880.92	\$1,065.66	\$725.00
Licking River	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$46.66
Martin First	\$183.53	\$213.26	\$0.00
Maytown First	\$250.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
McDowell First	\$3,319.70	\$2,021.44	\$1,264.29
Mount Beulah	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Community	\$0.00	\$1,181.64	\$0.00
Paintsville First	\$21,804.92	\$23,105.57	\$24,906.50
Pine Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Home	\$1,983.00	\$3,518.00	\$0.00
Prestonsburg First	\$10,789.69	\$17,630.40	\$2,462.00
Salversville First	\$1,121.58	\$1,904.81	\$1,245.00
Tomahawk Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Topmost	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00
Warfield Missionary	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$428.00
West Van Lear	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$110.00
Wheelwright First	\$76.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$55,533.58	\$68,263.29	\$37,062.99

Franklin Baptist Association

Bellepoint	\$2,756.67	\$2,645.82	\$4,379.00
Bethel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,392.00
Buck Run	\$44,948.00	\$45,350.00	\$25,926.67
Calvary	\$1,572.07	\$942.20	\$60.00
Camp Pleasant	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Grove	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$989.98
Crestwood	\$26,215.39	\$28,379.04	\$9,242.11
East Frankfort	\$5,945.38	\$7,438.48	\$3,420.56
Evergreen	\$3,999.98	\$6,499.94	\$6,054.27
Faith	\$4,212.53	\$4,626.72	\$2,692.82
Family	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Farmdale	\$4,468.00	\$4,248.00	\$546.00
First Corinthian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forks of Elkhorn	\$22,023.87	\$30,230.71	\$12,586.65
Frankfort First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillcrest	\$6,958.65	\$7,209.03	\$1,891.59
Lebanon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorial	\$16,577.61	\$16,521.00	\$6,776.03
Mount Carmel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,366.00
Mount Vernon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Benson	\$2,683.33	\$6,300.65	\$3,046.50
North Fork	\$1,565.44	\$1,621.89	\$551.00
North Frankfort	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00
Peaks Mill	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$396.96	\$466.34	\$530.00
Providence	\$7,999.60	\$7,330.21	\$1,937.79
St John	\$1,683.13	\$1,583.42	\$605.00
Swallowfield	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$670.00
Thornhill	\$9,845.90	\$8,877.60	\$2,567.00
Trinity	\$550.00	\$1,000.00	\$650.00
Truth	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Westview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$169,777.51	\$184,076.05	\$90,980.97

Freedom Baptist Association

Albany First	\$9,300.00	\$8,352.00	\$1,110.00
Branham Grove	\$0.00	\$110.63	\$251.00
Burkesville	\$5,195.15	\$6,310.96	\$2,889.00
Cave Springs	\$1,826.00	\$3,870.00	\$1,200.00
Central Grove	\$2,550.80	\$2,653.35	\$950.00
Fairland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Union	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Green Grove Missionary	\$1,390.78	\$1,926.68	\$1,520.00
Iglesia Bautista Jesus	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
New Sulphur Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pikeview	\$1,050.00	\$1,195.00	\$200.00
Stony Point	\$6,791.90	\$7,846.14	\$2,900.00
Subtotals	\$31,778.63	\$32,564.76	\$11,020.00

Gasper River Baptist Association

Aberdeen	\$8,117.00	\$10,509.00	\$3,511.00
Barnetts Lick	\$1,179.00	\$809.00	\$0.00
Bethel	\$1,454.01	\$1,260.55	\$725.43
Big Muddy	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,075.00
Brooklyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carve Rock	\$2,023.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapel Union	\$690.70	\$789.56	\$978.40
Huntsville	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
Iglesia Bautista Luz Y Vida	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Monticello	\$1,459.73	\$1,701.95	\$63,141.32
Morgantown First	\$8,427.91	\$8,660.33	\$4,278.50
Mount Liberty	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mount Olivet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Vernon Missionary	\$1,625.00	\$1,858.00	\$822.00
New Hamcnry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Liberty	\$1,050.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
New Midway	\$1,258.00	\$752.00	\$0.00

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Pleasant Grove	\$160.00	\$200.00	\$272.00
Quality	\$2,025.96	\$1,939.32	\$1,000.00
Richland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rochester	\$2,660.00	\$2,515.00	\$700.00
Rock Spring	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,575.00
Sandy Creek	\$2,833.00	\$3,102.06	\$1,590.00
Union	\$1,952.70	\$3,248.41	\$600.00
Walnut Grove	\$0.00	\$198.94	\$0.00
Woodbury	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$39,466.31	\$41,094.12	\$84,368.65

Graves County Baptist Association

Baltimore	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Bell City	\$319.22	\$312.00	\$420.00
Bethany	\$1,842.99	\$1,748.96	\$350.00
Chapel Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clarks River	\$1,612.63	\$2,065.87	\$1,194.00
Cuba	\$1,846.07	\$2,697.50	\$1,708.25
Dublin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel	\$200.00	\$300.00</	

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
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Swan Pond.....	\$777.32	\$687.92	\$1,606.78
Turkey Creek.....	\$1,941.33	\$1,956.22	\$0.00
Walker.....	\$270.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
Young Grove.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals.....	\$94,451.28	\$104,004.80	\$40,016.63

Laurel River Baptist Association

Arthur Ridge.....	\$163.50	\$337.44	\$130.00
Baldrock.....	\$747.12	\$696.83	\$519.35
Bond.....	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,710.00
Calvary.....	\$12,765.62	\$14,057.01	\$5,388.00
Corinth.....	\$31,953.28	\$31,714.21	\$29,377.00
East Bernstadt First.....	\$33,826.15	\$23,358.74	\$13,556.00
East Pittsburg.....	\$1,476.95	\$2,620.93	\$902.00
Emmanuel.....	\$416.37	\$555.88	\$200.00
Greenmount.....	\$968.70	\$924.90	\$355.00
Hart Missionary.....	\$2,439.22	\$2,323.62	\$3,032.00
Hawk Creek.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Hazel Patch.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Horse Creek Road.....	\$1,116.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jackson Memorial.....	\$92.41	\$190.61	\$300.00
Laurel Chapel.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laurel River.....	\$3,873.97	\$3,626.44	\$6,200.00
Liberty.....	\$5,523.07	\$6,522.14	\$1,752.00
Lick Fork.....	\$2,291.00	\$489.00	\$3,330.00
Lily.....	\$500.00	\$1,665.98	\$195.24
London First.....	\$24,237.45	\$18,284.40	\$16,755.00
Long Branch.....	\$1,365.00	\$1,538.00	\$300.00
Mount Zion.....	\$457.67	\$412.42	\$300.00
New Salem.....	\$2,357.83	\$2,143.68	\$0.00
Old Salem.....	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$800.00
Pilgrims Rest.....	\$534.70	\$463.51	\$806.00
Pine Grove.....	\$1,718.00	\$1,857.00	\$300.00
Pleasant Grove.....	\$2,339.48	\$2,210.81	\$1,073.00
Providence.....	\$9,917.23	\$12,471.10	\$8,708.45
Robinson Creek.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,819.45
Sinking Creek.....	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Slate Hill.....	\$2,401.50	\$2,821.00	\$1,483.00
Slate Lick.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Fariston.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Swiss Colony.....	\$16,255.77	\$13,863.51	\$4,452.00
Tidalwave.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Weaver.....	\$2,927.42	\$2,915.56	\$373.00
West London.....	\$1,016.00	\$995.00	\$260.00
White Oak.....	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Subtotals.....	\$165,952.35	\$151,829.72	\$119,276.49

Liberty Baptist Association

Antioch.....	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$799.98
Browders Chapel.....	\$60.00	\$240.00	\$0.00
Calvary.....	\$21,377.47	\$29,789.06	\$32,729.79
Canmer.....	\$801.35	\$1,062.71	\$1,100.00
Cave City.....	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,652.00
Cave Spring.....	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$764.37
Cedar Cliff.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Grove.....	\$2,455.00	\$1,335.00	\$225.87
Coral Hill.....	\$9,472.00	\$7,410.58	\$0.00
Edmonton Worship Center.....	\$5,357.57	\$5,680.63	\$4,233.00
Glasgow.....	\$28,982.25	\$31,145.12	\$12,689.76
Grace Union Missionary.....	\$341.25	\$420.19	\$0.00
Hardyville.....	\$917.16	\$928.69	\$200.00
Horse Cave.....	\$11,253.08	\$12,848.31	\$2,568.00
Iglesia Emmanuel.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel.....	\$15,082.12	\$14,836.58	\$0.00
Lifeway Community.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Little Bethel.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lonoke.....	\$639.70	\$628.52	\$0.00
Mount Tabor.....	\$2,144.25	\$2,831.93	\$1,817.00
New Liberty.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Park City.....	\$1,469.91	\$1,742.10	\$1,266.00
Pleasant Valley.....	\$5,828.13	\$5,867.92	\$2,634.80
Poplar Spring Missionary.....	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,727.00
Rowletts.....	\$1,716.66	\$1,602.00	\$5,563.06
Salem.....	\$2,088.98	\$2,024.31	\$1,679.51
Shady Grove Missionary.....	\$2,867.77	\$1,387.76	\$1,222.17
Siloam.....	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,546.25
South Fork.....	\$1,437.85	\$1,388.85	\$2,250.00
Southside.....	\$2,575.35	\$2,834.46	\$1,459.00
Three Springs.....	\$554.74	\$289.65	\$0.00
Walnut Hill.....	\$210.00	\$180.00	\$600.00
Zion.....	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Subtotals.....	\$121,882.59	\$129,524.37	\$82,777.56

Lincoln County Baptist Association

Blue Lick.....	\$2,157.10	\$2,178.28	\$515.30
Calvary Hill.....	\$2,514.27	\$4,571.00	\$920.00
Crab Orchard.....	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,864.00
Double Springs.....	\$1,155.31	\$1,776.30	\$894.00
Drakes Creek.....	\$1,522.24	\$1,480.85	\$645.00
Fairview.....	\$14,498.35	\$14,238.81	\$2,979.32
Freedom.....	\$8,081.00	\$9,200.00	\$4,903.68
Friendship.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Geneva.....	\$497.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Harris Creek.....	\$186.80	\$132.63	\$416.38
Hustonville.....	\$2,400.00	\$2,450.00	\$3,763.96
Iglesia Bautista La Historia de Jesus.....	\$80.00	\$205.00	\$200.00
Locust Grove.....	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$360.00
McKinney.....	\$1,659.80	\$2,576.32	\$428.30
Mount Hebron.....	\$1,192.08	\$1,724.17	\$801.35
Mount Salem.....	\$3,713.12	\$1,702.11	\$153.60
New Hope.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,050.00
New Salem.....	\$2,180.47	\$2,521.63	\$677.50
Olive.....	\$639.91	\$667.74	\$200.00
Parlor Grove.....	\$1,774.00	\$2,021.00	\$1,300.44
Pilot.....	\$352.67	\$959.42	\$1,065.95
Pleasant Point.....	\$1,002.00	\$1,240.63	\$228.00
Pleasant View.....	\$20,064.51	\$19,999.98	\$18,224.75
Polly Ann.....	\$696.00	\$900.00	\$290.00
Pond.....	\$336.49	\$979.46	\$380.25
South Fork.....	\$505.34	\$692.90	\$0.00
Stanford.....	\$8,399.00	\$7,955.78	\$17,096.59
The Church @ Cedar Creek.....	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$555.00
Watts Chapel.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,546.00
Subtotals.....	\$78,597.46	\$83,414.01	\$65,609.37

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
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Little Bethel Baptist Association			
Charleston First Missionary.....	\$3,025.00	\$2,625.00	\$2,714.69
Concord Missionary.....	\$5,931.83	\$6,172.16	\$2,920.93
Corinth.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Dalton.....	\$1,224.20	\$1,249.97	\$2,500.00
Dawson Springs First.....	\$5,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,564.00
Diamond.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Dixon First.....	\$3,050.00	\$3,620.00	\$890.00
Dunn Missionary.....	\$3,302.42	\$2,233.04	\$544.66
Earlington First.....	\$9,199.61	\$9,286.52	\$11,879.30
Grapevine.....	\$19,667.68	\$20,178.70	\$883.50
Green Grove Missionary.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hanson First.....	\$12,007.50	\$25,968.98	\$0.00
Harmony.....	\$560.00	\$604.00	\$777.50
Immanuel.....	\$3,624.38	\$2,852.04	\$146.06
Johnson Island.....	\$2,744.00	\$1,748.00	\$1,202.00
LaFayette.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00
Lakeview Missionary.....	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$2,487.61
Liberty.....	\$6,814.82	\$7,550.71	\$658.92
Madisonville First.....	\$23,225.50	\$21,519.04	\$27,208.18
Madisonville Second.....	\$13,441.41	\$11,987.34	\$271.14
Manitou.....	\$924.00	\$735.00	\$669.00
Mannington.....	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Mortons Gap First.....	\$1,110.05	\$1,043.02	\$2,233.00
Mortons Gap Second.....	\$1,959.51	\$1,901.29	\$2,009.50
Nebo.....	\$4,523.53	\$3,956.21	\$1,247.84
New Hope.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Salem.....	\$9,497.98	\$9,953.59	\$811.61
Nortonville.....	\$9,473.02	\$10,606.24	\$5,195.75
Olive Branch.....	\$10,509.60	\$10,930.57	\$3,196.80
Park Avenue.....	\$6,661.85	\$3,219.11	\$983.00
Pleasant Grove.....	\$1,880.95	\$1,657.07	\$1,275.00
Pleasant Valley Missionary.....	\$4,268.68	\$3,497.18	\$1,100.00
Pleasant View.....	\$1,277.50	\$1,373.21	\$2,413.60
Pond River.....	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$900.00
Prospect Missionary.....	\$865.00	\$524.00	\$15.00
Prospect First.....	\$4,273.38	\$2,838.36	\$1,106.10
Prospect Second.....	\$2,655.00	\$2,493.00	\$1,000.00
Richland.....	\$1,348.00	\$691.00	\$300.00
Salem.....	\$4,623.81	\$7,934.46	\$3,350.00
Silent Run Missionary.....	\$2,226.30	\$2,482.17	\$6,348.34
Slaughters.....	\$8,254.00	\$9,647.70	\$4,780.30
Slover.....	\$943.48	\$913.81	\$1,925.00
Suthards Missionary.....	\$1,957.00	\$2,365.00	\$560.00
Victory.....	\$736.00	\$746.00	\$361.00
White Plains Missionary.....	\$1,029.22	\$1,162.50	\$830.00
Zion Brick Missionary.....	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$10.00
Subtotals.....	\$195,503.21	\$205,815.99	\$101,074.33

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Little River Baptist Association			
Bethany.....	\$985.76	\$1,256.33	\$435.00
Buffalo Lick.....	\$3,735.63	\$3,133.53	\$0.00
Cadiz.....	\$20,853.28	\$28,085.46	\$9,363.00
Cadiz Second.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Caldwell Blue Spring.....	\$5,569.68	\$5,045.62	\$6,470.80
Canton.....	\$1,074.03	\$1,845.65	\$13,023.14
Cerulean.....	\$8,121.11	\$9,327.00	\$1,601.00
Delmont.....	\$2,418.92	\$2,822.62	\$31.26
Donaldson Creek.....	\$4,017.23	\$3,281.92	\$2,820.00
East Cadiz.....	\$9,769.47	\$9,227.81	\$6,730.46
Hurricane.....	\$8,891.95	\$9,415.54	\$15,060.95
Liberty Point.....	\$12,076.45	\$10,042.24	\$5,969.75
Locust Grove.....	\$4,845.42	\$8,297.28	\$1,893.49
Maple Grove.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope.....	\$3,951.77	\$4,550.74	\$2,163.31
New Jerusalem.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Light.....	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$379.25
Oak Grove.....	\$8,551.17	\$7,982.02	\$7,352.98
Ponderosa.....	\$5,031.95	\$3,788.19	\$1,439.00
Rock Front.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rocky Ridge.....	\$565.25	\$1,191.75	\$0.00
Rocky Ridge Missionary.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Union.....	\$1,837.65	\$1,740.90	\$510.00
Trigg County.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wallonia.....	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$23,603.05
Subtotals.....	\$105,346.72	\$113,134.60	\$98,846.44

Logan Todd Baptist Association

Adairville.....	\$10,968.58	\$1,461.60	\$0.00
Antioch.....	\$4,888.69	\$4,950.96	\$1,401.26
Auburn.....	\$1,467.35	\$1,819.20	\$6,117.49
Beechland.....	\$1,097.13	\$1,160.18	\$670.00
Bellview.....	\$3,269.49	\$2,123.59	\$4,473.69
Britmart.....	\$1,948.08	\$2,541.00	\$1,592.00
Calvary.....	\$5,167.87	\$2,352.77	\$3,094.82
Cave Spring.....	\$2,651.92	\$2,186.65	\$0.00
Center.....	\$1,100.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,651.12
Concord.....	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$2,000.00
Crossroads-The Church at Logan.....	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Dripping Spring.....	\$16,196.96	\$16,861.63	\$5,333.11
Eastside.....	\$0.00	\$401.77	\$497.15
Elk Lick.....	\$8,375.00	\$8,375.00	\$7,406.00
Elkton.....	\$21,800.00	\$24,705.00	\$21,479.81
Epley.....	\$0.00	\$286.96	\$126.00
Forest Grove.....	\$3,220.87	\$3,089.67	\$2,275.80
Grace.....	\$0.00	\$204.97	\$595.00
Green Ridge.....	\$1,269.60	\$1,354.92	\$322.10
Guptons Grove.....	\$1,411.11	\$1,059.47	\$1,964.66
Guthrie.....	\$6,623.00	\$6,921.00	\$4,524.13
Keysburg.....	\$1,472.57	\$1,617.01	\$0.00
Liberty.....	\$6,629.00	\$4,679.00	\$5,853

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Milltown Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Monroe	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$900.00
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
Peters Creek	\$2,690.99	\$1,265.63	\$2,620.00
Rock Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Temple Hill	\$2,394.00	\$2,712.00	\$3,002.00
Tompkinsville First	\$8,820.00	\$8,745.00	\$2,265.00
Subtotals	\$32,824.83	\$32,463.77	\$17,032.95

Muhlenberg County Baptist Association

Beech Creek	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$111.00
Beechmont	\$4,787.26	\$3,352.43	\$1,390.00
Bethlehem Ch of Bremen Inc.	\$7,055.00	\$7,872.00	\$2,987.04
Browder	\$202.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$1,207.20	\$753.42	\$4,006.83
Carter Creek	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,200.00
Cave Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Grove	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,642.00
Central City First	\$58,687.27	\$60,420.50	\$11,158.19
Cherry Hill	\$5,085.74	\$5,524.65	\$2,360.04
Dunmor	\$5,783.10	\$7,309.87	\$0.00
East Union	\$7,429.10	\$7,655.26	\$2,256.50
Ebenezer	\$4,984.00	\$4,979.00	\$350.85
Ebenezer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Grove	\$1,350.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Forest Oak	\$1,343.18	\$1,720.00	\$300.00
Friendship	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Graham	\$2,140.00	\$2,875.00	\$539.25
Hazel Creek	\$12,433.76	\$6,542.00	\$552.90
Macedonia	\$178.47	\$198.45	\$148.00
Matwrick	\$1,810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mercer	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,554.00
Mount Pisgah	\$12,460.98	\$18,239.78	\$5,291.07
Nelson Creek	\$2,593.65	\$2,301.55	\$257.58
New Cypress	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
New Harmony	\$10,692.00	\$10,603.00	\$5,658.00
New Hebron	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,837.10	\$2,476.94	\$450.00
New Paradise	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
New Prospect	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$645.00
Oak Grove	\$2,819.44	\$2,968.07	\$285.50
Penrod	\$3,690.70	\$3,917.56	\$3,321.79
Pleasant Hill	\$406.18	\$0.00	\$0.00
Powderly	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,250.00
Riverside Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roland Memorial	\$5,655.43	\$7,492.75	\$1,988.75
South Carrollton	\$3,615.05	\$4,375.46	\$0.00
Temple	\$6,925.00	\$10,238.00	\$1,420.00
Unity	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$258.00
Vernal Grove	\$3,521.16	\$3,888.23	\$1,338.00
Woodland	\$11,555.00	\$10,325.00	\$4,363.00
Woodson	\$4,500.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$197,173.24	\$202,778.92	\$68,883.29

Nelson Baptist Association

Bardstown	\$5,671.74	\$7,693.80	\$6,229.25
Bardstown Christian Fellowship	\$250.00	\$270.00	\$0.00
Bardstown Junction	\$9,293.00	\$11,140.86	\$3,781.44
Beech Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belmont	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Bethany	\$1,257.52	\$2,013.18	\$814.69
Bloomfield	\$19,737.08	\$19,499.44	\$10,682.33
Bullitt Lick	\$16,315.22	\$15,798.04	\$12,596.77
Cedar Grove	\$484.20	\$640.68	\$5,050.53
Chaplin	\$13,849.29	\$14,870.19	\$7,633.03
Clermont	\$1,007.00	\$1,102.00	\$0.00
Coxs Creek	\$1,981.28	\$2,051.47	\$1,200.00
Eagle Heights	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,056.25
Eastside	\$923.99	\$1,015.71	\$75.00
First Cedar Creek	\$3,616.71	\$4,021.15	\$2,861.86
Hobbs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Gestsemani	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel	\$1,059.00	\$796.00	\$718.50
Lebanon Junction First	\$6,605.73	\$2,746.22	\$4,063.04
Little Union	\$3,668.76	\$2,719.15	\$500.00
Mill Creek	\$4,094.69	\$2,236.77	\$726.00
Mount Carmel	\$3,064.79	\$2,462.31	\$387.00
Mount Eden	\$2,058.49	\$2,922.38	\$500.00
Mount Moriah	\$1,299.91	\$1,751.37	\$1,026.00
Mount Washington First	\$43,155.82	\$41,632.84	\$19,884.75
New Beginning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.08
New Haven First	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,489.00
New Salem	\$10,757.46	\$9,181.80	\$4,021.57
Parkway	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$17,985.50
People's Church of Central Ky	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,664.20	\$5,482.43	\$7,708.37
River View	\$4,568.46	\$5,774.54	\$1,143.73
Rolling Fork	\$7,355.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shepherdsville First	\$1,059.58	\$1,082.19	\$415.73
Sites Station	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trinity	\$150.00	\$133.79	\$0.00
Union Band	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$3,829.71	\$4,871.02	\$1,854.35
Vine Hill	\$7,531.00	\$6,881.91	\$4,659.33
Wakefield	\$258.45	\$544.70	\$351.50
Wicklond	\$5,864.90	\$5,640.70	\$4,604.00
Subtotals	\$190,213.25	\$183,996.64	\$124,694.60

Northern KY Baptist Association

Anchor	\$1,615.69	\$1,791.27	\$0.00
Ashland Avenue	\$5,217.65	\$5,016.26	\$2,196.95
Beaver Lick	\$1,164.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,021.66
Beechgrove	\$1,865.00	\$1,970.00	\$101.00
Bellevue	\$11,464.00	\$12,241.00	\$2,957.35
Bellevue First	\$5,571.05	\$3,979.47	\$405.00
Bethesda	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$388.00
Big Bone	\$13,868.43	\$10,165.34	\$4,866.84
Brooksville	\$623.34	\$830.80	\$0.00
Bullittsburg	\$4,814.27	\$1,307.70	\$0.00
Burlington	\$25,436.75	\$33,796.30	\$9,964.85
Church at the Garden of Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Spring First	\$36,486.10	\$12,791.62	\$9,821.94
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$4,464.11	\$341.00
Covington First	\$1,507.13	\$1,664.36	\$536.00
Covington First (Ninth Street)	\$504.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Crescent Springs	\$4,203.00	\$3,637.80	\$1,629.94

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Dayton First	\$1,553.27	\$1,775.94	\$1,080.80
Decoursey	\$1,428.00	\$1,582.00	\$1,618.00
East Dayton	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$621.81
Elsmere	\$2,943.86	\$2,874.00	\$1,846.53
Erlanger	\$14,789.53	\$12,204.00	\$15,281.18
Erlanger Baptist Deaf Mission	\$350.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Fairlane	\$4,610.59	\$7,345.52	\$3,064.35
First Twelve Mile	\$7,871.34	\$5,640.38	\$1,526.91
Flagg Spring	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$281.00
Florence	\$6,496.30	\$4,595.25	\$45,832.00
Fort Mitchell	\$4,637.00	\$16,782.08	\$13,083.15
Fort Thomas First	\$0.00	\$4,531.57	\$4,984.75
Grace	\$3,435.94	\$4,082.56	\$2,637.76
Grace Dry Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants Lick	\$8,079.69	\$8,292.23	\$5,239.30
Greenview	\$8,326.41	\$7,937.63	\$1,545.00
Hebron	\$14,624.28	\$18,466.65	\$30,731.91
Hickory Grove	\$25,382.78	\$28,908.41	\$2,899.00
Highland Avenue	\$420.00	\$560.00	\$50.00
Highland Heights First	\$8,851.58	\$8,353.03	\$0.00
Highland Hills	\$633.34	\$3,366.70	\$775.00
Iglesia Bautista Unidos En Cristo	\$200.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey	\$2,050.00	\$3,948.00	\$347.00
Kento-Boo	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kenon	\$4,126.23	\$3,918.57	\$2,180.77
Latonia	\$4,325.72	\$5,189.71	\$2,996.00
Licking Valley	\$2,278.80	\$2,530.14	\$316.00
Ludlow First	\$2,863.18	\$7,834.93	\$1,983.32
Macedonia Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Madison Avenue	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$1,795.00
Main Street	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,507.66
Mentor	\$1,842.00	\$1,848.00	\$874.40
New Banklick	\$4,142.40	\$5,569.49	\$150.00
Newport First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ninth Street	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Island	\$645.70	\$954.73	\$850.75
Oak Ridge	\$21,224.64	\$20,994.20	\$5,318.11
Oakland Avenue	\$752.15	\$1,059.00	\$300.00
Persimmon Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Petersburg	\$997.17	\$890.28	\$0.00
Piner	\$2,332.00	\$3,334.00	\$1,509.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$3,168.68	\$6,118.28	\$555.00
Rosedale	\$1,615.00	\$1,058.00	\$411.00
Sand Run	\$4,578.68	\$2,467.84	\$2,255.95
Second Twelve Mile	\$3,606.59	\$3,999.81	\$1,170.04
Silver Grove First	\$977.98	\$992.65	\$0.00
South Side	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$948.13
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union	\$15,777.00	\$17,452.00	\$1,481.00
Visalia	\$214.00	\$245.00	\$0.00
Walton First	\$14,696.24	\$14,406.39	\$647.57
West Covington	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,215.00
Wilmington	\$3,327.14	\$4,714.06	\$1,107.00
Woodhaven	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$628.00
Subtotals	\$330,490.76	\$349,164.06	\$224,325.68

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Adaburg	\$284.22	\$273.72	\$100.00
Barnett Creek	\$1,636.84	\$1,853.49	\$1,291.11
Beaver Dam	\$50,205.74	\$49,899.77	\$20,382.47
Bells Run	\$5,827.17	\$5,637.86	\$2,382.51
Centertown	\$3,612.00	\$3,242.52	\$2,573.42
Central Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clear Run	\$0.00	\$2,830.53	\$102.00
Concord	\$1,748.95	\$2,459.49	\$0.00
Cool Springs	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,949.35
Deaneville	\$898.69	\$956.94	\$857.00
Dundee	\$270.00	\$225.00	\$90.00
East Fork	\$412.83	\$624.96	\$0.00
East Hartford	\$162.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview	\$1,276.00	\$1,041.00	\$0.00
Fordsville	\$6,058.27	\$5,442.63	\$2,715.00
Green River	\$2,870.70	\$3,889.22	\$1,166.76
Hartford	\$11,124.26	\$9,611.99	\$4,930.00
Hartford Second	\$1,783.99	\$1,696.69	\$243.00
Independence	\$885.91	\$1,036.16	\$807.00
McGrady Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
McHenry	\$8,370.00	\$10,201.00	\$583.88
Mount Carmel	\$8,432.80	\$11,646.85	\$9,513.65
Mount Zion	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Narrows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Panther Creek	\$624.23	\$504.98	\$390.00
New Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Olaton	\$418.50	\$618.00	\$235.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,169.47	\$1,080.42	\$0.00
Pleasant Hill	\$1,002.65	\$1,315.03	\$0.00
Pond Run	\$1,868.27	\$1,666.44	\$520.76
Providence	\$2,617.07	\$2,187.41	\$1,087.64
Ridgecrest	\$2,944.82	\$2,158.12	\$804.00
Rockport	\$923.08	\$1,005.64	\$150.00
Slaty Creek	\$2,088.08	\$1,479.70	\$468.44
Smallhouse	\$551.01	\$630.78	\$100.00
Waltons Creek	\$743.80	\$718.61	\$200.00
West Point	\$77.96	\$0.00	\$2,548.10
West Providence	\$1,128.70	\$803.86	\$1,500.00
Woodwards Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Zion	\$1,712.65	\$1,851.86	\$1,355.00
Subtotals	\$123,885.70	\$128,695.67	\$60,546.09

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Baker	\$250.00	\$64.00	\$0.00
Birdsville	\$758.00	\$1,192.00	\$105.00
Caldwell Springs	\$2,019.51	\$1,868.54	\$500.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cave Springs	\$172.00	\$116.00	\$50.00
Central	\$0.00	\$253.56	\$50.00
Corinth	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Crooked Creek	\$760.80	\$858.17	\$150.00
Deer Creek	\$4,304.85	\$6,043.75	\$2,294.67
Dunn Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dycusburg	\$2,418.63	\$3,769.87	\$100.00
Dyer Hill	\$2,732.23	\$2,341.54	\$65.00
Emmanuel	\$10,721.55	\$9,294.64	\$784.04
Emmaus	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$919.39	\$1,118.10	\$270.00

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Friendship	\$2,996.10	\$3,994.80	\$382.32
Good Hope	\$1,469.95	\$1,234.56	\$950.00
Grand Rivers	\$2,296.00	\$3,809.00	\$702.00
Iuka	\$1,682.10	\$1,544.00	\$516.00
Lake City	\$7,273.64	\$5,654.37	\$4,354.00
Lighthouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lola	\$606.47	\$363.25	\$190.00
Marion	\$12,528.70	\$20,588.15	\$3,812.00
Marion Second	\$200.00	\$874.47	\$383.00
Mexico	\$34,784.68	\$33,727.13	\$7,232.89
Mint Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Livingston	\$6,765.82	\$5,109.98	\$4,958.81
Ohio Valley	\$1,116.99	\$1,388.83	\$300.00
Old Salem	\$3,630.39	\$3,782.42	\$1,010.

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
	9/1/06-2/28/07	9/1/07-2/29/08	
Windsor First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$42,697.76	\$39,168.35	\$43,733.36

Russell Creek Baptist Association

Beech Grove	\$4,347.78	\$4,047.37	\$2,000.00
Bethany	\$549.52	\$696.80	\$0.00
Bethlehem	\$4,003.00	\$7,070.20	\$0.00
Brush Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cane Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,079.00
Charity	\$286.72	\$907.08	\$100.00
Columbia	\$18,195.55	\$19,281.76	\$8,887.01
Fry	\$270.00	\$444.49	\$0.00
Greasy Creek	\$3,859.74	\$4,881.73	\$3,321.42
Green Hill	\$930.45	\$971.51	\$441.75
Greensburg	\$11,765.19	\$5,366.04	\$6,666.00
Harrods Fork	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Macedonia	\$1,646.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Mount Gilead	\$2,181.00	\$3,020.00	\$793.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Salem	\$2,372.75	\$2,390.81	\$454.98
Pierces Chapel	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
Pink Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$401.90	\$384.62	\$0.00
Pleasant Valley	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Plum Point	\$2,992.70	\$2,248.60	\$0.00
Russell Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Greensburg	\$116.44	\$952.31	\$254.00
Sparksville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summersville	\$5,379.30	\$2,875.27	\$1,818.03
Trammell Creek	\$6,453.15	\$6,331.89	\$840.00
Subtotals	\$66,026.19	\$62,645.48	\$28,235.19

Salem Baptist Association

Big Spring	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blue River Island	\$0.00	\$3,039.32	\$1,130.00
Brandenburg First	\$11,640.04	\$12,645.39	\$5,126.45
Buck Grove	\$13,456.68	\$14,292.00	\$6,967.69
Cold Spring	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$1,173.00
Ekron	\$8,471.26	\$7,261.08	\$472.19
Guston	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hill Grove	\$3,529.58	\$4,082.04	\$2,664.66
Irvington	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$710.00
Muldraugh	\$7,999.98	\$7,999.98	\$3,820.60
New Brandenburg	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$600.00
New Highland	\$482.00	\$572.00	\$293.00
New Salem	\$3,308.48	\$1,557.13	\$1,138.85
Payneville	\$1,111.13	\$417.94	\$3,984.79
Raymond	\$4,101.92	\$3,478.01	\$366.00
Rock Haven	\$6,116.33	\$5,935.36	\$1,834.29
Salem	\$3,979.72	\$4,204.80	\$3,490.83
West Point	\$655.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wolf Creek	\$1,150.79	\$1,253.70	\$1,372.22
Subtotals	\$68,053.22	\$67,988.75	\$35,144.57

Sewers Valley Baptist Association

Agape Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Athertonville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Barren Run	\$1,524.00	\$1,239.44	\$2,005.00
Berean	\$4,361.65	\$5,355.06	\$2,514.50
Blue Ball	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$852.00
Buffalo	\$7,230.00	\$7,450.09	\$3,505.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cecilia	\$18,143.28	\$8,027.62	\$4,137.81
Central Avenue	\$3,834.10	\$3,312.55	\$4,687.00
Colesburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$642.67
East View	\$190.86	\$110.36	\$320.31
Elizabethtown	\$9,648.00	\$9,940.00	\$8,421.00
First Korean	\$4,430.34	\$3,831.32	\$1,110.00
Franklin Crossroads	\$21,932.96	\$27,582.03	\$8,490.37
Gilead	\$16,470.25	\$16,769.14	\$3,275.00
Harvest	\$706.00	\$381.50	\$569.50
Heavenbound	\$355.27	\$416.88	\$735.00
Hodgenville First	\$10,056.08	\$11,810.33	\$16,545.89
Immanuel	\$24,677.95	\$27,610.99	\$6,716.50
Locust Grove	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Magnolia	\$3,741.41	\$3,072.50	\$5,173.00
Middle Creek	\$1,503.66	\$1,456.17	\$2,021.30
Mill Creek	\$11,689.20	\$11,645.87	\$2,714.77
Mount Zion	\$9,370.17	\$6,830.66	\$5,241.45
New Fellowship	\$206.72	\$236.94	\$0.00
New Hope Community	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00
New Hope Missionary	\$2,999.80	\$2,568.08	\$0.00
New Horizon	\$5,673.80	\$6,293.89	\$1,956.06
New Life	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$603.00
Nolyn	\$1,570.47	\$2,143.75	\$2,265.00
Northside	\$24,333.34	\$26,583.17	\$15,067.01
Ovesen Heights	\$3,123.14	\$2,708.66	\$286.07
Parkway	\$2,618.52	\$3,233.85	\$651.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,073.78	\$1,394.80	\$737.70
Red Hill	\$4,908.55	\$4,071.10	\$650.00
Revelation Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rineyville	\$11,227.69	\$14,958.42	\$9,094.64
Round Top	\$1,980.37	\$1,417.06	\$766.00
Sewers Valley	\$100,833.39	\$116,458.36	\$13,350.78
Sonora First	\$5,348.47	\$4,921.15	\$11,990.55
Stithton	\$2,688.00	\$4,213.00	\$4,946.01
Tunnel Hill	\$5,731.43	\$5,346.09	\$1,127.41
Unity	\$1,001.47	\$1,137.44	\$488.00
Valley Creek	\$31,253.72	\$24,743.45	\$4,612.00
Valley View	\$16,149.00	\$20,754.00	\$926.90
Vertrees	\$480.46	\$959.36	\$200.00
Vine Grove	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
White Mills	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$200.00
Youngers Creek	\$17,064.62	\$18,224.56	\$5,725.92
Subtotals	\$397,481.92	\$415,859.64	\$156,042.12

Shelby Baptist Association

Alpha Y Omega	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bagdad	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,024.14
Beechridge	\$1,316.07	\$455.14	\$7,261.64
Bethlehem	\$3,346.02	\$3,575.83	\$0.00
Buffalo Lick	\$2,112.49	\$1,813.81	\$1,173.38
Burks Branch	\$10,862.51	\$7,754.06	\$5,860.51
Christiansburg	\$2,892.68	\$1,757.99	\$3,411.00

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
	9/1/06-2/28/07	9/1/07-2/29/08	
Clayville	\$3,910.00	\$3,940.65	\$3,716.59
Cropper	\$5,517.78	\$5,955.46	\$4,006.24
Dover	\$4,711.93	\$6,401.70	\$2,475.00
Elmburg	\$262.50	\$262.50	\$1,699.03
Emmanuel	\$1,737.08	\$3,524.54	\$880.00
Finchville	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,884.50
Greafenburg	\$19,796.55	\$21,147.91	\$1,016.00
Hempridge	\$1,885.97	\$1,658.35	\$1,481.92
Highland	\$28,587.27	\$28,879.12	\$5,005.05
Indian Fork	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$818.00
Little Mount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,320.56
Mount Moriah	\$3,200.00	\$3,626.00	\$800.00
Mount Pleasant	\$2,899.95	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Mount Vernon	\$1,340.46	\$1,242.78	\$825.00
New Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pigeon Fork	\$3,620.00	\$3,660.00	\$1,869.77
Salem	\$10,919.97	\$11,999.32	\$3,053.67
Shelbyville First	\$27,355.51	\$70,593.70	\$16,212.34
Simpsonville	\$21,031.17	\$28,362.00	\$3,224.15
Victory	\$2,285.53	\$61.45	\$111.40
Waddy	\$4,569.21	\$4,384.04	\$4,661.79
Subtotals	\$164,360.65	\$211,756.35	\$79,841.68

Simpson Baptist Association

Blackjack	\$6,491.31	\$5,614.70	\$1,437.46
Calvary	\$5,683.30	\$5,120.00	\$2,936.00
Cedar Grove	\$1,881.00	\$1,633.00	\$793.00
Fairview	\$611.93	\$652.27	\$1,489.87
Franklin First	\$19,913.68	\$19,737.70	\$14,304.73
Lake Spring	\$5,961.91	\$4,659.52	\$3,280.00
New Hope	\$2,025.00	\$1,970.00	\$932.00
Providence	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Shady Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Franklin	\$333.34	\$833.35	\$0.00
Sulphur Spring	\$7,020.00	\$6,250.00	\$10,730.86
Trinity	\$466.00	\$705.00	\$362.00
Subtotals	\$50,387.47	\$48,175.54	\$38,265.92

South District Baptist Association

Beech Fork	\$998.96	\$1,439.46	\$205.10
Beech Grove	\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00	\$1,020.00
Calvary	\$20,138.46	\$19,694.16	\$10,750.00
Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Danville Deaf Baptist Mission	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Danville First	\$8,843.47	\$12,646.51	\$10,193.41
Doctors Fork	\$4,093.44	\$4,384.96	\$1,600.00
Friendship	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$680.00
Gethsemane	\$18,670.98	\$16,576.85	\$5,256.95
Gavel Switch	\$1,273.63	\$1,693.07	\$460.00
Hedgeville	\$9,854.00	\$11,721.00	\$4,876.00
Hyattsville	\$12,373.03	\$11,893.70	\$2,220.91
Junction City First	\$11,185.43	\$12,617.06	\$3,647.20
Lancaster	\$34,540.73	\$31,847.50	\$7,029.65
Lancaster Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mitchellsburg	\$1,549.38	\$355.88	\$0.00
North Rolling Fork	\$350.00	\$297.80	\$675.00
Parkville	\$2,995.65	\$2,256.13	\$3,102.00
Perryville	\$10,711.31	\$13,460.46	\$3,119.84
Pleasant Hill	\$666.09	\$678.52	\$0.00
Pleasant Run	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salt River	\$4,022.52	\$952.86	\$1,026.50
Southern Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southern Heights Hispanic Min	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Willow Grove	\$11,561.20	\$7,845.62	\$4,036.23
Subtotals	\$155,968.28	\$152,641.54	\$59,898.79

South Union- Mount Zion Baptist Assoc.

Alsie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$258.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bacon Creek	\$0.00	\$3,878.00	\$0.00
Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Big Cane Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buffalo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Cedar Gap	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central	\$83,545.44	\$76,149.69	\$29,506.73
Chapel Grove	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Clay Hill	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corinth	\$1,418.12	\$1,657.20	\$1,424.00
Corn Creek	\$444.28	\$377.64	\$0.00
Faber	\$1,820.40	\$2,668.72	\$700.00
Fairview	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Faith	\$2,135.14	\$2,837.62	\$2,190.53
Flat Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frankfort	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Goldbug	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good Hope	\$1,853.00	\$2,542.00	\$0.00
Greenland	\$1,492.48	\$2,308.02	\$1,712.60
Hopewell	\$23,250.00	\$24,750.00	\$0.00
Immanuel	\$12,932.24	\$12,128.41	\$0.00
Indian Gap	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jellico Creek	\$100.00	\$350.00	\$623.00
Level Green	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Main Street	\$4,518.87	\$43,862.70	\$2,529.55
Meadow Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mossy Gap	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Pisgah	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Ash	\$282.84	\$812.64	\$0.00
New Mount Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Oswego	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$559.90
Park Hill	\$1,448.08	\$1,387.19	\$200.00
Patterson Creek	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Pine Knot Southern	\$1,212.44	\$1,327.98	\$523.00
Piney Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,254.73	\$1,270.88	\$1,071.55
Pleasant Hill	\$0.00	\$1,745.93	\$1,422.00
Pleasant View	\$670.78	\$793.09	\$264.36
Red Bird	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rockholds First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ryans Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tannery Hollow	\$420.00	\$812.97	\$46.00
Twentieth Street	\$370.00	\$307.00	\$0.00
Watsons Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
	9/1/06-2/28/07	9/1/07-2/29/08	
West Corbin	\$4,816.00	\$11,103.00	\$2,925.50
White Oak Missionary	\$398.92	\$787.50	\$0.00
Wofford	\$3,244.66	\$1,006.48	\$1,000.00
Wolf Creek	\$435.00	\$634.00	\$756.00
Woodbine Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$150,972.38	\$198,398.66	\$48,029.72

Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association

Antioch	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$197.00
Ballardsville	\$4,903.61	\$4,869.20	\$19,724.10
Bedford	\$9,624.97	\$9,791.65	\$2,274.58
Beulah Land	\$550.42	\$700.12	\$90.00
Buckner	\$5,839.01	\$7,136.95	\$4,974.00
Centerfield	\$324.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corn Creek	\$1,368.74	\$1,815.41	\$1,630.00
Covington	\$2,772.12	\$2,183.49	\$1,580.00
Crestwood	\$48,523.70	\$54,440.69	\$25,777.46
DeHaven	\$3,566.18	\$3,980.75	\$2,215.00
Eighteen Mile	\$623.89	\$	

ASSOCIATION/ CHURCH	COP		OTHER
	9/1/06-2/28/07	9/1/07-2/29/08	
Yocum Creek	\$595.63	\$150.00	\$1,098.00
Subtotals	\$61,449.62	\$61,667.08	\$29,607.88

Warren Baptist Association

Andrew	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$193.00
Barren River	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,057.00
Bethany	\$5,332.46	\$5,272.18	\$1,943.00
Bowling Green First	\$13,325.00	\$12,962.50	\$39,224.10
Brownsville Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Burton Memorial	\$2,952.41	\$4,773.94	\$1,135.00
Calvary	\$2,269.37	\$8,920.83	\$7,076.24
Cedar Bluff	\$86.00	\$83.19	\$0.00
Clear Fork	\$2,098.08	\$7,979.42	\$1,461.00
Covenant Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dedicated	\$168.00	\$252.00	\$340.00
Eastwood	\$90,207.31	\$97,529.49	\$63,503.90
Emmanuel Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith	\$516.80	\$400.09	\$225.00
Forest Park	\$8,870.90	\$11,744.88	\$3,314.90
Friendship	\$1,924.01	\$1,859.18	\$2,105.00
Glen Lily	\$472.33	\$432.37	\$1,080.92
Glendale	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$2,365.82
Greenwood	\$12,606.98	\$13,426.64	\$4,015.31
Halls Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highland	\$547.60	\$427.52	\$1,540.00
Hillview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillvue Heights	\$43,668.00	\$51,000.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iva	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Jackson Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.00
Living Hope	\$207,713.94	\$225,144.53	\$41,492.00
Martinsville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meadow Land	\$651.00	\$4,324.87	\$588.25
New Gasper	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$460.00
Oak Forest	\$109.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oak Forest	\$4,291.47	\$4,217.60	\$3,375.00
Oakland	\$14,824.80	\$17,323.82	\$941.30
Piano	\$2,888.00	\$3,782.00	\$812.61
Providence Knob	\$3,799.42	\$2,076.51	\$1,367.90
Rich Pond	\$53,433.48	\$62,265.36	\$26,882.91
Richardsville	\$1,591.42	\$1,578.29	\$0.00
Riverview Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rocky Springs	\$2,138.42	\$2,196.97	\$1,451.90
Scottsville Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Smiths Grove	\$4,791.65	\$4,791.65	\$440.00
Southside	\$2,671.69	\$2,700.17	\$1,062.10
State Street	\$350.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
White Stone Quarry	\$491.00	\$1,401.00	\$2,400.00
Woodburn	\$14,532.55	\$29,145.83	\$14,529.68
Subtotals	\$501,573.89	\$580,687.83	\$228,465.84

Wayne County Baptist Association

Big Sinking	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,112.32
Concord	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Cooper	\$708.05	\$460.40	\$0.00
Elk Spring Valley	\$1,360.27	\$2,838.41	\$3,472.85
Green Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lower Turkey Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meadow Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Missouri Hollow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Monticello First	\$16,800.00	\$18,000.00	\$23,528.84
Mount Zion	\$2,055.00	\$2,195.00	\$2,100.00
New Charity	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
New Salem	\$959.00	\$908.00	\$2,040.00
Newtown	\$566.00	\$479.00	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$1,386.03	\$1,612.50	\$3,070.50
Parmleys Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Primera Bautista Iglesia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rectors Flat	\$1,072.00	\$1,095.00	\$161.00
Rogers Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sandusky Chapel	\$600.00	\$720.00	\$0.00
South Main	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Spann Hill	\$485.17	\$473.56	\$1,887.76
Steubenville	\$7,181.27	\$6,464.40	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$33,697.79	\$36,796.27	\$37,573.27

West Kentucky Baptist Association

Antioch	\$949.80	\$567.20	\$0.00
Arlington First	\$4,249.98	\$4,249.98	\$24,374.00
Bardwell	\$14,698.97	\$16,758.12	\$10,044.00
Bethlehem	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$1,462.75
Beulah	\$7,716.32	\$9,088.05	\$800.00
Burley	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
Cayce	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00
Clinton First	\$14,866.67	\$13,024.20	\$3,910.00
Clinton Second	\$1,068.00	\$986.00	\$2,950.00
Columbus	\$3,872.15	\$3,101.50	\$470.20
Crutchfield	\$1,280.22	\$1,028.41	\$379.41
Davids Chapel	\$1,277.00	\$1,220.00	\$0.00
East Hickman	\$399.00	\$349.00	\$1,016.45
Fulton First	\$7,806.83	\$6,391.21	\$5,357.47
Green Valley Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hickman First	\$1,896.48	\$1,984.96	\$820.00
Hopewell	\$73.90	\$38.65	\$155.95
Kirbyton	\$1,560.55	\$1,903.67	\$3,570.68
Liberty	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,673.00
Milburn	\$2,627.00	\$3,288.00	\$371.00
Mississippi	\$6,700.00	\$6,442.32	\$2,989.90
Moscow	\$1,916.37	\$568.23	\$1,655.00
Mount Carmel	\$2,000.00	\$2,900.00	\$4,047.00
Mount Moriah	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,138.00
New Bethel	\$1,009.00	\$785.00	\$358.00
New Harmony	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,097.00
Oak Grove	\$405.00	\$302.00	\$0.00
Oakton	\$550.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00
Obion	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.00
Poplar Grove	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.00	\$220.00
Riceville	\$300.00	\$440.00	\$1,500.00
Sassafras Ridge	\$1,358.68	\$230.85	\$459.44
Shiloh	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$605.00
Springhills	\$1,406.93	\$1,210.58	\$2,100.00
West Hickman	\$4,999.98	\$4,166.65	\$4,650.00
Subtotals	\$96,693.83	\$92,354.58	\$85,724.25

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West Union Baptist Association

Antioch	\$6,209.73	\$5,397.43	\$4,471.61
Bandana	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,233.90
Barlow First	\$19,151.90	\$18,968.16	\$3,437.00
Bellview	\$15,661.97	\$11,742.99	\$5,749.84
Bethel	\$99.88	\$90.57	\$287.00
Bethlehem	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Blandville	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$465.28
Calvary	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$365.00
Cane Creek	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$653.00
East	\$3,000.03	\$3,500.00	\$2,644.25
Faith	\$3,416.00	\$2,625.00	\$307.00
First Liberty	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
Freemont	\$466.00	\$750.00	\$150.00
Friendship	\$3,431.70	\$5,595.97	\$0.00
Grace	\$1,212.82	\$1,252.48	\$1,166.00
Harmony	\$4,966.93	\$5,588.06	\$2,456.30
Highview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hill Crest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel	\$833.31	\$3,577.36	\$9,462.87
Keval	\$7,295.01	\$6,268.53	\$2,228.00
LaCenter First	\$15,503.00	\$16,757.00	\$4,087.00
Lone Oak First	\$106,000.19	\$126,667.32	\$86,546.61
Lovelaceville	\$747.81	\$768.99	\$901.16
Mount Pleasant	\$1,726.00	\$2,124.00	\$1,000.00
Mount Zion	\$12,194.74	\$10,598.36	\$543.65
New Hope	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$218.35
New Life	\$301.15	\$254.06	\$0.00
Newton Creek	\$8,810.63	\$7,650.14	\$2,554.60
Oak Grove	\$139.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oaklawn	\$8,465.49	\$8,532.05	\$4,820.42
Ohio Valley	\$3,215.02	\$9,722.16	\$195.00
Olivet	\$19,005.25	\$16,464.74	\$6,270.50
Oscar	\$3,519.06	\$4,130.50	\$2,050.00
Paducah First	\$84,498.55	\$83,333.32	\$108,384.92
Paducah Korean	\$0.00	\$2,297.80	\$355.00
Park Avenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence	\$1,685.00	\$1,205.25	\$773.00
Reidland	\$26,763.00	\$22,923.00	\$12,590.05
Rosebower	\$17,964.83	\$16,288.25	\$3,277.40
Schneidman Road	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$260.00
Southside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,134.70
Spring Bayou	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$1,854.00
Temple	\$0.00	\$134.67	\$115.11
Trinity	\$7,039.97	\$9,301.66	\$8,698.48
Twelve Oaks	\$18,807.00	\$31,977.18	\$2,257.50
Washington Street	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
West End	\$6,695.29	\$5,959.32	\$3,235.29
Wice	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00
Wickliffe First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotals	\$418,421.47	\$452,316.32	\$289,779.79

Whites Run Baptist Association

Bramlette	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carrollton First	\$5,333.34	\$5,583.35	\$13,483.04
Cove Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,155.78
English	\$756.00	\$937.05	\$983.24
Ghent	\$261.01	\$347.66	\$3,367.28
Jordan	\$495.00	\$428.00	\$0.00
Mount Hermon	\$1,929.27	\$1,145.11	\$804.25
Sanders	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$350.00
Whites Run	\$1,322.00	\$1,306.00	\$820.00
Worthville	\$4,558.00	\$4,548.15	\$1,975.50
Subtotals	\$16,154.62	\$15,545.32	\$22,939.09

At-Large

Abundant Life	\$594.00	\$460.00	\$0.00
Allen Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Antioch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ashland First	\$5,618.00	\$1,691.00	\$3,370.00
Athens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aurora	\$2,515.73	\$2,912.22	\$620.00
Beaver Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beech Spring	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belmar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Benton First	\$18,159.19	\$17,833.86	\$775.00
Benton First Missionary	\$5,423.00	\$5,445.00	\$3,053.90
Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel Berry	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Big Brush	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Laurel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Poplar Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Birch Lick	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Black Oak	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Black Water First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blue Lick	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bracktown First	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$480.00
Broadway	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary	\$300.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
Calvary Missionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvert City First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,575.17
Canaan Christian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carpenter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Center Point	\$975.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
Central	\$1,181.71	\$470.18	\$4,292.75
Charity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ	\$23,406.59	\$24,218.54	\$6,652.50
Christ Cathedral	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ City	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ is King	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of Life	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clear Branch	\$405.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clear Creek Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coalport	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community	\$954.15	\$898.11	\$547.00
Community	\$0.00	\$218.75	\$0.00
Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cooper Chapel Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corinthian	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$228.00
Cornerstone	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$0.00

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Crossing	\$782.64	\$3,599.98	\$1,050.00
Crossland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint	\$0.00	\$7,406.66	\$580.00
Crosspoint Church	\$0.00	\$886.95	\$0.00
Crossroads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crossroads Fellowship	\$0.00	\$416.66	\$160.00
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Cumberland Gap Parkway	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Dover	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drakesboro First	\$128.58	\$748.54	\$2,118.52
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East Heights	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,500.00
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Ebenezer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Edmonton	\$2,350.02	\$2,499.96	\$895.00
Elim	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elliottville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ellisburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elm Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elm Grove	\$7,884.38	\$5,406.93	\$8,732.38
Emlyn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Study suggests evangelicals more likely to stay married

Ventura, Calif. (BP)—Evangelicals are less likely than the overall population to divorce, although one out of every four evangelicals who are or have been married have gone through at least one divorce, according to a new study by the Barna Group.

The survey found that among all U.S. adults who have been married, 33 percent have been divorced at least once. By comparison, 26 percent of evangelicals who have been married have been divorced. The poll did not ask evangelicals whether the divorce occurred before or after their salvation experience.

Christian researcher George Barna said Americans have grown accustomed to divorce.

"There no longer seems to be much of a stigma attached to divorce; it is now seen as an unavoidable rite of passage," he noted in a statement. "Interviews with young adults suggest that they want their initial marriage to last, but are not particularly optimistic about that possibility.

"There is also evidence that many young people are moving toward embracing the idea of serial marriage, in which a person gets married two or three times, seeking a different partner for each phase of their adult life."

Among adults who have been married, the poll also found that:

- 28 percent of self-identified conservatives who have been married have experienced a divorce, compared to 33 percent of moderates and 37 percent of liberals.

- 38 percent of those associated with a non-Christian faith who have been married have gone through a divorce.

- 32 percent of whites who have been married have been divorced, as well as 36 percent of African-Americans, 31 percent of Hispanics and 20 percent of Asians.

- 28 percent of self-identified Catholics who have been married have been divorced.

Nearly four out of every five U.S. adults (78 percent) have been married at least once.

"Government statistics and a wealth of other research data have shown that cohabitation increases the likelihood of divorce, yet cohabiting is growing in popularity," Barna said. "Studies showing the importance and value of preparing for marriage seem to fall on deaf ears. America has become an experimental, experience-driven culture. Rather than learn from objective information and teaching based on that information, people prefer to follow their instincts and let the chips fall where they may."

"Given that tendency, we can expect America to retain the highest divorce rate among all developed nations of the world."

Among the 3,792 participants included in the survey, 339 identified themselves as evangelicals, 1,373 as non-evangelical born-again Christians, 1,488 notional Christians, 197 associated themselves with a non-Christian faith and 269 were agnostic or atheist. Additionally, 875 identified themselves as Catholic.

'I want to come to OBI'

Prospective students have final word about enrolling at Oneida Baptist

By Michael Spencer, assistant to the president

I was touring one of our state universities recently when I heard the guide—a university student—discussing OBI with the four students I had brought.

"So do you want to be there?"

There are many assumptions in our culture about boarding schools. There often is a belief that we deal with "bad" or "problem" teens, and that students are at OBI against their will. Our university tour guide would probably be surprised at what I am about to say, but OBI does not take students who don't want to be here.

All students on our campus have stated—on their own, with no parents present—that they want to be part of our school and what it offers. Some would be even more surprised to learn that if a student comes to an interview—from any distance—but is clearly there under duress and says he or she does not want to be at our school, we tell the parent politely that the process is over.

In other words, we are a school where every student has personally stated a desire to join us with an intention to be a positive contributor to our community. How many schools can say that?

Does this mean that OBI doesn't have students who needed a fresh start? We still have those students and always will. OBI accepts students throughout the year—a unique ministry to those who need to change schools for many different reasons. Some of those students have, like the prodigal son, made poor choices and changing schools may be a consequence. But no judge,

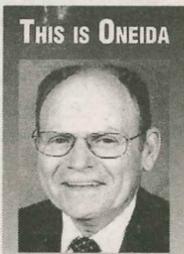
parent or well-meaning Christian forces us to take a student who is not ready—emotionally and otherwise—to come to OBI and participate in our program. We ask much of our students that other schools don't and we give them opportunities that other schools can't. In an admissions interview we are careful to ask: "Does this student have the desire to come to OBI, adjust, participate and benefit?" The most important answer is, "I want to come to OBI."

We do have some students who would not make boarding school their first choice, but they are the ones who need us the most. We exercise patience and encouragement with all students. At graduation, seniors express overwhelmingly their appreciation to OBI for many things, but several will say, "Thanks for sticking with me when I really wanted to go home."

What our tour guide probably doesn't know is that most of the students who seek us out do not come with "problem" situations. They want a Christian school, have academic needs or have family difficulties. Many simply will not succeed in a large public school because of learning challenges. We serve these students by providing the school they are looking for. When a student tours our campus, he will not meet students telling him they are here against their will. He will meet students who have come to us from across the world and across the street because they were drawn here by the values and opportunities of this unique community.

Please continue to support us as we do the Lord's work with all the students He sends us.

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When the honeymoon was over

Newlyweds make Clear Creek their first home

The average newlyweds usually are thinking about the same things when the honeymoon is over: settling into a new job, establishing a new home and other aspects of starting a life together. Seniors Shaun and Crystal Cummings newlywed transition was all that—and more.

"We got married, went on our honeymoon and then came here," Crystal said.

Shaun and Crystal have been married for almost two years. Clear Creek was not in their original plan. "My dad and mom were students here from the time I was four years old,"

Shaun said. "The college was never really in my initial plans ... even though I did feel a call to ministry."

"A group from Tennessee Temple University came to visit my high school my senior year to talk about the university as an option for college," he continued. "I started praying about whether I should go there. I felt the Lord's leadership in that area and moved to the campus."

"Things really got good my second semester there when I met Crystal," Shaun recalled. "After we dated for a while, we began to

talk about marriage. We began to feel God's leadership in that direction. Because of some financial complications, we also began to pray about our future at Tennessee Temple.

"That's when my dad called me and suggested that maybe God wanted me to look at Clear Creek to finish my education." Shaun

noted. "I remember my dad telling me that I had been called into ministry and Clear Creek is specifically for those who have been called of God to prepare for ministry."

"Clear Creek is just a really neat place," Crystal said. "You can have people in your class that are old enough to be your parents and that doesn't

bother anyone at all. It's nice because everyone gets along and grows together as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is really a family atmosphere here."

Pray for Shaun and Crystal as they move to Bowling Green to be involved in a new church with Shaun's parents and other Clear Creek alumni.

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Huckabee reflects on 'Final Four' finish in 2008 campaign

By Trennis Henderson
Ouachita Baptist University

Arkadelphia, Ark. (BP)—Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, in a brief visit to his alma mater—Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.—described some aspects of his presidential campaign as “just incredible fun.”

Huckabee, who served 10 years as Arkansas’ governor, went from a dark horse candidate to what he described as a “Final Four” finish in the race for the White House. Earning victories in eight primaries and caucuses, Huckabee withdrew from the race in early March after Arizona Sen. John McCain gained enough delegates to win the Republican nomination.

A 1975 graduate of Ouachita, Huckabee also has served as a Southern Baptist pastor, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and chairman of the National Governors’ Association.

Acknowledging that “the whole experience was, in many ways, surreal,” Huckabee said the pace of a national presidential bid “is happening so fast that you don’t have time to stop and absorb it or even take it in.”

“At many times, I had to stop and remind myself that I was actually running for president of the United States,” he said during his visit to Ouachita’s campus March 26. “The schedule was grueling and brutal. ... It was early morning to late night and constantly being pushed and pulled—almost treated like a property as opposed to a person.”

Despite the hectic schedule under the glare of the national media spotlight, Huckabee emphasized that “there were a lot of spe-

cial times” on the campaign trail, including guest appearances on “Saturday Night Live,” “The Colbert Report,” “Late Show with David Letterman” and “Tonight Show with Jay Leno.”

“Doing Saturday Night Live was a real kick,” Huckabee noted. “Another fun time was the Leno show. ... I got to see there were some great people you get a chance to know in a casual way. All that was a lot of fun and it kind of made up for the days that were anything but fun.”

“Real world” candidate

Reflecting on the political impact of his presidential run, Huckabee said one result was the clear reminder that “ordinary people really can affect the process.”

“For virtually a dime to the dollar of the other candidates, we took this campaign to the Final Four and most folks didn’t think that could happen. I think it’s a transformational kind of experience in politics,” Huckabee noted. “It was very important as a hallmark of the campaign—and hopefully future campaigns—that people will pay attention to the candidates and their message and not just their bank accounts.”

Concerning his decision to seek the presidency, Huckabee explained, “I deeply felt there was a need for someone, frankly, to be president who understood the real world where most Americans live. I think there is a disconnect with most people who have been in Washington for a good while.”

As an example, he cited a Republican debate on the economy in which other candidates “were all singing the Republican song of a great economy.” By contrast, he said

he emphasized that “for people in the real world, the economy is not doing that well.”

Taking a page from his campaign playbook, Huckabee detailed such economic concerns as rising fuel prices, education costs and “health care costs rising at twice the rate of which pay was rising. That meant people were working harder this year than they were last year and not getting ahead; in fact, slipping behind.”

A key reason for many voters’ concern over the economy is that “when the economy is prosperous, it has a trickle-down effect, but when the economy begins to go into a recession, it’s a trickle-up effect,” he explained. “It hits the people at the bottom first and the hardest because they have the least margin with which to deal.”

Amid his increased influence in conservative Republican circles, Huckabee said one of his goals is to “continue to make the case that there can’t be a separation between economic conservatism and social conservatism.”

“The most basic form of government is self-government,” he added. “Civil government is the result of the breakdown in self-government, family and community. ... The degree to which those structures break down, you’re going to have more civil government whether you want it or not.”

Highlighting the need for individuals, businesses and communities to take greater responsibility for their actions if they want to reduce government involvement, he said, “I think that’s missing out there in the discussion.”

Giving a nod to Ouachita’s influence on both his life and political career, Huckabee noted, “I’ve always said that the education I received here gave me a platform that I never had to be ashamed of or run from. I have held my own with people who had Harvard law degrees or MBAs from Harvard or Yale. I don’t feel like I ever had to say, ‘Gee, I don’t belong up here.’ Academically, Ouachita was as good of an education as I could have had.”

Ouachita’s Michael D. Huckabee School of Education was named in Huckabee’s honor in 2005 in recognition of his statewide education reform initiatives as governor.

Huckabee, a former Ouachita trustee, said he believes that “the value of a liberal arts education is more pertinent today than it ever has been.”

“I can’t imagine a student not seeing the value of a liberal arts education today,” he added. “The broader the background one has, I think the better prepared they are to get out there and make it in the real world.”

Huckabee said another benefit of his education at Ouachita “was that it helped me come to deep convictions about principles that I believed in and not just what they were but why—and the ‘why’ is more important than the ‘what.’”

“A lot of people know what they believe; they don’t know why,” he pointed out. “They’ve never followed their beliefs to their logical conclusion.”



“The best value that I had from Ouachita was an analytical education, an education that taught me to think critically and to question and to put my own convictions to the test,” he said. “It was truly a challenging education and I value that a lot.”

Looking to the future, Huckabee acknowledged, “I haven’t really settled on ‘Gosh, here’s what I want to do when I grow up.’ I think I will continue to be involved politically and also from a policy standpoint, helping people to get elected and keeping my own options open for the future.

“I want to affect the discussion of public policy as it relates to the bedrock issue of why individual morality and the structure of the family really does have an impact on the direction of civil government,” he said. “And the respect for human life is fundamental and foundational to our culture.”

Emphasizing that respect for life is not limited to the abortion issue, he said, “That’s where people get messed up. It deals at the heart of whether or not we are, as our forefathers said, all equal. If there’s intrinsic worth and value in each person, then one person is not more valuable than another or less valuable than another.”

Future campaign?

What about another run for the presidency in four or eight years? “I won’t rule it out,” Huckabee responded. “I mean I’m not making an announcement to say, ‘Yeah, I’m going to.’ The circumstances and everything, who knows what they’re going to be? But it’s not like I’m saying, ‘Boy, I’ll never do that again.’ I won’t rule that out.”

Asked about the possibility of helping her husband conduct a future campaign for the Republican nomination, Huckabee’s wife Janet, who also attended Ouachita, answered simply, “I’m with him. Whatever he does, I’m there.”

“It was a very, very rewarding experience,” she said of the campaign. “I wouldn’t trade any of it.”

Glancing at the former presidential candidate, she added, “I was very proud of what Mike did. He came from virtually nobody knowing who he was; as we say, he came from being an asterisk to second man standing.”

“I’ve always known that if people got to know him, they’d love him,” she said. “We just have to get a few more people to know him next time.”

CAMPAIGN REFLECTIONS

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee thanks volunteers at a campaign office near Dallas March 4. Huckabee discussed his unlikely push to become the Republican nominee for president of the United States during a recent visit to his alma mater, Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. (BP photo by Kelsey Kaylor-Elder)

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

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BENTON**—Vanzora Church recently ordained **Phillip Jarvis** as deacon.
 ■ **BEREA**—Silver Creek Church will hold revival services April 13-18, 7 p.m., with **Scotty McDowell** as evangelist. **Dennis Hisle** is pastor.
 ■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Freedom Church will host Southern Baptist Convention presidential candidate **Bill Wagner** for a luncheon April 12, noon, and as guest speaker April 13, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Wagner is president of Olivet University International in San Francisco. To reserve a seat for the luncheon, contact Pastor **Larry Frisby** at pastor@freedomchurch.us.
 ■ **COXS CREEK**—Vine Hill Church will hold lay-led revival services April 13-16, 7 p.m. **Greg Crenshaw** is pastor.
 ■ **GREENSBURG**—Bethlehem Church recently sponsored its 4th annual Youth Fest. With attendance at the event more than expected, services were moved to Greensburg Church and a local middle school. **Gary Ervin**, pastor of Bethlehem Church, reported that nearly 100 people made decisions for Christ at this year's event.
 ■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will host **The Dills** in concert April 13, 7 p.m. **Geoffrey Lacefield** is pastor.
 ■ **MAYFIELD**—West Broadway Church recently called **Larry Hawkins** as pastor.
 ■ **NORTONVILLE**—**Bobby Reno** recent-

Spotlight on ...

Shepherdsville



Little Flock Church will host "Daybreak: Encouragement for Single Moms," a 6-week program designed to help single mothers deal with daily challenges, each Wednesday beginning April 16, 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be provided for participants and their children at each meeting. For more information, call **Missy Vaught** at (502) 322-4918, or **Julie Johnson** at (502) 836-0430.

ly resigned as pastor of Nortonville Church.

■ **PROVIDENCE**—Harmony Church will hold revival services April 17-19, 7 p.m., with **Vernon Sheets** as evangelist. **Mark Bryant** is pastor.

■ **SMITHFIELD**—Smithfield Church will hold its Spring Spiritual Renewal services April 19, 6 p.m., and April 20, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Larry Baker**, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's new work and associational missions department, will serve



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 10 Assimilation Tour, Immanuel Baptist Church, Pikeville.
 15 Iron Sharpening Iron, Kentucky Lodge, Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz.
 17 Assimilation Tour, Central Baptist Church, Corbin.
 17 Iron Sharpening Iron, My Old Kentucky Home State Park, Bardstown.
 18-19 4:GO, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.
 18-19 Exalt, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.
 18-20 All State Children's Choir, Cedarmore Conference Center.
 21 Senior Living Celebration, Northside Baptist Church, Princeton.
 21 Iron Sharpening Iron, Moonlite Bar-B-Q restaurant, Owensboro.
 21-22 Developing & Managing People, Baptist Building, Louisville.
 22 Assimilation Tour, First Baptist Church, Mount Washington.
 22 Senior Living Celebration, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
 24 Iron Sharpening Iron, Baptist Building, Louisville.
 24 Senior Living Celebration, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
 24-25 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
 24-26 Ministers in Transition, Hawthorne Hotel, Louisville.
 25 Children's Bible Drill, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, and Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.
 25-26 Literacy Missions Conference, Cumberland Inn, Williamsburg.
 25-26 Women's Missionary Union Resource Team Training, Baptist Building, Louisville.
 25-27 All State Children's Choir-West, Jonathan Creek Conference Center.
 26 Children's Bible Drill, Saint Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

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as guest speaker. For more information, call (502) 845-0203. Ed Life is pastor.

■ **UNION**—Union Church recently called **Kevin Milburn** as pastor. He previously was associate pastor of discipleship and evangelism at Beacon Hill Church in Somerset.

■ **WINCHESTER**—**Steve Banks** recently resigned as pastor of Corinth Church for health reasons. **Jim Redford** has been called as interim pastor.

Ephesus Church recently called **Todd Rader** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Mount Moriah Church in Boston.

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SEEKING: Full-time associate pastor for First Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, located one hour south of Lexington near London, Ky. If the Lord is leading you in this direction, send cover letter, resumé and salary history to Associate Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, PO Box 266, East Bernstadt, KY 40729.

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SEEKING HIS FACE A young Roma girl clasps her hands in prayer during a youth Bible study in Lakul Dulce ("Sweet Lake"), a Gypsy village in Romania. Missionaries are actively working to reach the Roma Gypsy population which is scattered throughout much of the world. (IMB photo)

Missionaries make inroads with world's Roma Gypsies

Buzau, Romania (BP)—Forfeiting a starting position on a professional soccer team did not make sense to the parents of Mihail Stoica, a talented young Roma Gypsy believer from the mountains near Buzau, Romania.

For the Roma—an ostracized, poverty-stricken people group dispersed throughout the world—Stoica's chance to rise above his status was a rare opportunity too good to pass up. Yet, the influence of the professional sports lifestyle came at too great a cost to stay in the game.

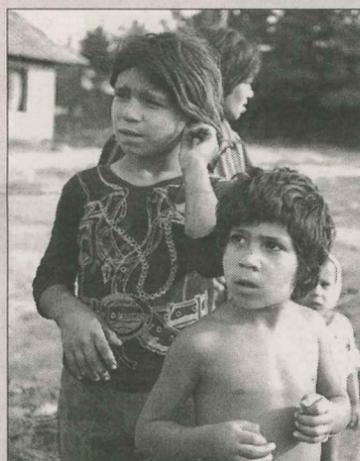
"I was playing soccer, my personal idol," Stoica recalled. "I didn't think it was a sin to play soccer, but then I realized the price that came with that. So I left playing soccer and just followed Jesus Christ."

In the summer of 2006, Stoica joined other believers from across Romania to travel to a foreign city to share Christ. These growing disciples are the result of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's most developed work with the Roma population.

The result of Roma reaching Roma is a key hope for other Gypsy work that spans throughout Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and, more recently, into South America.

The Roma people made their way to Europe in the 14th century after being evicted from their native India. As early as the 1500s, many were removed from parts of Europe and relocated to South America. Others traveled into parts of Northern Africa and the Middle East either by force or by choice.

Through these staggered diasporas, the Roma have put down roots among people who despise them not only for their dark skin, but also for their poverty, illiteracy and poor living conditions.



GYPSY KIDS A group of Roma children play in a squatter village near Medgidia, Romania.

Wherever their travels take them, Gypsies tend to adopt the local language and beliefs while still maintaining their own. The Romani language, strong family relationships and lifestyle characteristics unite the 10 million-plus Roma worldwide.

Best known for their wagons, fortune telling, colorful clothing and parties, the Roma are a proud people who fight against the loss of their culture.

IMB workers and national partners reach out through literacy education, teaching job skills and using Bible storying to evangelize and disciple new Roma believers.

Today, IMB workers are able to minister along family and cultural lines to bring the Roma to a faith in Christ and train them to reach their own people—to have their own leaders and missionaries.

"When the Roma begin to do their own evangelism, they begin to cross barriers so quickly," noted Jim Whitley, an IMB worker who recently transferred from Romania to work among the Gypsies in South America. "A real indigenous church-planting movement. ... That's the ultimate goal."

Lone believer opens door to reaching the Roma Gypsies

By Dea Davidson
SBC International Mission Board

Northern Africa (BP)—Why did you wait so long to come?" Saidi* asked through tears. A Gypsy in one of the countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East, he said, "My father is already dead and in hell because no one came to tell us about Christ. Even today, there are going to be people (who) die and go to hell."

Gary Shelton*, a worker committed to Gypsies in the region, wrestled with answering that question from the first known believer among Saidi's people group. To say that Shelton was waiting for better evangelism methods or language skills would not work. In the end, he had to tell Saidi that it was his fault and the fault of every other Christian who did not give up everything and follow Jesus.

"Ever since that time, I've given up lots of activities I used to spend my time doing," Shelton noted. "When I sat down with Saidi that day and he shared his burden for his people, God said to me, 'That's how I feel about it. That's how I want you to feel about it.'"

When Shelton moved his family to work among the Gypsies in the region a few years ago, their commitment was an answer to the prayers of five churches in the United States that were petitioning God to send laborers to the field. Approximately 1 million of these cousins to the European Roma Gypsies live in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Since their migration from India, this group of Gypsies has accepted the local Arabic language, making it harder to identify them among the people, yet easier for Christian workers to communicate with them. Even with the assimilated language and nominal adher-

ence to Islam, they see themselves on the fringes of society. It is a stigma that gives them a bond with foreigners.

"I've found out sometimes that outsiders trust outsiders," Shelton acknowledged. "Gypsies, most of the time, feel like they're outsiders, like they don't belong. They're pretty trusting of me."

Being the first foreigner many Gypsies in the region have seen has opened doors for Shelton in some of the transient Gypsy tent camps. His strategy sometimes consists of visiting and demonstrating his interest in their personal lives. This initial bond can lead to sharing Bible stories in Arabic.

"A lady asked me if I'd ever had my palm read," Shelton said of one such Roma encounter. "I said, 'No, God's the only One who can know the future and everything about me. I know a story about that.'"

The other type of Gypsy—those settling in one place—are being reached through Saidi. When Shelton first met Saidi in a café, he had no clue of his ethnic background. After learning about Shelton's ministry, Saidi bombarded him with phone calls, suggesting they work together. Shelton finally asked Saidi why he continued to call him. He replied, "One day when I die and stand before God, I want Him to accept me."

Saidi accepted Christ that day. Saidi shared his newfound faith and later introduced Shelton to his Gypsy friends. Now a handful of Gypsies have accepted Christ and meet for discipleship training.

"When I met Saidi, that's when the door opened," Shelton recalled. "He was the door—the key—to the Gypsies."

*Names changed for security reasons

Missionary returns to childhood home to declare hope of Christ

Bucharest, Romania (BP)—Cornel Tuns navigates many of the roads he traveled as a child in Romania as he locates Roma Gypsy villages near the capital city of Bucharest.

Tuns is now seeking out a people group he was taught to avoid while growing up.

While many Europeans consider Roma Gypsies an uneducated, poverty-stricken group of thieves and bandits, Tuns reaches out to the Roma with a changed heart that only God can offer.

"For a Romanian to go to a Roma to bring them to Christ, it would have to be a miracle of God," acknowledged Tuns, now a missionary with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. "I'm trying to lead by example and have been privileged to set aside that perception."

To escape communist rule in the 1980s, Tuns' family moved to the United States when he was 14. After college, he worked with Promise Land Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., to reach his own Romanian people. In 2005, when God challenged him to reach out to Roma Gypsies, he accepted the call by moving back to his native country where the

IMB's work with the people group first began in 1999.

Today, more than 2 million Gypsies live in Romania—the second largest population of Roma outside of India, their ancestral homeland, and the largest people group without a nationality in Europe. The Roma are an isolated people who refuse to adapt to the European lifestyle, which helps them maintain close family ties and their own Romani language.

For Tuns and other missionaries working with Roma Gypsies, those family ties and shared language are conducive for sharing the gospel. Today, more than 100 Roma Bible studies and churches meet throughout the country, with some churches multiplying to the third generation. As he takes up Roma work that God is blessing, Tuns said he hopes to motivate his own Romanian people to seek out the Roma.

"Missionaries came to Romania to focus on the Gypsies and are leading by example," Tuns noted. "I came from America to show compassion to them. I say to the Romanians, 'Why not in Jesus' name love the Gypsies?'"

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Gary Shelton*, IMB missionary working among the Roma Gypsies in Northern Africa and the Middle East

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