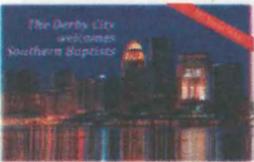


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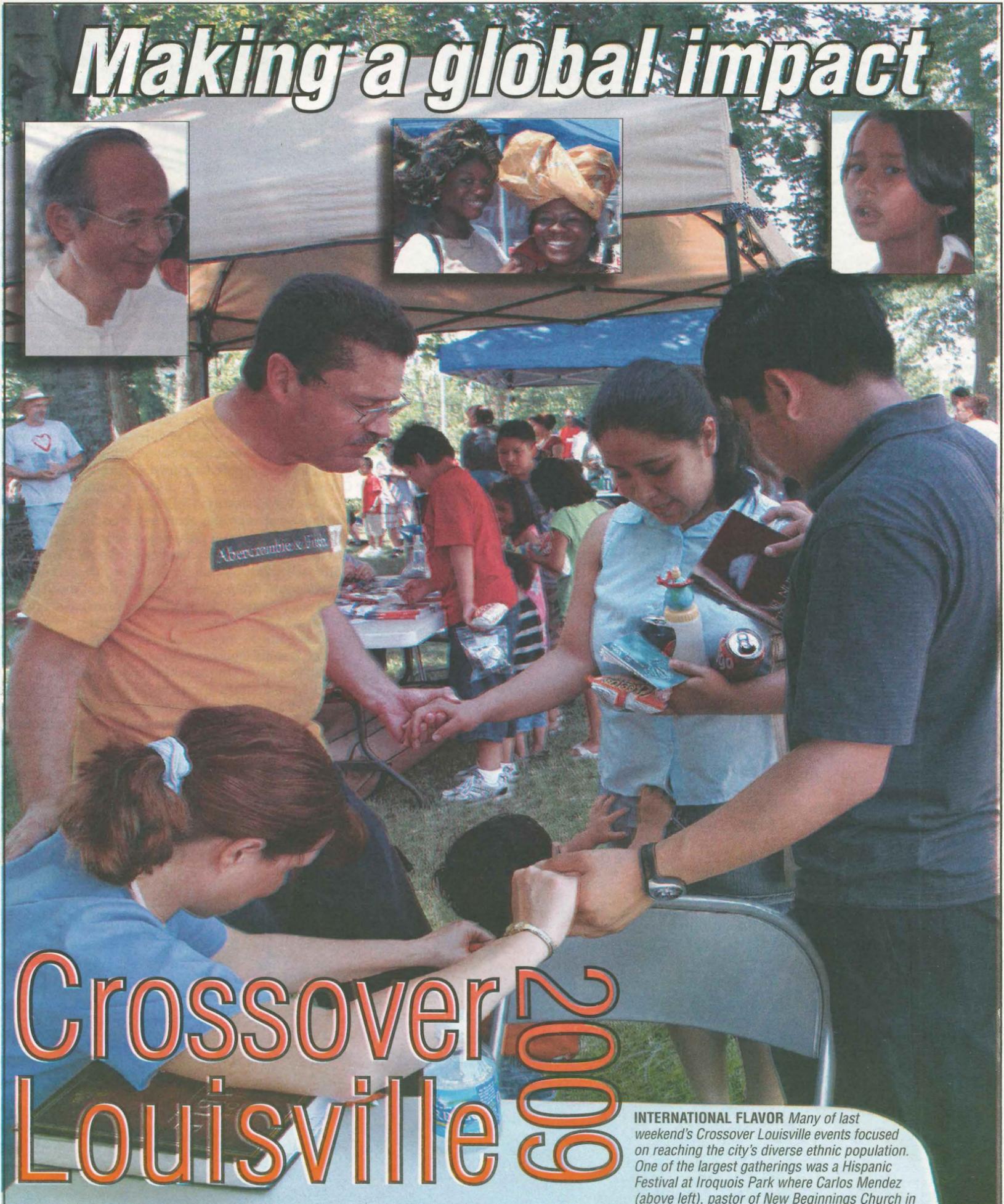
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## Making a global impact



## Crossover Louisville 2009

**INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR** Many of last weekend's Crossover Louisville events focused on reaching the city's diverse ethnic population. One of the largest gatherings was a Hispanic Festival at Iroquois Park where Carlos Mendez (above left), pastor of New Beginnings Church in Orlando, Fla., and Rose Dewever, a nurse from Washington, Mo., pray with a young Hispanic family at a blood pressure check booth. Also, at a nearby Iroquois neighborhood shopping center, organizers held an International Festival, where seven different people groups were represented. Many of them shared food and entertainment from their cultures. Festival coordinator Bill Mazey called Iroquois the most culturally diverse area in the city of Louisville. **More stories and photos on page 2.** (Photos by Mandi Buckner)

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## Crossover Louisville

## Thousands of Southern Baptists share the gospel in Louisville

Louisville—Southern Baptists from across the country blanketed the city of Louisville with God's love last weekend as part of Crossover 2009.

The evangelistic event held each year prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, brought more than 3,000 volunteers together at nearly 100 locations in and around the Derby City. Churches coordinated door-to-door visits, block parties, construction projects and ethnic festivals.

Two of the larger events were the Hispanic and International Festivals held just a short distance from one another in Louisville Iroquois neighborhood.

Hundreds of Hispanic residents showed up at Iroquois Park for live music, kids' games, health screenings and free food—all of it with a strong gospel message included.

Event coordinator Yurian Santiesteban, pastor of Senda de Luz Iglesia Bautista in Louisville, said he hoped the festival would bring more Hispanics into the churches that already exist, making them stronger.

A short drive away at the Iroquois Manor Shopping Center, Hispanics and individuals from six other people groups gathered together for the International Festival.

Event team leader Bill Mazey, an ethnic church consultant, called the Iroquois neighborhood "the most culturally diverse area in Louisville." Within walking distance of the shopping center are Hispanic, Vietnamese and Nigerian churches, he pointed out.

The festival featured food from several different cultures, as well as entertainment from the people groups represented.

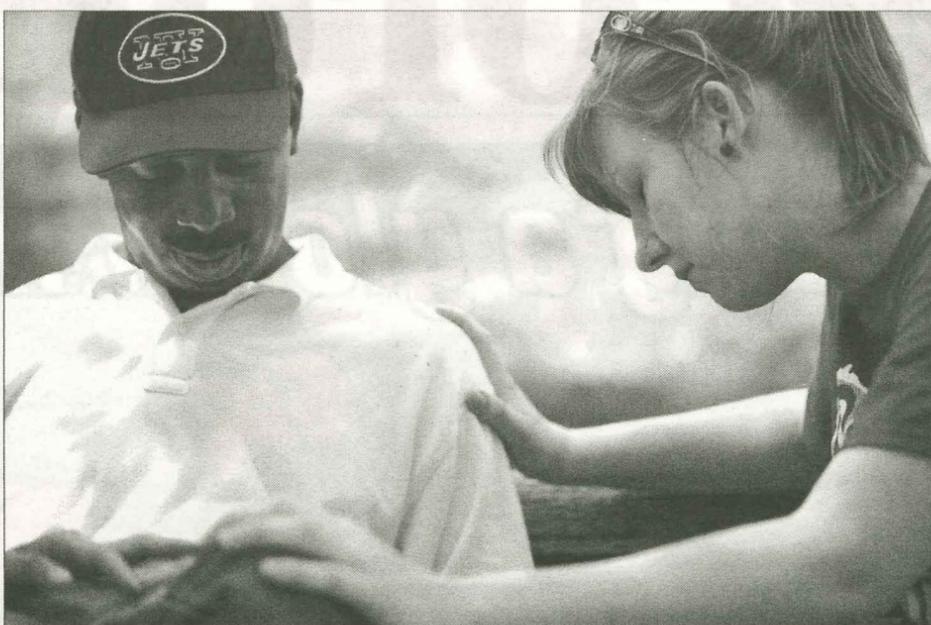
Mazey called the festival's potential global impact "unimaginable."

If "they get saved here and have to go back to their country, they're going in as a Christian; they're going in as a disciple. That's exciting," he said.

## Food distribution

Through a partnership between Crossover Louisville and Feed the Children, volunteers at three sites distributed non-perishable food and personal care items to about 1,200 families in need. Each recipient heard the gospel, was given the opportunity to respond, and also received an audio CD gospel presentation.

At Bethlehem Baptist Church, five people made professions of faith and another person made a recommitment to Christ. According to volunteer Bill Plymale of Woodstock, Ga., members of the church will follow up with those people within a week.



Through projects such as Feed the Children, God "turns feeding people into the opportunity for sharing bread for eternal life," said Claude Thomas, a vice president with FTC.

Linda Hare, director of special ministries at Bethlehem Baptist, said Crossover "couldn't have come at a better time." Before the recession she worked with about 800 people every six months, helping them with food, identifying job prospects and providing other assistance.

"In the last three months we've served between 2,000 to 3,000 people ... from every walk of life, people who have never asked for help before."

Christine Beck is such a person. Her husband was laid off from his construction job nine months ago. She has been out of work three months.

"It's a blessing what they are doing," Beck said. A Christian herself, she said she did not mind waiting in line to pick up her donation as volunteers shared the gospel with other recipients.

"I know there are a lot of people coming through here who don't have that walk with God," she said.

Jordan Hanna, a member of Bethlehem Baptist who is home after her first year of college, said providing the food was important, but "I could do that anywhere. ... I really enjoy sharing the Word with people."

## Block parties

Meanwhile, Westport Road Baptist Church hosted a block party Saturday at a nearby apartment complex as part of more

than two dozen similar events connected with Crossover. Approximately 75 volunteers from churches across the SBC worked in shifts, greeting residents and assisting children as they played in inflatable moon-walks and slides.

Hosting block parties provides a "great opportunity for churches to reach people where they are," said Pastor Chip Pendleton, noting that several people had prayed to receive Christ.

At Little Flock Missionary Baptist Church in downtown Louisville, about 40 Baptist Men volunteers from Alabama, Georgia and Florida, along with members of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville constructed an after-school learning center at Jackson Wood Apartments. The center will give children a safe place to spend time, have snacks, use computers with their school lessons, and receive help with homework from adult volunteers. The weeklong project concluded with a block party that featured a martial arts demonstration by "The Revolution," a Christian ministry team from Hebron Baptist Church in Decula, Ga.

"With inner-city youth, you have to earn the right to be heard. It is one thing to tell someone, 'God loves you'; it is much different to show them the love of God," said crew chief Sanford Hill, pastor of Graefenburg Baptist Church. The center, he added, is a tangible way that Southern Baptist volunteers could show God's love to the community's residents.

Six Jeffersontown churches—Forest Park, Lakeside, Jeffersontown, Poplar Level, High-



SHARING GOD'S LOVE ■ Left: Julie Medlin of Hill of the Lord University Church in Columbia, S.C., prays with Kenny Winfield, a homeless man she met at Louisville's Waterfront Park while passing out water bottles with her Crossover 2009 team last weekend. The event was one of a series of evangelistic outreaches held prior to this week's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. ■ Above: Prasad Kumar sings and plays the harmonium, a free-reed keyboard instrument, with Gwen Das on the tabla, a popular Indian percussion instrument, during Ghazal-e-Roshni at Hurstbourne Baptist Church. The performance was part of an international festival to share the gospel with the Indian community and other nationalities. (Photo by Jon Blair)

land Park and Hopewell—combined efforts to host a huge block party in the town's Veterans Park. Church praise bands provided live music while members grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, served popcorn and ice cream, and mingled with guests to share their faith.

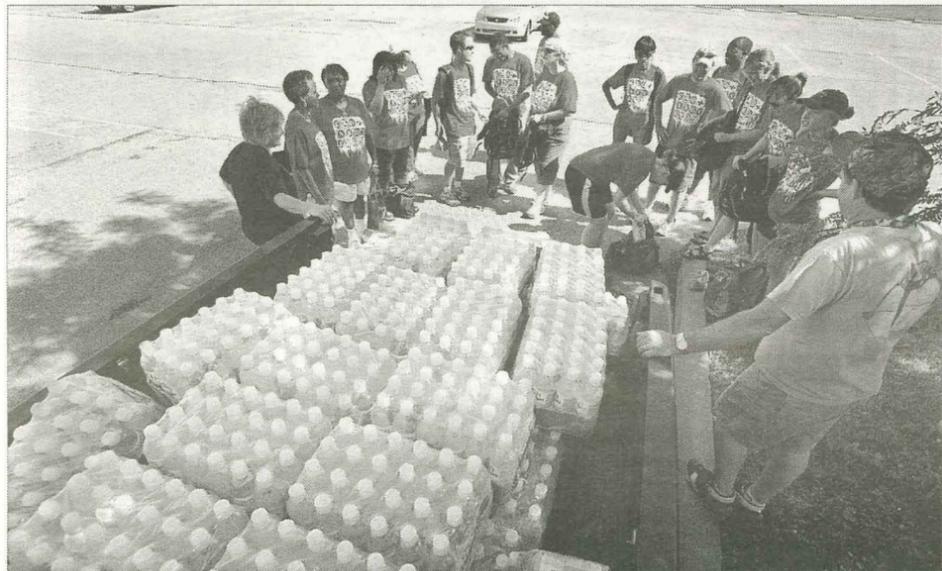
"It's very inspiring what cooperation can do," said event coordinator Don James, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church. "We hope what Crossover motivates us to do will become an annual event," he added, noting that Coral Hill Baptist Church in Glasgow also had sent 85 volunteers.

Hurstbourne Baptist Church, however, took an international twist with its block party, organizing a concert of traditional Indian music by Southern Seminary student Prasad Kumar for one of the area's fast-growing ethnic groups. During the musical presentation, a gospel message was shared and inter-cultural relationships were formed, said Pastor Mike O'Neal.

"We also are trying to gauge interest expressed in starting Bible studies in hopes of being part of a church plant for South Asians," O'Neal explained. "God has brought this mission field right to our church's door step."

According to Crossover Louisville coordinator Charles Barnes, the number of decisions made for Christ during Crossover still was being calculated at press time.

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BREAD AND WATER ■ Left: David Berry (right front) and his wife, Pam, of Beachland Baptist Church in Louisville deliver bottles of water to a Crossover 2009 team in a parking lot near Waterfront Park. (BP photo) ■ Right: Boxes of food and personal care items wait at Bethlehem Baptist Church for distribution to Louisville residents. The boxes of food were delivered by Feed the Children as part of a joint effort with Long Run Baptist Association, Crossover Louisville, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board and Southern Baptist Convention. (Photo by Bob Carey)

## Students build church, share gospel in Tanzania villages

By Todd Deaton  
Editor

**Somerset**—Even before the 29-member missions team left for Tanzania June 6, they already had seen God at work in a big way. Not only did people step up to assist team members with the cost of the trip, but they also provided all of the materials to build a church in the Singida region.

"God has given us what we need, when we needed it," team leader John Mark Toby told Lynn Burrows, the International Mission Board missionary with whom the group worked. Just four days before their departure, the group—representing four Pulaski Baptist Association churches and the Baptist Campus Ministry of Somerset Community College—received the resources to complete the construction project.

"I'm overwhelmed!" Burrows exclaimed. "What a vision! God must have in mind for this new church to do."  
Though she was feeling really tired that night, when she received the news, Burrows was instantly invigorated. "If it weren't nearly midnight, I'd be calling everyone I know. Wow!" she declared.

The team of college students and adult leaders from Beacon Hill, Somerset First, Duke Memorial and Eubank Baptist churches finished constructing a building that will serve as both a worship facility and a Bible school to train pastors and church leaders. The building also will be used as a community training center to introduce technologies such as solar lighting, drought resistant farming techniques, healthier cooking methods, and possibly start a cottage industry.

Working through Stellaris, an international Christian service organization for students, the team traveled by a large land rover to about a dozen surrounding villages to hold preaching and singing services. They

also were involved in personal evangelism activities, using Chronological Bible Story cloths, evangelism cubes and evangeballs, which convey the gospel message through pictures.

On the trip, the missions team continued to see God work in a big way. "We saw more than 1,000 people make decisions for Christ during the services and evangelistic events in these villages," reported Toby, pastor of Beacon Hill, which sent 11 of the 29-member team.

"It is amazing to see so many come to Christ," agreed Dusty Phelps, campus minister at Somerset Community College. "To see a country so open to the gospel is an eye-opening experience for these students."

Since the Singida area is especially susceptible to famine, disease and starvation due to chronic drought, Stellaris leaders said they hope to build the necessary relationships with village leaders and raise funds to complete a deep well project. As part of this mission trip, team members participated in a "Water Walk," carrying water from a well to the village of Sagara about four miles away.

"This gave participants an idea of what life is like for an area without access to safe drinking water," explained Stellaris trip coordinator Tracie Heidt. "The water that an entire family drinks, washes with and uses to prepare food is determined by how much they can carry."

Toby, who also is president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, sees an important educational aspect to involving students in the state convention's partnership with the Baptists of Tanzania.

"It strengthens the support of the Cooperative Program in our churches," Toby affirmed. "This trip will create a mission mindset in these young people who will serve in Southern Baptist churches and pass the importance of cooperation on to the next generation."



**KENTUCKY-TANZANIA CONNECTION** ■ Above: Mary Cowan of Stellaris and members of the Somerset team were greeted by a group of children upon their arrival at the Singida airport in Tanzania. Team leader John Mark Toby, pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church and Kentucky Baptist convention president, is in the background. ■ Below: The 15 college students on the team sing "How Great Thou Art" to volunteers and others gathered at the worksite where a building was being constructed in the Singida village. (Photos courtesy of Tracie Heidt)



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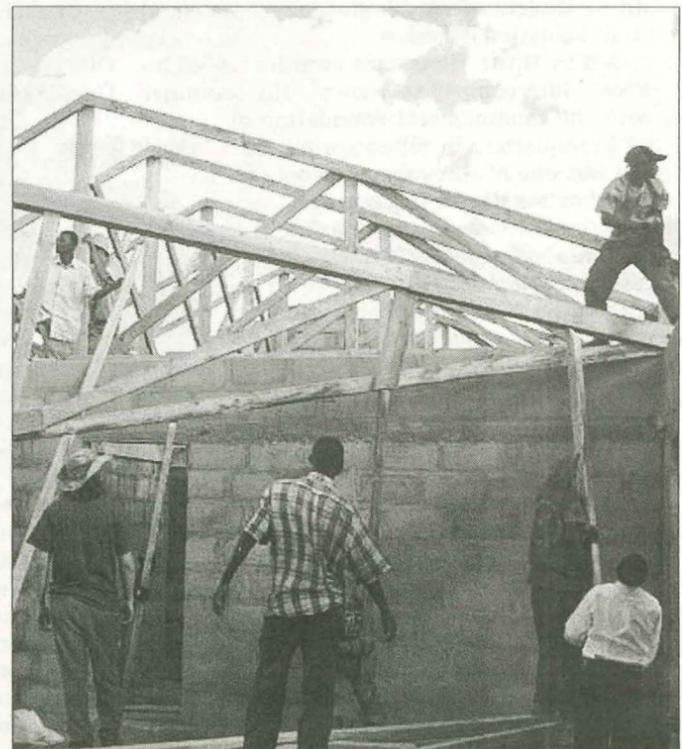
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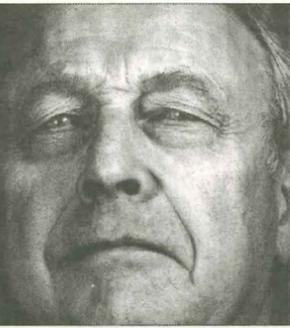
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**BUILDING HOPE** Roof trusses are raised by ropes for the new building in Singida. The facility will be used as both a worship facility and a Bible school to train pastors and church leaders. It also will serve as a community training center to introduce new technologies to local villagers. The Somerset group made the trip as part of the Kentucky Baptists' three-year mission partnership with the Baptist Convention of Tanzania which began last year.

## When pastors become patients



Last week's story, followed the journey of three Kentucky pastors facing critical illness. The final story of the series explores how congregations can assist pastors and their families during times of difficulty.

By Dannah Prather  
Partnerships Editor

**Wickliffe**—Kentucky Baptist pastors John Brandon, Rodney Travis and Carl Cooper are quick to point out the blessings they have received during critical illnesses. However, they said continuing to serve during such a trying time can be lonely.

"Depression is part of it. Before, I thought that depression was almost a lack of faith," Cooper said. "I can tell you right now that depression is not a lack of faith. We ... need to be made more aware that we have more pastors across our nation who are in this situation."

Christian counseling services, such as St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville, provide valuable assistance, but there seems to be a vacuum of services for pastors.

Spokespersons for GuideStone Financial Resources, LifeWay Christian Resources and individuals contacted while researching this story could not name a ministry geared specifically for Southern Baptist pastors and ministers facing critical illness.

"There's nothing out there," Cooper said. "I'd like to see Kentucky kind of take the lead on this, to be an example for the rest of the" SBC.

After his diagnosis, Travis said he visited a former pastor at a nursing home who also had Parkinson's disease. "He was laying in a fetal position with the entire bed shaking," Travis re-

called. The image stuck with him even as he continued to provide spiritual comfort to others.

"I don't really have anybody that I sit down and talk with," Travis noted, adding that he would like to connect with fellow pastors and ministers dealing with chronic illness.

One avenue Brandon and Cooper have chosen is CaringBridge.org, which provides free Web logs to people facing serious illness. The blogs provide an avenue for instant updates on a patient's condition, and a means for friends and family to express care and concern.

Starting a blog could have been the last thing on Brandon's mind after he was diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma, but he said it was easy to set up. His wife, Kathy, provides regular updates on his treatment.

"It has been such a source of support and encouragement to be able to read the ... notes," Brandon said.

Kentucky Baptist Convention Leadership Development Team Leader Karl Babb said some resources are available for pastors of KBC-affiliated churches who are facing tough times.

"We can help paying counseling fees for pastors and their families," Babb explained. A sliding scale is used to determine financial assistance ranging from 20 to 80 percent of the cost. KBC also can connect pastors and their families to other resources.

When Charles Dewese, executive director of the Baptist History and Heritage Society in Atlanta, was treated for lymphoma last year, he attended seminars and support groups organized through the Emory University Cancer Institute. Although not Christian counseling, Dewese said he was very satisfied with the care he received. He encourages believers who may not have access to Christian counseling to seek out similar programs even if they are not biblically based.

Southern Baptists perhaps should consider how to provide services specifically for pastors, ministers and their families, he noted. "I certainly do think it's appropriate for large Baptist organizations to consider more carefully the fact that ministers ... need to be pastored."

**Correction:** In last week's story, Carl Cooper was incorrectly identified. He served as worship leader at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mayfield.

## 'That's what it takes'

### Oneida students receive well-deserved recognition for their skills, hard work

By Denise Spencer, OBI publications

This spring a number of Oneida Baptist Institute students earned honors at the state and even the national level.

Senior Hirut Yimer was awarded an eight-week "Internship Experience" this summer with the Commonwealth Foundation at its headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. She was one of three young people selected nationally for this position.

Several of Oneida's low-income students are sponsored by Pathways to Success, a division of Commonwealth. To apply for the internship, Hirut completed a written application, wrote an essay, listed references and interviewed with a selection committee. Billie Faye Hoover, Oneida's dean of girls, noted, "They were extremely impressed with Hirut. She was the first intern hired."

The internship is a temporary paid position, requiring 37 and a half hours per week. Interns pay for their own transportation to and from work, as well as meals and living expenses. Hirut lives in Virginia and will access public transportation to get to work. She said she is looking forward to the experience because "the atmosphere will be very professional. It will also give me a chance to be dedicated to something, since it will cost me a bit of money to get there every day."

While Hirut was preparing to begin her summer internship, eight OBI athletes went to the state tennis tournament at the University of Kentucky May 21-23. Our girls' team qualified for state by finishing first in the region, while

our boys' team was the regional runner-up. The girls earned 10 points at the regional match earlier in May, four more points than those won by the girls' runner-up team. They took first place by beating the four-time regional champions.

Oneida athletes Miriam Waslewski and Zunilda Lynch competed for first place in the region. Officials even let the girls play the match on Oneida's home court. It was Zunilda's only loss all season.

Tennis coach Ken McCain said he was proud of his team's success. "The girls' team this year is home grown," he said. "They've learned to play here (and) they've really built up their skills." Other girls who qualified for the state team were Anna Davidson, Samantha Cahall, Kim Withrow and Jennifer Skaggs. Also, two Oneida boys advanced to the state tournament as a doubles team.

The athletes combined skill with diligence. "They worked really hard and they were always down at the courts practicing," McCain said. "That's what it takes."

The school is particularly happy about the tennis team's success because no one on campus can remember the last time OBI went to the state tennis tournament as a team. Athletic Director Laura Stockton said, "We're not sure how long it's been, ... but this is the first time in recent memory."

Congratulations also go to junior Tyler Rupp for placing third in the graphic design category at the state art contest after winning first place at the Bluegrass Regional Art Show in March.

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### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## House approves slots bill, Senate leader predicts legislation will fail

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

**Frankfort**—After week one of the Kentucky legislature's special session, the fiercely debated slots bill was headed for the state Senate after narrowly escaping the House of Representatives.

Last Friday, House members passed legislation that would allow video lottery terminals to be placed at the state's horse racing tracks. The vote, however, was close: 52-45.

House Bill 2 was proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear prior to the special session as a way, according to proponents of the bill, to help the state's struggling horse racing industry. Changes later were made to the bill that would funnel slot machine revenues to rebuild and repair dilapidated public school buildings in the commonwealth.

Last week's House vote meant the bill was to then be sent to the Senate. However, at press time, the bill had not been delivered to the Senate for its consideration.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, was quoted by the Louisville Courier-Journal as saying that the bill was not sent over out of fear it would be defeated. He also said he expects that the bill will, in fact, be voted down in the Senate.

With no House bill to consider, the Senate last Friday voted unanimously on a bill proposed by Williams which would place surcharges on lottery ticket sales

and out-of-state wagering at state tracks. Williams said his plan is the better alternative for boosting purses and keeping horse owners from going to states where slots are allowed at race tracks.

"If purses and breeders' incentives are the question, we have the answer," Williams told a crowd of expanded gambling opponents who gathered at the Capitol Rotunda June 16.

An estimated 500 people, many of them Kentucky Baptists, traveled to Frankfort to voice their opposition to the governor's plan. Several legislators, church leaders and anti-gambling lobbyists addressed the rally.

"We've heard so much empathy for the horse industry and the racing industry," noted Bill Mackey, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "But ... where is the empathy for the 170,000 individuals who may be devastated by gambling? Where is the empathy for the families?"

"For years, the forces of greed and avarice have been pacing our borders like a roaring lion inside a fence, testing its strength, seeing if the fence will fall so that the lion can come in and see whom it may devour," said Hershael York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort and a professor at Southern Seminary. "If this legislature allows this (bill), they have no idea what's going to come through the hole in that fence. I say, close the hole now."

## 'Just enough, just in time'

### Sulfridge reflects on God's blessings in tough times

"How has the economy affected Clear Creek?" That is a question that Jay Sulfridge, Clear Creek's dean of institutional advancement, gets asked a lot these days.

"It has touched us like a lot of other educational institutions," Sulfridge said. "My department is the first place that notices an economic impact like the current one the country is experiencing. We have been impacted. We have not gone on just completely insulated from the rest of the world."

"It has been amazing to us though, to watch God work and see how well He has enabled us to function even in a terrible economy," Sulfridge noted. "Now, when I talk about us doing well, I don't mean that we have an abundance of funds. There have been quite a few intense prayer meetings on campus where we have all been literally on our knees before God just waiting to see how He is going to work."

"But God is faithful and has provided as He always does," Sulfridge added. "And as I look back over this economic downturn, the one thing that stands out to me about God's provision for Clear Creek Baptist

Bible College is that He tends to provide just enough, just in time—and that's how we continually see God work in this place. As of yet, we have not had to make any cutbacks in faculty or staff positions or salaries to this point. That is a blessing considering what has taken place in other higher education institutions.

"One factor that goes a long way in helping us to hold our own during times like this is the fact that we strive to hold our operating costs as low as we can," Sulfridge said. "Clear Creek has a history of operating debt-free. Those who have gone before us here at Clear Creek have always operated on

the philosophy that they did not want to accumulate debt to operate the college. We continue that philosophy today with any project we take on. We do not start any project unless we have the funds available up front. This allows us to hold our operating costs to a minimum."

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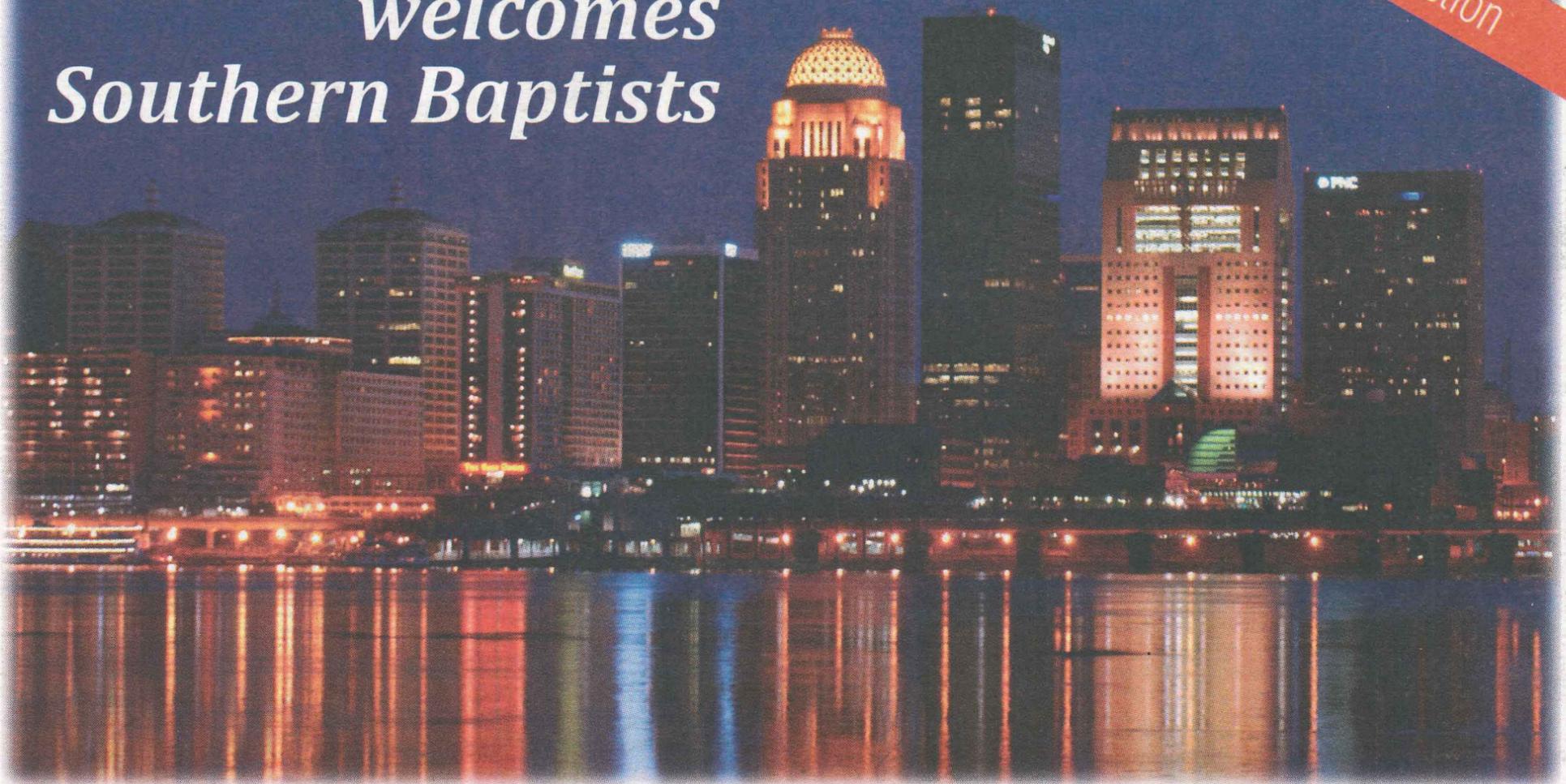


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# The Derby City welcomes Southern Baptists

SBC Special Section



## Highlights abound at Louisville SBC meeting

By Todd Deaton  
Editor

**Louisville**—Inside the main hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center, messengers to the 152nd annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will hear messages that will inspire them to put their words of love into action, in keeping with the convention theme, "LoveLoud: Actions Speak Louder Than Words." As a key part of the call to action, messengers also will be deliberating on the "Great Commission Resurgence" statement, presented by SBC President Johnny Hunt.

Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., said he hopes the LoveLoud emphasis will challenge the denomination to "demonstrate to our communities, our country and around the world the difference that Jesus Christ makes in our lives and in our churches."

Among other highlights at this year's convention:

■ Mandisa, the Grammy and Dove award-nominated singer who rocketed to fame after appearing on "American Idol," will perform as part of the North American Mission Board's presentation on Wednesday night. NAMB will be rolling out the latest phase of the GPS ("God's Plan for Sharing") evangelism initiative and recapping recent results from pilot projects in Pennsylvania, Texas, California and Georgia.

■ John Marshall, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo., will preach the convention sermon on Wednesday morning. Marshall, first vice president of the Missouri Baptist Convention, is the first pastor from that state to deliver the convention message since World War I.

■ Kentucky Baptist Convention President John Mark Toby, pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, will be nominated for first vice president by fellow Kentucky pastor, Kevin Smith of Louisville, assistant professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Another Kentucky

pastor, Hershael York of Frankfort, associate dean at Southern Seminary, will be nominating John Yeats of Louisiana for another term as recording secretary.

Outside the main hall, an array of events, activities and attractions also will take place:

■ The annual meeting is being held in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the founding of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Celebratory events include a campus open house, sesquicentennial address and building dedication following the seminary's June 24 luncheon. Southern President Albert Mohler will broadcast his live radio program from the exposition center on Tuesday.

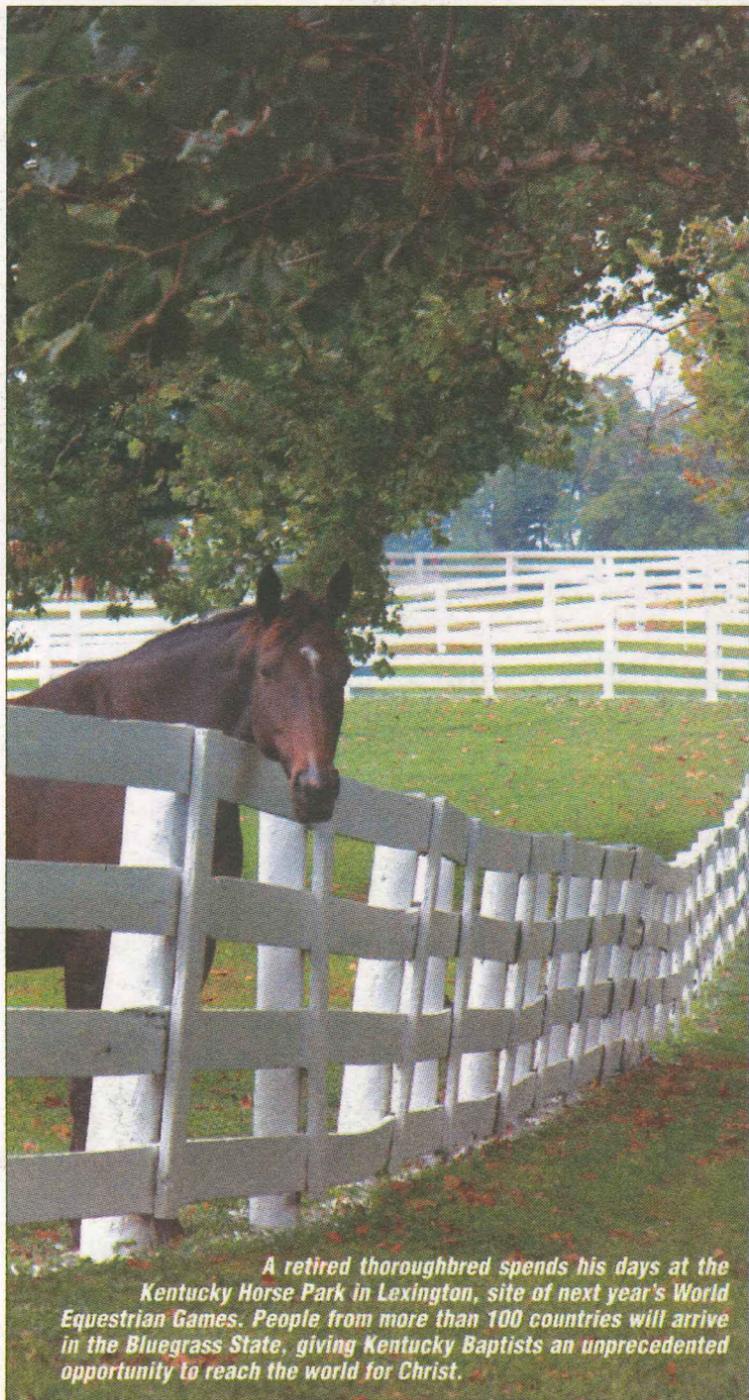
■ NAMB will host an Annie Armstrong Easter Offering appreciation luncheon Tuesday in Room South B104-105 at the Exposition Center. The event honors the top SBC churches in giving to the annual missions offering. Missionaries featured at this year's booth include Gary Smith, a church planter in Canada; Brenda Crim, a collegiate evangelism missionary in Alaska; and Willie Jacobs, a church planning missionary in Memphis, Tenn.

■ The International Mission Board will unveil the 2009 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis, "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?" at its booth, focusing on the part the Great Commission calls every believer to play in reaching people groups overseas. A free Christmas ornament will be given to those who visit the booth to learn more about how the IMB can assist their churches in adopting people groups.

■ Guidestone Financial Services again will provide free health screenings, valued at \$150, to SBC messengers and family members. Screenings include blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood-sugar checks, along with bone density and body mass index readings.

■ The Ethics and Integrity Liberty Commission will be conducting live interviews and Q&A sessions with special guests Barrett Duke of the ERLC's Washington office, former SBC president Tom Elliff, and Jeff Palmer of Baptist Global Response.

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A retired thoroughbred spends his days at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, site of next year's World Equestrian Games. People from more than 100 countries will arrive in the Bluegrass State, giving Kentucky Baptists an unprecedented opportunity to reach the world for Christ.

## Welcome to the Bluegrass

As executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, it is my privilege to welcome messengers and guests to the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am confident that you will be pleased with the hospitality of the city of Louisville and Kentucky Baptists.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

The KBC has worked closely with the North American Mission Board, Long Run Baptist Association, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in planning and conducting Crossover Louisville. We are grateful to all who have participated.

This is an historic convention due to the 150th anniversary of Southern Seminary. The seminary plays an important role in training SBC pastors and church leaders for service, and we celebrate with its students, alumni, faculty and administration on this important occasion.

Kentucky Baptists are deeply committed Christians whose roots in our commonwealth go back to the earliest pioneer days. Squire Boone, the brother of Daniel Boone, is said to be the first Baptist preacher to cross into Kentucky.

Organized as a state convention in 1837, our mission is to assist KBC churches, ministries and associations in connecting all people to Jesus Christ. We are comprised of about 2,400 churches with a membership of more than 770,000. There are 72 Baptist associations working in cooperation with the KBC.

The KBC also works cooperatively with a number of related organizations: five educational institutions, a children's ministry, an assemblies ministry, a state Baptist newspaper, a Baptist foundation and the Kentucky WMU. Four other entities also have a relationship with the KBC. I believe the agencies and institutions of the KBC are among the finest in the SBC and are seriously engaged in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through their ministries.

The Mission Board staff is organized into six teams that are focused on reaching people with the good news of God's love for them, helping churches be the best they can be, and helping church leaders be effective in their ministries. We provide training and inspirational conferences for about 27,000 church leaders each year, actively plant new churches, and support numerous ministry and mission endeavors that are made possible by the Cooperative Program and the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

The KBC has a CP budget of \$24 million this year and forwards 37.04 percent to SBC causes. The Kentucky Baptist Mission Board distributes 36.54 percent for missions and ministry and 26.42 percent for support to 11 entities.

In addition, Kentucky Baptists give about \$2 million to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and more than \$4 million to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions each year.

We are grateful to God for giving Kentucky Baptists big hearts for missions and ministries. It is a privilege to serve with Kentucky Baptists as we challenge each other in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention*

## Western Recorder: From pioneer fields to the stars

The Western Recorder's name first appeared on a masthead in 1851; however, the Kentucky Baptist newspaper traces its lineage through a chain of newspaper mergers to The Baptist Recorder, a publication begun in 1826 by two pastors—Spencer Clark of Bloomfield Baptist Church and George Waller of Buck Creek Baptist Church. Thus, the Western Recorder is the second oldest state Baptist newspaper in the Southern Baptist Convention. Preceding the formation of the state's Baptist convention in 1837, the newspaper emerged on the scene while the commonwealth was still a wild wilderness being settled by pioneer families primarily from Virginia and other Eastern states.



### After Thought

By Todd Deaton

Believing that one of the most vital factors necessary for the continued growth and unity of Kentucky Baptists was a strong state paper, the state convention purchased the Western Recorder in 1919. As the official news journal of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, its pages are devoted to championing a cooperative spirit in Baptist work across the state and to advancing the work of Kentucky Baptists in missions, education and evangelism.

Drawn from Philippians 2:15, the Western Recorder's slogan encourages all Kentucky Baptists to "shine like stars in the world" for Christ. This issue showcases a myriad of ministries in which Kentucky Baptists are shining like the stars, for God is indeed at work among Baptists of the Bluegrass State. It also bears testimony to the vital role of state Baptist newspapers in informing, inspiring and equipping Baptists as they work together to fulfill the Great Commission.

Every Southern Baptist needs the inspiration furnished by their state Baptist paper. Some stories feature well-known, influential Baptist leaders, while others introduce to readers some less well-known people with unusual ministries or missions ideas. Reading about how God is working in the lives of ordinary people inspires and encourages all of us to use our gifts and talents to shine for Jesus.

Reading a Baptist newspaper also develops a wider missions vision. Every pastor seeks to convey to members that God's Kingdom extends beyond the church steps into the community. Baptist papers also help them capture a vision for fulfilling the Great Commission, showing how Baptist churches, like theirs, are cooperating together to reach their communities, state, nation and world with the gospel.

Baptist papers encourage members to give generously to their church and to financially support Southern Baptist work through the Cooperative Program and special missions offerings. Articles help members

understand not only what the Cooperative Program is, but also how a portion of the money they place in the offering plate on Sundays goes to support missions, evangelistic efforts and starting churches around the world.

Readers stay informed about moral and ethical issues that are affecting our states and nation. And Baptist newspapers point out the impact of world events on the Christian faith. Analytical stories provide reliable information and insights into these news-making events and help people use this information to reach important decisions from a Christian perspective.

Reading a Baptist paper also helps one grasp what it means to be a Baptist. An increasing number of church members do not have a Baptist background, and some who grew up in our churches have never learned who Baptists are and what we believe about God, Christ, the Bible and the church's mission in the world. Reports from our six Southern Baptist seminaries and from our state Baptist universities and schools help students gain an awareness of the many benefits of pursuing a Christian higher education to better prepare for the ministry and missionary service, or to be a more effective Christian influence in their chosen vocation.

The primary source of news from the state and national convention meetings for most Baptists is their state Baptist newspaper. This week, Southern Baptists have gathered in Louisville for their annual meeting. Editors and news writers from a majority of the 41 state Baptist papers are working with reporters from Baptist Press to provide thorough coverage of convention proceedings, so Baptists in their home states will know about the significant decisions and actions that took place.

Most importantly, reading a state Baptist newspaper helps one be a better church worker. Readers often gain innovative ideas and ministry tips through stories about the missions experiences of others. Your state paper partners with the state Baptist convention to inform its readers of the latest helps, books, conference programs, youth camps and retreats available to them as Sunday school teachers, student ministers, choir directors, musicians, deacons, committee members, church treasurers, preschool workers, and more.

Simply put, there is not a better investment a church can make than providing its state Baptist paper to all of its active families. And when a church or association combines its newsletter with the state Baptist paper—such as the program offered by the Western Recorder—church members are provided with the most comprehensive Baptist news in one, convenient source.

Shine like stars, Southern Baptists!

## KBC president welcomes SBC messengers

By John Mark Toby

We are glad you are here for the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville. I pray that God will greatly use our time together over the next several days to advance His Kingdom.

We appreciate everyone who participated in Crossover. Many lives have been eternally impacted because of your care and concern for their communities. More than 3,000 Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists participated in 13 ministries at 62 different venues that involved 112 area congregations.

Our president, Johnny Hunt, and First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga.—along with the North American Mission Board—have helped to practice this year's convention theme, "Love Loud," by coordinating three trailers of food in partnership

with Feed the Children. Their efforts helped provide food for 1,200 families for a month. Hispanic and international festivals involving nine ethnic groups also were held, and ICE teams shared the gospel across Louisville.

Kentucky Baptists are grateful for the many disaster relief teams that helped during our state's ice storm earlier this year. Kentucky has had the opportunity to send teams to many of your states in your times of need, and we greatly appreciate your help when we needed Southern Baptists to respond to our need.

We are thankful for the 20,000 to 25,000 volunteers who work in Eastern Kentucky missions each year. Your efforts are helping to make a great impact on the region. Kentucky Baptists are involved in starting High Impact churches, strate-

gically beginning new work in unreached areas of the state to give people access to a church in their communities. Baptist Campus Ministry reaches students across our state on more than 30 college campuses and ministers to more than 1,000 international students. The Ministers in Transition program is working with more than 250 ministers and their wives who find themselves in transition, and it has greater than an 80 percent success rate in returning them to ministry.

Kentucky Baptists are participating in "Find it Here," where we plan to pray and take the gospel to 1.5 million homes, leading up to Easter Sunday next year.

We are excited to have you as our guests. If Kentucky Baptist can assist in any way, we are glad to help.

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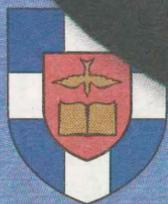
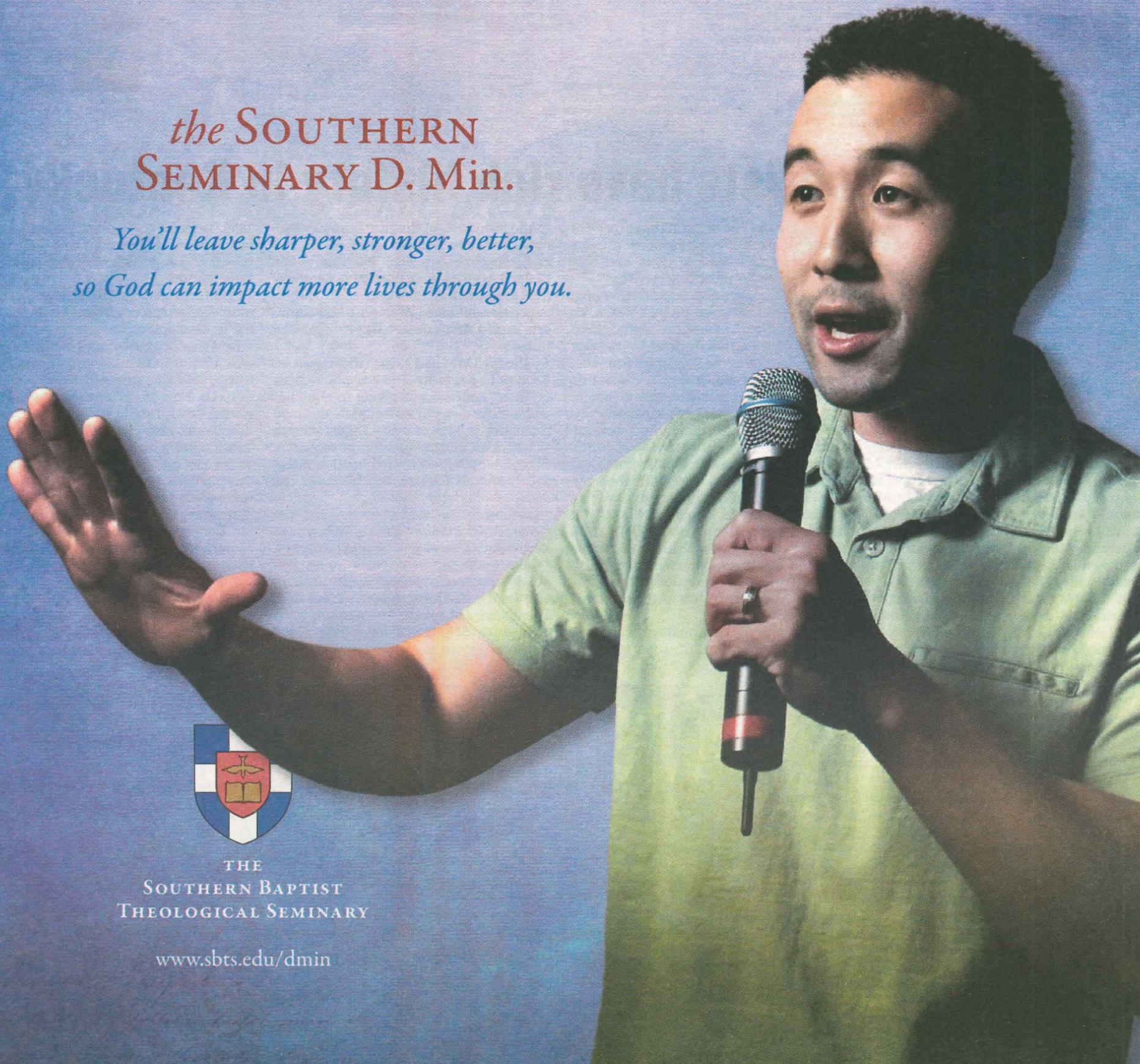
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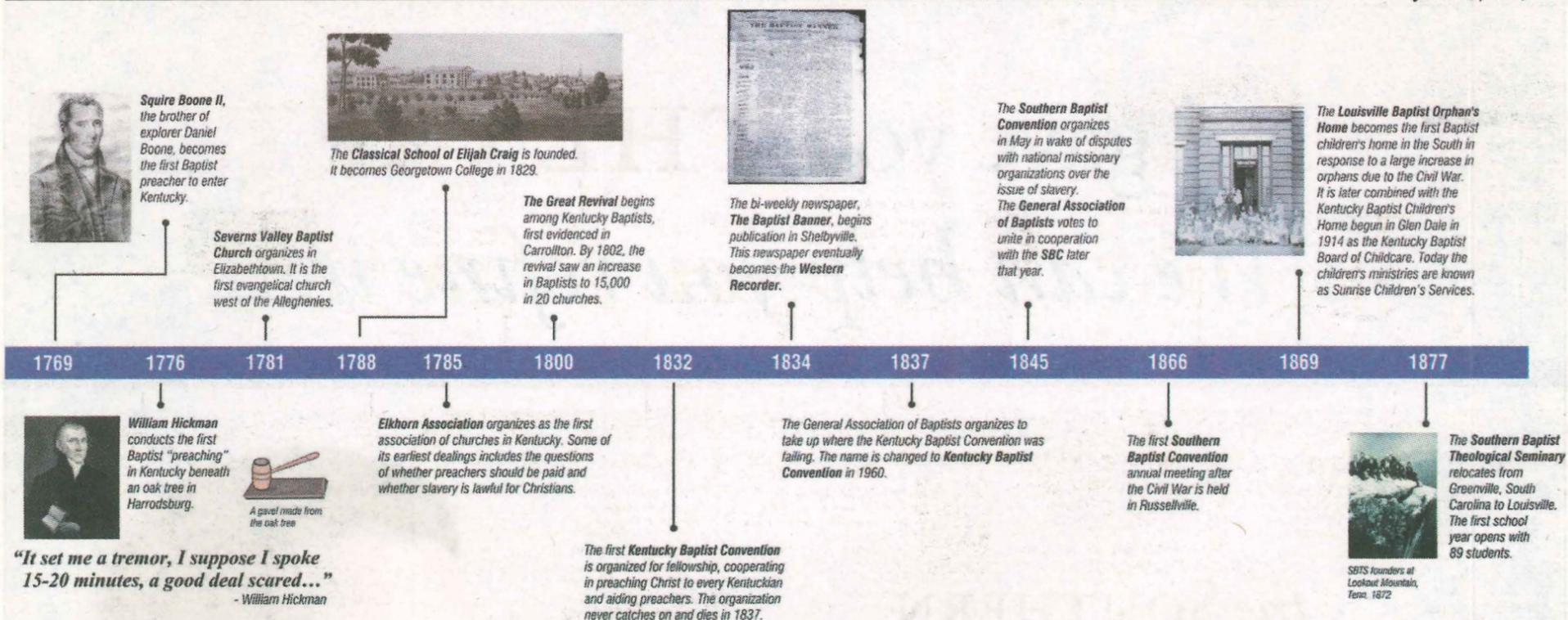
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## Southern Baptists have rich history in Kentucky

Imbued with the spirit of the Baptist pioneers who conquered the Alleghenies and headed westward with the gospel of Christ, Kentucky has long taken a leadership role in the life of the Southern Baptist denomination.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention was formed in 1837, eight years before the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in 1845. The Kentucky Baptist Convention is one of the oldest state Baptist conventions.

It is believed that the first Baptist preacher to set foot in the territory that was to become the Commonwealth of Kentucky was Squire Boone, the younger brother of famed explorer Daniel Boone, who visited Kentucky in 1769. Thomas Tinsley and William Hickman conducted the first recorded preaching at Harrodsburg in April of 1776.

Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown is the oldest church in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It was founded June 18, 1781, and holds the distinction of being the first evangelical church organized west of the Alleghenies.

Several other churches and the first district associations were established that year

as well, but the end of the 18th century saw Kentucky Baptist congregations as scattered and small. Most of them met only once a month for preaching services.

The first cooperative organization at a regional level occurred in 1801 when Elkhorn and South Kentucky Associations merged, a union that coincided with what became known as the "Great Revival" that swept Kentucky and much of the South. Thousands of Kentuckians came to accept Christ during this and subsequent "revivals," which changed the entire moral climate of the region. Between 1800 and 1810, the number of Kentucky Baptists increased from 5,119 to 16,650, representing 4.1 percent of the Kentucky population.

Another revival began in 1827, but its gains were largely countered by 1832 through the exclusion of many of the followers of Alexander Campbell. Campbell, a former Presbyterian minister turned Baptist, believed that baptism was necessary for salvation.

Despite the divisions and tensions of the late 1820s, a new spirit of cooperation was growing among Kentucky Baptists. This led

to the formation of the first Kentucky Baptist Convention (a predecessor of the current convention) in 1832 and then to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (the present convention) in 1837. The organization affiliated itself with the Southern Baptist Convention after it organized in 1845.

The Civil War had a dramatic impact on Baptists in Kentucky. The war put a check on many endeavors as giving in churches and to the General Association declined dramatically. Almost every Baptist church was divided on the question of secession. Church buildings were often used as makeshift hospitals for sick and wounded soldiers.

Following the war, churches and the General Association quickly rebounded and began a remarkable array of initiatives. The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home (now Sunrise Children's Services) was founded in 1869 and numerous Baptist schools—one scholar listed at least 75—were begun.

In 1877, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary moved to Louisville from Greenville, S.C., where it had been founded in

1859. Three of the seminary's presidents—James Boyce, E.Y. Mullins and John Sampey—served as presidents of the SBC during their tenures.

Kentucky Baptists made one of their most important contributions to Baptist life in developing the idea for the Cooperative Program, the unified budgeting system used to fund missions and ministries throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. On Nov. 16, 1915, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky met at Jellico, Tenn., near the Kentucky state line, and adopted a budget plan for the support of all denominational causes. A leader in this plan was Harvey Boyce Taylor who developed the idea at First Baptist Church of Murray beginning about 1900. The Southern Baptist Convention established the Cooperative Program based on this model at its meeting in Memphis in 1925.

Adapted from the following sources: "Kentucky Baptists 1925-2000: A Story of Cooperation" by James Duane Bolin; Web sites of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention; and Publication No. 6, 1964, Kentucky Baptist Historical Society.

### Ky. Baptist Quick Facts

■ The Kentucky Baptist Convention is made up of more than 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in Kentucky. These churches have a total membership of more than 780,000.

■ Working through 72 local associations and in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptists share a common bond of basic biblical beliefs and a commitment to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

■ The convention's Mission Board staff is divided into five teams: Business Services, Church Development and Evangelism, Executive Office, Leadership Development and Missions Growth. The convention staff operates out of the Kentucky Baptist Building located in Louisville.

■ The Kentucky Baptist Convention also relates to 10 Kentucky agencies and institutions and one auxiliary—the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

■ The KBC's agencies and institutions are: Campbellsville University, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, University of the Cumberland, Georgetown College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Baptist Healthcare System, Sunrise Children's Services, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Kentucky Baptist Assemblies and Western Recorder.

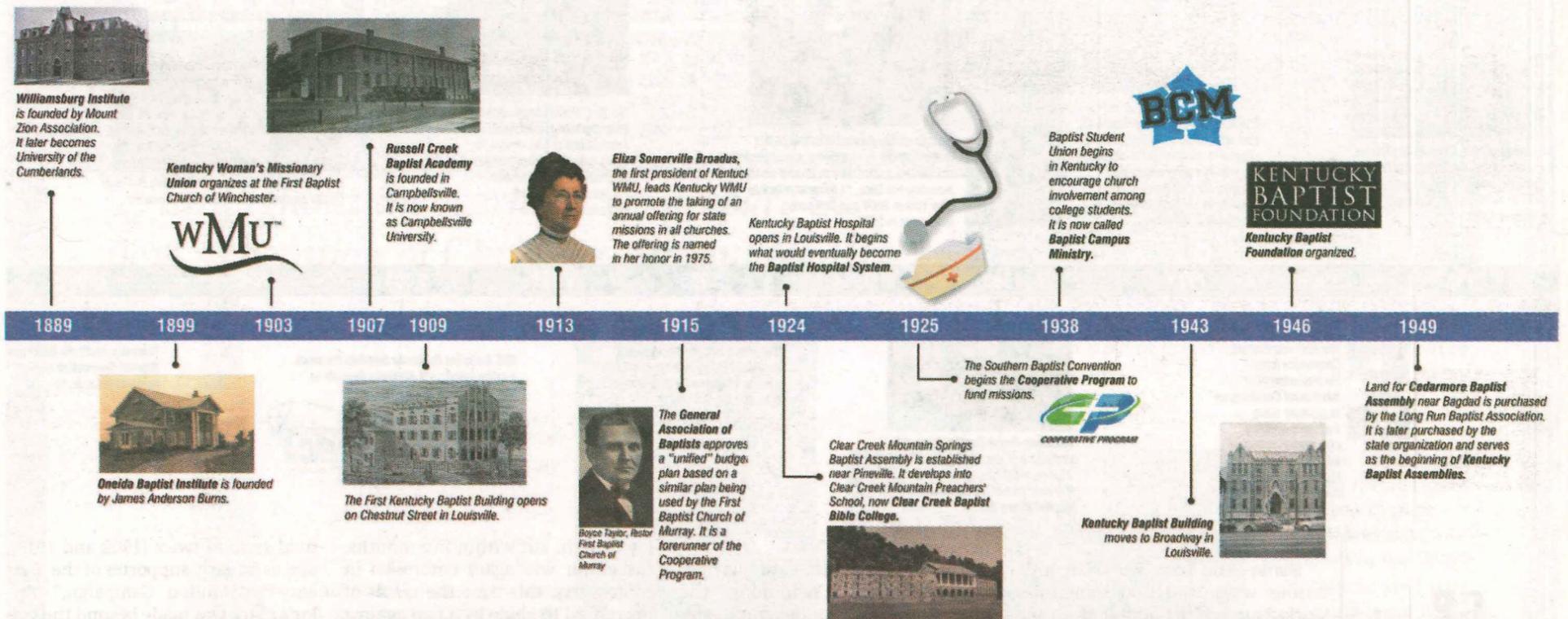
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# CP. Mother made some pretty outrageous, but true claims

By Billy Compton

Louisville—Imagine a scene in which my mother walks with a cane into my office and says, "Billy, this year, I have helped 500,000 new believers come to Christ. I have aided more than a million church members to become disciples, and I am sharing the story of Jesus with 3 billion people who I have never heard it."

She then describes how she is investing in students through Kentucky Baptist colleges and universities, as well as seminary students across the nation. Her investment is bearing fruit in approximately 300 professions of faith that were made and more than 23,000 students reached through Baptist Collegiate Ministries last year alone.

My mother's claims might seem outrageous—yet she would be absolutely right in her assessment of her ministry. What she understands even better than her impact, though, is that she has not done it alone.

Over the years, my mother has partnered with thousands of other Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists to support ministries and missions through the Cooperative Program. She knows how her gifts make a tremendous im-

act worldwide as she helps fund 10,000 North American and international missionaries who tell the story of Jesus Christ every day.

My mother could stay in my office all day, telling me stories of CP impact. She could remind me of the times we visited Glen Dale Children's Home (now Sunrise Children's Services) in order to invite boys home to spend their vacations with us. To this day, Sunrise continues to provide ministry and hope to these young people.

She could tell me how her support helped start 21 High Impact churches across Kentucky and how those congregations have seen many people come to Christ. Mountain Community Fellowship in Paintsville is just one example I could picture her telling me about.

"I had the pleasure to meet Jason Hutchinson, pastor of Mountain Community Fellowship, who introduced me to a young lady named Markquettia," she would say with excitement. "Markquettia had lost hope in life and was far away from God as she struggled with a drug addiction and worked in a bar to support her children.

"Through the ministry of the Mountain Community Fel-

Markquettia and her pastor, Jason Hutchinson



lowship church plant, she has changed directions and has led all four of her children to faith in Christ," my mother would say. "Markquettia now works for a local hospital, worships regularly and teaches a preschool Bible study class. She loves her church family and has told me, 'He (God) turned my life around through the ministry of Mountain Community Fellowship!'"

Markquettia's powerful testimony is just one of the many lives that have been changed by Christ.

Over the years, as I have served as a pastor and led churches to give through CP, I have witnessed firsthand how this extraordinary plan empowers individuals and churches to advance the Kingdom of God around the globe.

Currently, I travel all across Kentucky helping Baptists to understand they are making an eternal impact through the Cooperative Program. My mother's testimony encourages me to keep sharing that good news.

Perhaps the most interesting fact about my mother's story is that she was born in 1925, the same year our convention adopted a worldwide mission budget plan in Memphis, Tenn., the same plan we now know as the Cooperative Program.

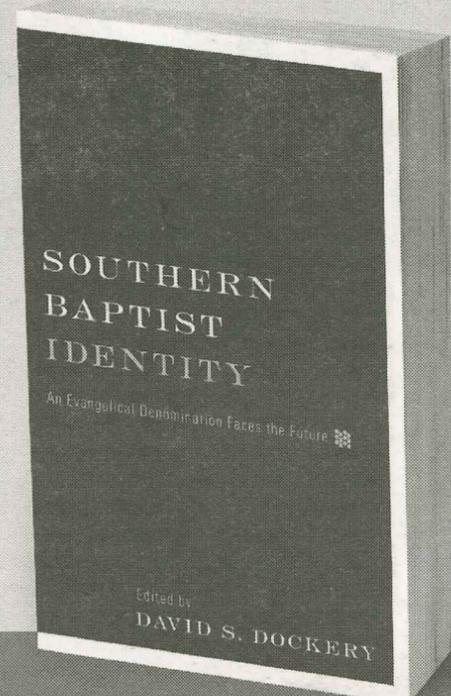
What many Southern Baptists may not realize is that this plan was adopted first by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, later to be called the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In fact, the vision for this cooperation was the innovation of Pastor H. Boyce Taylor of First Baptist Church of Murray. Taylor envisioned the joining together of resources from dedicated stewards like my mother that would strengthen mission work in all its churches. He realized we could do more together than alone, as did the early adopters of the Cooperative Program idea.

Now, 84 years after its creation, the Cooperative Program still is the most effective way to fund the ministry and mission causes of Kentucky and the work we do together as Southern Baptists. Combining resources streamlines administrative costs and accountability as churches, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention share a partnership of connecting people to Christ.

Most Southern Baptists will never meet my mother, yet we all share something very significant with her. The story she told me about her Kingdom impact is true of each person who gives through the Cooperative Program. CP is a grand vision that provides a unified commitment to spreading the gospel around the world: "For we are God's fellow workers ..." (1 Corinthians 3:9).

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First Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief unit is formed. Kentucky volunteers begin responding to disasters large and small, including the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York in 2001 and Gulf coast hurricanes in 2005.



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Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly ownership is assumed by the KBC from 11 western Kentucky associations. It is now part of the Kentucky Baptist Assemblies.

KBC enters into partnership with Baptists in Kenya in what is the first of many international partnerships to spread the Gospel.

KBC launches Kentucky Baptists Connect, a major initiative of Kentucky Baptists to share their faith more effectively, disciple believers and develop leaders.



Kentucky hosts the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Louisville.

# CP founder casts colorful figure in Kentucky Baptist life



H. Boyce Taylor

By Duane Bolin

Murray—The Lord works in mysterious ways. And God sometimes works through the oddest of people for His purposes. It was through a Western Kentucky contrarian pastor that the idea of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program was born.

The story of Boyce Taylor's contribution to the concept of cooperation began soon after his arrival at First Baptist Church of Murray when the congregation adopted a unified budget scheme of church finance in 1900.

Born in Ohio County in 1870, Taylor became a fourth-generation Baptist minister. A brilliant student at Bethel College in Russellville and Southern Seminary, Taylor reluctantly gave up plans to minister on a foreign mission field to stay close to home to help with family financial burdens following the death of his father.

He accepted a call in 1896 as pastor—"unseen, unsampled, and unheard" as one biographer wrote—of the 72-member Murray congregation. Within a few years, attendance regularly topped 500. The church "became noted as one of the greatest missionary churches in the denomination," and Taylor "became the dominating element in the religious thought of Western Kentucky."

Like many Baptists, Taylor's views were complex. A list of targets of his criticism is astonishing, defying easy categorization. Through the pages of his paper News and Truths, a Baptist weekly he published from 1904 to 1932, Editor Taylor lashed out against "unionism," Masonry, questionable social practices and denom-

inational "bossism."

He railed against card playing, evolution, mixed swimming, the movies, divorce, bootlegging, gambling, petting parties and automobiles. In one issue, published in 1930, Taylor listed the subjects "on church truth" to be discussed in future editorials: the "heresies of Methodism, Campbellism, Mormonism, Adventism, Presbyterianism, Holy Rollerism, Mourner's Benchism, Catholicism, Arminianism, Hardshellism ... Feminism ... Modernism, Schofieldism, etc."

During World War I—and shortly after being elected as moderator of Kentucky's General Association in 1917—Taylor temporarily resigned his pastorate when his pacifist views discussed from the pulpit and in the pages of News and Truths resulted in a storm of protest voiced in secular and church papers statewide.

In June 1918, Taylor faced "a public inquiry into (his) alleged disloyal utterances" before a committee of the Kentucky Council of Defense. The "inquiry could find no evidence to support the charges," and Taylor was reinstated as pastor of his Mur-

ray church. But within five months, the pastor was again embroiled in controversy, this time the result of his refusal to abide by a ban against public gatherings during the 1918 influenza epidemic.

When Taylor held services in violation of the ban—believing the government was infringing on freedom of religion rights—he was arrested "in the middle of his sermon." Released on bond and warned, Taylor again ignored the ban and gathered with a few determined members for a mid-week prayer service. Arrested again, he refused to pay the fines and was jailed for 60 days. He "rejoiced in his martyrdom" and sometimes preached from his cell window to church members outside.

Taylor indeed was a man of controversy, but he also was a person of conviction. As a staunch opponent of the Ku Klux Klan in Western Kentucky, as the organizer of the Amazon River Baptist Faith Mission in Brazil, as the originator of the West Kentucky Baptist Assembly and the West Kentucky Bible Institute, as moderator of the General Association, as one invited to preach the an-

nual sermon twice (1902 and 1913), and as an early supporter of the "Seventy-Five Million Campaign," Taylor's mark was made beyond the petty controversies in which he was constantly involved. Most significantly, Taylor is remembered as a founding leader of the spirit of cooperation among Baptists in Kentucky.

In 1900, Taylor led his church in adopting a unified budget plan of church finances, a system soon followed by other Kentucky churches. And in 1914, he was asked to serve as chairman of a committee that presented the budget plan to the entire General Association, which was adopted in 1915.

Kentucky's plan for unification and cooperation served as a model when the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the Cooperative Program in 1925. The irony of the controversial and enigmatic Taylor's role in founding the Cooperative Program was indicative of the perseverance of cooperation as a theme of Baptist life in Kentucky in the 20th century.

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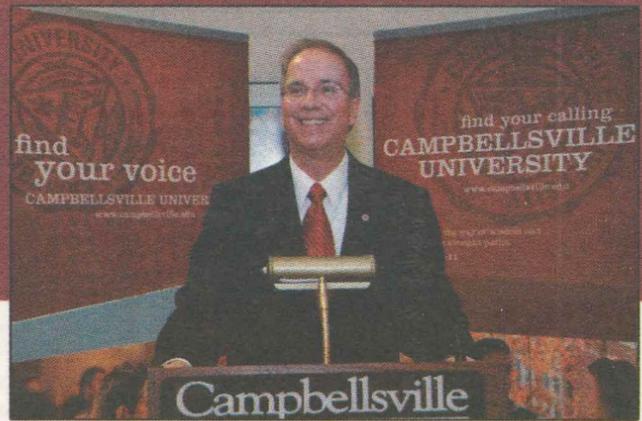
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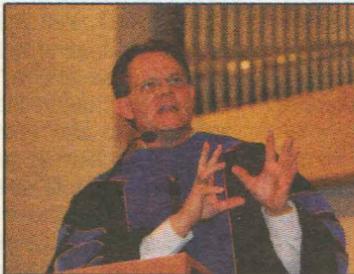


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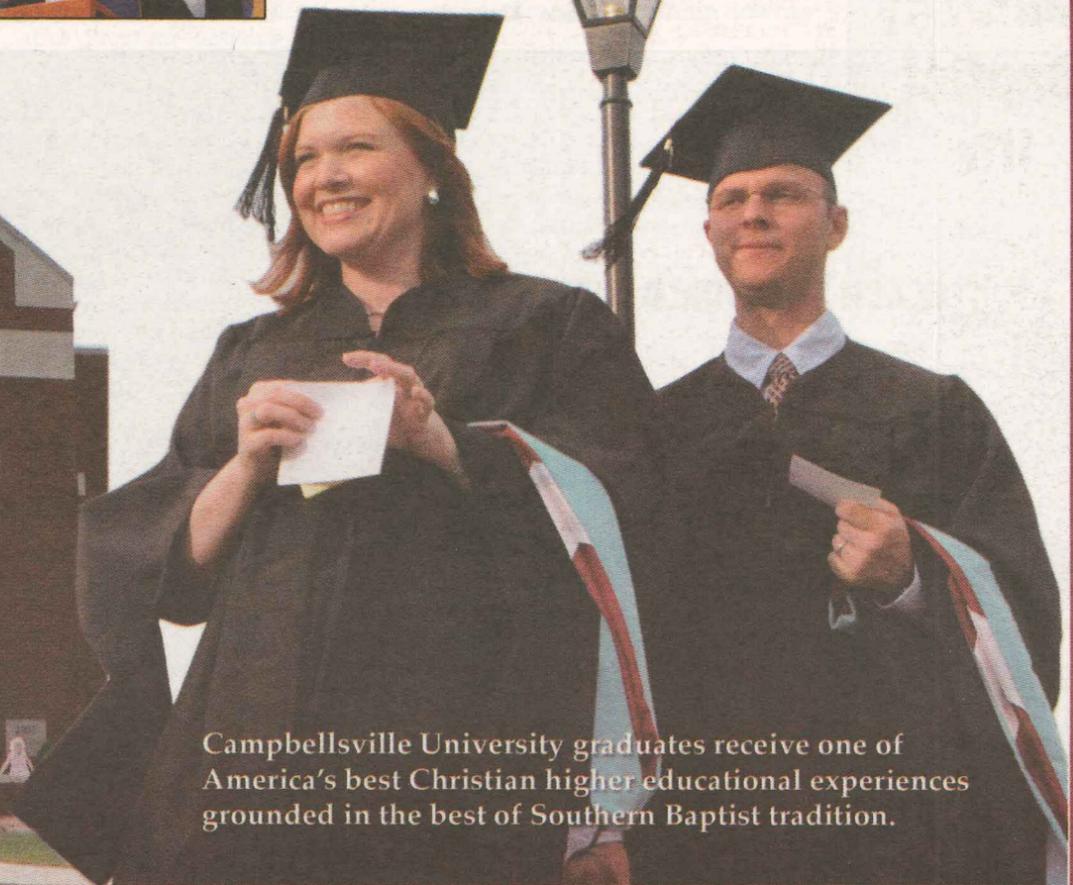
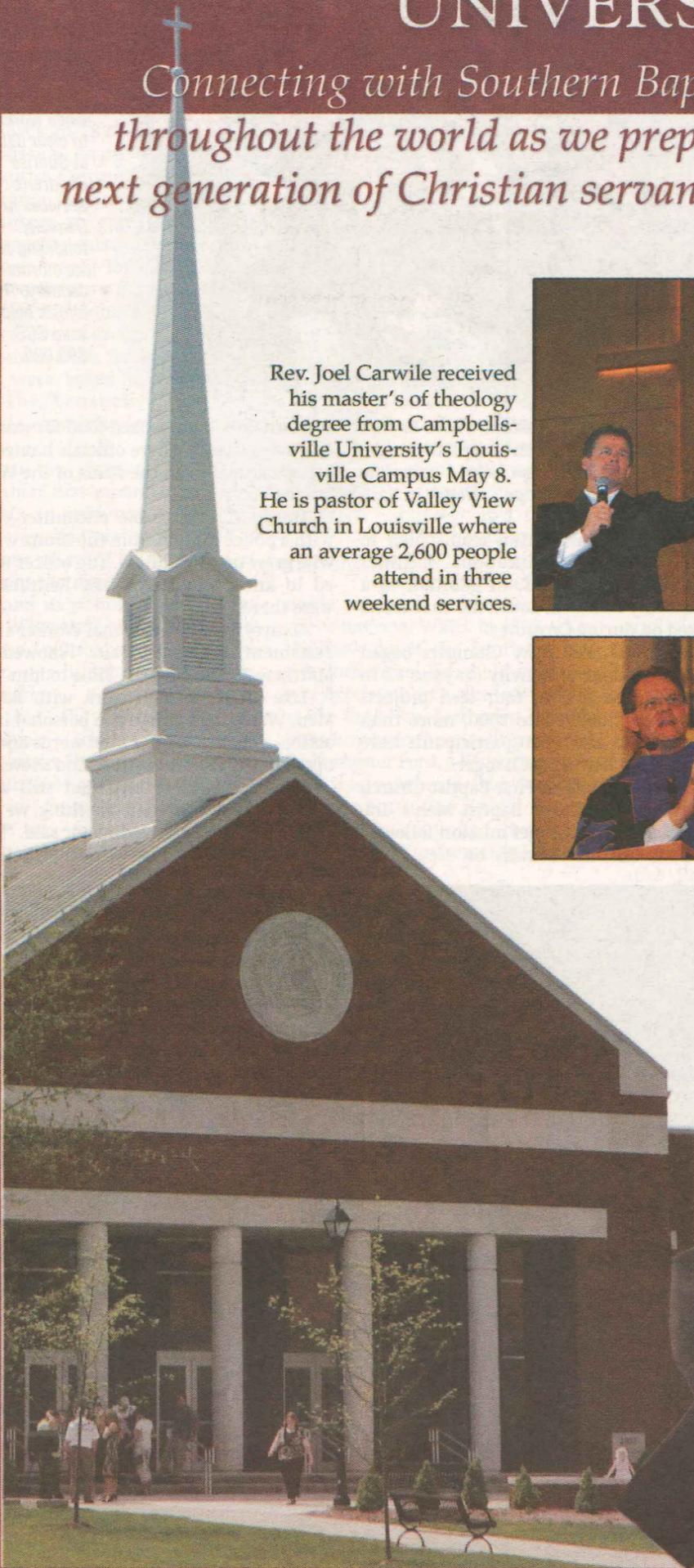
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Dr. Frank Page, center, pastor of the Taylors (S.C.) First Baptist Church, and past president of the SBC, took time to visit with local ministerial leaders on one of his visits to speak at CU.



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# Baptist Men demonstrating 'kind of love that still wows'

By Ken Walker

When a severe ice storm blanketed Kentucky in late January, the heavily-wooded, 25-acre campus of Sunrise Children's Services in Danville looked like a war zone.

After a tree service offered a bid of \$90,000 to remove debris, Sunrise's director of advancement Brent Blevins got a sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach.

"We're standing there, looking around, saying, 'What are we going to do?'" recalled Blevins. "We didn't have \$900 to clean up trees, let alone \$90,000."

Later that week, a representative of Kentucky's Baptist Men on Mission called to ask if the children's home needed help. The following Monday, the first of four crews appeared to cut and stack wood.

Blevins still marvels over the volunteers, who included a group from Maysville. The Kentucky team came twice, bringing heavy equipment that removed the last of the fallen trees so they could be hauled away.

"We'd never had a disaster where we needed any help of that kind," Blevins said. "They came in the door and said, 'We're ready to go.' They didn't need food, gasoline, anything."

Those volunteers were a small portion of more than 1,500 who responded to the emergency, a third coming from Kentucky.

They completed more than 3,300 chainsaw jobs, served nearly 60,000 meals, made nearly 1,400 ministry contacts and recorded 63 decisions for Christ.

That response symbolizes the best Kentucky's Baptist Men on Mission department has to offer, said Disaster Relief Associate Coy Webb.

"It showed our ability to minister and our effectiveness when we live out the gospel to witness to those who don't know Christ," Webb noted.

Baptist Men on Mission is a department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Mission Board staff in Louisville. Founded in 1907 as the Layman's Missionary Movement of Kentucky Baptists, Baptist Men on Mission went through several name changes over the past century. Today it spans 800 churches and nearly 14,000 members, including 2,600-plus active volunteers.

Among its two dozen ministries are Baptist Builders, Kentucky Changers (the state's version of World Changers), the R/6 Mentoring program for former inmates, and discipleship weekends.

Director Randy Foster said that while the 25-year-old disaster relief effort is a shining light, its other ministries are done with equal professionalism and commitment.

"Our focus is to seek to equip men and women and their families to be spiritually mature, find ministries and give their best effort to it," Foster said. "Our effort has been to make them good church members and good community leaders. We have young people growing up with a consciousness of missions and finding a life of service, which helps the convention."

Kentucky's volunteers traveled out of state 11 times last year and also responded to disasters in Kentucky 18 times. In addition to helping after Midwestern floods, a tornado in New Hampshire and multiple hurricanes, teams traveled to Nicaragua and the Republic of Georgia.

Inside Kentucky, assistance included



A group of Baptist men from Alabama take a break while working to clear debris at Sunrise Children's Services in Danville, following severe ice storms in January. Their efforts helped save SCS \$90,000.

construction help in Elkton, where Baptist Builders erected a church to replace one destroyed by fire. They also helped complete the first phase of a women's shelter in Eastern Kentucky.

This year, construction teams plan to build worship and educational facilities in Stanford and Dallas, in addition to a community center in Louisville that crews worked on during Crossover.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Changers began its 16th summer of activity on June 13 in Princeton, the first of four teen projects planned for 2009. Since 2000, more than 500 churches and 7,500 participants have taken part in Kentucky Changers.

Tom Westerfield of First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville knows Baptist Men's dramatic side. His first relief mission followed the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York.

Westerfield's team cooked food for workers on Staten Island, where officials hauled debris excavated from the ruins of the World Trade Center.

His most memorable encounter came with a police captain from the Bronx whose wife grew up in Wilmore. The officer wanted to know why her fellow Kentuckians were there.

"I carry a Gideon Personal Worker's New Testament," Westerfield said. "I showed him Matthew 25 and gave the Bible to him."

Like all those who work with Baptist Men, Westerfield enjoys the personal interaction, a chance to offer kind words and the opportunity to demonstrate God's love.

It is the kind of love that still wows Blevins. "It was beyond anything we had ever seen," the Sunrise director said. "They just showed up because we needed help."

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# Kentucky WMU

## Shaper of Woman's Missionary Union

By Joy Bolton

Louisville—Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union traces its beginnings back to 1878 when the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention called for the formation of state Central Committees to give guidance to the emerging missionary societies that were being formed in many churches. Before a national organization of missionary societies was even a dream, six women from Louisville were asked to form the Kentucky Central Committee in 1878.

Those six women made their first report in 1880. In just two years, they had secured the name of every Baptist church in the state of Kentucky and its pastor, as well as the names of Baptist women. They wrote letters and enlisted others across the state to help in organizing missionary societies.

In 1882, the Kentucky Central Committee started a publication, the *Heathen Helper*, which shaped the future of WMU. Though published in Louisville, the paper's influence was felt throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Agnes Osborne, corresponding secretary of the Kentucky Central Committee, served as editor. She wrote to each of the other 13 Central Committees and invited them to send items for publication. The monthly paper was filled with reports, editorials and life sketches from other lands. Fannie E.S. Heck said that it had become

"the voice of the scattered (missionary) societies."

In 1885, a second publication, *The Baptist Basket*, also was started in Louisville. This publication was published monthly to encourage giving. An excerpt from the April 1893 issue describes WMU work, including the giving of 10 cents monthly by the members for missions. This description concludes: "Southern Baptist women, thus at work, would give one million dollars for missions annually." No one ever would have dreamed of the millions that would one day be given for missions.

Another significant connection to Kentucky that many do not know is the importance of a meeting held in Louisville one year before the founding of national WMU. In 1887, when the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was held at Broadway Methodist Church, the women met at the Broadway Methodist Church. Presiding over the meeting was Sallie Rochester Ford, a Kentucky native who was convinced that Southern Baptist women had a right to organize and that, if united, could raise more boards for the struggling mission boards.

Many women came to the meeting in Louisville hoping that some sort of organization would be formed. At this historic gathering, the women decided that it would be best to wait a year, believing that for the organization to receive the sanction of the SBC and be in good stand-



**KENTUCKY WMU STAFF**  
(left to right) LaRaine Rice, Brenda Price, Donna Dye, Joy Bolton, Stacy Nall, Wanda Walker, Denise Gardner, Wendy Stout, and Glenda Triplett



Sallie Rochester Ford

ing among the women, it ought to be voted upon by delegates from each state.

So, though Richmond, Va., always gets credit for being the location for the founding of national WMU, the real decision to organize was made in Louisville in May 1887 and carried out the next year. The representatives of the state central committees went to Richmond in 1888 and voted to form a national organization that we know today as Woman's Missionary Union.

Since that time, Kentucky WMU has played a vital role in the development of WMU work. In addition to providing the foundation for the publications work of national WMU, Kentucky WMU had a significant role in the development of SBC cooperative giving. When the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign—predecessor of the Cooperated Program—national WMU accepted \$15 million as its part of the goal. Kentucky WMU "loaned" Janie Cree Bose for four months to help with the field work. Though the effort fell short of its goal, both Kentucky WMU and national WMU exceeded their commitments to the campaign.

Kentucky WMU led the effort to establish a Religious Training School for young women after opening a home in 1904 for young women attending seminary. After much debate, WMU, SBC agreed to take on the school and opened it as the WMU Training School in October 1907. The vision was "of a fully equipped school for young women, equal to the best and under the control and direction of the Baptist women of the south." A new building, known affectionately as "House Beautiful," was erected in 1917 and still stands today as the home of Metro United Way. WMUTS later moved to a site next to Southern Seminary and eventually became the Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

The most familiar name in Kentucky WMU history is Eliza Broadus. A contemporary of Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong, Broadus served Kentucky Baptists with distinction for 50 years. Daughter of John Broadus, president of Southern Seminary, she was a member of the missionary society of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church and was a charter member of the Kentucky Central Committee in 1878. In 1888, when national WMU was formed, Eliza was elected vice president. She led Kentucky WMU to es-

establish an annual offering for state missions in 1913, and Kentucky WMU named the offering in her honor in 1975.

Today, Kentucky WMU is a strong partner of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is perceived as vital to any state missions endeavor. The Eliza Broadus Offering continues to provide significant funding for Kentucky missions.

Kentucky WMU has elected officers and an Executive Board which give oversight to the work. The work of the state office, housed at the Kentucky Baptist Building, is carried out by a staff of nine.

Anna Mary Byrdwell is known across Kentucky for her passion for missions, fun spirit, great stories and wonderful cooking. Byrdwell served on the Kentucky WMU staff for 37 years and still is active in missions through Friendship International and her church.

Brenda Price, associate executive director, has been on the Kentucky WMU staff for 27 years. She and Byrdwell are among many in Kentucky with a lifetime commitment to WMU. Across our state, countless women serve faithfully in churches and associations.

Marcia Ballard, Acteens leader for Boone's Creek Association, said of her teenage years in Acteens, "I began to recognize that someday we Acteens were going to be the adults. It didn't take long for me to figure out that if other teenage girls were going to have the same opportunity to 'do missions' in the future, that I was going to have to be an adult woman who helped make it happen."

Ballard continued, "I never really shared with anyone that I felt 'called' to be an Acteens leader. At the time, I didn't even understand it as a calling myself. I only knew that if I wanted to make things happen as an adult, I would have to begin preparing myself for those roles during my youth. My Acteens leader was always there as my constant encourager. She showed me what it meant to 'live the call'—just as women had taught her years before."

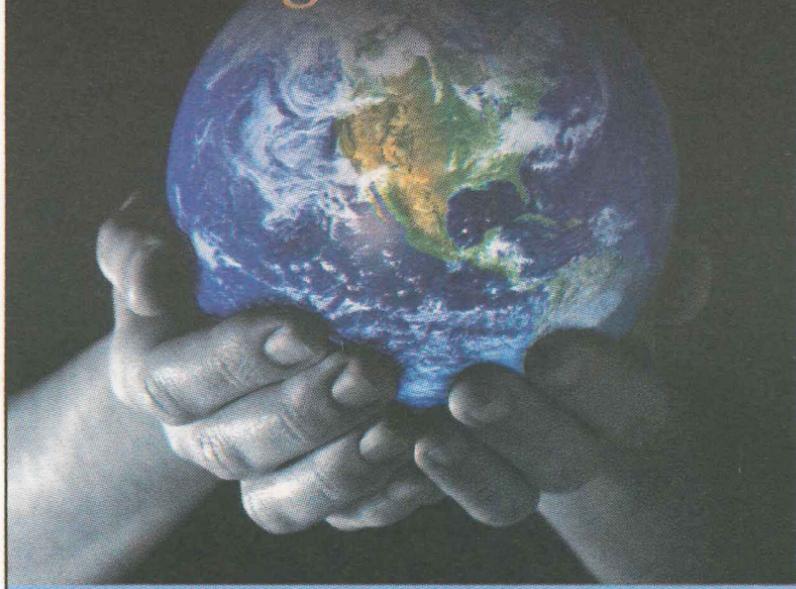
That's the impact of WMU, and it continues today as each generation passes on the passion of missions to the next generation. Young women still are watching us. They love our heritage and the fact that we have been praying, giving and doing missions for more than 100 years. It is a heritage we want to pass on.

Joy Bolton is executive director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union



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**Patricia Reaves**, current president of Kentucky WMU, and her husband, Dudley, are models of what it means to live a missions lifestyle. They both teach Mission Friends at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Louisville, where their daughter Kristin also teaches Mission Friends, and daughter Laura teaches Girls in Action and serves as church WMU director. Their grandson, Luke, has been in their class, and granddaughters, Faith and Caleigh, are active members of Acteens.



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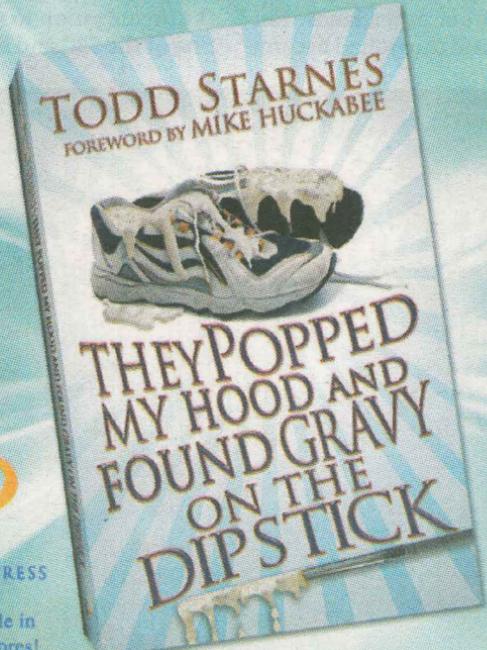
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# Louisville

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Welcome to Louisville! Family vacations often coincide with annual trips to Southern Baptist Convention host sites. As you visit the Derby City this week, consider learning more about its culture, history and great hospitality.

**Ten family-friendly activities**

**1. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.** 800 West Main St. (877) 7-SLUGGER. Museum and factory tours - 2 hours. Factory only - 25 minutes. Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$10 - Ages 13-59; \$9 - 60+; \$5 - Ages 6-12; Kids 5 and younger are free.



**2. Kentucky Derby Museum/ Walking tour of Churchill Downs.** 704 Central Ave. (502) 637-7097. Monday-Saturday hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$12 - Ages 19-54; \$11 - 55+; \$8 - Ages 13-18; \$5 - Children 5-12; Kids 5 and younger are free.

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**4. Louisville Zoo & Glacier Run Splash Park.** 1100 Trevilian Way - (502) 456-0701. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$11.95 - Adults; \$8.50 - Children 3-11; Free - 2 and younger; \$9.95 - 60+.

**5. Frazier International History**

**Museum.** 829 West Main St. (502) 753-5663. Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: Noon-5 p.m. Admission (without audio tour): \$9 - Adults; \$8 - Military; \$7 - Seniors (60+); \$6 - Students; \$6 - Children under age 14; Children under 5 are free.

**6. Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom & Splashwater Kingdom.** Located near Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, intersection of I-65 and I-264. Admission rates and operating hours - [www.SixFlags.com/KentuckyKingdom](http://www.SixFlags.com/KentuckyKingdom).

**7. Fourth Street Live (Downtown).** Restaurants (including Hard Rock Café), retail shops and live music events.

**8. Louisville Waterfront Park (on Ohio River).** 129 East River Road. Features "The Great Lawn," water park, playground, walking, jogging and biking.

**9. Cherokee Park.** 745 Cochran Hill Road, Willow Avenue, Cherokee Parkway. Great recreational area for picnics, walking, jogging and biking.

**10. J.B. Speed Art Museum.** 2035 South Third St. - (502) 634-2700. Admission to permanent exhibits - Free (\$4 donation is recommended). Tickets needed for special exhibitions.

**Local Cuisine**

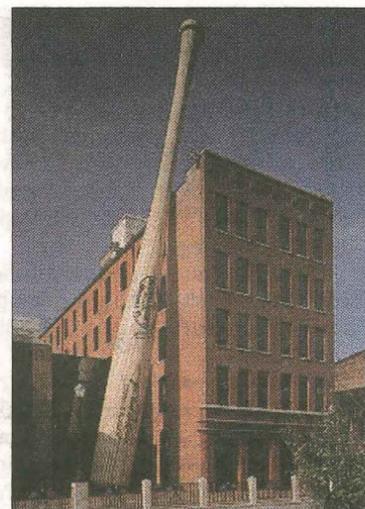
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*Compiled by Denise Withers, event and hospitality specialist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.*

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## Campbellsville's Louisville campus makes pastor's academic goal reality

By Joan McKinney

Louisville—An entourage from Valley View Church in Louisville followed their pastor, Joel Carwile, as he received his Master of Theology degree from Campbellsville University in May.

"Ministry is all about relationships," said Carwile, 45. "I know every pastor believes his church is the friendliest, but mine really is."

A supportive wife and church family were key to completing his degree requirements in 15 months, Carwile said, and equally important was the fact that he could attend classes close to home at CU's Louisville campus.

The class schedule and student-to-teacher ratio appealed to the pastor.

"I had been prayerfully seeking an opportunity to continue my education when one of our church members at Valley View, Kim Miracle, asked me to fill out a recommendation letter for her," Carwile recalled.

"As she shared about the CU Louisville campus, I thought this might be an opportunity to utilize my time wisely and still accomplish a graduate degree that is well-respected and serves as a platform for doctoral work down the road," he said.

"I learn best when I can interact with the professor, ask questions and be stretched," he added.

The professors practice what they teach. "This keeps them sharp and up to date on an ever-changing culture," Carwile said. The Louisville faculty and staff "go beyond what is required to answer questions, provide guidance and assure your degree pursuit will be accomplished in a timely man-



**GRADUATION DAY** From left: Michael Dean Hearn; Joel Carwile, pastor of Valley View Church in Louisville; and James Gribbins pose for a photo prior to spring commencement at Campbellsville University. Hearn leads the couples ministry at Valley View. Gribbins is assistant coordinator for admissions/marketing at CU's Louisville campus where all three men recently completed requirements for the Master of Theology degree. (Campbellsville University photo by André Tomaz)

ner," he continued. "The personal touch with each student is over the top. I am thankful and grateful for the great staff."

"Joel has been a tremendous asset in the Master of Theology program," said Joshua McFarland, technology coordinator at the Louisville campus. "His insight in leadership, pastoral care and evangelism has assisted many of the students who do not have his background or experience in the ministry."

Carwile said his congregation was as supportive as the Louisville Campus. He added that CU trustee and Valley View member Jerry Blankenship and his wife, Barbara, have been surrogate parents for

his family. "Valley View's leadership has been so supportive of my continuing my education to better serve the Lord and them," Carwile said.

### Fellow grads also fellow servants

About 2,600 people attend one of three Valley View services each weekend. June 10 marked Carwile's second anniversary at the church. In that time, 795 people have joined the church with 434 people baptized.

Valley View's previous pastor, Kevin Hamm, laid a great foundation for his successor, Carwile said. Hamm now is pastor of Gardendale (Ala.) First Baptist Church.

Valley View Church planted its first

church in April. LifeSong Church meets at Valley High School and is led by CU Louisville staff member and graduate, James Gribbins.

Valley View's couples ministry is led by a husband and wife team: Michael Hearn, a 2009 Master of Theology graduate from CU's Louisville, and his wife, Tiffany.

Valley View's goal "is to have every ministry biblically operating under missions, evangelism and discipleship. Everything we do as a church is to be led by these three areas," said Carwile, who recently marked 20 years in Christian ministry.

"My life has been on a fast track ever since I said 'yes' to the ministry."

He and his wife, Jo, have been married 16 years and have a son, Zeke, 3.

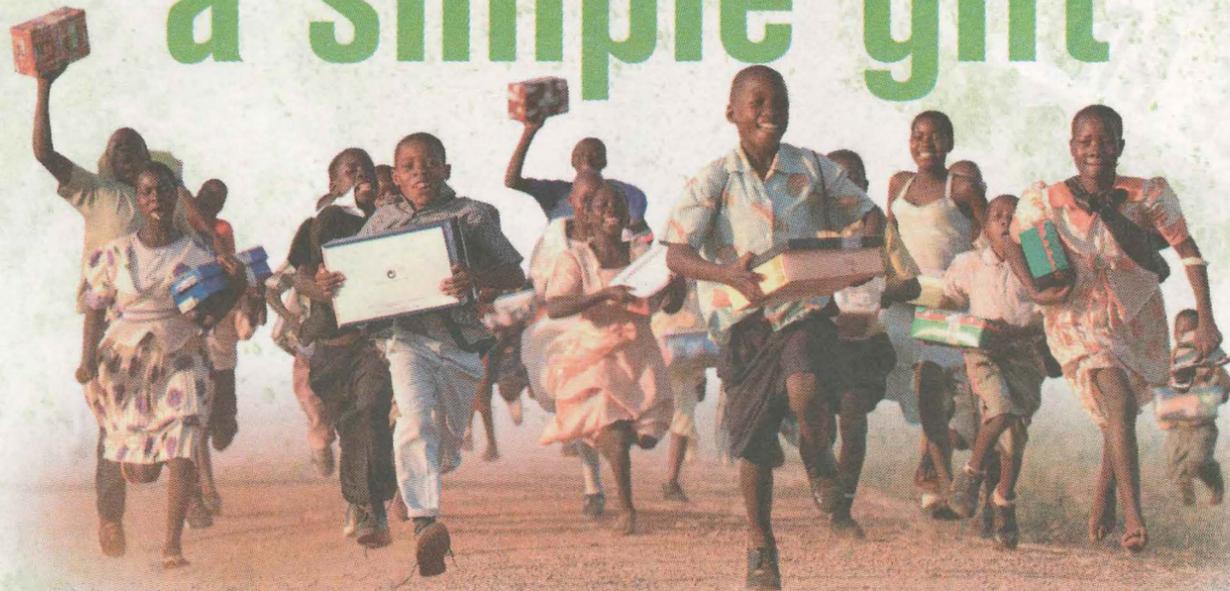
"Jo is very supportive of my ministry, and is a great mom," Carwile said, adding that his wife "also challenges me to maintain a biblical balance of ministry at a large church, being a good husband and a doting daddy to my little boy.

"Ministry is about balance," he continued. "After 20 years I still love people, preaching and being a pastor. I still get a kick out of studying and researching for a message. I still enjoy meeting new people. In fact, I haven't got over the fact Jesus died on the cross for me, rose on the third day for me, and is coming back for me. This gospel message is my life.

"I am humbled and honored to have been called to preach," he said. "Serving others is the highest calling any one of us can ever have."

Joan McKinney is news and publications coordinator for Campbellsville University

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**Georgetown alumnus**

**Former SBC president still mentoring, doing God's work**

By Jim Durham

Ocala, Fla.—Three years after retiring from a 28-year pastorate at First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., Jim Henry is busier than ever—mentoring, speaking and listening. He also is in his third interim position, most recently at First Baptist Church of Ocala, Fla.

"I am not retiring," said the former Southern Baptist Convention president, who added, with a laugh, "I am re-deploying."

Now that he no longer has the full-time church duties, Henry said, "Things I enjoyed as pastor I'm getting to do more of now." That would include retreats, pastor conferences, church dedications and pastor anniversary speaking engagements.

Recently, he delivered the high school commencement address at Nashville's Donelson Christian Academy with grandson "Trey" (Jim Henry, III) among the graduates. And, he is looking forward to teaching a pastor/staff retreat in August with Bob Russell, retired, longtime pastor of Louisville's Southeast Christian Church. The event will be held at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove near Asheville, N.C.

"I really enjoy mentoring the younger guys," Henry said. "Sometimes I will just listen to their challenges on the phone."

He promoted mentoring when he spoke at the Georgetown College Ministry Reunion in 2006—a first for his alma mater. The 1959 graduate said he enjoyed seeing Ken Mahanes, vice president of religious

life at Palm Beach Atlantic University and a 1965 graduate, at the reunion. They got to know each other after college.

Henry was able to reconnect with a number of alumni who are "special in God's work," such as retired foreign missionaries Bill and Alice Marshall, who founded the Marshall Center for Christian Ministry at Georgetown College.

In a 2007 interview for Georgetown's alumni magazine, Henry said he was "still digesting" the institution's new, working relationship with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He said, "The way it was handled was as well as it could be. I pray that it will play out in the future, but history will tell."

This is especially important to him because Georgetown is where he met his wife, Jeannette Sturgeon Henry, class of 1960.

Earlier this month, when asked how he felt about Georgetown's direction, Henry replied, "I haven't heard a lot—and that's good news. My take on it is that

President Bill Crouch is keeping the college's Christian heritage strong."

Henry is well known for preaching Christian unity. After giving the keynote speech at a Kentucky Baptist Convention pastor/ deacon/spouse retreat in Bowling Green in 2007, he told the Western Recorder, "Unity

is the highest expression of Christian faith. When they see unity in a world that is dis-united, it's like a magnet drawing people to Christ."

In a retirement feature in the Orlando Sentinel in 2006 which celebrated the career of Henry, Mark Pinsky wrote: "A key to his success and longevity, experts and congregation members agree, has been his uncanny ability to clothe conservative Baptist theology—with its rural and small-town roots, and straight-laced values—in the more casual attire of the modern Sun Belt."

During his tenure, First Baptist, Orlando, added a contemporary service that features a rock band, and Henry welcomed homosexuals into his congregation, even though he had campaigned against a gay-rights ordinance passed by city council. In the late 1970s, Henry nominated a female member to represent the state on the SBC's national executive committee.

While SBC president for two terms (1994-96), he introduced Billy Graham at the sesquicentennial anniversary, and he opposed a boycott of the Walt Disney Company over family values issues because he feared foremost that families in his congregation would be affected.

Today, he looks back at the aftermath

of the Disney World resolution as a difficult time. "But it was also a challenging opportunity," he recalled. "God opened some doors, and that turned out to be good."

Another challenge as president that gives him reason to be proud was leading the SBC in a resolution of racial reconciliation, acknowledging the complicity in slavery and lack of support for civil rights for African Americans.

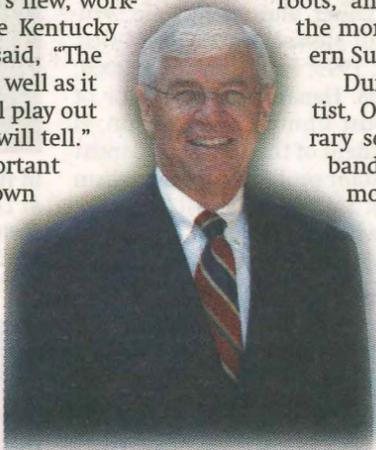
"I go places now and have African-American preachers talk about that, and thank me still," Henry said.

Marshall, who served on the Foreign Mission Board from 1964 to 1983, and then as KBC executive secretary until 1997, is grateful for Henry's friendship, even though the two haven't always seen eye-to-eye.

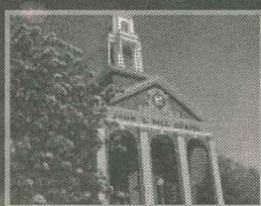
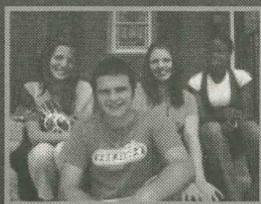
"Jim and I became friends at Georgetown in the 1950s and have remained such through our mutual interests and participation in foreign missions, the Baptist World Alliance, SBC committees and meetings," Marshall said. "Though we both knew we differed on some of the denomination's politics, it was never a source of fracturing our relationship. He is a well-known and multi-gifted pastor whose warm heart and outgoing personality accompanied his genuine passion for 'lost or wandering sheep.'"

Georgetown President Crouch agreed: "I am so proud to call this true man of God and integrity—Jim Henry—a Georgetown College graduate."

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# 'No ordinary campus'

*University of the Cumberlands' roots travel deep alongside Kentucky Baptists, Southern Baptists*

By Daphne Baird

**Williamsburg**—"This is no ordinary campus. Here, youngsters have traditionally found a home away from home. This is a campus where professors give exceptional time and talent to the students. Good, old-time values are taken seriously at Cumberland College as they are transmitted from one generation to the next."

Jim Taylor, in the prologue to his history of the University of the Cumberlands titled "A Bright, Shining City Set on a Hill," sums up this remarkable institution in the Kentucky mountains.

From the beginning, knowledge and strong values have been passed down just as the faith, family stories, quilts and music of this region have been handed down. This is how families, and this university, grow stronger.

Cumberlands always has been intertwined with the work of Kentucky Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention. It was entirely appropriate that the school put forth tentative shoots and roots in a rugged mountain church, in the minds, hearts and vision of faithful Baptists. In September 1887, representatives of churches in the Mount Zion Baptist Association first met and discussed the need for a college. The education committee's report stated, "The great need of founding a Baptist college in the county for the education of our sons and daughters."

This was truly a leap of faith for such a poor area, but faith was one thing none of the founders lacked. As with any God-inspired endeavor, the task required talent, resources and intelligence from many individuals.

One such person was Green Clay Smith, a Civil War general, former presidential candidate and governor of the Montana Territory who left politics in 1876 to become a Baptist minister. He served as Kentucky Baptist Association president for eight years and was pastor of First Baptist Church of Somerset. Through his effort, influence and perseverance, the doors of Williamsburg Institute opened in January 1889.

Another person vital to Cumberlands was E.S. Moss. One of the organizers of Williamsburg's First Baptist Church, Moss, a physician, businessman and civic leader, helped procure land for the institute and served as the board of trustees' first chairman.

In December 1887, at a special meeting of Mount Zion Association, supporters—inspired by Smith—pledged \$4,005 for the school. In the spring, the Kentucky legislature approved the charter, and the institute was given the authority to award the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees.

From these humble roots came the school first known as Williamsburg Institute, then Cumberland College, and now, University of the Cumberlands.

Through the years, Cumberlands has produced thousands of graduates, many have be-

come ministers, missionaries and church and educational leaders.

In addition to Smith, many other leaders and students from Cumberlands have served as Kentucky Baptist Convention president: Ancil Gatliff, founder, 1915-1916; A.T. Siler, a trustee for more than 50 years, 1944-1945; his son, Congressman Eugene Siler, 1953-1954; and his grandson, Eugene Siler Jr., 2004. Other alumni include: William Jagers, 1982; Bill Messer, 1990; Floyd Price, 1997; Charles Barnes, 1999; Paul Chitwood, 2006; and Bill Henard, 2008. Henard, senior pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, is current first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and assistant professor of evangelism and church growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

These and others also have served in other leadership roles in the KBC and SBC. Ergun Caner, class of 1989, is president of Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va.

A 1978 Cumberland College graduate, Henard received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the university in September 2008. In December, his Cumberland classmate and roommate, Dean Haun, now pastor of First Baptist Church of Morristown, Tenn., spoke during convocation.

Haun reached out to today's students, as he told them that he and Henard had been college roommates, and that the two of them had been voted the "least likely to succeed as ministerial students." He said that they were good examples of what God can do in a person's life—examples students should remember when they have doubts and worries about the future. God "can use you in an incredible way," he said.

The same can be said of University of the Cumberlands. God continues to use this extraordinary institution to reach out to Appalachia and the world through the work and teaching of its alumni. Here, values and sound learning continue to be "handed down" from one generation to the next.

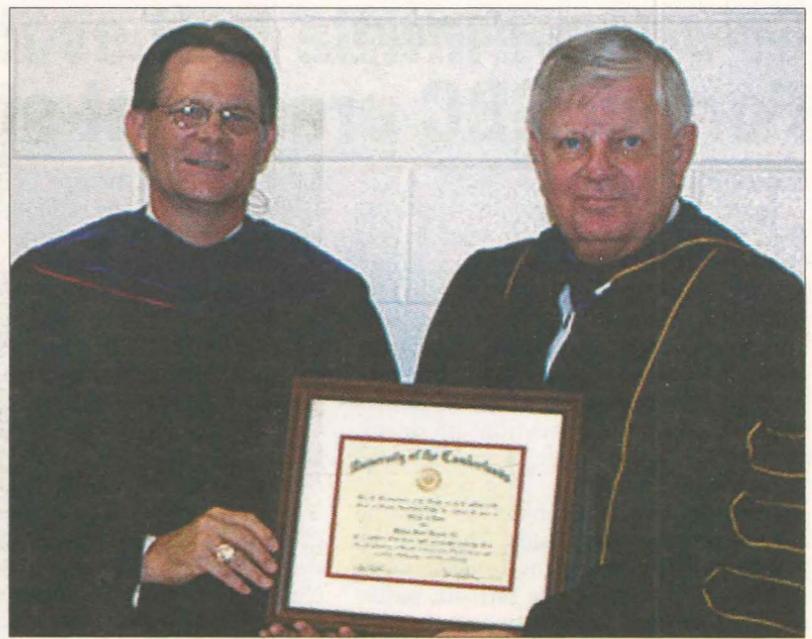
Daphne Baird is director of media relations for University of the Cumberlands



'GOD CAN USE YOU' Alumnus Dean Haun, pastor of First Baptist Church of Morristown, Tenn., addresses a convocation last year at Cumberlands.



A PLACE OF HISTORY Roburn Hall opened its doors Jan. 7, 1889 as Williamsburg Institute. Later it was named Cumberland College and now is University of the Cumberlands.



IN RECOGNITION Bill Henard (left), senior pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, receives an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from University of the Cumberlands President Jim Taylor in 2008. Henard is current first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. (University of the Cumberlands photos)

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**OUT OF THE STORM**

# Crossover leader Barnes is product of Oneida Baptist Institute

By Myrtle Webb Cooke

**Oneida**—Oneida Baptist Institute is a boarding school for children in grades 6-12 founded in 1899 by James Anderson Burns, a Clay County man with a vision.

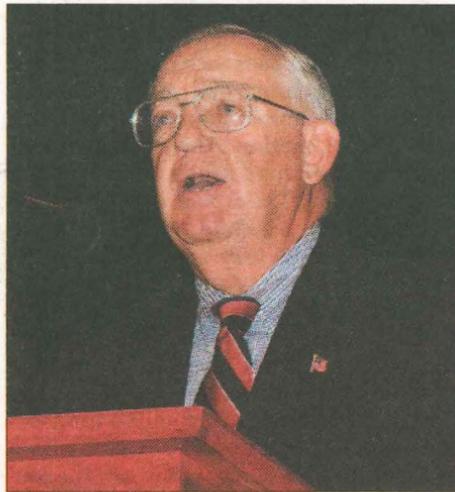
As a young man, Burns was drawn into a feud that his father left Kentucky to escape. He was determined, Burns wrote, "to avenge the blood of my relatives." The next several years were filled with violence until, after one conflict, Burns was badly injured and left for dead.

He managed to make it up the mountain, but when he came down three days later, he was a changed man. Burns was determined to stop the feuding and "to save the mountain children from this terrible curse." But how, he asked himself, could he stop feuds that had persisted for generations?

Burns' answer was a school founded on Christian principles, where students would live, study, worship and work together. In the fall of 1899 at an emotionally charged meeting, the feud-weary people of Clay County embraced Burns' idea. Two weeks later, Burns laid the cornerstone for the school's first building. Soon men on both sides of the feud were working together to build their school.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Oneida Baptist Institute opened its doors. Burns began the school day by reading Psalm 127:1—"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

After 110 years, Oneida Baptist Institute has 3,523 alumni living in all parts of the United States and many other countries. One of its graduates is Charles Barnes, class



**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS** Charles Barnes addresses messengers to the 2001 annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In addition to being one of only two laymen in recent memory to serve as KBC president, Barnes was chairman of the committee charged with exploring Kentucky Baptists' response to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000.

of 1953, who lives in Louisville.

Born in New Haven in 1935, Barnes is the son of John and Mary Barnes. His father and grandfather both were Baptist ministers.

Barnes' grandfather, the evangelist E.W. Barnes, and song leader D.C. Sparks worked together to share the gospel. Sparks later became Oneida's seventh president, serving from 1948 to 1962.

During his youth, Charles Barnes attended summer boys' camp at Oneida. When he reached high school, his father, then serv-

ing in Harlan County, decided that Oneida Baptist Institute would provide his son a well-rounded Christian education that he would not get in public school.

At Oneida, the younger Barnes excelled academically and was involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including Baptist Student Union, choir, yearbook and Junior Conservation Club. During his senior year, Barnes was editor of the yearbook, president of his class and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by the faculty.

Barnes went on to Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands) and finished first in his class. Pursuing a career in business, Barnes completed his undergraduate degree and master's degree at University of Louisville's School of Business.

Looking back, Barnes said he recognizes that Oneida prepared him academically to succeed in college as well as provided an atmosphere for him to grow spiritually. With faculty such as Martha Bain Rice, he said he was challenged to be a leader in and out of the classroom.

Pursuing a career in banking, Barnes remained in Louisville after college and was employed for 40 years by First National Bank. For 14 years prior to his retirement in 1994, he was executive vice president of First Kentucky National Corporation, which owned First National Bank and other banks in the state.

Barnes has a long history with Kentucky Baptists. For 35 years he assisted in inner-city missions in Louisville. He is a member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church where he leads an adult Sunday school class, is

chairman of the properties committee and church moderator.

In 1998-99, Barnes served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, an elected position, typically held by a pastor. Over the years, he has served on numerous committees and work groups for the convention. Currently he is a member of the KBC Mission Board, the business and finance committee and administrative committee. He also serves on the board of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and is chairman of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation board of directors.

Most recently, Barnes has served as coordinator for Crossover 2009, an evangelistic emphasis held prior to the start of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. This year's event was expected to draw thousands of Southern Baptists to Louisville to assist local churches in spreading the gospel door to door, and also serving through a variety of projects ranging from block parties and prayerwalking, to the construction of a community learning center in the inner-city.

Volunteers were expected to serve alongside 140 area churches in 41 ministry venues.

The vision of Oneida Baptist Institute has changed over the years to keep up with our changing times. However, our mission remains the same: "Education for time and eternity." Our past, present and future mission is to provide a Christian education to all our students that will endure "for time and Eternity."

Myrtle Webb Cooke is alumni coordinator for Oneida Baptist Institute

## Clear Creek prepares gospel 'warriors' to face spiritual darkness around world

By Jay Sulfridge

**Pineville**—A 1996 movie, "The Ghost and the Darkness," was based on a true story about two man-eating lions responsible for as many as 135 deaths, causing construction of the Uganda-Mombasa Railway in Tsavo, Kenya, to ground to a halt. The name Tsavo, meaning "place of slaughter," already was attached to the region before a light-colored lioness, called Ghost, and her hunting partner, Darkness, prowled in the late 1890s. The name referred to the violent actions of the Masai warriors who still occupy the area. In fact, Masai warriors appear in a hunt scene in the movie.

Also depicted in the movie—though probably fictionalized—is a missionary named Angus Starling who becomes one of the victims.

Out of the movie set and into reality, we are reminded that Africa is a real continent; Tsavo is a real place; lions and Masai warriors remain a real part of life there; and real missionaries still serve among them.

Missionaries called to Africa—or any other distant part of the globe—are called to radical change and inestimable adjustment. They often are placed in harm's way as they minister in Christ's name. They go armed with the gospel where others are reluctant to go armed with guns. Where in the world do you go to train for such radical service?

Established in 1926 in the Appalachian Moun-

tains—primarily to train pastors for service in that area—Clear Creek Baptist Bible College has been blessed to send missionaries all over the world.

Charles and Carolyn Dixon, 1993 alumni of Clear Creek, are finishing a career as missionaries in Morogoro, Tanzania, a few hundred miles south of the area once terrorized by the infamous, man-eating lions.

God used the Dixons to start a school in that part of the world. Carolyn still signs her letters with her African name, Mama Paulo. It is obvious that her heart always will be in Tanzania.

Even further south in Mozambique, Jimmy Shaw calls on the training he received more recently at Clear Creek. Other alumni serve in Argentina, China, Germany, Guam, Puerto Rico and 36 U.S. states. Clear Creek alumni serve as missionaries, pastors, church staff ministers, chaplains, evangelists and in any other capacity required by God's call on their lives.

Clear Creek has students serving—and learning—around the globe. We offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in ministry that can be completed online.

Angus Starling had two lines in "The Ghost and the Darkness" that were striking. One came in a scene where he had labored to help build a fence of thorn bushes to keep the lions away from their camp. He held up his bloody hands that were torn by the thorns and reminiscent of the Savior for whom the missionary toiled. "I like the blood," he confessed. "Is that so strange?"

His other memorable line referred to their labor together in building the fence. "Even you two must admit," he chided his companions, "it's glorious what man can accomplish. With one common, splendid goal, there are no limits."

The motto of Southern Baptists in support of mission work for many years has been "one sacred effort." Clear Creek is blessed to be used by God in that effort to train those who are called into Christian service.

Jay Sulfridge is dean of institutional advancement at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville

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# Sunrise providing care, comfort to 400 children across Kentucky

By John Shindlebower

Mount Washington—Times change, circumstances change, methods change, but even in the midst of so much turbulence, there are things that remain consistent. One is the unfortunate reality that there are children among us who suffer from neglect and abuse. Another is the biblical command that we as the church have responsibility to care for those children.

After 140 years, Sunrise Children's Services remains committed to carrying out that command as it provides comfort, care and support to an average of 400 children every day across Kentucky in various residential treatment centers, foster homes and counseling services.

The agency was born out of the need of children, and the obedience of believers obeying God's call in the years immediately following the Civil War. As a border state, Kentucky bore a heavy brunt of the suffering from that conflict, suffering that had its most lasting impact on families and young children. Thousands of Kentucky children were left orphans.

In 1869, the Ladies Aid Society at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville an-

swered the call to help and formed the Baptist Orphans' Home. With the help of donations and contributions from other churches, those women opened up a home for orphaned children, and the ministry began under the direction of Mary Hollingsworth.

Over the decades, thousands of children were placed in the loving care of this home. They came from various backgrounds, the product of tragic circumstances and sad stories. But once inside the walls, the dedicated ladies running the home gave the children a sense of value and worth.

One such child was Mary Elizabeth, who arrived in Louisville with two other siblings after the passing of their mother. She was 5 years old when she entered the doors, and for five years she lived under the care and guidance of the orphanage staff.

She can recall how the children were divided into age groups and how they were cared for when sick. She remembers with fondness the meals the children had together, the lessons they learned in school and on the playground and the chores that taught them to be responsible.

She remembers learning to sew, learning the importance of respecting others, kneeling at their beds each night for prayer, and attending church on Sunday mornings, where children often found a caring adult to sit with. Sometimes those adults would give them a piece of candy or slip them a penny or nickel. The orphanage would keep the money for the children, and every so often, they would take the children to the store to spend it on whatever they wanted.

Mary's younger sister was adopted by a family in Maysville, her brother Harold was apprenticed out until he was 18. The children often were allowed to spend some time in the summer with families from various churches, and during one visit with a family in Hebron, some relatives of the couple she was staying with met Mary and soon adopted her into their home in Bellevue.

Mary Elizabeth Waugh McArthur Stephens now is 82 and still living in Northern Kentucky. She looks back at her time at the orphanage and considers it a blessing that it was "run with such kind and caring, nurturing, Christian people."

"Any of us children who had to be there were certainly left in good hands," she said.

"We didn't know it at the time, but with our situation, we were so fortunate to be raised there."

Changes have taken place over the years. The Baptist Orphans' Home later became known as Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, and services were expanded to other parts of the state. Today, the agency is known as Sunrise Children's Services, and the emphasis is not on orphanages, but on foster care, residential programs, counseling and adoption services.

The changes are not just in name only, as Sunrise President Bill Smithwick explained: "Rather than hundreds of children living in congregate care for years, we now have more children living in our own foster homes than all our residential settings combined."

"Our methods of caring for children and youth have developed and improved over time while our mission has remained consistent. We are a Christ-centered, faith-based, mission-driven, Christian response to the pain and suffering of innocent children across Kentucky."

John Shindlebower is associate director of marketing for Sunrise Children's Services

## Baptist Healthcare honors Judge Eugene Siler Jr.

By Tommy Smith

Louisville—Baptist Healthcare System, Inc. has been associated with the Kentucky Baptists since the official opening of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in November 1924 in Louisville. This was the culmination of seven years of sustained effort by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.



Judge Siler

Over the next 85 years, Baptist Healthcare System opened Baptist Hospital East in Louisville; Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah; Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; purchased Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Corbin (which was replaced by the newly built Baptist Regional Medical Center); acquired Tri-County Hospital in La Grange (renamed Baptist Hospital Northeast); and secured a management contract for Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

Through these many years, Baptist Healthcare System has been guided by many dedicated Kentucky Baptists who served on its board of trustees. The mission of Baptist Healthcare System is to exemplify our Christian heritage of providing quality health care services by enhancing the health of the people and the communities we serve.

One such trustee who has served both at the hospital and the system level is Judge Eugene Edward Siler Jr. Siler was first appointed to the Baptist Regional Medical Center advisory council in 1987, and the Baptist Hospitals board of directors in 1990 by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Siler was regarded as a qualified nominee as he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher and moderator at First Baptist Church of Williamsburg. He also had served as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky since 1975.

In 1991, former President George H.W. Bush appointed Siler to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District, a position which he holds today. In 2003, Siler was elected as only the sixth layman to become president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. (The other two laymen who became presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Convention were Siler's grandfather, A.T. Siler, and his father, Eugene Siler Sr.) This election was a result of his strong reputation as a stalwart Baptist with many years of service to his church and community.

At Baptist Regional, Siler has provided leadership as well as stewardship. During his service, Baptist Regional has added the Trillium Center, the Paul Parker Pavilion, the Outpatient Diagnostic Center, Baptist Family Fitness Center, the Outpatient Rehabilitation Center, the Oak Tree Hospital, as well as numerous other improvements to the facility. Baptist Regional is recognized as a Medicare Rural Referral Center in Southeastern Kentucky. This past year, the hospital completed a four-year journey and was awarded certification of the International Standards Organization. Baptist Regional is the first hospital in Kentucky and one of less than two dozen in the United States with this certification.

Tommy Smith is president of Baptist Healthcare System

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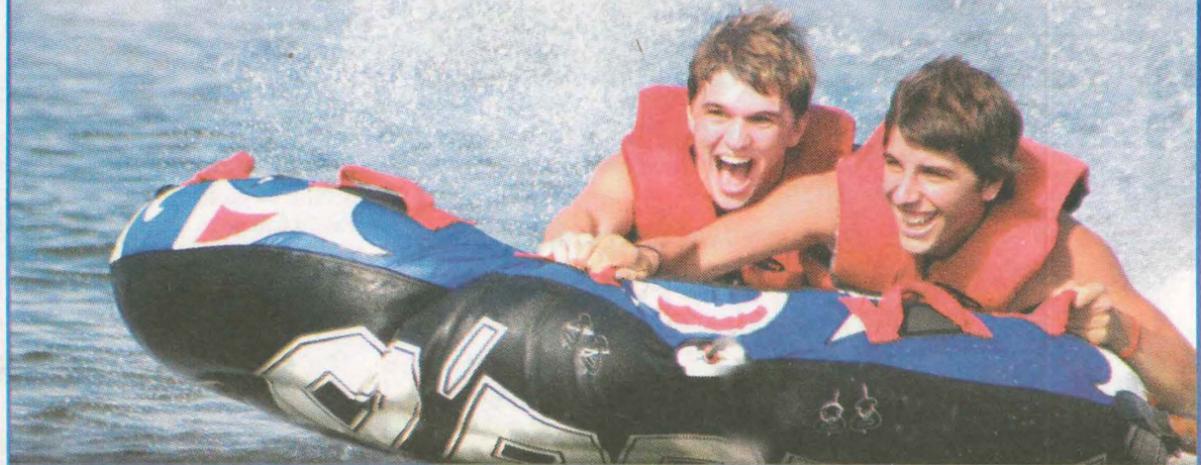
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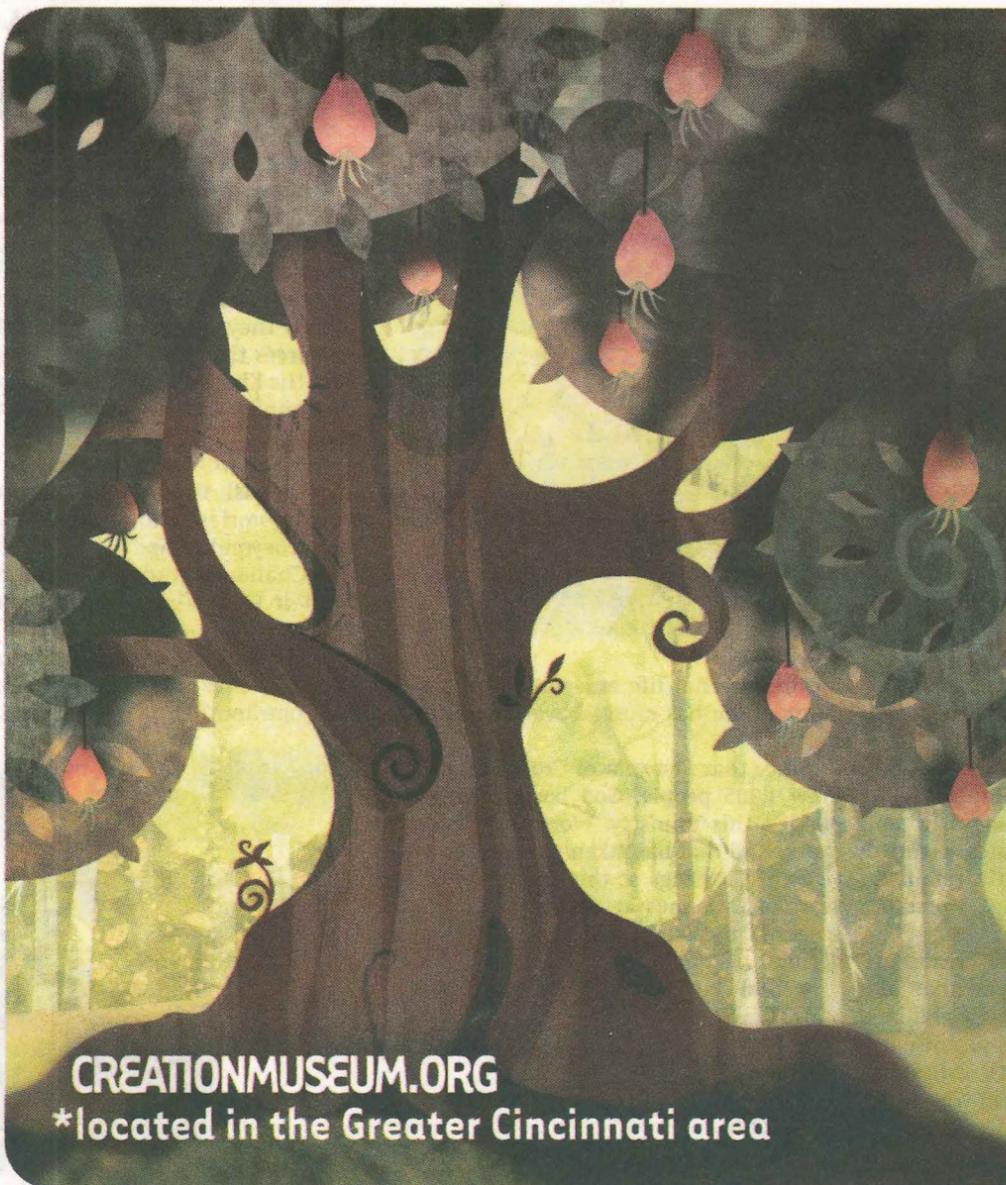
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# Crossings campers challenged to seek 'beyond effect'

By David Melber

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me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

Since that first year of Crossings, which drew 1,305 people, God has radically expanded this ministry. Words still do not capture all that has taken place. After nine years of Crossings at the Creek and three years of Crossings at Cedarmore, the numerically measured achievements are staggering:

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- Total given to missions: **More than \$406,000.**
- Total Moldovan campers sponsored: **20,700.**
- Total Zambian orphans under Crossings sponsorship: **200.**
- Total students called to full-time ministry: **More than 1,500.**
- Total number crossed over from death to life: **More than 9,500.**

Much more than a numerical report, are countless stories of students and adults who have experienced a life change because of their time at Crossings.

Over the past 10 years, Crossings has challenged students to give their money to assist in mission efforts around the globe. Students have donated more than \$406,000 to missions. These offerings have been used to impact impoverished youth

all over the world.

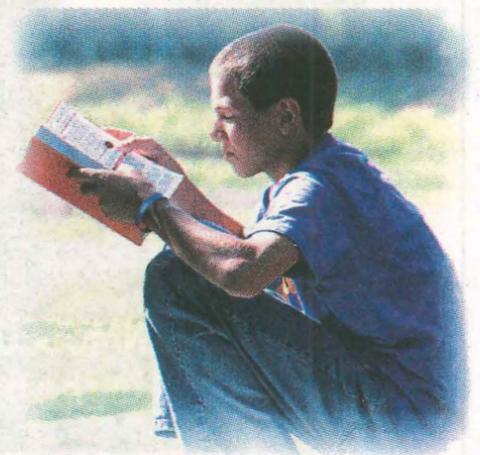
This year Crossings set the bar higher, asking students to go beyond camp and beyond a missions offering by joining in the Beyond Effect. Crossings' leaders hope the Beyond Effect inspires students to dream of how they can use the gifts, talents and resources that God has given them to impact His Kingdom. In the Bible, James says that ministry to the "least of these" is pure religion.

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David Melber is director of Crossings Ministries. For more information, call (502) 491-7000 or visit [www.crossingscamps.org](http://www.crossingscamps.org).




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## The applaudable audible love

By Diana Davis

A hundred-year flood hit during last year's Southern Baptist Convention. While that disaster inconvenienced conventioners, it devastated dozens of Indiana counties. One of many SBC disaster relief units was set up at Friendship Baptist Church in Franklin, Ind., and for subsequent weeks, the sound of God's love echoed from that church throughout the community. A mayor commented, "Now, this is what a real church looks like."

They loved ... loudly. Christians must love people to Jesus. Need fresh ideas for your church to love loudly?

■ Post an exterior sign announcing a weekly morning prayer time for people seeking employment. Provide coffee, encouragement and prayer. Offer free copies for resumé, resumé assistance and interview tips.

■ Intentionally assist internationals moving to your town with basic assimilation needs. Ask church families to adopt a family to encourage. Provide an English as Second Language class.

■ Offer a "TeleGran" service for parents of latch-key children. Kids call a member of your church, a "granny," to check in after school.

■ Purchase New Testaments for the church's mail carrier, repairmen and other service providers. Deliver a

huge tray of cookies to show appreciation and assure prayers for a local police or fire department, city hall, school or business. If your church is installing a new roof or carpet, serve lunch to workers.

■ Imprint coffee mugs with your church logo and 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and give one to each city council member. Deliver a leather Bible to the new mayor, congressman or senator with prayer notes signed by church members. Offer to help with crises.

■ When celebration times or disastrous events hit your town, will your church love loudly? Mail a laminated copy of the news article with a prayer note. Consider how the joy or crisis can open doors for ministry. For example, if a home burns, immediately provide clothing for each family member or a clean-up crew to assist.

Since last summer's flood and loud-loving disaster ministry, Friendship Baptist's attendance has more than doubled. The love demonstrated during crisis (coupled with a Life-Way M.E. minister of education project) has had resounding, eternal results.

Shhhh! Can your community hear your church loving ... loudly?

*Diana Davis is author of Deacon Wives (B&H Publishing '09).*

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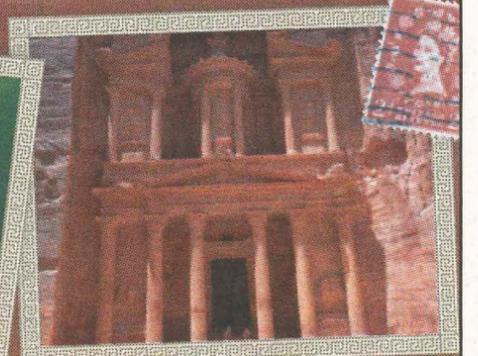
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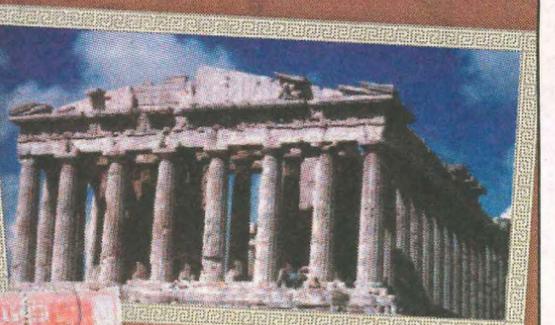
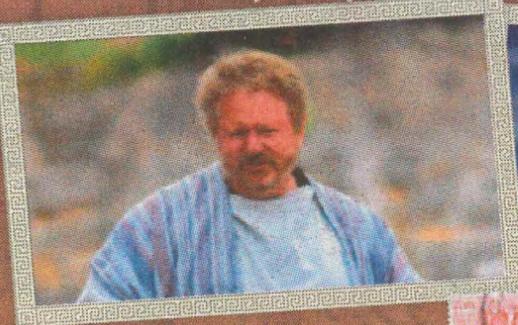
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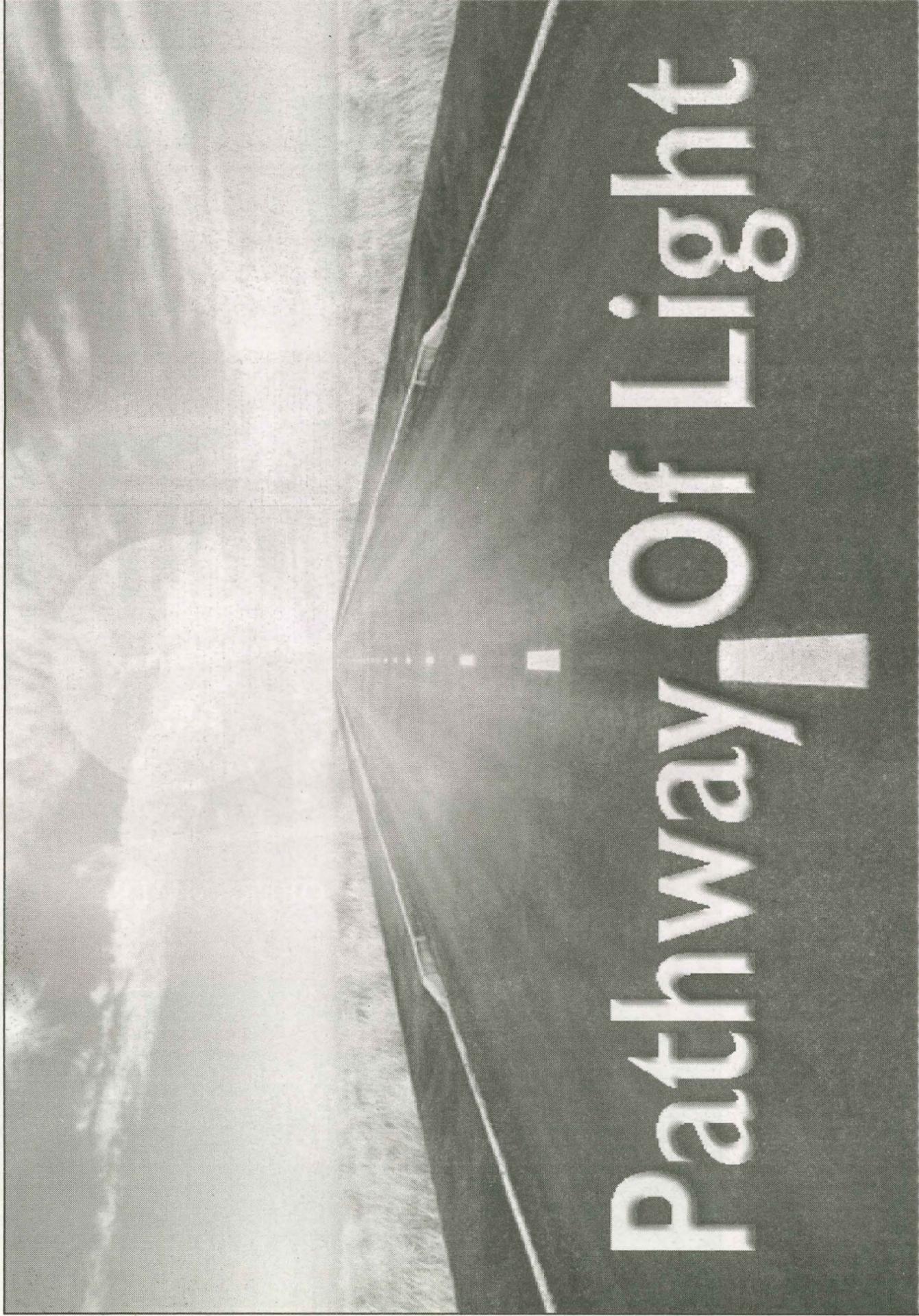


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By Evelyn Boyington

## Crossing over from death to life

### Crossings' sole purpose is to see teens' lives changed

If you have been following us this year, you realize we are celebrating 10 years of our summer camp program Crossings. Every time we say or hear the word "crossings," we are reminded of John 5:24 and our focus that we desire all our guests to "cross over" from death unto life. Such simple phrases are critical to ground our efforts in a single purpose.

After completing week one at both Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek, we have great reason to celebrate. Since the last update, approximately 50 students have crossed from death unto life by confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. Missions offerings also are off to an incredible start with nearly \$12,000 given in the first week. With another eight weeks still to go, we are looking forward to record numbers this year, not just in attendance but, more importantly, in decisions. God is at work among students!

Each week I get an opportunity to spend one day at the properties meeting with youth leaders. While the main goal of these meetings is to seek ways we can better serve the local churches, many of these pastors relay messages of encouragement and praise for what

is happening in their students' lives through Crossings' efforts. I pray that any words I share will glorify God because all that takes place at camp demonstrates the reality that we can do nothing apart from Him.

### Ky. Baptist Assemblies



David Melber

Last week, a youth pastor shared an observation from one of his adult chaperones. He informed me that they had attended five different camps over the last five years. The chaperone's first impression was not the fun the kids were having—although they were having a great time. It was, however, the following statement that truly struck me. He said, "I am amazed that within the first day and a half at camp, the Crossings program has had our students in the Bible six times already."

Based on their past years of experience, the amount of time their students were in the Bible at Crossings amazed this adult. As Crossings continues I pray that our focus always will be in His Word, for it never, ever returns void. May God show Himself in amazing ways this summer and may we glorify Him as we see His glorious work. Continue to pray with us that students will cross over from death to life.

David Melber is president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies. Contact him at Box 99918, Louisville, KY 42069-0918; phone (502) 491-7000.

## Dedication ceremony

### Glen Dale Center's legacy continues at new building

This month, Sunrise Children's Services is dedicating a new building for our Glen Dale Center. Years of work have gone into making this event happen—drawing up plans for the building, breaking ground at the site in Elizabethtown in 2007, and finally, completing construction this month.

The new Glen Dale Center replaces our oldest campus in rural Hardin County. Since 1915, Glen Dale has been home to hundreds of orphans. Alumni still gather each year to reunite and fondly remember their years together at Glen Dale.

But in order to best serve the teenage girls who come to our Glen Dale Center today, we must provide them with a facility that meets all their needs under one roof. The girls will eat, sleep, attend school and enjoy recreation at the new building. We believe this environment will be a sanctuary where their hurting can turn to healing.

Why have we made this change? Because of girls like 16-year-old Traci. She arrived at the Glen Dale Center after years in out-of-home care. Bearing the emotional wounds of abuse and neglect, Traci had little hope that her life would ever change. She rarely spoke more than a few words, appearing consistently sad and lost.

After much encouragement from our staff, Traci began to open up about her past and move beyond it. She discovered strength in a relationship with her Heavenly Father, regularly attending the program's church activities.

### Sunrise Children's Services



Bill Smithwick

During this time, Traci's social worker located her mother, who wanted to rebuild a relationship with her daughter. Traci discovered a parent who loved her and wanted to provide for her. After nine months at the Glen Dale Center, Traci graduated from the program and began living with her mother.

Her experience reminds me of the words of David in Psalm 30: "O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. ... Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ... You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent."

We feel deep gratitude for everyone who made the relocation of the Glen Dale Center a reality. This enables Sunrise to continue Glen Dale's long and wonderful legacy of restoring hope and joy to God's hurting children.

Bill Smithwick is president of Sunrise Children's Services. Contact Sunrise at (502) 538-1000 or www.sunrise.org

## Bible Crosswords

### Across

- 1 "Behold the \_\_\_\_ of God, which taketh away the sin" (John 1:29)
- 5 "From the blood of \_\_\_\_ unto the blood of Zacharias" (Luke 11:51)
- 9 Afternoon repast
- 12 \_\_\_\_ code
- 13 Haircare name
- 14 Lacking polish
- 15 "Thou hast strengthened the \_\_\_\_ hands" (Job 4:3)
- 16 "The kingdom of heaven is like unto \_\_\_\_ hid in a field" (Matthew 13:44)
- 18 Parts of a tennis match
- 20 "I will \_\_\_\_ mine arrows upon them" (Deuteronomy 32:23)
- 21 Earthy
- 23 Greek letter
- 25 Broadcast
- 26 "And they came to the threshing-floor of \_\_\_\_" (Genesis 50:10)
- 28 "He \_\_\_\_ on the ground, and made clay" (John 9:6)
- 32 Party necessity
- 33 More pink
- 35 Avenue, in Avignon
- 36 Cozy place
- 38 Turner, for one
- 39 "The harvest is the \_\_\_\_ of the world" (Matthew 13:39)
- 40 This means business (abbr.)
- 42 ETS output (pl.)
- 44 One of the twelve cities of the tribe of Benjamin (Joshua 18:24)
- 47 "Let them sing aloud upon their \_\_\_\_" (Psalm 149:5)
- 48 "The Lord taketh \_\_\_\_ in his people" (Psalm 149:4)
- 51 Aden, for one
- 54 Poetic contraction

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- 55 "They ... were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in \_\_\_\_" (Acts 16:6)
- 56 Great Lake
- 57 Arrest
- 58 "Our end is \_\_\_\_, our days are fulfilled" (Lamentations 4:18)
- 59 We should love in word, in \_\_\_\_, and in truth (1 John 3:18)
- 21 "Whosoever slayeth \_\_\_\_, vengeance shall be taken on him" (Genesis 4:15)
- 22 Texas university
- 23 Silents star Theda
- 24 Utopia
- 27 Chalky substance
- 29 Steady but unrelenting weight
- 30 "Thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine \_\_\_\_" (Leviticus 18:14)

### Down

- 1 Before grace there was the \_\_\_\_
- 2 Linking verb
- 3 "Make ready quickly three \_\_\_\_ of fine meal" (Genesis 18:6)
- 4 Soaked up too much sun
- 5 "Many of them ... which used curious \_\_\_\_ brought their books ... and burned them" (Acts 19:19)
- 6 "Crossing the \_\_\_\_" (Tennyson work)
- 7 Christmas \_\_\_\_
- 8 "He that is \_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11)
- 9 Not fictional
- 10 Succeed the old-fashioned way
- 11 Speechless
- 17 De rigeur at resorts (pl.)
- 19 Thing to be shed
- 31 Williams, and others
- 34 Assess
- 37 Feminine name
- 41 Hebrew month (Nehemiah 2:1)
- 43 "Out of his mouth went a sharp two \_\_\_\_ sword" (Revelation 1:16)
- 44 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (sports event)
- 45 \_\_\_\_ bargain
- 46 "Your bones shall flourish like an \_\_\_\_" (Isaiah 66:14)
- 47 "I will meet them as a \_\_\_\_ that is bereaved" (Hosea 13:8)
- 49 "Teach the children of Judah the \_\_\_\_ of the bow" (2 Samuel 1:18)
- 50 Miss. Riv. arsenal
- 52 "He maketh me to \_\_\_\_ down in green pastures" (Psalm 23:2)
- 53 G-man

### Last week's solution

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honest conversations about ministry connections

Susie Hawkins

When a church hires a new minister, they are really hiring both him and his wife. Many women entering this role for the first time have never considered what it means to be a minister's wife and consequently suffer stress, chaos, and confusion. In order to thrive, she needs a solid understanding of the biblical teaching on her role and how to best serve her husband as he fulfills his role.

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**Women's Choice Resource Center in Louisville.** Monica Henderson of Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville is director of this pro-life crisis pregnancy center located across the street from Louisville's only abortion clinic. WCRC is on the frontlines reaching women in crises pregnancies, and provides Christian counseling, life-skills education, support and resources for mothers who choose life. Pray that staff and volunteers who counsel these young women will be strong in the Lord and show genuine concern for those who come seeking help. Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw their clients to the Lord so lives can become meaningful and eternal.

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

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Colesburg Church ordained **Paul Brown** and **Vernie Coy** as deacons June 21. **Kyle Page** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—Kings Church and Pleasant Grove Church in Shepherdsville will hold a joint adult choir concert at Kings Church June 28, 6 p.m.

■ **OWENTON**—First Church recently held an installation service for recently called pastor **Brad Banks**. He previously was pastor of Emmanuel Church in Collierville, Tenn. Guest speakers included: KBC Assistant Executive Director **Steve Thompson**; **David Marlow**, director of missions for Owen County and Ten Mile Baptist associations; and Mayor **David Wotier**, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church in Owenton.

■ **PRINCETON**—Prospect Church will hold revival services June 28-30, 7 p.m., with **Bob Morrison**, director of missions for Little Bethel Association, as evangelist. **Tom McKim** is

## Spotlight on ...

## Frankfort



**Wallace Kent**, who has served as pastor of Crestwood Church for nearly 38 years, recently announced his retirement. The church will hold a reception in his honor June 28, 2:30 p.m.

pastor.

Second Church will hold revival services June 28, 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.; June 29-July 1, 7 p.m., with **Roy Finley** as evangelist. **Wayne Duncan** is pastor.

■ **TRENTON**—**Dean Anderson**, pastor of Trenton Church, recently received a Doctor of Ministry degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary.

## NAMB announces task force for Great Commission refocus

By Mickey Noah  
North American Mission Board

**Louisville**—Twenty-four Southern Baptists from a broad cross-section of the denomination—theologians, missiologists, practitioners, denominational leaders and pastors of churches of various sizes and ethnicities—comprise the new North American Great Commission Task Force. The group will meet for the first time June 23 at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Louisville.

Commissioned by North American Mission Board President Geoff Hammond, the task force is designed to dovetail with the "Great Commission Resurgence" declaration issued by SBC President Johnny Hunt, who will be kept apprised of the group's progress. To date, more than 3,700 Baptists have signed Hunt's call for a return to the Great Commission.

"The North American Mission Board joins with our SBC president in this focus and takes this call seriously," Hammond said. "NAMB is called and is in the unique position to mobilize this convention in a Great Commission resurgence."

The task force will meet in an open-to-the-public "meet and greet" session from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday in Room B110 in the Kentucky Exposition Center's south wing. Hunt and Hammond are slated to attend.

Hammond has appointed one of his senior associates at NAMB, Steve Reid, and Ed Stetzer, director of LifeWay Research, to convene and co-facilitate the task force. The group's initial "working" meeting will take place in late July in Atlanta, according to Reid.

Following six scheduled meetings during 2009-10—both face-to-face and via the Internet—the task force will draft a final report of its findings which Hammond will unveil at the 2010 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

"The essence of the task force will be to look at SBC activities and actions from both a biblical and missiological standpoint," Reid noted. "Everybody will be coming together to take a fresh look at how Southern Baptists should look at the Great Commission in times such as these."

Reid said the task force represents individuals all across Southern Baptist life and leadership.

Those Southern Baptists who have agreed to serve on the North American Great Commission Task Force are:

**D.D. Alexander**, pastor, Holy Tabernacle of God, Los Angeles; **D. Ray Davis**, International Mission Board; **Steve Davis**, executive director, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana; **Bob Dean**, director of missions, Dallas; **Mark Edlund**, executive director, Colorado Baptist General Convention; **Thomas Hammond**, NAMB; **David Hankins**, executive director, Louisiana Baptist Convention; **Joe Hernandez**, NAMB; **Van Kicklighter**, NAMB; **Chuck Lawless**, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; **Fred Luter**, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans; **Kaye Miller**, president, Woman's Missionary Union; **Michael Pigg**, president, National African American Fellowship, and pastor, Philadelphia Baptist Church, Lithonia, Ga.; **Alvin Reid**, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; **Terry Robertson**, executive director, Baptist Convention of New York; **Charles Roessel**, First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla.; **Danny Sanchez**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; **Van Sanders**, NAMB; **Gus Suarez**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; **Phil Taylor**, director of missions, Cleveland, Tenn.; **David Uth**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; **Ken Weathersby**, NAMB; **Don Wilton**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C.; and **Larry Wynn**, pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, Ga.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June

24 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Sesquicentennial Celebration, Louisville.

25-27 Pursuit Student Leadership Academy, Campbellsville University.

26-27 Acteens Splash, Jonathan Creek Conference Center, Hardin.

26-27 Girls in Action Camp, Jonathan Creek Conference Center, Hardin.

26-27 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Jonathan Creek Conference Center, Hardin.

26-27 Catch the Excitement State Missions Event, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta.

27 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Summer Luncheon,

27-7/4 Kentucky Changers, Frankfort/Lawrenceburg.

29-7/1 Express Mission Adventure Camp for Girls & Boys, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.

## July

1-3 Express Mission Adventure Camp for Girls & Boys, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.

4-11 Kentucky Changers, Grant County.

17-18 World Missions Unlimited, Central Baptist Church, Winchester.

23-24 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Haven of Rest, Inez.

24-25 World Missions Unlimited, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

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**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of children and youth for Central Baptist Church, Paris, Ky. Responsible for overseeing the planning, coordinating and implementing of programs for the children and youth (K-12). Prefer bachelor's degree and/or experience working with children and youth; talent in music and sports an asset. Applicants may apply by sending resumé to: [cbcministersearch@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbcministersearch@bellsouth.net); or, by mail: Minister of Children and Youth Search Committee, c/o Doug Bechanan, chairman, 829 High Street, Paris, KY 40361.

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**SEEKING:** Senior pastor for Steubenville Baptist Church, Monticello, Ky. Send resumé to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 1553, Monticello, KY 42633; or e-mail resumé to [sbcpastorsearch@hotmail.com](mailto:sbcpastorsearch@hotmail.com).

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## Draper, former LifeWay head, out of hospital

Grapevine, Texas—Former LifeWay and Southern Baptist Convention president James Draper was released from a Texas hospital June 11, and is continuing his recovery from strep bacterial meningitis.

"Please thank the people for their prayers and assure them of my prayers for the convention in Louisville," Draper wrote in an e-mail to Baptist Press, referring to the SBC annual meeting. "This will be the first convention I've missed in 40 years."

Draper was hospitalized at Baylor Regional Medical Center in Grapevine, Texas, when he became unresponsive following a myelogram June 3 at an outpatient clinic in Fort Worth, Texas. After a preliminary diagnosis of an allergic chemical reaction, doctors determined that strep bacterial meningitis had entered his bloodstream during the procedure.

Draper's wife, Carol Ann, described her husband's recovery as "a miraculous turnaround."

Draper was president of LifeWay Christian Resources from 1991-2006, and president of the SBC from 1982-84. (BP)

## Starnes opens up about surgery, health & faith

Since the release of his book, "They Popped My Hood and Found Gravy on the Dipstick," reporter and author Todd Starnes has stayed busy with the Dipstick Tour, making a number of appearances in support of the book. Earlier this year, Starnes talked with Baptist Press about the role of faith in his life.

Nashville—Todd Starnes, a reporter and anchor for Fox News Radio and a former assistant editor of Baptist Press, has journeyed from open heart surgery and extreme weight loss to running the New York City Marathon.

Along the way, Starnes' relationship with God became more relevant to his daily life. He still remembers a question posed to him before his heart surgery.

"One of the little kids in our family asked, 'Cousin Todd, when they open up your heart, will they see Jesus?' That's a cute little question, but it's really a profound question as well," Starnes recalled. "Honestly, when I look back, I don't think they would have (seen Jesus) to some extent. I'm a believer in Jesus. I was saved when I was a teenager. But I think we go through periods in our life when we just don't follow Christ like we should ... (when) we're not totally sold to His plan for our lives."

"It was a tough question. It made me really think and ponder, 'Am I a follower of Christ just in the good times when things are going great

or in the bad times?' I think I was one of those guys that was kind of following Christ in the good times and not necessarily when things got hard," he said.

After leaning on his faith in Christ more during the surgery and recovery stages, Starnes said he came out on the other side "not necessarily some sort of a super-spiritual person who had these great epiphanies while I was out."

"But I think I came to an understanding, really over the past couple of years, that it's about living a daily walk with Christ and following Him every day. And it's a decision you have to make," he said. "Am I going to use this day to follow God and serve Him, or am I going to serve myself? I have to be honest. There are some days when that doesn't work out all that great. It's hard."

Starnes' book, "They Popped My Hood and Found Gravy on the Dipstick," is a humorous and sometimes irreverent look at the trials and triumphs along the way to a new lifestyle and a new understanding of God's sovereignty.

"I think when people read this book—2005 I had open heart surgery, 2006 my dad dies, 2007 my mom passes away. You look at those things, and those are overwhelming things that happen to a lot of people, not just me. My story is not unique" of facing "bad stuff in your life, but through the power of the Lord and



the Holy Spirit, you can come out on the other side OK.

"You can wake up with a smile on your face and know that God is still on the throne and He is still in control."

With his weight under control and his heart working again, Starnes trained for the 2007 New York City Marathon and finished the race in 6 hours and 53 minutes. He currently is training for an Ironman Triathlon.

"It's this idea of challenging yourself and pushing yourself. The Ironman is biking and swimming and then a full marathon," he said. "I always thought it would be kind of cool to do." (BP)

## Meet Todd Starnes

The Fox News reporter and author will be signing copies of his book "They Popped My Hood and Found Gravy on the Dipstick" during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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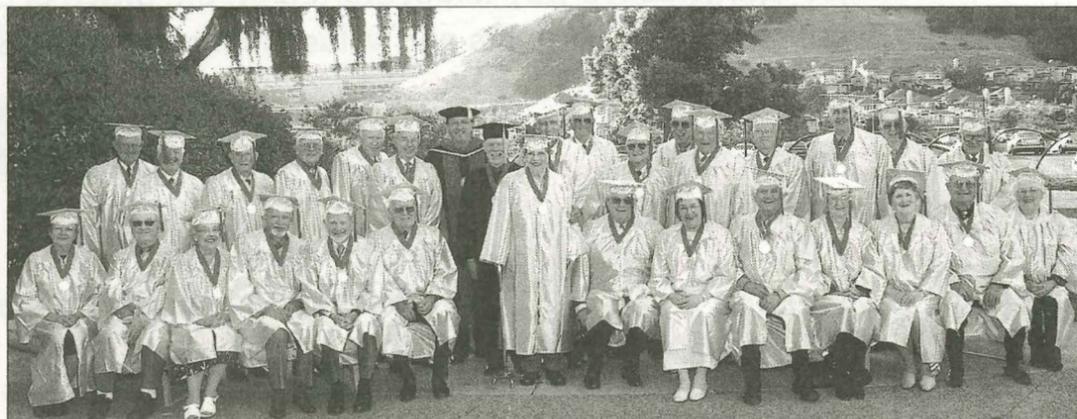
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**GOLDEN GRADUATES** A group of 28 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary graduates who received degrees from 1949-59 celebrated 50 years at the seminary's current location in Mill Valley, Calif., by wearing gold robes at the May commencement ceremony.

## Golden Gate Seminary marks 50 years

Mill Valley, Calif.—Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's Northern California campus in Mill Valley recently celebrated 50 years with homecoming festivities attended by 120 alumni and their families.

"This place declares the glory of God to all the nations," President Jeff Iorg said after opening a time capsule buried on campus 50 years earlier. "Is there another explanation for the seminary's success other than God's power and glory?"

Among the items removed from the time capsule were the seminary's bylaws; a copy of the Baptist Faith and Message; minutes from the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950 when messengers added Golden Gate as a Southern Baptist seminary; copies of The Gateway, the alumni magazine; photos of three seminary presidents; and the 1959 editions of the academic catalog of classes, the student-faculty directory and the faculty group photo.

The seminary was founded in Oakland, Calif., in 1944. In 1947, the school was moved just a few miles north to Berkeley. As the '50s rolled around, land was purchased in Mill Valley and ground was broken on the current campus in 1955.

Golden Gate Seminary opened its doors in 1959

as the first Southern Baptist seminary in the West. Today, the five-campus system has become the 10th largest seminary in the United States and the second largest in the West.

Iorg noted that the seminary's founders made significant sacrifices to establish an institution despite few resources.

"The people who founded our school were visionaries, but the students who came to Golden Gate in the early days also took a great risk. They came to a school that was more promise than proven fact," he said. "Yet because of their willingness to be early adopters, our school has grown to be a leading international provider of theological education and ministerial training."

The school honored its "Golden Graduates," a group of individuals who received degrees from the seminary from 1949-59 when the school was still located in Berkeley. They were recognized along with the current graduates at the commencement ceremony.

Since the seminary's first class graduated in 1949, Golden Gate Seminary has trained and sent out more than 7,000 graduates to serve in churches, mission fields and ministries in the U.S. and around the world. (BP)



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