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KBC exec Bill Mackey announces plans to retire

Says he will step aside next May; KBC President Mathis appoints search team

By Todd Deaton
Editor

Louisville—Bill Mackey, executive director-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced his retirement, effective May 31, 2011. Mackey, 69, has served in the position since February 1998.

Following Mackey's announcement, which came during the KBC administrative committee's Oct. 12 meeting in Louisville, convention President Don Mathis appointed a 15-member search committee to find Mackey's successor.

"It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life and ministry to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by serving the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board and Kentucky Baptists as executive director-treasurer for almost 13 years," Mackey stated in a letter informing administrative committee members of his decision. Calling it a gratifying experience, Mackey added, "I have long admired the willingness of Kentucky Baptists to really stretch in order to

cooperate in the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"It has been a joy to serve with a staff that has been unified and totally committed to the mission that God has provided," Mackey said.

Meeting later that afternoon with KBC Mission Board staff members, he commended their work with the Find It Here evangelism campaign, Crossover Louisville, implementing Kentucky Baptists Connect, disaster relief responses and church planting efforts.

"It is with much sorrow that I anticipate my personal loss of a wonderful daily working relationship with KBC leaders, staff and a host of Kentucky Baptists," he added.

Mackey's tenure has been one marked by a strong emphasis on evangelism, missions and church planting. Under his leadership, Kentucky Baptists developed partnerships with Baptists in Tanzania, Poland and Brazil, as well as with the Baptist Convention of Maryland/



FAREWELL Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Bill Mackey enjoys a laugh while sharing his retirement plans with KBC Mission Board staff members last Tuesday. Mackey has served as KBC exec since 1998. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

Delaware. On his watch, the KBC also began developing "High Impact" churches that were started with the intention that they, in turn, would begin other churches.

"At this time, I join with all Kentucky Baptists at being saddened by his retirement announcement," Mathis said, praising Mackey for his godly leadership.

"I knew Dr. Mackey long before he became our executive director. ... His ministry as pastor here in Kentucky and his evangelism leadership with the South Carolina convention well prepared him as God's man to lead KBC for these 12-plus years," Mathis added. "At the time of his election, I was convinced that he was God's" □ See Mackey sets ... Page 2

¡Gracias Señor!



Esteban Rojas, 44, kneels to pray after stepping out from the rescue capsule as the 18th trapped miner to be rescued from the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, on Oct. 13. (Photo by Hugo Infante/Government of Chile)

Chilean miners give praise to God for their rescue

By Tristan Taylor
International Mission Board

Santiago, Chile—As 33 trapped miners in Chile stepped out of a rescue capsule last week to greet the world once again, many wore a T-shirt with "¡Gracias Señor!" (Thank you, Lord!) printed across the front.

Christian Maureira, national director of Cam-

pus Crusade for Christ in Chile, provided the T-shirts to the miners, who had been trapped 2,300 feet underground since Aug. 5 when a partial collapse blocked the mine exit. Rescuers worked more than two months to free them from beneath a half-mile of rock.

"When I saw the miners on TV (wearing the" □ See Rescued Chilean miners ... Page 7

Chaplains took on important ministry role in Lexington

By Adam Miller
North American Mission Board

Lexington—During the long walk from the center of the Kentucky Horse Park to the security command post on the outskirts, Bob Vickers talked about the need for a chaplain's work at an event like the World Equestrian Games.

Tall, lean and nearly deaf in one ear from, years ago, standing too close to a firing howitzer, the retired Army Chaplain recently worked with Affiliated International Ministries and the Kentucky Baptist Convention to apply his battlefield experiences to working with security efforts such as those at the games.

"The stress level is high at an event like this when you're trying to keep 300,000 people safe," Vickers noted. "We just want to be available if (security teams) need us."

At a cluster of Humvees, Vickers strikes up a conversation with soldiers cleaning and replacing parts on their vehicles.

"Are you all here for the whole time?" Vickers asks.

One of the soldiers holding an antennae rod answers yes.

"Well I served as an Army chaplain," Vickers continues. "I'm here with a group of chaplains and we'll be around if there's anything you need."

The soldiers brighten and smile. "I'm" □ See Chaplains played ... Page 3

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Pastors' Conference speakers to focus on gospel message

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Lexington—With so much attention being paid to fulfilling the Great Commission and reigniting baptisms within the Southern Baptist Convention, Kevin Smith wants his fellow pastors to think about what they're saying on Sunday mornings.

"We must preach the message of Christ, which I think only makes sense (in) something that is called the church of Jesus Christ," said Smith, president of this year's Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The Nov. 15 conference precedes the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. This year's theme is "But We Preach Christ

Crucified," which comes directly from 1 Corinthians 1:23.

Smith has enlisted six speakers whom he said are only committed to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"There are other things being presented as viable options for church growth" by pastors, said Smith, pastor of Louisville's Watson Memorial Baptist Church.

He explained that preachers who opt for "felt-needs preaching" or use motivational messages over the "uniqueness of the Christian message" are contributing to the "dust in our baptism pools."

This year's Pastors' Conference line-up features a handful of well-known preachers both in Southern Baptist and evangelical circles.



Daniel Akin



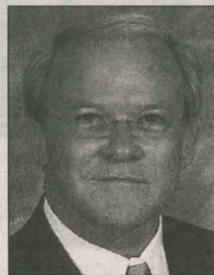
Alistair Begg



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The evening session includes a message from Alistair Begg, senior pastor of Parkside Church near Cleveland and host of the nationally syndicated radio show Truth for Life.

Joining Begg in the evening session is Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., and immediate past SBC president.

Highlighting the afternoon session of the Pastors' Conference is Frank Page, the recently installed president of the SBC's Executive Committee. Floyd Paris also will

preach during the first session. He is the pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland and an announced KBC presidential nominee. Rounding out the afternoon line-up is Adam Dooley, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., and a former Kentucky Baptist pastor.

The Pastors' Conference afternoon session runs from 2-4:45 p.m. The evening session picks back up at 6:05 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m.

Worship times during the conference will be led by the Fair Haven Quartet from Corbin and the gospel choir from Consolidated Baptist Church in Lexington.

Noffsinger to be president-elect nominee

Russellville—Jeff Noffsinger, pastor of Dripping Spring Baptist Church in Olmstead, will be nominated as president-elect of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference when the meeting is held Nov. 15 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

Noffsinger will be nominated by Ron Wells, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Russellville. The yearly Pastors' Conference is held one day prior to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Noffsinger has been pastor of Dripping Spring Baptist since 2003. He is "uniquely qualified" to lead the Pastors' Conference, Wells said, noting that Noff-

singer has brought in several well-known preachers to speak at the Logan County church.

"Jeff is a pastor with an evangelist's heart," Wells said in an e-mail to the Western Recorder. "He is unquestionably the best-qualified person for the job."

If elected, Noffsinger will serve one year as president-elect, then slide into the president's role, presiding over the 2012 Pastor's Conference. Louisville pastor Kevin Smith is this year's conference president. Chad Fugitt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Monticello, is the current president-elect and will preside over next year's meeting.

Mackey sets May retirement date; Mathis names search committee

Committee representative of 'Kentucky Baptist life'

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Louisville—Not since 1996 has a Kentucky Baptist Convention committee been tasked with finding a new state executive director-treasurer.

With Bill Mackey's announcement last week that he will retire next May, a committee now is in place to find the convention's next leader.

In accordance with the KBC's constitution and bylaws, convention President Don Mathis appointed a 15-person search committee last week, with the approval of the convention's administrative committee.

The bylaws state that the search committee must consist of at least one pastor from each of Kentucky's eight regions and seven others who represent "various areas and interests of Kentucky Baptist life," are "knowledgeable of the working of the Mission Board," and are "deeply involved in Kentucky Baptist life."

Once the 15-member committee has an executive director candidate in place, that person then will go before the full KBC Mission Board for final approval.

The Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee appointed by Mathis Oct. 12 consists of nine pastors, three church staff members, one director of missions and two laypersons.

The eight regions are represented by the following pastors:

Region 1: Ben Stratton, Farmington Baptist Church.

Region 2: Nick Sandefur, Edgewood Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Region 3: Paul Chitwood, First Baptist Church, Mount Washington.

Region 4: Steve Rice, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

Region 5: Ronny Raines, First Baptist Church, Cold Spring.

Region 6: Alan Dodson, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Lexington, and Richard Gaines, Consolidated Baptist Church, Lexington.

Region 7: Ray Woodie, Coral Hill Baptist Church, Glasgow.

Region 8: Paul Badgett, First Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Of the committee's 15 members, four have served as KBC president (Mathis, Badgett, Chitwood and Charles Barnes) and 12 have served or currently serve on the KBC Mission Board. Rice is a former KBC Mission Board staff member, while Pat Reaves, the immediate past president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, is the KBC's assistant secretary.

Barnes is the only member with executive director search committee experience. He was part of the group that tapped Mackey to lead the KBC in late 1997.

Mathis said he sought to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in appointing the committee. "With God's leadership, I have done my best to follow both the letter and the spirit of the established guidelines," he wrote in a statement announcing the committee.

Mathis also said he took into account the Cooperative Program giving of the churches represented by search committee members. In his statement, Mathis said the average percentage of undesignated receipts given to the Cooperative Program is about 10 percent.

According to statistics provided by the KBC's Annual Church Profile report and the convention's business services team, the 15 represented churches gave a total of \$1,547,782.56 to the Cooperative Program in 2008-09 (the most recent data available) from total undesignated receipts of \$16,179,049—an average CP percentage of 9.57 percent. However, fewer than half of the churches gave 10 percent or more to CP.



THE SEARCH IS ON
A 15-member search committee has been appointed to find a successor to Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Bill Mackey, who will retire next May.

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man to lead us. From then until now, I have year by year become more and more convinced of that fact."

Search committee named

During the administrative committee meeting, Mathis appointed a 15-member search committee that also will include the next convention president by virtue of office. Committee members, as dictated by the KBC's constitution and bylaws, includes a pastor from each of the state convention's eight regions, as well as seven other Kentucky Baptist representatives. Among its members are nine pastors, a director of missions, three women and an African-American pastor, Mathis noted.

Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville and a past KBC president, was named as chairman of the Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee. A longtime pastor in the state, Badgett also has served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also serving on the committee are **Charles Barnes**, a member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville; **Paul Chitwood**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington; **Debbie Cook**, children's associate at Central Baptist Church in Corbin; **Alan Dodson**, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington; **Richard Gaines**, pastor of Consolidated Baptist Church in Lexington; **Linda Polley**, administrator at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown; **Ronny Raines**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cold Spring; **Pat Reaves**, a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Louisville; **Steve Rice**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville; **Nick Sandefur**, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville; **Ben**

Stratton, pastor of Farmington Baptist Church; **Jerry Tooley**, director of missions for Daviess-McLean Baptist Association and member of First Baptist Church of Owensboro; and **Ray Woodie**, pastor of Coral Hill Baptist Church in Glasgow.

The administrative committee unanimously affirmed Mathis' selections, and Mathis also will serve on the committee at their request. Mathis, a vocational evangelist, is a member of Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green and a two-time KBC president.

Big shoes to fill

Badgett said he is beginning his task with an attitude of prayer and humility, seeing it as perhaps his "best opportunity to impact the kingdom" for the sake of all Kentucky Baptist churches. Expressing a desire to find "someone all of us can be as happy with as we were with Dr. Mackey," Badgett added that it will be hard to fill his shoes, but the hope is to find "someone who wears the same size."

"We believe that our next executive director will build upon the wonderful legacy left by Dr. Mackey and other predecessors," Mathis said. "So, it is with a mixture of regret at the retirement of Southern Baptists' best executive director, and a sense of excitement that I look forward to seeing what God has in store next as we begin the search process."

A South Carolina native, Mackey came to the KBC following a successful tenure as director of the leadership development and evangelism growth team with the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Following his retirement, Mackey and his wife, Kay, plan to move to Raleigh, N.C., to be near their children and grandchildren.

Celebrate L.I.F.E.

West Kentucky ministry helps bring incarcerated mothers together with their children

By Chip Hutcheson
Princeton Times-Leader

Fredonia—Prison life took a dramatic turn for Ashley Carnahan this month.

An inmate at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex, Ashley signed up to participate in the Rubies for Life program that was established by HR Ministries after the prison was converted to house females earlier this year. On Oct. 8, Ashley said she had a life-changing experience.

"I became a Christian. As I listened, I felt my heart racing. Everything she (Laurie Copes) said was touching me in every part of my life. She hit the nail on the head," said the Greenup County resident who attended a worship service prior to "Celebrate L.I.F.E." day at the prison Oct. 9.

"After accepting Christ, I felt cleansed. I lost my mother, and have a lot of family problems—but I just had to give it all to God.

"I had been trying to keep it all on my shoulders. I feel a million times lighter. This program is a blessing and the volunteers are a blessing. I am glad I am here to experience it.

"I know I'll have problems, but now I will have the Lord with me."

Ashley told her story while holding 3-year-old daughter, Jaelyn Roberts. They were among 42 inmates and 62 children who spent about six hours together on the prison yard during Celebrate L.I.F.E. (Living in Freedom Endures).

Previously, HR Ministries formed a Malachi Dads and Returning Hearts event for male prisoners—but when the facility was converted to a females-only population, it presented a major challenge and was somewhat of a discouragement for many since the program with the men had created significant momentum.

But the first foray into a program for women met with applause from HR Ministries, the inmates and the prison staff.

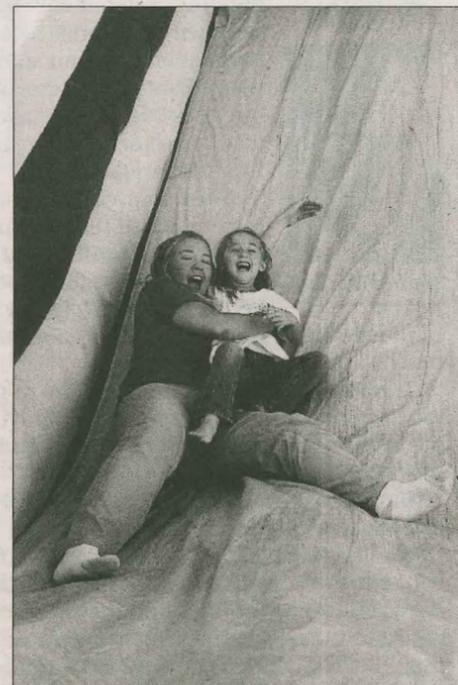
Celebrate L.I.F.E. was marked by children crying with joy, hugging, laughing, playing and reconnecting with their mothers.

"We were disheartened—Malachi Dads was just taking off—and it takes a couple of years (for a program like this) to take off," Warden Bryan Henson said. "But we asked HR Ministries to see if they would be willing to convert" the program to women.

"It's been great—the inmate population



MOMENTS OF JOY ■Left: Ashley Carnahan and her daughter, Jaelyn, enjoy a rare moment together at the Celebrate L.I.F.E. event Oct. 9 at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. ■Right: An inmate and her daughter share a laugh while sliding down one of the inflatables. (Photo by Chip Hutcheson/Princeton Times Leader)



has been very excited. The participation has doubled what we had with the men."

Rubies for Life involves a mentoring program as well as Bible study sessions. The Celebrate L.I.F.E. day was open only to those women who had been participants in mentoring and Bible study.

"When they were introduced to Rubies for Life, the inmates were excited and we were excited," Henson said.

"I can't say enough about HR Ministries' desire to come in and mentor to the female population like they have," he added. "If it changes their lives, it changes our work environment and makes it a safer place for the staff. It's a win-win situation."

The win-win observation was evident. Inflatables were set up to allow children and their mothers to play together. Also available were horse rides, various games where the children won prizes, popcorn and snow cones. Some inmates spent much of the time sitting and talking with their children to catch up on what's happening in their lives.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for the inmates to reconnect with their children,"

Deputy Warden Steve Woodward said. "Some see their children on a pretty frequent basis, but for some this may be the first time they have seen their mother in quite some time."

Woodward said the HR Ministries affiliation with WKCC for the past nine years has been a solid partnership, and that the work by HR and its volunteers is making a positive impact on many women.

And he credited HR with being able to adapt quickly to the change from working with male inmates to females.

"HR stopped, took a deep breath and then tapped into its female base of volunteers. This has been a very good experience," Woodward noted.

"I believe it will have an effect with our population, especially after today," he added. "It should really set the stage for the next group. With the stories that will come out of today's event, the participation level will increase for the next group."

"I have not heard of one problem—there has been a lot of planning by HR and the institution, and I think that pays off. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work."

Woodward added that the Kentucky Department of Corrections "has been very supportive—this is a very positive thing for the inmate population."

He also noted that the mentoring program was not available to the male population at WKCC. "The female population has done an outstanding job responding to the counselors."

An estimated 150 volunteers with HR Ministries, a Princeton-based ministry directed by Mission Service Corps missionary Harrell Riley, were on hand to facilitate activities with the women and their children. Many inmates commented that having such an activity was unheard of in other prisons.

The volunteers represented churches from across western Kentucky, but the group also included Tennessee and Louisiana residents. There also were 18 students from Campbellsville University who orchestrated the games for the event.

There are approximately 650 inmates at WKCC, which can have a maximum population of 693. Currently the staff numbers about 200.

Chaplains played important role at recent World Equestrian Games

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a chaplains assistant," one of them says.

"Oh really? You guys are what make chaplains successful on the field," Vickers responds.

Minutes later the Humvees roll out on patrol as other security teams make their way toward the command unit where Vickers works out details for the coming days.

Southern Baptist witness

The ministry opportunity came late in the planning for AIM, the organization responsible for ministry efforts at the World Equestrian Games.

"The head of security heard we were coming and asked if we could help," Vickers said.

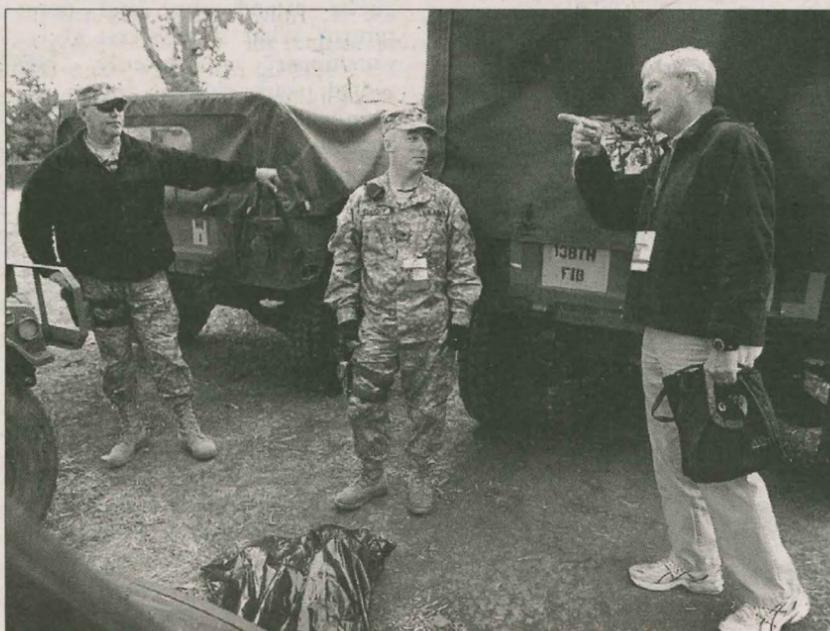
The head of security for the games also was on duty for the 1996

Olympic Games in Atlanta.

"He said he remembers a Southern Baptist chaplain praying with him after the bombing incident down there," Vickers said. "It left such an impression on him that when he heard the Southern Baptists were here, he wanted us to join him."

The team of five WEG chaplains serving with AIM was given the task not only of ministering to security teams but to vendors and other behind-the-scenes individuals.

"Sometimes with so much going on, it's hard to remember all the people who make this event possible," Vickers said. "We're here to minister to those people and remind them that they aren't just employees, but people as well. You can't believe how much opportunity this provides us to be a Christian presence here."



OFFERING SECURITY
Bob Vickers, former Army chaplain and consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, talks with Kentucky National Guardsman as part of chaplaincy efforts coordinated through Affiliated International Ministries. (Photo by Adam Miller/NAMB)

What now?

All of the activity surrounding the announcement about my retirement made an eventful week.

Kay and I first spoke to the Kentucky Baptist Convention administrative committee. Then we met with KBC team leaders, and later, Baptist Building personnel. Then e-mails were sent, with my letter attached, to Mission Board members and staff, leaders of Kentucky Baptist agencies and institutions, directors of missions, and my fellow executive directors of state and regional Baptist conventions.

Then our Communications Department released the news publicly.

I did fine until I tried to share a statement by our daughter about her desire for her sons to have a legacy of faith through time with their granddad. It was easier to say the second time.

It was not an easy decision. We are in good health, and we love Kentucky Baptists. We remain thankful for the opportunity God has provided to serve Him by serving Kentucky Baptists.

But this is a good time for transition. I'll be 70 in January, and Kay is not far behind.

God has enabled us to serve with the finest staff members, entity leaders and Mission Board members to be found anywhere. And, through our travels across the commonwealth, we have met incredible people of faith being used mightily by God. He is at work in churches of all sizes and through people from diverse backgrounds and locations. Kay and I treasure the stories of faith by Kentucky Baptists that have enriched our lives.

We will miss personal relationships that have grown over these 13 years, and the relationships that have been renewed from seminary days and 13 years of church ministry in Middlesboro and Whitesburg.

Kay will be in Raleigh, N.C., this week to baby sit grandsons.

For me, it is back on the road the last two weeks of October with six speaking engagements and five associational meetings. In addition, there will be two state convention committee meetings, a team leader meeting, staff forum and participation in a three-day training event. More later about the Mackeys' plans for the future.

The Mission Board staff has good direction with Kentucky Baptists Connect goals, the "Find It Here" follow-up in 2011, and focus on the Great Commission Task Force recommendations that will be decided next month during the annual meeting.

And until May 31, 2011, Kay and I plan to be active in our responsibilities, God willing. I want to encourage all Kentucky Baptists to keep our focus on the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. Romans 14:19

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Visionary leader, friend, mentor, encourager of Ky. Baptists

True to form, Bill Mackey's retirement announcement was not a sullen occasion. Rather, he used his time to urge those around him to "pursue the mission" and "keep the focus on tremendous opportunities before you." His messages of encouragement, love and hope have become something of a hallmark of his 13-year tenure as executive director, endearing him with diverse Baptists all across the commonwealth.

Mackey thanked God for "the incredible privilege" of traveling some 300,000 miles across the state on behalf of Kentucky Baptists. His journeys, he said, have allowed him "to see God at work in some incredible situations and through some incredible people, to meet some who have great stories of faith and who have served faithfully in so many ways."

And, he thanked God for having "brought together one of the finest convention staffs and entity leaders of any state convention." Calling them "incredibly gifted," he commended his colleagues for their willingness "to use those gifts to accomplish the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ" and to work together. "That has been so very, very special," he said. Long known for embodying a passion for evangelism, church growth and leadership development, Mackey urged KBC staff members to continue walking closely with God and "expressing the passion that God has given you for your mission together, that His gospel might be extended to all people."

"Then I would say, continue to love one another, encourage one another, and love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And, continue to work together," Mackey added, observing that today's churches desperately need a model of teamwork.

While the 69-year-old executive's departure isn't exactly unexpected, the beloved Kentucky Baptist leader's decision was one not easy to hear. Though I've only been in Kentucky for a little over a year and a half, I knew Dr. Mackey from his years of ministry with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, where they held a tremendous respect for his commitment and passion as evangelism director there. He has continued that legacy here, and it has been readily apparent just how much Kentucky Baptists have come to love him and admire his godly leadership and servant heart, too—as the sentiments of some of those who work closely with him attest:

"On behalf of the Mission Board staff, I can say that it has been a rewarding pleasure to work with him," remarked Steve Thompson, assistant executive direc-

tor, who has worked with Mackey for all but one and a half of his 13 years with the KBC.

A visionary and caring leader, Mackey has been willing to listen and go the extra mile to see that the staff was involved in the decision-making process, Thompson noted. "He has worked to build a sense of unity not only in the Kentucky Baptist family as a whole, but also, and especially, in the KBC staff. His patience with all of us has been abundant," Thompson observed. "He has always encouraged the staff to be positive, even in stressful situations, and has always kept a strong spiritual foundation in his communication with us."

Business Services Team Leader Lowell Ashby agreed that Mackey has been a tremendous spiritual leader. "I deeply appreciate his commitment to evangelism, church planting and leadership development while keeping harmony with the broad range of churches and associations across our state," Ashby said. "As we move forward in transition and implementation of the Great Commission in our state, I pray that this cooperation continues to be the foundation of the effort to reach our state, nation and world for Christ, as Dr. Mackey has so intentionally laid."

Like so many others across the state, Robert Reeves, director of KBC communications, considers Mackey to be both a friend and mentor. "He has taught me so much about how to deal with people and issues," Reeves said. "You don't have to be around him long to see how deep and genuine is his faith. He loves Kentucky Baptists and draws energy from being with them in service and worship."

"He also has a deep passion for reaching people who don't know Jesus yet, and nothing gets him more excited than ideas that will help churches be more effective in evangelism," Reeves remarked. "He has worked hard at helping Kentucky Baptists keep focus on our mission to reach our state, nation and world throughout more than a decade of major transition within our denomination."

And, Pat Beverly in the executive office exclaimed, "What a privilege it is for me to serve as Dr. Mackey's ministry assistant!" Affirming his love of and willingness to work with all Kentucky Baptists, she said, "Mackey and his wife, Kay, are excellent role models for pastors, staff, and everyone they come in contact with."

Indeed, all Kentucky Baptists join her in a heartfelt prayer for God's richest blessings on the Mackeys during this transition and as they seek new ways to serve Him in the days ahead.

After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Use 'secret worshippers' at your church

Do you ever wonder how your church looks to a first-time guest? Are you curious about why some guests attend once and never return? What if a "secret worshipper" anonymously visited your church and completed a survey to describe the visit?

I put together a simple plan to help a church see itself from an outside perspective. It could be called "Fresh Eyes by Secret Guys," but that sounds too much like a spy novel or burger restaurant. So let's just call it the "secret worshipper survey." It's an online process, and there is no cost.

In this plan, some "secret worshippers" are recruited by the pastor of another church. They anonymously worship as a guest in your church, and then complete an online survey to provide honest,

confidential observances through a first-timer's fresh eyes.

When listing a home to sell, a realtor may walk through and give frank suggestions about how to best present the house. A homeowner rarely notices a loose doorknob or over-furnished bedroom, but it's blatantly obvious to first-time guests. Simple changes can help potential buyers' first impressions so they can see the true value of the home.

Let's be honest. We love our church. We look forward to worshipping God, serving Him and fellowshiping with our church family there. But, like that loose doorknob, we may not notice habits or distractions that deter first-time guests. No, you're not selling a house. It's much more important than that. You're welcoming others to worship the God of the

universe and to discover a personal relationship with Him.

Secret worshipper survey results are provided exclusively to the pastor for his personal review, evaluation and possible action.

Here's an alternate idea: Do a reverse "secret worshipper" plan. Assign some church members to visit a growing, effective church in a neighboring city to observe practices that might help your own church.

If you notice a guest at your church's worship service next Sunday, will you welcome them warmly? They just might be secret worshippers. (Don't ask; that would negate the entire process.) Or—even more exciting—they might be real first-time guests seeking God or a place to worship Him.

Check out details for the secret worshipper survey at www.keeponshining.com/secret-worshippers/. (BP) Diana Davis is the wife of Indiana Baptists' executive director and author of "Deacon Wives."

Fresh Ideas



Diana Davis

The pursuit of faith and learning in Christian Higher Education

By Michael Carter

Each October, the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities and its member and affiliate institutions mark Christian Higher Education Month.

House Resolution 300 in June 2003 declared the special month, which celebrates the role of Christ-centered colleges in America's history and in students' lives.

Campbellsville University, located in south central Kentucky, is one of those colleges.

This year, the theme of Christian Higher Education Month is "Serving Those in Need," as based on Matthew 25: 35-40 (The Message). In particular, verse 40 says, "Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'"

In today's world, we can find some common observations that most people would agree on, no matter their age, ethnic heritage, political affiliation, or chosen religion or spiritual commitment.

For example, most would agree that our world is changing very rapidly and that it is difficult for most to stay abreast of the social, cultural, and economic change we are now facing. Secondly, most are concerned about how to steer this change so that "life is better" or improved not only for tomorrow, but for our children, grandchildren, and their children. And thirdly, most see tremendous challenges in order to "improve life" or "make it better."

The Psalmist (Psalm 25:4-5) of long ago, wrote, "Show me thy ways, O Lord; Teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me." This scripture tells us that we must be open to know the "ways" of God and that we will learn these from them being "taught" to us. The Apostle Paul shared in his writing to the Colossians (1:10), "Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Again, we see the

emphasis on "learning" as noted in the phrase "increasing in the knowledge of God."

The very essence of Christian higher education, especially in the Baptist tradition, is in the degree that we allow the transformational teachings of the Christian faith to permeate the learning environment of the university.

In recent years, Christian college and university trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and coaches have been engaged in numerous conversations via conferences, publications, and workshops to assist one another in the quest of how to be increasingly effective in view of our rapidly changing world.

This quest to examine and assess "how we do Christian higher education" is one of the foremost initiatives at Campbellsville University. In our daily work, in our five-year strategic plan, and in our blueprint for the future, "Vision 2025: Preparing Christian Servant Leaders," we are dealing with the issues that directly affect us as Christians in a world where daily change is the norm.

We are asking the difficult questions and exploring the ethical dilemmas that face each of us who profess the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

Some of these discussions are difficult as families and individuals face the challenges brought from living in this age (whether personal issues stemming from addictive behaviors or the economic challenges of ministering to the "least of these"). At Campbellsville University and other Baptist universities, we are sincerely trying to wrestle with these issues from a compassionate and Christian perspective.

This is why Christian higher education is so important and why it is really a contemporary form of "missions." Our mission is about excellence in the classroom, lab, or wherever the setting, but we are about so much more. We are also about the quest to bring our faith through our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, to the world in which we live.

Please pray for the work of the trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and coaches at Campbellsville University and similar universities—as we pursue the integration of our Christian faith and academic learning and as we work to help students of all ages to "Find Their Calling."

Michael Carter is president of Campbellsville University.

Trusting God amid chaos

By Valerie Vincent

Q: How can my family and I believe in God when our lives are falling apart?

A: Many families feel like they are living in chaos at times. God is no stranger to chaos. He has made excellent use of it to deliver families from destruction toward God's good plan.

Chaos can become an opportunity for God to work, an open door to change. Consider some of the chaos in scripture.

What seemed like utter failure and chaos on the cross really meant salvation, hope and eternity with God.

What seemed like desert wandering, punishment and homelessness was a time of preparation for a generation to shift in their perception of themselves as slaves to a people group uniquely joined to Jehovah God to become conquerors of a promised land.

What seemed like a man of destruction and persecution to a new group of believers, threatening to eradicate these followers of Christ the Messiah, became the hope for salvation for Gentiles in Jerusalem all the way to Rome and beyond in the person of Paul.

What seemed like absolute loss, the end of their family as they had known it, no home, no husbands, no sons and no status became for Ruth and Naomi the beginning of a marriage that would eventually bring about King David, a man after God's own heart, and the writer of so many treasured psalms.

The majority of us do not want to experience chaos. We long to be comforted. We long for order and peace. Yet our God is also a God of chaos, controlling destructive forces, to bring about His good plan for His loved ones, His people, those who call upon the name of Christ. We need times of remembrance that God does not forget us in chaos. God does not abandon us when things seem all wrong. God continues His work.

Valerie Vincent is a Christian counselor with Hardy Associates in Louisville.



Charitable contributions and taxes

By Don Spencer

Most people reading this column are primarily motivated to make charitable contributions to support causes to which they are committed or want to provide aid. As we approach the end of the year, we are reminded there also may be tax saving benefits on 2010's taxes for those gifts. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- To be tax deductible you must have written proof—bank documentation or a proper written acknowledgement from the donee.

- Cancelled checks generally provide adequate proof of cash contributions of less than \$250.

- You must have prior written substantiation for cash contribution greater than \$250.

- Designated contributions to a church-approved project or program will generally be tax deductible as long as the church has full control over the funds.

- Designated contributions that ordinarily are not deductible include contributions to a benevolence fund or scholarship fund that designates a specific individual.

- The value of personal services is never deductible. Unreimbursed expenses incurred in performing services on behalf of a church or charity may be. Example: Bill, a plumber, installs a sink for the church at no cost. The value of his time is not deductible. The cost of supplies and materials he donates are deductible.

- Charitable contributions must be claimed on one's taxes for the year in which they are delivered. (A check is considered "delivered" the date it is mailed.)

- Charities should provide acknowledgement of non-cash donations with an adequate description of the gift. It is up to the individual to determine and justify the value of those gifts for tax purposes.

- Non-cash contributions valued at \$500 or more must meet other substantiation requirements to be deductible and values of more than \$5,000 must be supported by a qualified appraisal.

- You can deduct 14 cents per mile for miles driven in performing services for your church or a charity.

A final word for ministers: your tithe must be treated as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. Some ministers have sought to count their tithe as a "business expense" to save self-employment social security on that amount. The IRS generally will not allow this.

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The master painter and his young apprentice

During the bicentennial summer of 1976, I served as a counselor at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys. Jamie Cotton, a senior counselor, came to our cabin one evening to give a short devotional. I have never forgotten the story he told that night to a group of 12-year-old boys—and a 20-year-old counselor—in a rustic cabin in the mountains of North Carolina.

A king decided to honor all of the subjects of his kingdom with a banquet. A sumptuous feast would be served. Jesters would provide entertainment. And in honor of his subjects, the king decided to prepare the banquet hall in a particular way. He called in the kingdom's two great artists, one an elderly master painter who was recognized as the greatest artist in the kingdom, and the other, the old master's young apprentice.

The king took the artists into the banquet hall to explain his idea: they would be responsible for painting two adjacent walls in the room. The king would honor the subjects of his kingdom with these two commissioned works of art, to be unveiled the night of the banquet.

With his instructions given, the king put the two artists to work. Old paint had to be scraped away, the walls smoothed and polished before the actual painting began. A week before the banquet, the king came around to make sure everything was in order. With the banquet only a few days away, the old master painter had

all but finished his painting, a most beautiful landscape scene. To the king's dismay, however, the young apprentice had yet to pick up a brush.

He continued to scrape and smooth and polish, still preparing his wall for the first brushstrokes.

The king expressed his concern to the young artist in no uncertain terms. "Don't you know," he said, "that the banquet will be held only a few days from now?"

"Don't you realize," the king implored. "I have put my faith in you to complete this task? What can be done?"

The young apprentice tried his best to calm the king, explaining to him that his painting would indeed be completed by the night of the banquet. He would, he assured the king, fulfill his promise.

Well, the king reasoned that he must take the young artist at his word and hope for the best. So the evening of the banquet came. The king's subjects came on foot, some on horseback, all gathering at the beautifully lit banquet hall. The banqueters enjoyed a sumptuous feast, along with humorous and captivating entertainment.

Then it came time for the highlight of the evening. Workers had covered the two adjacent walls with heavy veils. The king gave the signal, ropes were pulled, and simultaneously the veils fell to the floor. And then?

And then, a gasp from the gathered subjects, followed by silence.

A Letter from the Laity



Duane Bolin

The audience sat there in awe of two remarkable works of art. They looked at the old master's wall to see the most beautiful landscape painting they had ever seen. But when they cast their gaze at the painting of the young apprentice, they noticed that his painting was just as beautiful. In fact, every detail was exactly the same; every mountain, every valley, the waterfall, all the same.

Called by the king to the head table, the young artist gave his explanation. "When you commissioned me to do this work," he said, "I knew that it would not be possible for me to produce a painting as beautiful as my master, my mentor. My painting would pale in comparison. So what I decided to do was to scrape and smooth and polish my wall so that it would reflect the painting of the old master's wall. My painting is a reflection of the painting of the master."

Well, for 34 years I have been retelling that story. I have told it to my university history classes to propose to my students that in many ways we are reflections of our past. I have told the story at church to Sunday school classes and as devotionals to youth groups to suggest that our lives should reflect the light of Christ. And after all of these years, I will never forget the response of a dozen 12-year-old boys in a rough North Carolina cabin when they realized that the young artist's painting was indeed a reflection of the painting of the Master.

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Bread for the World leader says government must do its part to end world hunger

By Mary Jacobs

Washington—The recent news about hunger and poverty is bad, but David Beckmann remains optimistic, convinced that it's possible to eradicate hunger in our lifetime.

A Lutheran minister, economist and president of the interdenominational anti-hunger group Bread for the World, Beckmann received the \$125,000 World Food Prize Oct. 14. He helped found the ONE campaign with U2 lead singer Bono and authored a new book, "Exodus from Hunger: We Are Called to Change the Politics of Hunger." (Some answers have been edited for length and clarity.)

Most of the news about the economy lately has been bad, yet your book has a hopeful perspective. Why?

I believe it is possible to virtually end widespread hunger and poverty within the next 20 years. Not all Americans know this, but the world has made historic progress against hunger, poverty and disease in the last two to three decades. According to the World Bank, the number of people in extreme poverty in developing countries has dropped from 1.9 billion in 1980 to 1.4 billion today. If you believe in God, then surely this is God answering the prayers of hundreds of millions of people.

What's the link to "Exodus" that you include in your book's title?

I believe this progress is God moving in our history. It's the great Exodus in our time. It makes what happened in the Red Sea look like small potatoes. And it is happening right now, in our lifetime. Clearly God is calling on all of us to get with the program.

What is that program?

The U.S. government is key. Most of the work of ending hunger will be done by poor people themselves, but we've got to provide the leadership. We have opportunities before us to do some affordable, feasible things in Congress that will help lots of hungry people. The elections coming up are really important, but the question of what's going to be the best news for poor and hungry people is not getting asked.

Too often, the binding constraint on further progress is a lack of political will. My hope is to provoke a surge in the "constituency of conscience" for hungry people.

Many churches help the hungry with soup kitchens or food pantries. But in your book you write, "We can't food-bank our way to the end of hunger in America." Why not?

Churches and charities can't do it all. Our government has to do its part.

Right now there's a huge debate going on about taxes, most of it focused on whether taxpayers in the top 2 percent can keep their tax breaks. But tax credits for the working poor will also expire at the end of the year, and that's not in the news. If we can extend these tax credits, it will mean six times as much to poor families than all the food that all the churches and charities can mobilize in one year. If we don't extend them, it could push 1 million more people into poverty.

In your work, you've rubbed elbows with Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Bono. Do you ever encounter skepticism about their involvement?

Everybody's got mixed motives. I've got mixed motives. The point is not to have pure motives. If they're helping, they're helping. I'm really grateful some of these people have helped us draw attention to what we can do to help poor people.

Why do you have a heart for this issue?

To me, it's pretty obvious. Every day, we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," but millions of people in the world are not getting their daily bread. It just seems so fundamental to human life and to what God's about in the world. You can't be close to God and turn your back on hungry people. And you don't have to be Mother Teresa; you only have to have faith the size of a mustard seed to move mountains.

Have you seen mountains move?

Yes. While I've been at Bread for the World, the organization has touched the lives of tens of millions of the poorest people in the world. (RNS)



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Tribal families' lives improve thanks to

By Caroline Anderson
International Mission Board

Chittagong, Bangladesh—Fish and chicken used to fill boys' plates only twice a week. Now, thanks to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, boys living in two hostels in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in southeastern Bangladesh have protein in their diets every day.

Life is not easy for families living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, an area bordering India and Myanmar that once was protected for tribal people groups.

Civil unrest plagues the hill tracts, but many of the health issues of the 1.3 million people there are caused by malnutrition. UNICEF reports that in the three hill tracts districts, 43.4 percent of teens ages 13-19 are anemic.

Southern Baptists, through the World Hunger Fund, provide food for boys living in Bandarban Boys' Hostel, which houses 55 boys, and Sajek Boys' Hostel, home to another 22 boys.

These hostels, run by the Bangladesh Baptist Church Fellowship, allow boys educational opportunities otherwise unavailable in their rural communities, said Burt Galvin, who oversees Southern Baptist ministry in Bangladesh and northeastern India. By staying at the hostels, the boys can attend school in town.

There are several other hostels for boys and for girls in the area. The hostel system is well known throughout the Christian community and provides a Christian learning environment as well as discipleship.

"We have seen a transformation of tribal people in just one generation," Galvin said. "First and foremost is the spiritual transformation that takes place when the tribals leave Hinduism and Buddhism and embrace Christianity. Along with that, when these groups become Christian, they immediately see a



IN THE FIELDS Boys at the Bandarban Boys' Hostel help plant and weed some of the fruit trees planted on the hostel's land. The hostel, run by the Bangladesh Baptist Church Fellowship, allows boys educational opportunities that are not available in their rural communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of southeastern Bangladesh.

need for education."

Most of the tribal Christians come from a non-literate background. In part, their newfound desire for education may be because they now want to read God's word, Galvin noted.

Most areas in the hill tracts have schools for children in grades 1-3 but do not offer any higher-grade levels. Some students who have excellent grades upon finishing third grade may receive admission into schools elsewhere, but those opportunities are few. Boys with less-than-stellar marks do not have much hope of continuing their education.

"Culturally in Bangladesh, only students who make excellent grades from their first days in school will be considered, allowed (or) have any opportunity to continue up through the grades," said Finn Aurora*, a Southern Baptist representative.

The Baptist hostels meet this need for education in the Chit-

tagong Hill Tracts. Christian tribal leaders responsible for admissions to select which students should go to the hostels. Boys usually come to the hostels at about age 9.

During the past year, 22 boys at the Bandarban and Sajek hostels made professions of faith in Jesus, Aurora said.

During the 2009-10 school year, \$8,373 from the World Hunger Fund provided the budget for adequate meals and a nutritious diet for the boys who live in the two hostels. Before the World Hunger Fund was applied, the boys had only two meals a day and fish or chicken only twice a week.

"While the students realized they were still afforded the opportunity to attend school, obviously they were hungry at times and knew there was a shortage of food," Aurora said.

Now they have three meals a day and protein every day.

*Names changed for security reasons

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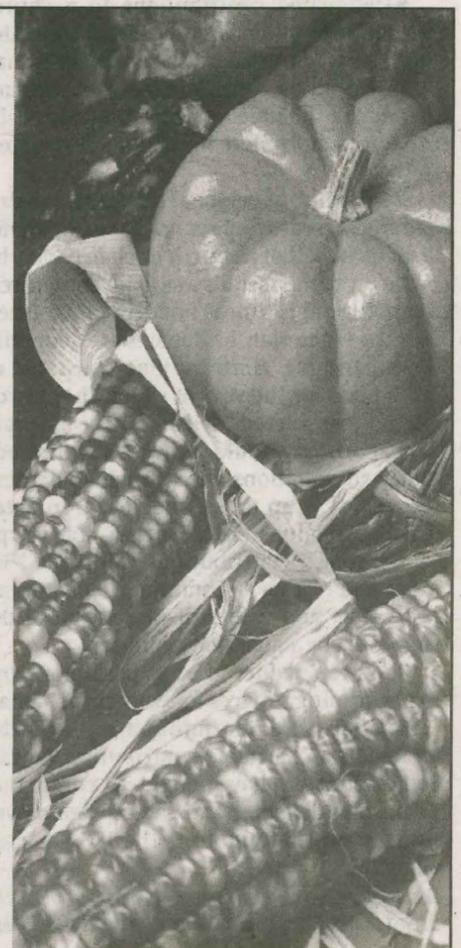
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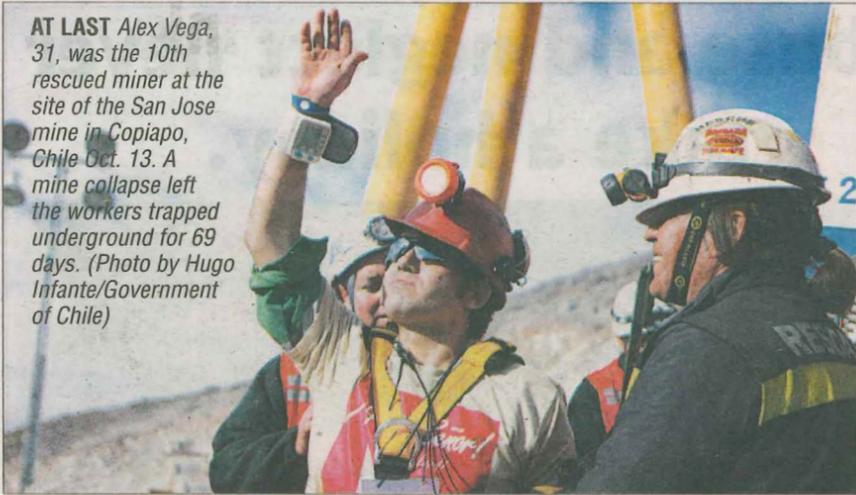


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AT LAST Alex Vega, 31, was the 10th rescued miner at the site of the San Jose mine in Copiapo, Chile Oct. 13. A mine collapse left the workers trapped underground for 69 days. (Photo by Hugo Infante/Government of Chile)



Chilean pastor and miner share message of hope

By **Tristan Taylor**
International Mission Board

Santiago, Chile—Joy and relief resounded last week in Chile upon the successful emergence of the 33 miners who had been trapped 2,300 feet below the surface of the earth in the coastal Atacama desert for more than two months.

But the traumatic ordeal forged many new friendships—perhaps none more important than the ones between the miners and those ministering to them and their families.

Marcelo Leiva, a Baptist pastor, and José Henríquez, one of the miners, had never met before the mine collapse. They had only communicated in handwritten letters and in a single, brief phone conversation—with a half-mile of rock between them.

Despite the physical distance, the two Chilean evangelicals developed a special friendship.

Henríquez has been an encouragement to his co-workers as they struggled to stay positive during their confinement. An evangelical Christian, he held daily Bible studies for the miners as rescue efforts developed.

When Henríquez requested an evangelical pastor to aid the miners and

their families at the site, Leiva, pastor of Vallenar Baptist Church in Chile, was contacted.

As crews planned the rescue, Leiva read part of Henríquez's last letter to him Oct. 6:

"I thank you for each and every one of your words of encouragement directed to the 33. Tomorrow I will be reading your letter, which will certainly be a blessing. Thank you for writing in hopes that the Lord fulfills His purpose in us—as well as in you on the outside."

Leiva sent his final response to Henríquez Oct. 11 in the paloma—the name given to the device that transports small objects between the mine chamber and the surface.

"I encouraged him for the remaining days of confinement," Leiva recalled. "that he would remember the promises of the Lord, to have hope and confidence, and that he would also convey to the other 32 miners the message that the same God who has guarded them is the one who is going to guide them in the rescue."

Leiva closed his letter to Henríquez with *Firmes, adelantes, huestes de la fe* ("Be strong and go forward, Hosts of the Faith"), a line from the Spanish version of "Onward Christian Soldiers." (BP)

Rescued Chilean miners offer praise to Christ with T-shirts

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shirts), my heart was ... really fast," Christian Maureira said about watching the rescue. "I was really excited because a lot of people around the world were looking at that. They gave the glory to God."

Maureira suggested his T-shirt idea to José Henríquez after meeting Henríquez's daughter, Hettez, at Camp Esperanza (Hope), where many of the miners' families were holding vigil. Henríquez, one of the trapped miners, became the spiritual leader of the group and conducted nightly Bible studies for the men.

On the back of the shirts was a reference to Psalm 95:4: "In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him."

Maureira said he chose the Scripture verse after receiving a letter from Henríquez that included the reference. He wanted the T-shirts to help the miners express thanks to God in a way no one could miss.

"God allowed this situation, and the miners are alive by the grace of God,"

Maureira noted. "I think the most important fact was the glory of God in this situation."

Along with the T-shirts, Maureira sent the miners 33 MP3 players containing audio versions of the Bible and the "JESUS" film.

To Maureira, the miners' decision to wear the shirts is evidence of how he said he hopes this event will affect Chile.

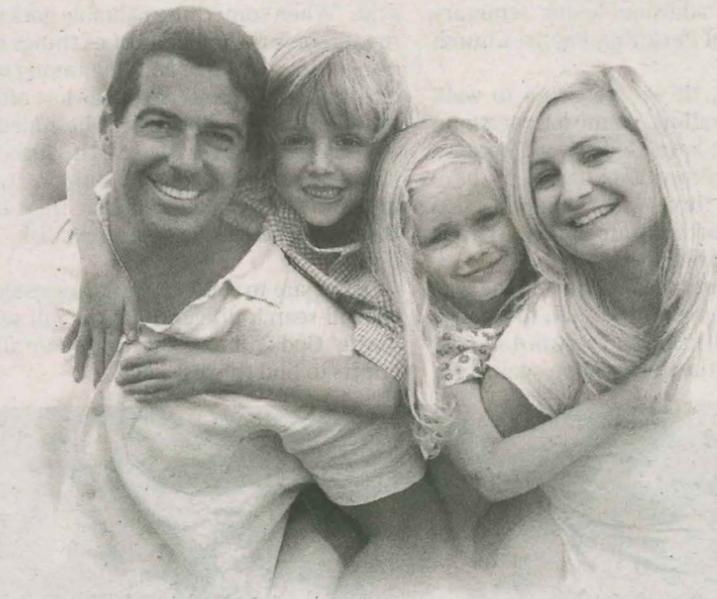
"Our society is really humanistic and secularist. They don't believe in God," he said. "But with this situation, the Chileans accept that we are a Christian community. The people express their faith in God freely. The people say, 'It is a miracle. Thank you, God.'"

Maureira said he has seen Chile go through many challenges—changing governments, earthquakes—but he hopes the rescue of the miners will be one event that defines the country.

"With these T-shirts, we want to tell (Chileans) it is the plan of God and the glory of God. God is in this situation," Maureira said. "That was the mission—and we completed the mission." (BP)

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Luter, York speak at Campbellsville

Campbellsville—New Orleans pastor Fred Luter Jr., a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Hershael York, an associate dean and professor of Christian preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, were the featured speakers at Campbellsville University's Pastors and Church Leaders Conference late last month.

The church Luter leads, Franklin Avenue Baptist, was among the New Orleans-area congregations that suffered overwhelming loss in Hurricane Katrina in 2005. York, in addition to his seminary role, is pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort.

Luter noted, "If we are going to walk worthily of the calling, we must understand the power that is in God's word because we will be under constant attack."

Luter listed three ways believers need the word of God: in your hands, in your head and in your heart.

"Take it up and read it, for it is the way for the young man and woman to cleanse life," Luter said. "Hiding the word of God in your heart is the best weapon against sin

in your life."

York recalled two stories about lost things, a sheep and a coin, from Luke 15. Each story, he said, reveals the heart of God for lost people. "There are preparations we need to make in our lives to really have God's heart for the lost," York said, citing four areas of preparation:

■ Prepare to suffer reproach, he said, noting, "Not everyone is going to be happy about evangelism, not even in your church."

■ Prepare to shift your priorities, he said. "When something valuable goes missing, there is no longer a list of things to do but only one thing to do." But among many churchgoers "a concern for the lost often is not high on the priority list," he added.

■ Prepare to actually search, York said. "Don't just talk about it, but do it," he urged. "When fishermen fish they flourish, and when fishermen don't fish, they fight."

■ Prepare to succeed, York suggested. "If we will search diligently, if we will search 'until,' God will give success to our all-out efforts to find the lost." (BP)



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Another 'first'

Oneida's campus has enjoyed many new experiences in recent years

The past few years have provided Oneida with a lot of "firsts." We recently enrolled students from countries we have never had before such as India, Sierra Leone, Mongolia, Madagascar and, this year, one from Papua New Guinea. What a wonderful opportunity it has been for us, and especially for our students, to meet and live with students from so many different countries.

The purchase of new school buses also was new to OBI. Although this did not happen since I've been here, I was told we purchased a new van—once. Because of the price of new school buses, we always have purchased used buses until the past few years. All of the buses we currently use—except the Greyhound bus we use for our choir—were purchased new.

I remember the days when six buses would leave our campus for co-curricular activities and seven would break down. Well, I don't think that ever actually happened, but it seemed like it happened all the time. I do remember once when the bus that was sent out to pick up students on a stranded bus did not make it back to campus; it also had to be rescued.

Another first this year was the percentage of seniors who earned advanced diplomas. While that percentage has been increasing a little each year, in May 78 percent of the graduating seniors earned the extra credits needed to receive an advanced diploma.

Last Sunday, so far as I know, was another first. We are blessed with a host of friends, including some who are not Baptists. For several years, each

summer, Southeast Christian Church in Louisville has sent volunteers. Last year a lady who brought a load of used clothing for our Friendship House asked my wife if our choir ever went to churches that were not Baptist. My wife said that as far as she knew, we had never done that, but she didn't see any reason why we wouldn't.

So, as we were scheduling the choir trips for this academic year, it just so happened that our first trip was to Paint Lick Christian Church. This is the first time I know of that we have performed for a Christian denomination church. We had been warned there may be more students in the choir than parishioners in attendance. We assured the contact person that was not a problem and that we were accustomed to singing for small congregations.

We arrived just a little early and there was only one car in the parking lot, but there were several more later. It was a typical small country church.

Since this was our first trip of the year, the students were a little nervous. To be honest, we always try to schedule the smaller churches first so our students can gain a little confidence, and so we can get some of the bugs worked out. Some of the students who had additional responsibilities got a little confused and had to have some further instructions.

All in all, it was a good day and the church certainly was very friendly and could not believe that a school like Oneida existed. It's a blessing to have such a host of friends. It's also wonderful to have all of these "firsts."

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W.F. Underwood

'God has me in training'

Online student affirms God's preparation for his future

Online student Shane Martin said he is thankful for the many ways God has prepared him for future ministry.

"When I was saved by the grace of God, I began to get involved in the ministry of the church," Martin recalled. "I ran the bus ministry. Later I would teach children and adults in Sunday school.

"But I still felt that I wasn't doing enough for the Lord, even though everything in my life revolved around the church," he said. "I began to really search for what God wanted me to do with my life. Through the mentorship of a godly pastor who was a Clear Creek graduate, he helped me come to an understanding that God was calling me to preach the gospel in 2001.

"I began as a youth pastor on a volunteer basis under my pastor's leadership for a couple of years," Martin continued. "I then started doing pulpit supply and continued this for two years at different churches around my county. My work background was in technology and that led me to my first full-time ministry position where

I served as associate pastor and directed the church's television ministry.

"I served there until just a few months ago," Martin said. "My former pastor contacted me and wanted to know if I would take a position at the church he served as

a bivocational youth pastor. I told him I would pray about it. I was happy in my full-time position. I knew if I went to the church, it would mean I would be part time, and I would have to find a secular job, too. God wouldn't let me lay it down, though, and I could not get the position off my mind. I was offered a job in sales and I stepped out in faith and took both

positions. I truly love the job and love the youth I am now working with.

"I started working toward my degree from Clear Creek online in 2008," Martin said. "I have come to the conclusion that God has me in training. Each place He has us in is just a training station for what is ahead of us in ministry."

Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

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Blessings, responsibilities, rewards

Wise counsel from Kentucky Baptists' past inspires today

I was inspired upon reading the 1950 report to the messengers of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (now the Kentucky Baptist Convention) from the late A.M. Vollmer, then-executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. His message is timeless, and therefore, I share a portion of it with you verbatim in its 1950s language.

"Men with limited intelligence may make money and men without intelligence may inherit money, but it takes men of keen intellect to rightly use money. It is hard to battle against money lust. It requires strength and courage. It is really the use of possessions that reveals character. What a man does with what he has tells the story of what he is.

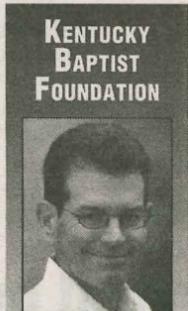
"Failure to make good use of possessions is folly. God called a man who accumulated large sums, enlarged barns, and made no provision for the future a 'fool.' George F. Johnson, a great shoe manufacturer, said, 'To die rich is a disgrace.' It is the equivalent to failing at a very vital point in life. "Men and women who are

blessed with earthly possessions have serious responsibilities. Great wisdom, cautious consideration and a keen Christian conscience should be used in planning for the future of these possessions. The one who fails at this point will lose the power of Christian testimony. He will soon be forgotten by succeeding generations. Failure in an opportunity for doing good can weaken prospects of a reward in heaven.

"He who makes good use of possessions will show strength of character, sincerity of caution, and leave a powerful Christian testimony for succeeding generations by doing good in the world until the Lord comes again and will win a rich reward in the final reckoning day.

"There is every reason why every Baptist should give serious consideration to the matter of placing his Lord's money in that place where its usefulness will never cease and its testimony to the loyalty of the donor will never die. ... The cry of a lost and dying world urges them to do it."

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Barry Allen

LifeWay releases 'True Love Waits 3.0: Path of Purity'

Nashville, Tenn.—LifeWay Christian Resource's True Love Waits ministry has introduced "True Love Waits 3.0: A Path of Purity."

The new initiative, introduced during the National Youth Worker's Conference held Sept. 13-15, is a result of a study of how the 17-year-old ministry can be more effective for future generations.

Jimmy Hester, co-founder of True Love Waits, explained that feedback from student ministry leaders indicated a need for more emphasis on parental participation, specifically to support parents in their role as the primary spiritual developers of their children.

"While the message in society today is one of encouraging teen sex, these leaders emphasized that many parents are in denial as to the scope of the problem and the ways their children are affected," Hester said.

In response, True Love Waits created "True Love Waits 3.0: A Path of Purity," which builds on the ministry's sexual-abstinence-until-marriage message to include a variety of markers students experience from childhood to young adulthood. Resources supporting this new emphasis will guide parents and church leaders to take advantage of these markers and treat them as teachable moments on purity.

"Walking the path of purity is not easy, but it's the right way," Hester said. "After careful consideration through interaction with student workers and students, we realized that this emphasis (True Love Waits) has often been viewed as a one-time event emphasis."

True Love Waits is a process, Hester explained, noting that the new emphasis will focus on 18 life-markers that will provide student ministry workers and parents the opportunity to have conversations about abstinence.

"It's a spiritual development process," he added.

During the National Youth Worker's Conference, Seth Buckley, student minister at First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C., introduced Jeff and Angie Rosenlund and their daughter Teal.

The Rosenlunds are members of FBC Spartanburg and spoke about how True Love Waits impacted their family.

Teal Rosenlund, a junior at Clemson University, attended a True Love Waits ceremony in seventh grade, but explained her commitment to purity came long before the event.

"The True Love Waits ceremony wasn't the big 'a-ha' moment," she said. "I had made a commitment in my heart before the ceremony. I grew up with my parents talking openly about dating, purity and waiting until marriage to have sex. The True Love Waits ceremony was huge because it reinforced everything I had already believed. It was neat to see my peers commit with me. I loved that my parents were there at the ceremony. It just reinforced that we were all holding each other accountable."

Jeff Rosenlund said the key to teaching kids about purity begins with teaching them about God's standards for their lives.

"We tried to teach our kids early on, through conversations, lifestyle and Bible studies, that God's way is the right way," he said.

WMU launches redesigned website

Birmingham, Ala.—Woman's Missionary Union launched a redesigned website in October at wmu.com.

"The two biggest changes are that all the sites for our age-level missions organizations are now consolidated into one site, and there is much more interactivity," said Julie Walters, corporate communications team leader for national WMU.

Primary objectives of the redesign were to present a holistic picture of WMU—with continuity across age levels from preschool to adults—that reflects the relevance and value of missions discipleship; facilitate two-way communication to build community and better understand and meet the needs of churches and individuals; and attract a new audience not familiar with WMU, Walters said.

"The new site is designed to appeal to individuals and churches who are genuine in their pursuit of growing spiritually and affecting change by sharing the love of Christ," Walters said. "As we expand our online presence to include social media and a dynamic website with interactivity and value-added features, we hope to engage a larger audience in missions discipleship through WMU."

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Sunrise Children's Services sponsors 5K run/walk for kids

Louisville—Serious and recreational runners can put their best foot forward in an effort to help abused and neglected children in Kentucky by participating in the BB&T Insurance Services' And They're Off! 5K Run/Walk for the Children Oct. 30 at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

Sunrise Children's Services and other local organizations are signing up participants for the event. Sunrise will receive 100 percent of the proceeds from those who designate Sunrise as their chosen charity. The charity with the most participation will be awarded an additional contribution from BB&T.

A one-mile run for children, the "Colts and Fillies Fun Run" begins at 10 a.m. and the 5K run/walk starts at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$10 for the children's run and \$25 for the 5K. Each registration includes a long-sleeved T-shirt.

Those who are interested can download and print an entry form by visiting www.Sunrise.org and clicking on the "Special Events" link at the bottom right of the page. Individuals also can call (800) 538-1000 for more information.

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MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BARDSTOWN**—Mill Creek Church will hold revival services Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Oct. 25-27, 7 p.m., with **Chad Fugitt**, pastor of First Church of Monticello, as evangelist. **Gary Chesser** is pastor.

■ **BLOOMFIELD**—Bloomfield Church recently called **Richard Carwile** as pastor. He previously was adult discipleship pastor at Living Hope Church in Bowling Green.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville University will host a performance of "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" Oct. 21, 7 p.m.; Oct. 22, 8 p.m.; Oct. 23, 7 p.m.; and Oct. 24, 3 p.m., at the University Theater in the Alumni Building on campus. The cost of admission for the play is \$5 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call (270) 789-5266.

Saloma Church will host From the Heart in concert Oct. 24, 6 p.m. For more information, call (270) 789-0082. **John Chowning** is pastor.

■ **HENDERSON**—**Don Moore** recently resigned as pastor of Hyland Church.

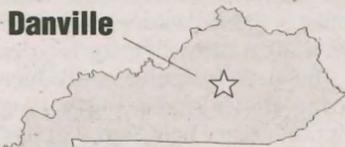
■ **HICKORY**—Pleasant Grove Church will hold revival services Oct. 24, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Oct. 25-27, 7 p.m., with **Ronnie Stinson Sr.**, pastor of Trace Creek Church in Mayfield, as evangelist. **Barry Summerville** is pastor.

■ **PRINCETON**—Liberty Church will hold revival services Oct. 24-27 with **Curtis Harrell**, pastor of East Church in Paducah, as evangelist. **James Holsapple** is pastor.

Northside Church will hold

Spotlight on ...

Danville



Gethsemane Church will hold revival services Oct. 24, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Oct. 25-27, 7 p.m., with **Stan Coffey**, pastor of The Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo, Texas, as evangelist. Special music will be provided by **The Keetons**. The Oct. 25 service also is the South District Association Evangelism Rally. **Steve James** is pastor.

revival services Oct. 24-28, 7 p.m., with **Randy McPheron**, pastor of CrossPoint Church in Richmond, as evangelist. **Jeff McCarty** is pastor.

■ **ROCKFIELD**—Clear Fork Church will host a Gathering of the Eagles conference and revival Oct. 28-30, 7 p.m., with vocational evangelist **Jim Britt**, retired Kentucky Baptist pastor **Joe Carrico**, and **Richard Oldham**, pastor of Glendale Church in Bowling Green, as guest speakers. **David Daugherty** is pastor.

■ **STURGIS**—**Kelly Beaver** recently resigned as minister of music at First Church. He served the church for 30 years.

■ **WACO**—Bethlehem Church will hold revival services Oct. 24, 6 p.m.; Oct. 25-27, 7 p.m. **Mark McGuire** is pastor.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 20-22 Joshua Project Event, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green.
- 21-22 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
- 23 Disaster Relief Blue Hat Training, Baptist Building, Louisville.

November

- 5-6 ENGAGE International Student Conference, Cave City Convention Center.

- 6 Creative Ministries 101 Workshop, Central Baptist Church, Corbin.
- 12-14 All-State Junior High Choir, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.
- 13 GA Jam, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 15 KBC Mission Board Meeting, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 15 Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Versailles Baptist Church.

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

Watkins honored by LifeWay as its Manager of the Year

Ridgecrest, N.C.—Jan Watkins, manager of the Tukwila, Wash., LifeWay Christian Store, has been named 2010 Manager of the Year. Watkins was honored Oct. 11 during an awards banquet of the National Sales Meeting, an annual event for all LifeWay Store managers and leadership of the retail division, held last week in Ridgecrest, N.C.



Jan Watkins

"We are very proud of the leadership Jan has exhibited over the years and especially for the outstanding performance in 2010," said Bruce Munns, LifeWay's director of merchandising and store operations. "This is a prestigious award and speaks to the overall excellence Jan has maintained."

Watkins, a native of Cushing, Okla., began his career with LifeWay in 1997 as a manager-in-training at the Plano, Texas, store. He managed the LifeWay Store in Denver and then in Tulsa, Okla., before moving to the Northwest in 2004.

Serving in the Northwest "is a calling," Watkins said, pointing out that Washington and Oregon represent the most unchurched area of the country. "There is such a need in that area of the country for the sound biblical solutions that LifeWay provides. There are people searching for answers, for truth, and we view our ministry as being an oasis of truth."

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SEEKING: Part-time children's director for preschool through 6th grade. Please send resumé to Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, 1225 W. Third St., Owensboro, KY 42301; or by e-mail to eatonmemorialbaptist@ool.wireless.net.

SEEKING: Liberty Avenue Baptist Church is seeking God's man who is called to be our youth pastor. The position will begin as part time and by the grace and power of God will grow into a full-time position as God grows His youth group and church. We have been and are praying for you; please pray, listen and obey. Send resumé: Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, 273 Mt. Vernon Road, Berea, KY 40403; or labc@windstream.net.

SEEKING: Full-time youth pastor for Hickory Grove Baptist Church, a dynamic, Christ-centered church located in Independence, Ky., serving a weekly average attendance of 700 and an active and growing youth group. We are prayerfully seeking the qualified individual God will call to lead and grow youth by rooting them in the church and community. Our minister will be an individual who has an all-consuming love for Christ, a strong knowledge of God's word, and the ability and desire to connect with teenagers and their families in a way that brings glory to God. If you feel God may be leading you in our direction, please prayerfully submit a resumé, along with an optional video of you leading a youth group to: Youth Pastor Search Committee, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, PO Box 505, Independence, KY 41051; or via e-mail to youth@hickorygrove.net no later than

Nov. 1, 2010.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music who will be responsible for planning weekly worship services and oversee the music ministry of the church. Contact Pastor Rodney Bice at Bardwell Baptist Church at (270) 628-3645; or e-mail bbcpastor1@windstream.net.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music for Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. We are prayerfully seeking a qualified individual to lead and oversee the music programs of all ages from children to adults. Please submit your resumé to the Minister of Music Search Committee by mail to 811 Bryan Ave., Lexington, KY 40505; or by e-mail to dfoley@gbclexington.org by Nov. 15, 2010.

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by Nov. 20, 2010.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of worship/music. Send resumé to: Lakewood Baptist Church, 13803 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40245, Attn: Personnel Committee.

SEEKING: Piano player for Friendship Baptist Church, located in Irvine, Ky. Will negotiate compensation. Contact: (606) 723-4816 or 723-4916.

SEEKING: Full-time office assistant/data specialist for Kentucky WMU office. This support staff member is primarily responsible for database management, mailings, archives, volunteers, other clerical needs. Maintains the WMU workroom and assists with WMU events. Computer experience required; knowledge and experience in WMU work a plus. Send resumé to: Joy Bolton, Kentucky WMU, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253-6569. E-mail: Joy.Bolton@kybaptist.org.

SEEKING: Full-time worship pastor for Beacon Hill Baptist Church. We are looking for someone called of God who can supervise a full church music program, including leading weekly worship for two blended worship services on Sunday morning with an average attendance of 600, a traditional service on Sunday evenings, praise team and band, choir, bells, drama, seasonal and special worship events. The candidate needs a knowledge of the technical aspects of a cutting-edge worship service. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, 4705 South Hwy. 27, Somerset, KY 42503.

SEEKING: Full-time youth minister/pastor assistant for rural church. Some experience required. Send resumé to



Sunny's Big Test

By Todd and Michelle Deaton

On the way to school one morning, Sunny Starfish was very worried. She had not been able to study for the big social studies test, and it covered three chapters. Yesterday she had to practice piano for a whole hour, watch her brother's soccer game, and go to a dance class.

"I'm going to fail," she whined to Syd Squid as they walked to school. "What am I going to do?"

"Well, there is still some time before the bell. You could try to study quickly," Syd suggested.

"There's no time! I can't study three chapters in five minutes," Sunny panicked.

At that moment, Sunny saw Eve Eel slithering around the corner of the school building.

"I know! I'll ask Eve Eel. She'll know what to do," Sunny said.

"Let me guess-s-s. You have a big test and you didn't s-s-study," Eve snickered.

"How did you know?" Sunny asked.

"I s-s-see a look of panic in your eyes-s-s," Eve replied.

"Can you help me?" Sunny pleaded.

"Of course, what are friends-s-s for? Eve said. "But it will cost you."

"Anything—I don't want to fail," Sunny said.

"Let me introduce you to one of my favorite books," Eve smirked, pulling from her backpack a book called "99 Easy Ways to Cheat (and Not Get Caught)." What

Sunny didn't see, however, was that inside the front cover—printed in very small letters—were the words: "Not guaranteed."

"I don't have time to read this whole book!" Sunny exclaimed.

"S-S-Sunny, don't be s-s-so s-s-silly," Eve hissed. "Just pick out one of the ways-s-s to cheat, and do what the page s-s-says."

"Will it work?" Sunny asked.

"S-S-sure it will," Eve replied "Let me s-s-show you s-s-some of my favorites," she offered. Turning to page 37, Eve tempted, "Write your answers on your arm under your s-s-sleeve." Flipping to page 58, she added. "Drop your pencil and look at a friend's paper as you pick it up s-s-slowly." Pointing out page 83, Eve nodded, "Oh, yeah! Ask to go to the bathroom, where you left your textbook in a s-s-stall s-s-so you can look up answers."

Sunny took the cheat book and tucked it under her arm.

As Eve slithered away, Syd whispered, "Sunny, you're not really going to cheat, are you?"

"Why not?" Sunny asked.

"Well, it's not fair to the rest of us who studied," Syd complained. "You will get a grade you don't deserve."

"What choice do I have?"

"There's always a choice," Syd replied.

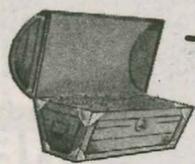
"Like what?" Sunny asked.

"Well, the test is after recess, right?" Syd began.

"Why don't I help you study for the test during recess?"

"Would you really give up recess to help me?" Sunny asked.

"Of course, what are friends for?" Syd smiled. "I want to see you do the right thing."



Treasure Hunt

Why did Sunny Starfish ask Eve Eel for help? What did Eve suggest?

Why did Syd Squid think it was wrong? How did she offer to help?

Who do you think was a true friend? Why?

Read Proverbs 11:27 together.

For Heaven's Sake

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David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

Across

- 1 "Ye tithe _____ and rue and all manner of herbs" (Luke 11:42)
- 4 "But the _____ are beaten out with a staff" (Isaiah 28:27)
- 9 Sound of hesitation
- 10 "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for _____" (Psalms 89:1)
- 13 Poem
- 14 "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of _____" (John 12:3)
- 17 Royal Air Force, abbr.
- 18 African antelope
- 20 "All thy garments smell of myrrh, and _____" (Psalms 45:8)
- 22 "I will give unto thee the _____ of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:19)
- 23 "I ... brought thee out of _____ of the Chaldees" (Genesis 15:7)
- 24 Republic of Rwanda, abbr.
- 25 "They slew the kings of Midian ... namely, _____" (Numbers 31:8)
- 27 Biblical plain (Nehemiah 6:2)
- 28 Arid
- 29 "Ye pay tithe of mint and _____ and cummin" (Matthew 23:23)
- 33 Follows em
- 34 A greeting
- 35 "Beaten out with a staff, and the _____ with a rod" (Isaiah 28:27)
- 38 Sixteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 39 Myself
- 40 "Thou shouldest be for salvation unto the _____ of the earth" (Acts 13:47)
- 41 Sweet potatoes
- 43 "The smoke of the _____ ... ascended up before God" (Revelation 8:4)
- 45 Cereal grains
- 46 First day of the week, abbr.
- 47 Twice, prefix
- 49 City in Nevada
- 50 Native of Serbia
- 53 Canned meat product
- 54 "Such _____ as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon" (2 Chronicles 9:9)

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Down

- 1 "Faith as a grain of _____ seed" (Matthew 17:20)
- 2 Mischievous child
- 3 Moslem monastery
- 4 "They presented unto him gifts; gold and _____" (Matthew 2:11)
- 5 "_____ shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)
- 6 Record's replacement, abbr.
- 7 Zeus's sister
- 8 "Thy plants are ... spikenard and _____" (Song of Solomon 4:13-14)

Last week's solution

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- 11 Bible division within a chapter
- 12 Printer's measure
- 15 "His belly is as bright _____" (Song of Solomon 5:14)
- 16 Grain
- 19 Library science, abbr.
- 21 "The _____ is my shepherd" (Psalms 23:1)
- 23 Infinite
- 26 Southern state, abbr.
- 30 Iowa University, abbr.
- 31 Not large, abbr.
- 32 To correct
- 34 "They filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon _____" (John 19:29)
- 36 _____ and outs
- 37 "They presented unto him gifts; gold, and ... _____" (Matthew 2:11)
- 38 Prayer endings
- 39 Do, re, _____
- 42 Opposite of nay
- 44 Worthless dog
- 48 Frozen water
- 50 Samaritan, chem. symbol
- 51 Undergraduate degree, abbr.
- 52 Seventh note of the musical scale



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Looking for a Kentucky awakening

Dr. Don Mathis, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said at Campbellsville University's fall Church Relations Council meeting in August, "There are 4.2 million citizens in Kentucky; more than 2.6 million don't know Jesus. It is our assignment to make sure they have an opportunity." CU is thankful that over 150 new decisions for Christ through summer camps held at the university, and there were 250 total rededications and students called into ministry. Another 72 decisions for salvation were made through Kentucky Heartland Outreach (KHO), a non-profit organization started by Campbellsville University that helps families in need by repairing their homes. Twelve of those decisions were made by homeowners.

A look at the scholarship picture for future servant leaders

The \$1.5 million received in Cooperative Program funds fiscal year 2009-2010 from the Kentucky Baptist Convention is appreciated. CU has, in turn, provided \$5.5 million for students coming from Kentucky Baptist churches and almost \$1.0 million for other Baptist students including Southern Baptist students from other states.

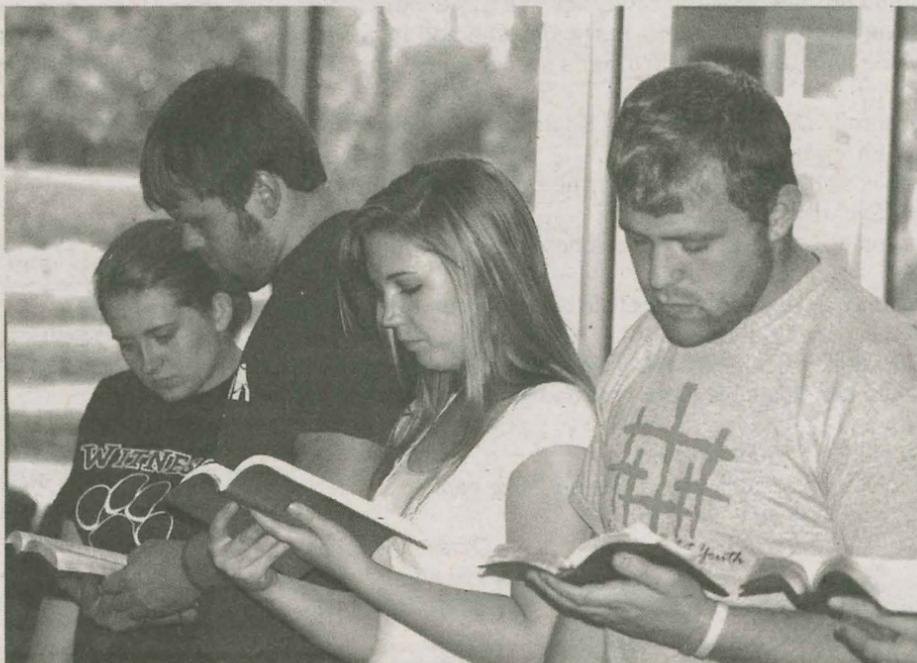
*We hope to see you soon
at a special event or anytime!*

TIGER ROUND UP

Nov. 4 and 5, is an overnight event exclusively for high school seniors.

PREVIEW DAY

Oct. 16 and Nov. 13, is a full-day on campus for high school juniors and seniors.



Students worshipping in Ransdell Chapel at the start of the fall semester are, from left: Jennifer Lilly of Grayson, Ky.; Nathan Riley of Bowling Green, Ky.; Holly Davidson of Danville, Ky.; and Austin Hammons of Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Pastors and Church Leaders Conference well attended

The Rev. Fred Luter Jr. of Louisiana and Dr. Hershael W. York of Kentucky spoke on the "Characteristics of Effective Church Leaders."



York

York, senior pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky., and associate dean of ministry and proclamation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, spoke on "Unrelenting Obedience," "Searching Until" and "Moses and Leadership." He said that there are three conscious choices we must make: private obedience is worth more than public leadership, submission to your Father is more important than to anyone else and that the mark of death is necessary for eternal life.



Luter

Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, La., shared from Psalms when speaking on "Victory through the Word of God: If we are going to walk worthily of the calling, we must understand the power that is in God's word because we will be under constant attack, the Christian life is not easy, and our call is to greater effectiveness."

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