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## The Mackey Years 1998-2011

### Retiring exec knows Kentucky, Kentucky Baptists inside & out

By **Dannah Prather**  
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**Louisville**—Reflecting on two seasons of ministry in the commonwealth that span nearly 50 years, Bill Mackey, retiring executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has a good sense of what Kentucky—and Kentucky Baptists—hold dear.

Mackey is not a Kentucky native, but he has spent nearly 30 years as a resident of the Bluegrass State. It could be said that he knows the state and its people "from the outside in."

From a population reflecting vast cultural and geographic differences, to a convention of believers navigating changes within Southern Baptist life, Kentuckians have "a pioneer spirit which I have always appreciated and enjoyed," Mackey said.

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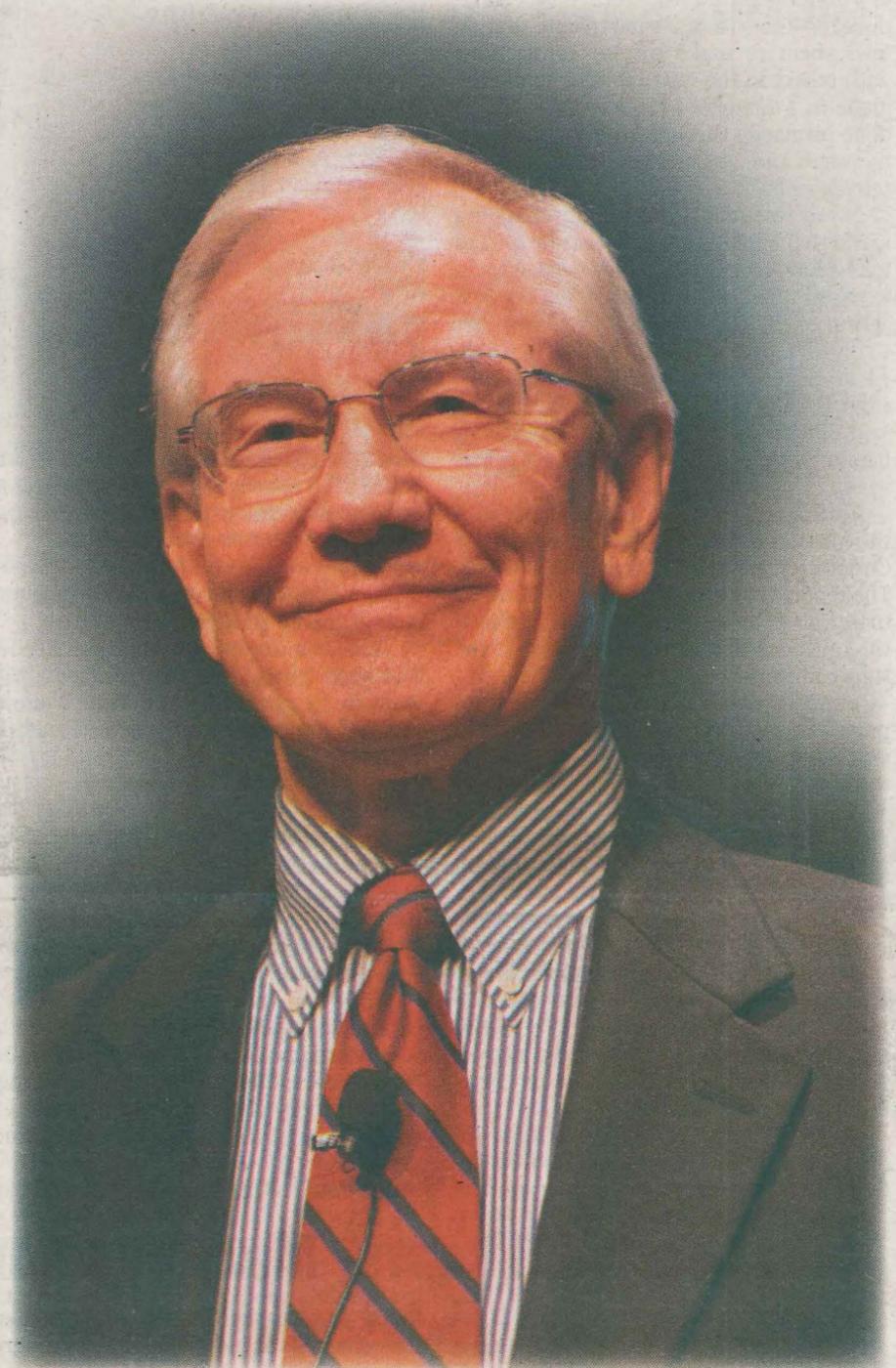
### Mackey's evangelistic focus began early

By **Robin Bass**  
Partnerships Director

**Louisville**—Bill Mackey always has pictured himself as a vessel of God.

At an early age, the retiring Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director made a lifelong commitment to serve the Lord in ministry. His career path would span five decades, with leadership positions in two state Baptist conventions, and impact countless lives for Christ.

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## Southern Baptists' DR hard at work in 'stunned' Joplin

**Joplin, Mo.**—The sky over Joplin, Mo., continued to spit light rain and clouds threatened on the horizon days after one of the nation's deadliest tornadoes plowed through the heart of the city. Search and rescue teams continued their hopeful trek through miles of debris.

Through it all, a spirit of resolute hope spurred on this city of 50,000. In the middle of the work clearing rubble were Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers by the score.

Chainsaw crews from Missouri and Oklahoma clocked hundreds of hours helping churches and residents clear tons of fallen trees.

"I'm just stunned today, speechless. Please keep the people of Joplin in your prayers," said Missouri Baptist Convention interim executive director Jay Hughes, who toured Joplin last week with North American Mission Board president Kevin Ezell.

"You look at the incredible destruction—everything is gone—and a few blocks away everything is fine," Ezell said. "Spiritually, it is the same way: you look at one family and they are fine. Just down the block another family is falling apart."

Southern Baptists, Ezell said, have the opportunity to meet both spiritual and physical needs through disaster relief. He called for prayer for the people of Joplin and those affected by storms across the country.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon addressed members of the faith-based DR response teams in the city last week and told them they had the opportunity to minister in critical ways, thanking them for their efforts. (BP)

**How one Joplin, Mo., church is just 'helping like Jesus would.'** *Page 9*



**DEVASTATED** The sanctuary of Empire Baptist Church in Joplin, Mo., was a total loss after an EF-5 tornado tore through the town May 22, killing at least 126 people.

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# Mackey leaves legacy of 'connecting' Kentucky Baptists

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

Louisville—Connectivity: It's a word that has taken on a whole new meaning in this century.

For many people, the world has been reduced to the size of a smartphone that allows them to make instant connections with others in the next room or across the globe in a matter of milliseconds. This is done primarily through social media, text messages and, less and less frequently, the telephone itself.

It was this reality of a rapidly changing world that led Kentucky Baptists in 2002 to take a long look at what they needed to do to maintain effective ministries in the 21st century.

"It became obvious to me that we needed to engage Kentucky Baptists in a mission plan and mission objectives and goals," said Bill Mackey, who retires as Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director this week.

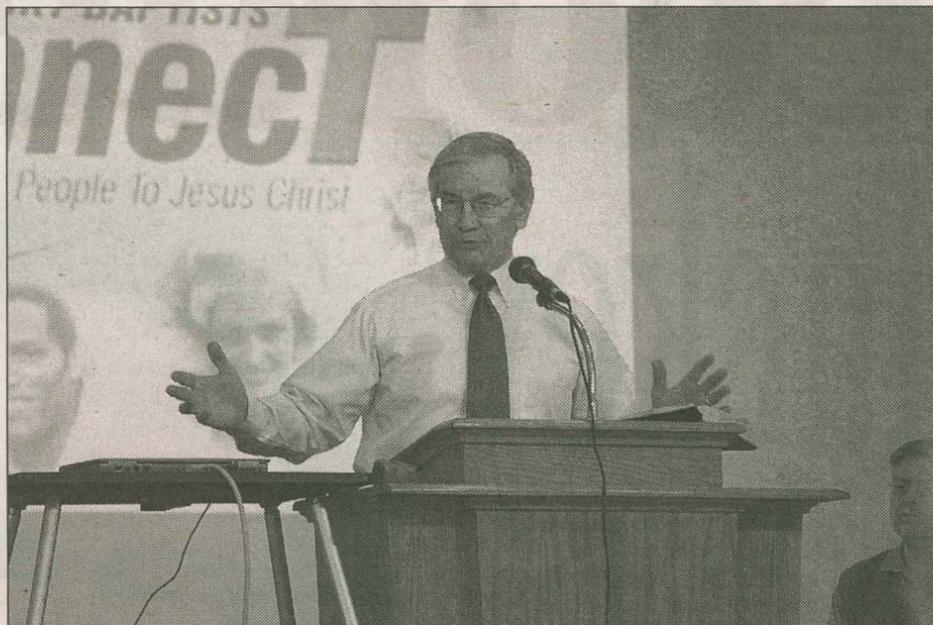
To that end, Mackey participated with the Mission Board-approved Mission Study Committee as it met throughout 2002-03. The report they brought in May 2003 came to be known as Kentucky Baptists Connect, the initiative that changed the face of the state convention.

Connect was a KBC first—a "board-approved strategic plan," Mackey said. "Up to that point, the staff did planning for their work."

The convention had been operating with a mission statement that was adopted in Mackey's first year: "As a servant team empowered by Jesus Christ, we work with Kentucky Baptists in fulfilling their God-given mission."

The Mission Study Committee felt a more appropriate statement was needed to "provide focus and a yardstick" for KBC ministries. A focus on "connecting all people to Jesus Christ" became the heart of the KBC's new mission statement.

To accomplish that mission, a series of objectives and goals were instituted. Specifically identified were the areas of evangelism, missions, leadership, networking and strengthening churches.



**CONNECTED** Retiring Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Bill Mackey discusses the original five-year Kentucky Baptists Connect initiative in 2005. The KBC Mission Board voted in 2009 to extend the Connect plan through 2012.

ism, missions, leadership, networking and strengthening churches.

"The committee felt that we needed God-sized goals," Mackey recalled. "You want to set goals that anticipate a movement of God among His people to attain them."

## Ambitious goals

Those goals were met with both praise and caution when they were presented in 2003. Some Mission Board members at the time said they appreciated the report's focus on evangelism, but also expressed concern that some goals were too ambitious.

When a mission advisory committee appointed to monitor the initial Connect five-year phase presented its final report in December 2009, they noted that goals in four of the five objective areas were met or exceeded. The one area that lagged behind: evangelism.

Included in this area was a 125,000 bap-

tism target by Jan. 1, 2010—a total of 25,000 baptisms per year. According to KBC Annual Church Profile reports, the most baptisms reported in one year from 2004-09 was 17,820 in 2005-06.

In its 2009 report, the advisory committee took fellow Kentucky Baptists to task for the shortfall, saying "we as Baptists are not being as faithful in sharing the gospel as we need to be."

"The baptisms were weak," Mackey agreed, "weaker than they should have been for our churches."

Explaining that the goals simply were a guide for achievement, Mackey said he wouldn't have been disappointed if progress had been made toward the goals. Following the high mark in 2005-06, KBC baptisms averaged just more than 15,500 over the next three years.

Even though the baptism goal seemed high, Mackey said it was indeed reachable. Before Connect launched, the KBC led an

emphasis called "Our Best for God's Best," which challenged churches to look back over the previous decade, identify the highest baptism total in one year and make that their baptism goal.

"If each church did their best, the best that they'd done in the last 10 years, we would have exceeded the goal—far exceeded the goal," Mackey noted.

## Church planting success

At the other end of the spectrum, was Kentucky Baptists Connect's church planting goals. Just as the baptism goals may have been set fairly high, Mackey said the church planting targets were far too low.

Originally, Connect called for 75 churches to be planted statewide, including 25 through the High Impact church program—those churches started in high-need areas and designed to achieve 250 members in attendance within five years.

As of December 2009, Kentucky Baptists planted 284 churches, shattering the original 75-church goal. The target was even adjusted in 2008 to 200—and still was easily surpassed.

To date, the High Impact church goal still is about one or two plants shy of 25, Mackey said, but has resulted in a whole new mindset for Kentucky Baptists.

"We needed to really go after a new style, a new process, of church planting that is intended for these churches to grow," he said, noting that most church plants plateau at 50 members and don't make it past a few years.

Mackey revealed that the KBC's renewed emphasis on church planting within state borders was not without criticism. Much like the current call to plant churches primarily in under-reached metro areas in the U.S. or internationally, the retiring executive was asked: "Why are you doing that in Kentucky?"

"There would've been no way to win in trying to explain what you're doing," Mackey said of the criticism the KBC received. "We were just trying to reach people in

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## After nearly 30 years, Mackey knows Kentucky, its Baptists inside, out

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"Kentucky Baptists have always found a way to work together," he added.

Mackey and his wife, Kay, first came to the Bluegrass in 1963 when Mackey began his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1964 he joined the staff of First Baptist Church of Middlesboro, first serving as summer camp and youth director, and eventually associate pastor. From 1969-79, he was pastor at First Baptist Church of Whitesburg.

The Mackeys then moved to South Carolina but returned 14 years later when Bill accepted the KBC position.

"One of the immediate changes that we noticed was the improved highway systems," Mackey said. "Most noticeable were improved roads in eastern Kentucky and other rural areas, and there were new bypasses around Lexington, Louisville and northern Kentucky."

On the subject of roads, the Mackeys are experts. Over the past 13 years, they have traveled more than 300,000 miles from the mountains to the Mississippi River, visiting most of the 2,400 KBC-affiliated congregations.

Mackey served in Kentucky immediately prior, and then following, the most tumultuous days of the conservative shift within the Southern Baptist Convention. He said this vantage point gives him a pro-

found appreciation for the unity of Kentucky Baptists as individuals and as congregations.

"Kentucky Baptists have a history of overcoming barriers in order to find God's way of working together," he said.

In 1998, when Mackey began his time as KBC executive director, Kentucky Baptists were facing challenging days.

"One of the major concerns denominationally was maintaining unity around the Great Commission following the SBC conservative resurgence," he recalled. "People were concerned that they had been excluded or might be in the future."

"Groups were discussing forming a (second) conservative convention," he continued.

Ultimately, "Kentucky Baptists were still independent enough to refuse to let anybody push them into a decision before they were ready," Mackey said.

That mindset, and the unity it brings, will remain as long as Kentucky Baptists are focused on what is most important, he noted.

"I think Kentucky Baptists have avoided bitter splits due to their commitment to the Great Commission as expressed in Acts 1:8," Mackey concluded.

The desire "to roll up their sleeves and get involved" in sharing the gospel at home, across North America and the world, is an-



With approval from his wife, Kay, retiring Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Bill Mackey shows off a gas can given to him as a going-away present at a recent luncheon. During his 13 years with the KBC, the Mackeys have traveled more than 300,000 miles across Kentucky. The Mackeys also received a GPS system from Assistant Executive Director Steve Thompson on behalf of the KBC staff. (Photo by Dannah Prather/KBC)

other trait Kentucky Baptists have maintained over the years, Mackey noted.

One of many examples from the 1970s are Kentucky Baptists near Whitesburg who helped start three "Sunday school missions" so children attending vacation Bible school could continue to learn about Jesus.

Nearly 20 years later, when the Mackeys returned, Kentucky Baptists were just starting to organize ministries among the commonwealth's growing Hispanic population.

The Mackeys' latest season of ministry in Kentucky may be ending, but Kentucky Baptists can be sure that Bill Mackey will remain prayerfully invested and interested in the spiritual condition of his adopted home state.

"Kentucky Baptists have always been creative and innovative and willing to try new approaches to fulfill the Great Commission in Kentucky," he said. "I do not expect that to change."

## Volunteers needed for disaster relief work in Paducah, western Kentucky

Paducah—As Southern Baptist Disaster Relief assesses how best to help the people of tornado-ravaged Joplin, Mo., Kentucky Baptist disaster relief still is seeking volunteers to help western Kentucky residents recover from recent flooding.

"We have many requests from people in the region who need help cleaning out their homes," said Coy Webb, disaster relief associate for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "Even if volunteers can only serve a day or two, that would be a tremendous help."

Mud-out crews are needed to remove mud and debris and then pressure wash and disinfect houses.

Webb said volunteers who have completed training in disaster relief are preferred, but anyone willing to help is encouraged to contact Kentucky Baptist disaster relief at DR@KyBaptist.org, or by phone at (502) 489-3404 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3404.

It has been a busy spring for Kentucky Baptist DR. In March and April, teams responded to flooding in Ohio and Hardin County. Following deadly tornadoes in Alabama, volunteers served in Henagar and Higdon, Ala., removing debris and providing hot showers, laundry facilities and chaplaincy services.

Even as Alabamians were digging out, more rain was falling in Kentucky. The Ohio River crested at Paducah on May 5. With waters finally receding, disaster relief leaders were able to assess damage. Requests for assistance soon followed.

With so many needs, the disaster relief ministry hopes to hear from volunteers who perhaps have not been able to serve yet this year, Webb said.

"This spring seems to be a marathon and not a sprint as far as the demand for workers goes," he said. "Those affected by these disasters will need us for weeks, maybe months."

## The Mackey Years

# Mother played significant role in exec's focus on evangelism

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But what he did not discover until well on that chosen path was the role his mother played in those divine appointments.

As a young wife in South Carolina, Evelyn Ellis Mackey experienced the heartbreak every mother fears when she woke one morning to find her precious infant had died. The doctor listed the cause as crib death, but his explanation for the baby's mysterious passing offered her no comfort. Instead, she took her pleas to the Lord—much like Hannah did in 1 Samuel.

Mackey recalled a Sunday morning in 1957 when his mother finally divulged her secret prayers.

"After I tried to preach my first sermon as a youth week pastor in my home church, she told me she promised God that if He would give her another child she would dedicate that child to Him," Mackey said of his mother. "At the time, it was good to hear, but I had no way of appreciating it at that moment—not fully."

Now 70, Mackey said he recognized God was tugging at his heart from the very beginning. By the age of 10, he made a profession of faith and was baptized.

"I knew for a year what I would do, but even at that young age there was that resistance to the call of the Holy Spirit in my life," Mackey said. "It was quite a moment when I did present myself to the pastor. It was an experience of tears of joy and confession at the same time."

In an instant, Mackey said his youthful heart felt a tremendous burden lifted—a burden he could explain only as a spiritual separation from God.

As Mackey progressed from elementary to junior high and finally high school, his desire to be obedient to God also grew. However, he was more comfortable being a quiet, non-verbal witness. It was not until young Mackey participated in a witness-training course at his home church in South Carolina that he felt a personal call to spread the gospel.

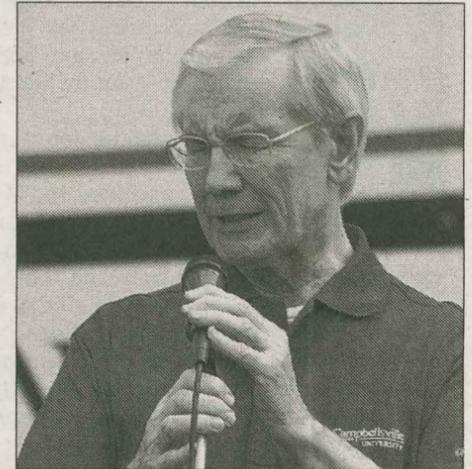
"I remember being convicted that I needed to share my faith, and the only person I knew at that time that was unsaved was the father of one of my friends."

"I got in my car and drove to his house that week. I went up and knocked on the door, but he was not home," Mackey said, and then added with a smile. "Boy, was I relieved. I had no clue at this point what I was going to say."

The friend's father eventually would come to know Christ, but not because of a conversation with a teenage Bill Mackey. Steadfast in his belief that God was pulling him toward the ministry, Mackey surrendered to the ministry call two years later at a Royal Ambassadors summer camp.

"I knew it was the Holy Spirit leading me," Mackey said. "It was the truth of God's word that I need to share. It was the conviction that grew out of the scriptural teaching. ... I needed to be obedient."

Mackey's obedience to God led him through college graduation and then seminary training in Louisville. After obtaining all the proper degrees, he served as an associate pastor in Middlesboro, then as a senior pastor in Whitesburg, before making the transition into statewide Baptist ministry. First, Mackey guided the evangelism efforts of the South Carolina Baptist Con-



Bill Mackey prays prior to a food distribution event at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Louisville during Crossover Louisville 2009, the evangelistic outreach event that precedes each Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. (KBC photo)

vention; then, led Kentucky's Baptists as its convention executive director.

"One of the most dramatic situations sharing my faith was with a young man who was in the emergency room and burned over 85 percent of his body," Mackey said, who was serving in Middlesboro at the time. "When I walked in the door, he said, 'Tell me how I can go to heaven.' So I led him to pray to receive Christ, and he began to testify. He said, 'God led me to church about a week ago and I didn't go last Sunday because I had to work. He said to me, 'Preacher, tell them that God gave me another chance.'"

"I still have that (surgical) mask I wore," Mackey said. "I found it the other night. I decided to keep it as a reminder of that experience and to use every opportunity you can to clarify a person's relationship with God."

Mackey's evangelistic focus has helped launch several statewide initiatives during his KBC tenure. Last year, Kentucky Baptists embarked on year one of Find It Here, an ambitious evangelistic campaign which resulted in more than 1,700 churches distributing the gospel message to approximately 83 percent of Kentucky households. The Find It Here push continued this year, and plans also are in the works for 2012.

Prayer, too, has been at the forefront of Mackey's ministry. A pair of prayer movements in the mid-2000s—Pray the Perimeter and Pray the Interior—brought Kentucky Baptists together to intercede on behalf of their fellow Kentuckians.

Through the lifetime of souls saved and lives transformed, Mackey said he humbly views himself more as a facilitator for God and has been quick to deflect any praise for his evangelistic work during the past quarter century.

"You know that it's not about you," Mackey noted. "We're earthen vessels willing to be used by God. That's how I see it. It's just being willing to be used of God and trying to recognize God at work and to be a part of that."

"The bottom line is about obedience," he added. "It's not an emotion. It's coming to the point where you are obedient in sharing the gospel and you don't have to have an emotional high to do that. You respond to the commands of the Great Commission to share the gospel with every person."

Congratulations and thank you for your years of stellar service and outstanding leadership. May God continue to bless you and yours and hold you in the palm of His hand.

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## Transitions

There are many transitions that are in process as Kay and I conclude our formal ministry with Kentucky Baptists. During the month of May, I have had the privilege of:

- Speaking in worship services at Watson Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville (Kevin Smith, pastor), Union City Baptist Church in Richmond (Rick Brown, pastor), and Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville (Jim Hill pastor);

## Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

- Addressing the graduate school commencement at Campbellsville University;
- Addressing the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board and annual leadership event for Kentucky directors of missions.

I am grateful for all the recognitions that have been made by the KBC administrative committee and Mission Board, the KBC team leaders and staff, and the book of letters from Southern Baptist Convention and KBC leaders and staff, and another book from directors of missions. Praise God for all that He has done.

I am grateful that the Mission Board staff has a direction for the next 15 months with objectives and goals contained in the Kentucky Baptists Connect strategic plan.

The "More for Christ" emphasis is in place to challenge Kentucky Baptists to do more personally, and as families and churches, to reach people for Christ, and to develop their stewardship.

Also, there is a national emphasis on the Cooperative Program called "Cooperative Program: Together We Are There," that is supported by all state conventions and SBC leadership.

State conventions are committed to move toward a "50/50" division between SBC and state missions' causes with shared expenses allowed for state conventions to promote CP, collect the funds, receipt all gifts, provide accounting and audit reports, and distribute the funds.

It seems that NAMB does plan to have a funding agreement with "old line" state conventions, which is a welcomed relief.

With new leadership at major SBC positions and a recommendation for executive director-treasurer of the KBC Mission Board, I am hopeful that Southern Baptists will experience a new era of advancement in fulfilling the Great Commission.

With new leadership, it is my prayer that Kentucky Baptists will move forward with confidence in God to reach people, encourage one another; grow in sacrificial and joyful giving and witness; plant churches; meet needs and extend the gospel message to every person.

Once more I want to thank you for your prayers during my illness and recovery in 2008, and request your prayers as Kay and I transition to a new home and opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Be assured of our prayers for Kentucky Baptists on a daily basis as you embrace new opportunities from our Lord.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## His four words to guide Kentucky Baptists

Every leader brings new insights and vision to the role, and an important part of the executive director's task is helping Kentucky Baptists set priorities and determine how best to make those goals reality. Bill Mackey excelled at his assignment.

Soon after the KBC search committee contacted Mackey, who was then serving as the leadership development and evangelism growth team leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, he experienced a vision from God that drove him to tears. "The Lord began to reveal to me ... that he was going to bring Kentucky Baptists together," he said at the time. "I pray you will seek with me for God to do a miraculous work among us .... It's not too hard for God." Mackey became an instrument of reconciliation.

In introducing Mackey, search committee chair Peggy Hicks described him as "a man who has a vision for the future and knows who we are." Calling him a "man of integrity" and "a proven leader," she predicted Mackey would be inclusive by relating to all political, theological and geographical categories, as well as to churches of all sizes. That prediction proved accurate. Mackey consistently strove to work well with the entire KBC constituency.

Before leaving the room that day for the vote, Mackey told the Executive Board that his commitment would be "to follow Jesus Christ." He added, "We don't just have jobs; we have a mission from God. If you feel led by the Spirit of God to vote this afternoon, I pray it will be a commitment to pursue with all your heart the mission Jesus has for us." That, too, has been his clarion call.

Mackey quickly set about defining a mission and setting goals for Kentucky Baptists. He became a coach who encouraged the KBC staff while holding them accountable. His first priority was to listen. In numerous sessions across the state, he asked again and again, "What can the KBC do to help churches fulfill Jesus Christ's mission in their communities?" Over that first year, Mackey introduced four key concepts which would serve as guiding principles of his era: spiritually based, core values, relationships and service.

"Everything we do must be spiritually based," he insisted. A new logo captured his heartbeat for missions and evangelism. "All we do must contribute toward missions," he said. Kentucky is the first place of service, he explained, but the globe shows that our

work extends around the world.

Mackey dreamed that KBC staff would be driven by God-given core values and vision as a servant body of Christ committed to serve churches. From an initial list of 200 terms, they focused in on a set of common values: integrity, communications, healthy relationships, servant, teamwork, effective/efficient and positive attitude. The staff next established some big objectives that eventually would give rise to the Kentucky Baptist Connect emphasis (see story by Drew Nichter, page 2).

Mackey began building a "strong fabric of relationships," believing it was imperative as the convention faces inevitable issues and challenges. "Our unity is our witness to the

world. We must come together so our witness is strong," Mackey urged in his first address at an annual meeting. He encouraged Kentucky Baptists to not only find common ground so plans for mission outreaches in the state and around the world would be fruitful, but to unite on "higher ground," where they "come together due to sense of divine call from God to accomplish his mission."

Serving churches has been a constant theme. The purpose of a state convention, he insisted, is "to be a channel for world evangelism and missions and to assist the churches in becoming Great Commission churches." To him, that meant helping churches grow and fulfill God's mission in their communities. "The convention staff can only be successful when local churches are successful in reaching people and seeing lives transformed by Jesus," he explained.

Yet, serving the needs of local churches did not mean the state convention would lessen its focus on state, national or world missions. "If you're going to reach very far, you've got to have a strong base," Mackey explained. Indeed, the desire "to roll up their sleeves" and get involved in sharing the gospel at home and across North America and the world has been a hallmark of Kentucky Baptists (see story by Dannah Prather, page 1).

Through spiritually-based leadership, Mackey has enabled Kentucky Baptists to "dare to believe" that by faith they can achieve what God has for them. All the while, he has faithfully given the glory to God. "You know that it's not about you," Mackey humbly reflected (see story by Robin Bass, page 1). "It's just being willing to be used of God and trying to recognize God at work and to be a part of that."

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



## The book on Bill Mackey

By Robert Reeves

A quick perusal of the business section at the local bookstore or a search online will show a multitude of books on the subject of leadership. Military generals, the captains of corporate America, sports coaches and many others have all sought to distill into words the essence of what it takes to guide people and organizations to success.

He's not written the book yet, but I believe Kentucky Baptists will lose one of their best leaders when Bill Mackey retires as Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director on May 31. I've had opportunity to watch this humble man serve God and Kentucky Baptists for the past 13 years and share the following as at least a few of the reasons he has been able to guide us so well and successfully.

**Authenticity**—Dr. Mackey is in private as he is in person. He deeply loves the Lord, His church and His people. During his tenure, Dr. Mackey has literally traveled hundreds of thousands of miles crisscrossing the

state to be in churches, association meetings and events at various Kentucky Baptist organizations. I believe he has truly enjoyed every minute of it. He is energized by the stories of how God is at work and loves being in worship and on mission with Kentucky Baptists. We on the Mission Board staff sometimes say that Dr. Mackey has a low "wow factor" in that it doesn't take much to get him excited about any effort to help people come to know the Lord.

**Consensus building**—It is no secret that Baptists don't always agree. One of the keys to Dr. Mackey's leadership, however, has been that he always seeks to make use of the best ideas presented by every perspective and always speaks well of everyone. He's never pushed any person's or group's agenda. Instead, he has always encouraged Kentucky Baptists to avoid the distractions of Baptist politics and stay focused on our mission to connect people to Jesus Christ. In promoting the Cooperative Program,

we often talk about how much more effective it is to work together. Dr. Mackey has actively sought to exemplify this and keep Kentucky Baptists moving forward—together.

**Faith**—Dr. Mackey will be first to tell you that anything that has been accomplished during his tenure has come from the Lord. He spends a great deal of time in prayer and his personal relationship with Jesus is the most important thing in his life. In 2008, Dr. Mackey became very ill and there was a time when we weren't sure if he would survive. The thing I remember most about this physical ordeal, however, is Dr. Mackey talking about how much he felt the Lord's presence. Asking the question, "What would Jesus do?" has never been a fad for him. It's how he operates.

God will be faithful in providing a new executive director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, but we have certainly been blessed to have had the current one. There's much more that can be said about his leadership, but that will have to await another day. Maybe he'll write a book!

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## Mackey: a 'people person' & focused, effective leader

By Charles Barnes

It has been 13 very good years for Kentucky Baptists. God has blessed the leadership and ministry of Bill and Kay Mackey.

It was my privilege to be on the search committee that recommended to the Executive Board (now Mission Board) that Bill Mackey be asked to serve as the executive director-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. As I recall, one of the major requirements that the committee discussed with Dr. Mackey was that the new leader must "put a face on the KBC for Kentucky Baptists." The committee wanted the new leader to be in the field with pastors and other leaders perhaps as much as 70 percent of his time. With Kay often going with him and driving, this has been a very meaningful part of their leadership and ministry. Dr. Mackey has become the face of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and represented Baptists in a very effective manner. Kay has endeared herself to many Baptists throughout the state.

In 2007-2008, Dr. Mackey asked me to help coordinate a number of regional meetings and programs around the state to oppose the expansion of gambling in Kentucky. Most of the time, we rode together to these meetings. It was after each meeting that I came to appreciate him as a "people person." He always had time to talk, despite our schedule, down to the last person. People and what they wanted to say are very important to him. This same love for people drives his passion for the lost. Telling others about Jesus is a big part of his DNA.

One of the high points of Dr. Mackey's leadership was the development, approval and successful implementation of a mission statement along with objectives and goals for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. (Most of us know this as the Kentucky Baptist Connect Program.) He had a vision to move Kentucky Baptists forward. He also carefully asked for input from staff, pastors and other leaders. He wanted a united effort toward a common and clear mission, with formal approval by the Mission Board.

As I served on the mission advisory committee that monitored the implementation of the objectives and goal, I soon learned that Dr. Mackey believed in accountability in

the Lord's work. First, he accepted accountability and then he looked for the same response from staff and KBC churches. His vision and leadership have allowed Kentucky Baptists to become more focused and effective in their work.

God has also used the steady, confident, quiet demeanor and smile of Bill and Kay Mackey over these 13 years to guide Kentucky Baptists. This has served Baptists well as the convention has faced a number of major challenges. His "steady hand on the rudder" has boded well for Kentucky Baptists, and Kentucky has avoided some of the major problems other states have experienced.

One of my favorite memories of Dr. Mackey's ministry is how his face would light up and the excitement he would show when he told about something that was happening in one of the KBC churches. He always had an exciting story to tell about a small church's revival results, a pastor's effectiveness in leading his church, or the impact of a larger church's mission trips. His focus was on the health and effectiveness of the local pastor and church.

We praise God for using His servants, Bill and Kay, among us. What a blessing it has been for Kentucky Baptists. May God's blessings be with the Mackeys as they move to a new phase of their life and service for Him.

*Charles Barnes is a member of the KBC Mission Board and was a member of the search committee that nominated Bill Mackey as KBC executive director-treasurer.*

### FIRST PERSON

## Mackey: a soul winner

By Frank Page

I have known Bill Mackey for well over 25 years. Many years ago, I was involved in helping write some Continuing Witness Training materials for the Personal Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board). Dr. Mackey was part of some of those groups as we discussed how better to write materials to help win people to Christ. He was and is a soul winner. Thus, my first contact with him was in the area of personal evangelism.

Over these years, our friendship has continued. When I was pastor in Augusta, Ga., I had him to come and preach. Our people enjoyed so much hearing him share the Word of God.

I am honored to speak a word of affirmation for my friend and pray God's greatest blessings upon him as he now transitions into yet another ministry. I thank God for Bill Mackey!

*Frank Page is president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee.*

## Mackey: sensitive to people, loyal to Christ

By Carlisle Driggers

My recollection of first meeting Dr. Bill Mackey is very clear in my memory. It dates back to the late 1970s. At that time I was serving as a regional coordinator for planning and budgeting with the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. My responsibility was to relate primarily to the state Baptist conventions along the eastern seaboard. South Carolina was, of course, one of those states. As I visited the Baptist Building in Columbia several times each year to work on strategies for missions and evangelism advancement, I was introduced to Dr. Mackey who was the state director for evangelism.

On those visits when I would meet with the executive director-treasurer and several other staff members, Dr. Mackey was always present. I soon realized that he never failed to be prepared for my time with him. I found him to be passionate about evangelism plans which would strengthen the churches and the Baptist associations across the state. He would always express the yearning of his heart to see more people come to Christ. I recall the times in his office when we prayed for lost persons to be saved through the cooperative efforts of the Home Mission Board and the South

Carolina Baptist Convention.

When I was invited in 1990 to become the assistant executive director-treasurer in S.C., I remember thinking, "Great! I will be able to work closely day by day with Bill Mackey." I was excited and eager for that opportunity.

During my tenure of service as the executive director-treasurer which began in 1992, Dr. Mackey never once disappointed me or gave me reason to be concerned about his work ethic, devotion to his task, or complete loyalty to his position as he moved among the Baptists of the state. I trusted him, confided in him, and leaned heavily on his counsel and fidelity. I will always be grateful for those years we served together.

One decision I especially appreciated was when our staff team leaders concluded that we needed a leadership development component to help provide training across the state. The Executive Board approved the recommendation and also that Dr. Mackey would oversee that work in addition to his duties as evangelism director. He handled it all superbly, and we put together an outstanding leadership development group in 1994 to be led by Dr. Reggie McNeal, then a pastor in East Texas.

### FIRST PERSON

## Giving generously and creatively

By Jeremy White

Sally Keith of Tuscon, Ariz., celebrated her 90th birthday by giving a pair of shoes to needy children at a local school for each decade of her life.

She had told herself, "I want some new shoes; mine need updating." But then she thought, "I don't need any shoes, but I bet there are some kids who have tattered or borrowed shoes."

School officials chose nine elementary school boys to meet her at a sporting goods store. Some had never owned cleats to play soccer or properly fitted sneakers. The boys gave Mrs. Keith cards, hugged her and sang "Happy Birthday."

After paying the bill, she said, "I have everything I want. Instead, I decided I wanted to have some fun. I'm celebrating this way."

Giving is not only an expectation from God, but it also is vital to our overall financial and stewardship well-being. Our giving to churches, ministries and charities is most practically done by monetary gifts. Periodically, however, I believe it is wise to give our time, treasure and talent in creative ways, like Mrs. Keith did. It exercises our giving muscles, energizes us, inspires others and indicates to the recipients they are special. Creative giving doesn't just have to be through complicated trusts and estate planning.

For the person who has everything, give a creative gift in their honor. This could be the purchase of Bibles from the Gideons or to a particular cause. Rather than give chocolates or other unneeded Christmas gifts to clients to express appreciation, I've begun buying livestock animals, school supplies and soccer balls for needy children through Samaritan's Purse, World Vision or similar organizations.

I've heard stories of people who have given a month's worth of diapers to a crisis pregnancy center. Hunters can donate meat to rescue missions. Retired teachers can tutor.

I don't suggest stopping your regular monetary tithes. Instead, I'm encouraging you to think differently about giving generously and look for unique ways.

*Reprinted from WR, June 1, 2010. Jeremy White is a CPA in Paducah with Blythe, White and Associates.*

## Books that help heal after divorce

By James Stillwell

**Q: I have a friend who is going through divorce. What "count-on-able" books would you recommend to help them through this painful journey?**

**A:** A tried and true book walking folks through the treacherous path of divorce country is Jim Smoke's classic, "Growing through Divorce." Though written in the 1970s while he was serving as single adult minister at Crystal Cathedral in California, more than 600,000 copies later it still holds up today.

A Bible study that goes more in-depth than Smoke's book is Harold Ivan Smith's "A Time for Healing." Especially helpful is Smith's grief model based on decision-making rather than a "stages" of grieving approach.

John Gottman's "Why Marriages Succeed and Fail" is an interesting primer on how marriages that end in divorce go down an inevitable spiral based on poor communication. This book helps the reader to take responsibility for his or her part.

"Five Steps to Forgiveness" by Everette Worthington lays out better than possibly any other book the actual mechanics of the forgiveness process. This is vital whether reconciliation is "in the cards" or not.

"LifeMapping" by John Trent presents a good "storyboard" model for dealing with the past, present and future that a divorcing person can find exceedingly helpful in moving forward.

"The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook" by Edward Bourne can help people stay out of a frightening future of worry and live more in the present moment.

"The Parents Book about Divorce" by Richard Gardner has tried-and-true principles for single parents.

These books and others can help. Some of these are out of print but can be found online. Having a support system is vital. For other resource ideas including how to connect with a church-based support group, feel free to contact the author of this article, James Stillwell at JamesS@ibc-lex.org or (859) 685-3215.

*James Stillwell is minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.*

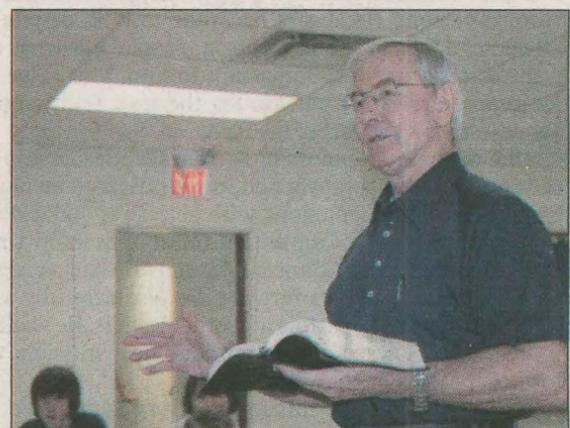




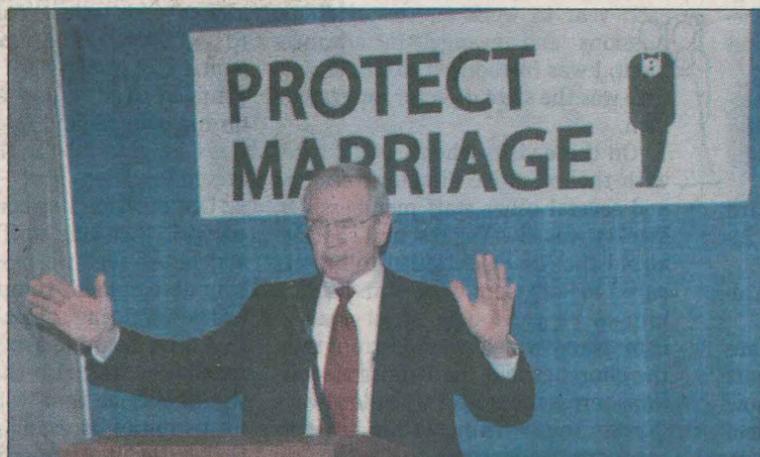
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■ **Left:** Bill Mackey, Kentucky WMU Executive Director Joy Bolton and others join in prayer during a "Pray the Perimeter" event in 2005. ■ **Right:** Mackey leads a Bible study. ■ **Below right:** Mackey and others, including Mount Washington pastor Paul Chitwood (far left), pray with former Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher (seated) at the state capitol in Frankfort.



■ **Above:** Bill Mackey gives blood during a blood drive at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville. ■ **Left:** Mackey pitches in on home repairs with youth at Kentucky Changers.



■ **Above:** Bill Mackey prays during a Protect Marriage rally, sponsored by the Family Foundation of Kentucky, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. ■ **Right:** Mackey and others go door to door in Louisville, sharing the gospel during a Crossover event prior to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.



## Mackey used tenure as exec to 'connect' Kentucky Baptists

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Kentucky and trying something new."

Mackey said he also received some push-back when trying to check off the networking objective goal of putting four regional church development strategists out in the state. At first, associational directors of missions resisted the move.

"They felt like we were trying to replace them—and that was not my intention," Mackey said.

But the overriding factor with that was the word from Kentucky Baptists to "put your staff in the field more; put a face on Kentucky Baptist missions," Mackey recalled.

Today, the strategists and DOMs meet regularly, Mackey said, "working on strategies together."

### Kentucky Baptist network

And it is the networking aspect of Kentucky Baptists Connect that Mackey said has been one of the most exciting developments.

Because of the proliferation of the Internet, smartphones and other Web-based devices, pastors are more in touch with each other than ever.

Technology has "allowed them to connect beyond their face-to-face meetings," Mackey said. They are "excited about networking best practices and connecting with others who are in similar situations and how they are dealing with ministry challenges and how they can learn from one another."

"A guy can go online and get help from friends or from convention staff or resources," he added.

That connectivity is what Mackey believes the KBC's mission statement is all about. He said he wants the convention to be the "primary portal" for church resources. "If you're out there in the church, you don't have time to do all this searching," he noted.

When distilled down to a single goal, Kentucky Baptists Connect—which in 2009 was extended through 2012—is all about strengthening churches, Mackey insisted.

"It's not about building the church as an end within itself, but strengthening churches so that the foundation for world evangelization is strengthened," he said.

As for Kentucky Baptists Connect ultimate impact on the state convention, Mackey said it all depends on God's work in the local churches.

"Our role as a state convention staff is to help people with the tools they need," he said, "but also to help them understand that it's God who is at work in you that allows you to accomplish His purposes and fulfill His mission."

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Dr. Bill Mackey, center, executive director-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was presented the Campbellsville University Leadership Award by Dr. Michael V. Carter, president; Dr. Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Joe Owens, vice chair of the CU Board of Trustees at the 2011 commencement exercises where Mackey spoke.

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## Elliff to 'introduce' IMB at SBC; Lawless elected IMB VP

Rockville, Va.—Tom Elliff, in his first trustee meeting as president of the International Mission Board, rolled out the beginning of the vision he said "God painted on my heart."

IMB trustees also elected a new vice president during their May 20 meeting in Rockville, Va.

Elliff, in a brief preview of his IMB report to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 15, shared his vision that each of the remaining 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups would be "embraced" by a Southern Baptist church committed to seeing that people group engaged with the gospel.

"I pray within 12 months of our Southern Baptist Convention," Elliff said, "that we will see all 3,800 of those unengaged people groups with some church saying, 'We've taken them on. We are reaching out embracing them. We're going to learn about them. We're going to pray over them. We're going to strategize.'"

"Our goal," Elliff added, "is to one day have boots on the ground (among them) sharing the gospel, and that's an exciting prospect."

Elliff also noted how the IMB needs to

be more aggressive in facilitating younger generations of pastors and churches that desire to reach the nations. He affirmed that the mission board has significant value to "bring to the table" to a new generation of pastors that will benefit local churches and create fresh awareness of the SBC.

"God is developing a fresh generation of pastors and churches that really take their faith seriously," Elliff said. "They are disciplined students of the Bible. They are driven by a remarkable passion to ensure the fulfillment of the Great Commission."

"It would be foolish for us to assume that those pastors and churches are simply going to choose to be Southern Baptist as a default position," he added. "It is to this generation of pastors and church members that we must newly introduce ourselves. We must offer them compelling evidence that being a Southern Baptist and doing missions through IMB is scripturally based, it is spiritually empowered and it is fiscally responsible."

To emphasize the role of sound theology as the basis for IMB work and to provide teaching that will connect it to churches and pastors, trustees elected

Chuck Lawless as vice president for global theological advance. Since 2008, he has served as a consultant for global theological education while continuing in his position as dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He now will serve full time with the IMB beginning June 1.

In this role, Lawless will provide theological leadership and guidance to the IMB and its personnel, while helping strengthen its ties with Southern Baptist churches, seminaries and other partnering organizations. (BP)

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### Doors to language, doors to Christ

#### Teaching English to OBI's international students allows for sharing of gospel

By Ryan Cordle, OBI ESL teacher

On any given school day, if one were to journey to the confluence of Goose Creek and Red Bird River in Oneida, he might be surprised to find there existed a community in which a plethora of students not only spoke English, but also Amharic, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Punjab, Wolof, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese and Spanish.

In God's strange timing, He has gathered students from dozens of nations to learn at Oneida Baptist Institute. OBI was founded as an opportunity for peaceful education for the local Appalachian students, but now serves as a kind of global mission field as well.

The opportunity to teach international students about the peace of Christ has been made possible largely by the growing global economy, which has adopted English as its lingua franca (shared working language). In countries like China, Korea and Ethiopia, learning English is viewed as a vehicle for economic success, because it opens up trade not only with the West, but other Asian and African countries that rely on English as their international business language. So a Korean businessperson who speaks English could converse with someone from the U.S., France, Russia, South Africa or Japan who also uses English for business.

Many parents see English language learning as fundamental for the future success of their children. This is how OBI becomes home for dozens of students from around the world. We do not recruit international students, but rather they seek out affordable American boarding

schools. They come to learn English and to be able to say they spent time in America.

Although our faculty and staff view the opportunity to minister to international students as a serious blessing, it creates educational and administrative challenges. It is difficult to teach U.S. history to a 16-year-old Thai student who speaks little or no English. The houseparents also struggle to work with these students.

As the ESL (English as a second language) teacher, it is my job to assist international students in their English language acquisition. This means doing the necessary work of teaching grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, etc.; but it also requires creating a special relationship with ESL students. A good relationship between the ESL teacher and student opens up many doors.

For example, if a language-learning student views her teacher as friendly and helpful, she is less likely to be scared of harsh judgment for making mistakes. She will open up to speaking and writing English quickly, which then benefits her in other classes and social interactions.

The ESL program at OBI then becomes a special class to model the gospel of Jesus. Opening myself up as a teacher by inviting students to my home, taking them to restaurants on their birthdays, or seeing them on campus allows me ample time to build relationships with them to improve their English. It also provides an opportunity to demonstrate what it means to be a Christian to international students who otherwise might be hindered from hearing about Jesus.

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#### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

### Senior memories, continued

#### Clear Creek graduates reflect on their time at the school

Maybe you didn't get to attend our graduation ceremonies this year. So, here are some more "senior memories" of our graduates that were shared as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas during the graduation service.

"My fondest Clear Creek memory is talking one-on-one with Dr. Bob Hughes about the mission field. His heart for God and missions was something I had, and still do, desire." —Rebekah Ann Kubasch

"My fondest memories of Clear Creek are the journey I shared here with my husband and son. I enjoyed the snow every winter because we don't get a lot in South Carolina. Also, finding two of the best friends I have ever had." —Regina Lane

"Some of my fondest Clear Creek memories are preaching at the Bell County Prison Camp. It required me to be prayed up and to always have a sermon ready. Another great memory was when we prayed in the medical clinic for the physical healing of a lady and two weeks later God healed her. I cried when she was hurting and I cried when she was healed." —Ron Gardner

"I have grown so much in the

Lord in my time at Clear Creek. I have married the man of my dreams and all this because of God. The Bible says there is a time and season for everything. Clear Creek was one of those times for me." —Amanda Burns

"My fondest Clear Creek memory is taking three amazing trips to Turkey as a student here and seeing over 20 Muslim people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior." —Cliff Cullen

"My fondest Clear Creek memory is that I was blessed to see God at work not only in my life, but also in the lives of many others at Clear Creek. I thank my kids, my wonderful wife and, most importantly, God for giving me this opportunity to learn and grow and for giving me my son during my time here." —Paul Ditty

"My fondest memories at Clear Creek are meeting and marrying my wife while I was here; all the friendships I have gained; and being able to sit under brilliant professors who love God and His word." —David Dowell

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#### Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

## Joplin, Mo., church simply 'helping people like Jesus would'

By Susan Mires  
Missouri Pathway

Joplin, Mo.—Pastor John Swadley still was huddled in the crawl space under his house when he began forming the plan for Forest Park Baptist Church's response to the ongoing tornado.

Swadley and his family carried a radio with them as they took cover the night of May 22. The local station soon began feeding live reports of the tornado's destruction. They were spared; the rest of Joplin, Mo., was not.

"I knew at that time we were dealing with a disaster of major proportions," he said.

Forest Park now is at the heart of the national relief effort for Joplin. The church is coordinating food, volunteer assignments and donations in the aftermath of an EF-5 tornado (winds of more than 200 miles per hour) that killed at least 125 people and injured 750. A number of people still are missing. The National Weather Service reported it was the eighth deadliest tornado in U.S. history.

"We are just helping people like Jesus would," Swadley explained. "We are being the church and offering help, hope and healing."

Forest Park's main campus, which runs about 1,000 in Sunday worship, is just a few blocks north of the storm-damaged area in Joplin. The unharmed church building is perfectly situated to serve as a base of operations for relief efforts.

Response began just minutes after the storm as Swadley used his Facebook page to help family and church members find each other. Church leaders determined Monday morning the most urgent need was for food. Hot meals are being prepared in the



**ASSESSING THE DAMAGE** In Joplin, Mo., Ron Crow, a Missouri Baptist disaster relief leader, surveys remnants of the destroyed home of another Missouri DR leader, Gary Hunley. Hunley and his wife survived the May 22 tornado without injury. (Photo by Brian Koonce/Missouri Pathway)

church kitchen. Forest Park members also are loading sandwiches in the church van and delivering them to people in the city.

The church's "bus barn" storage facility has been designated the receiving and staging area for donated items and where supplies such as diapers, toothpaste and soap are being distributed. Offers of help have been pouring in from throughout the country.

"I'm really proud of my Heavenly Father and how He is using us for His work," Swadley said.

Forest Park is the flagship church for the Missouri Baptist Convention in the Joplin area, said John Marshall, convention president and pastor of Second Baptist Church of Springfield.

"They will be in the thick of it until the end," he said. "They are very community minded. They have three campuses, so they are well positioned all the way around."

Forest Park members also have experienced great loss. More than 30 members have uninhabitable homes. Nearly all of those affected have been taken into the homes of fellow members. Many members shared stories of how God protected them through the storm.

"When it says in the Bible to show hospitality, our people have stepped up and done that beautifully to help each other and

their friends and Sunday school classes," Swadley said.

One of the most urgent needs has been helping members get salvageable belongings collected and out of the rain. In addition, grief counseling sessions have been set up at the church and more support groups will be forming. Swadley's message last Sunday was titled, "Where do we go from here?"

"We're going to try to construct a worship service where everyone can experience God's presence in a way so that they leave stronger than they came," he said.

Most debris clearing is on hold while the search-and-rescue operation is underway, but volunteers are expected in large numbers. Samaritan's Purse is using Forest Park as its base of operations, providing expertise and direction while the church supplies workers and resources for the disaster relief effort.

"God sets the agenda for His church. When something like this happens, we have to set aside our plans and goals in the short term and adjust to what God would have us do," Swadley said.

The recovery and Forest Park's efforts are not short term, Swadley noted, but rather will take many months.

"We're going to have dozens and dozens of people who will be unemployed because the place where they work no longer exists," he said. "We want to be able to help provide financial support so they're not further hurt in their already wounded heart. We want to do our best to cushion the blow as much as we can." (BP)



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### Advance directive: memorial gifts

#### Expressing one's wishes for gifts after death important for charities

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Interestingly enough, more people understand the need for advance directives and the right to make informed decisions when it comes to medical care and life-prolonging treatment. The most common advance directives are a living will, health care surrogate designation, durable power of attorney, mental treatment directive, and organ donation. Just as the decision to execute one or more of those types of advance directives is a very important matter—and one of personal choice—so is the decision about directing memorial gifts.

On this Memorial Day week, I want to encourage you to consider what charities,

including your church, you would want to be the beneficiary of gifts in your memory and to make those known orally and in writing to the one(s) who will be handling your affairs at death.

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Furthermore, I want to encourage you to consider using the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to facilitate your desires regarding memorial gifts. One idea is for you to establish now a permanent endowment fund that would provide income in perpetuity to the charities you want to be the beneficiary of memorial gifts.

An endowment can be established with a modest gift of cash or appreciated securities or real estate. You and others can continue to make periodic contributions during your lifetime to grow the fund. Then at death, you could have a bequest in your estate plan to add to the fund along with the memorial gifts that will come from family and friends as a result of your advance directive.

Call Laurie Valentine or me for more information about how we can assist you.

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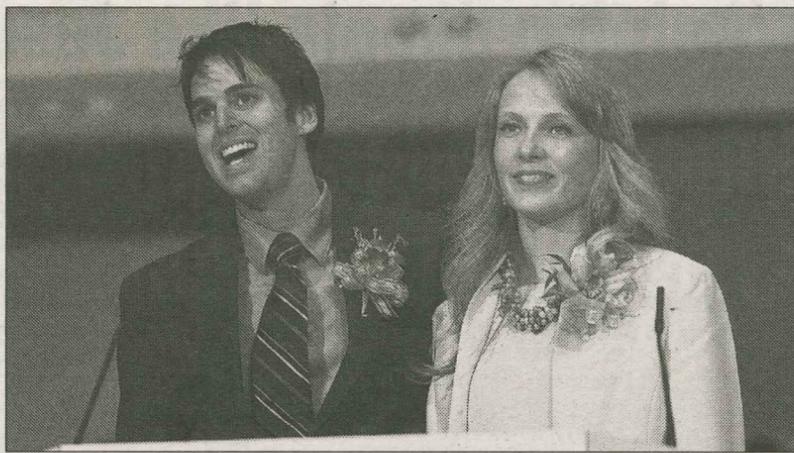
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- 11-17 Kentucky Changers, Bullitt County.
- 12-13 National WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, Phoenix.
- 14-15 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Phoenix.
- 18-24 Kentucky Changers, Paducah.
- 19-26 All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Retreat and Tour, Campbellsville University.
- 20-24 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 24-25 Acteens Splash, Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center, Hardin.
- 24-25 Courage 2011, Camp Joy Baptist Assembly, Brownsville.
- 24-25 Girls in Action Overnight, Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center, Hardin.
- 24-25 Mother/Daughter Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad; Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center, Hardin.
- 25 Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship Summer Meeting and Continuing Education Session, Louisville.
- 27-7/1 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.

July

- 1-2 Acteens Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 1-2 Mother/Daughter Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 2-9 Kentucky Changers, Maysville.
- 5-8 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls and Boys, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 13-16 Blume 2011, Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Fla.
- 23 Disaster Relief Phase I Volunteer Training, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 29-30 Excel WMU Leadership Development Event, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.



**DRAWN TO MISSIONS** Like many of the new missionaries, Alex Garcia (left) felt drawn to missions as a teenager. "At age 14, on a cold night in southern Brazil, I responded in faith to the calling God was placing on my heart," he told those gathered at the May 22 IMB commissioning service in Los Angeles. Garcia and his wife, Jess, are bound for the Americas.

26 new missionaries tell of need to take gospel to world

By Don Graham  
International Mission Board

Los Angeles—The stench of dead bodies and human waste filled Mike Reid's nostrils as he stepped inside a filthy, rundown medical clinic in the South African bush. A cholera outbreak was ravaging area villages and the then 18-year-old college freshman had volunteered to help provide clean drinking water.

So far the job had been easy, even fun—pump river water into large steel tanks, then add chlorine tablets to kill any germs. Until now, Reid hadn't encountered any cholera victims, but the clinic brought a sobering dose of reality.

As he scanned the room his eyes locked on a gaunt, South African girl lying on a gurney. She was dead, but her eyes still were open.

Dehydrated and exhausted from days of cholera-induced diarrhea, the girl had collapsed under a tree. By the time she was brought to the clinic it was too late. Reid didn't know anything about her—where she was from, how old she was, not even her name. But as he stared into the girl's lifeless eyes, God awakened something inside him.

Reid shared the story of his call to missions at Mandarin Baptist Church in Los Angeles May 22, as Southern Baptists honored 26 newly appointed International Mission Board missionaries including Reid and his wife, Laura. The couple soon will trade their Jacksonville, Fla., home for southern Europe where they will work among Muslims from North Africa and the Middle East.

"This girl most likely died having never heard the good news of Christ," Reid said. "I was just overwhelmed with an urgency that there are people—real people—who are dying because they're drinking dirty water, but they're dying into a Christ-less eternity. And as that (truth) sat on me and filled my senses, ... God confirmed in my heart that this is what I'm going to spend my life doing."

Like Reid, many of the new missionaries spoke of first hearing God's call to missions as teenagers or even children. For Ben and Olivia Harrison,\* God used the couple's son, Matthew,\* to ignite one of the first sparks that eventually would lead

them to leave their Georgia home to share Christ in Central Asia.

Two years ago, Matthew caught his parents off guard while the family was praying for Muslims during Ramadan.

"We were explaining to the kids how there were Muslims in our own community," Harrison recalled, referring to a mosque less than a mile from the church where he serves as an associate pastor. "My son, Matthew, who was 5 at the time, looks at me and says, 'Daddy, we've got to go there and tell those people about Jesus.'"

"My wife looked at me like, 'So, what are you going to tell him?'" Harrison laughed. "Immediately my mind fills up with a million reasons about why that's a bad idea."

Harrison promised Matthew he'd think about it. Soon he found himself face to face with the mosque's interfaith liaison who was curious to know why Harrison wanted to meet him.

"I've lived in this community for five years. I drive by the mosque and every Friday the parking lot is full of cars—I'm ashamed to say I don't know a single Muslim in my own community," Harrison told the man.

But that was just the beginning. While Harrison built relationships at the mosque, the Harrisons' children asked if the family could continue praying for Muslims after Ramadan ended. Two years later, it still is part of the family's evening devotion, a habit they credit for "breaking their hearts" for the Muslim world.

"Every night we're praying for an unengaged, unreached people group and asking the Lord to send somebody to go. Eventually we came to realize He's calling us to go," Harrison said.

After hearing the missionaries' testimonies, IMB President Tom El-liff challenged the crowd gathered at Mandarin with a question: "Does your heart beat for missions?"

"Soon there will be 7 billion people on this globe," he said. "Over half of them have very little access to the gospel; 1.7 billion of them will die without hearing the name of Jesus, unless you and I join (these missionaries) who go to share the gospel."

\*Names changed for security reasons

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

Spotlight on ...

Somerset



First Church will host **The Ball Brothers** in concert June 5, 11 a.m., as part of the church's 212th anniversary celebration. **French Harmon** is pastor.

Walnut Street Church will host the **Sacred Winds Ensemble** in concert June 5, 10:50 a.m. **Rusty Ellison** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church's adult choir and orchestra will perform a combined concert with the worship ministry from Parkway Church in Bardstown June 5, 6 p.m. **Paul Chitwood** is pastor.

■ **RICHMOND**—Red House Church will hold an Upward Basketball and Cheerleading camp June 20-24. The cost is \$45 and the deadline to register is June 8. For more information, call (859) 623-8471.

■ **RUSSELLVILLE**—First Church will host **Joani Tabor** in concert June 5, 6 p.m. For more information, call (270) 726-2468. **Buddy Crabtree** is pastor.

■ **WALTON**—New Banklick Church recently called **Tim Cochran** as pastor.

■ **BENTON**—Vanzora Church will hold homecoming services June 5, 10 a.m., with **Tim Cole**, director of missions for Blood River Association, as guest speaker. Special music and lunch follow the morning worship service. **Randy McClure** is pastor.

■ **GILBERTSVILLE**—Gilbertsville Church recently called **Justin Lange** as youth minister. **Brian Hall** is pastor.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—Second Church will host **Joani Tabor** in concert June 5, 10:15 a.m. For more information, call (270) 886-0291. **David Tucker** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will host the **Tribute Quartet** in concert June 4, 7 p.m. For more information, call (502) 367-0218. **Geoffrey Lacefield** is pastor.

Maple Grove Church children's choir will present the musical "Arkeology" June 1, 6:30 p.m. **Ray Hayes** is pastor.

Parkland Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary June 5. **Tom Curry** is pastor.

South Jefferson Church will hold a women's Red Hat Luncheon June 4, 10 a.m. **Richard Carver** is pastor.

St. Matthews Church will hold a "Great Parking Lot Party" June 5, 4 p.m., with food, games and music. The church also will host a VBS 5K run/walk. The cost to enter the race is \$7. For more information, visit [www.SMBCLouisville.org](http://www.SMBCLouisville.org). **Greg Barr** is pastor.

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David Ayers

## American Idol winner McCreery is an active Southern Baptist

When Scotty McCreery won Season 10 of the singing contest "American Idol" May 25, he responded by saying, "I thank the Lord. He got me here."

McCreery, 17, also is a member of First Baptist Church in Garner, N.C., a Southern Baptist congregation where he has been active in the church's youth group.

A Charlotte Observer article portrayed McCreery as a "boy next door," patiently ringing up customers as a high school cashier at the Lowes Foods in Garner. He had become a contestant on the popular show, but he hadn't told many people in his hometown. People started noticing him around February.

"Once they realized who he was, they all went to his register," the store manager said, adding that four checkout lines were empty and McCreery's line stretched 30 customers deep, to the back of the store.

McCreery was a high school baseball player, but his participation in American Idol caused him to miss this year's baseball season, where he probably would have been pitching, The Observer said.

He was required to live in Los Angeles during most of the taping of the show, and because he is a minor his mother was with him most

of the time. Both were homesick, the newspaper said.

In the eighth grade, McCreery wrote a biography of himself for a class assignment. "My philosophy of life is simple. Please God, work, provide for your family and help others," he wrote.

Throughout the filming of American Idol, McCreery wore a black "I Am Second" bracelet on his right wrist, showing his support for a movement that chronicles the personal stories of struggle and transformation of celebrities and everyday people. The stories are intended "to give hope to the lonely and the hurting, help from destructive lifestyles, and inspiration to the unfulfilled," according to iamsecond.com.

"Those who are featured on the site (called 'Seconds') graciously lend their names and stories to be shared so that others might be inspired to find the same freedom and sense of purpose they have found in Jesus," the website explains. "While some of the 'Seconds' may be well-known for their jobs or achievements, others are just local believers who transparently tell of overcoming struggles through Jesus." (BP)

Compiled by Erin Roach, assistant editor of Baptist Press.

## A yellow shirt army from 12 states

By Rick Lance

Yellow has never been my favorite color. I prefer blue myself. Yet, I am beginning to love the retinally-challenging color of yellow more and more. It is the color of disaster relief shirts and symbols, so often seen recently in Alabama.

As I traveled across the vast areas of our state so adversely impacted by the historic outbreak of tornadoes, I saw numerous state conventions working in various places. The yellow shirt army from 12 state conventions was hard at work, doing what these people do best. They were helping hurting people work their way out of the rubble and ruin of their tornado-ravaged lives.

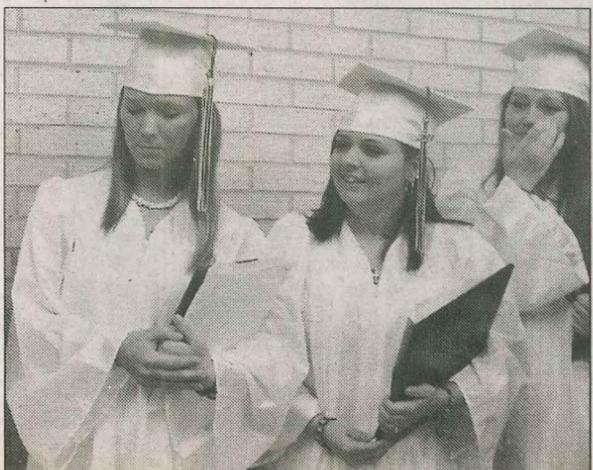
As an Alabama Baptist, I wanted to pause from the rigors of disaster relief response and offer a public word of gratitude to all of the volunteers who—as of May

23—together served for a total of 11,016 work days in disaster relief during this time of need.

Despite the fact that Bill Mackey is retiring as executive director for Kentucky Baptists, he was on the phone praying with me very soon after the tornadoes did their gruesome work. Kentucky Baptists came as disaster relief volunteers too, and they were sorely needed.

Disaster relief volunteers from 11 state conventions, plus Alabama, made for a perfect number of 12. We're not the 12 tribes of Israel, but, I believe we were and we are the people of God at work in a time of heart-breaking need. This is just one example of how state conventions work together to make a difference for Christ by seeking to meet the needs of others. (BP)

Rick Lance is a state missionary and executive director with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

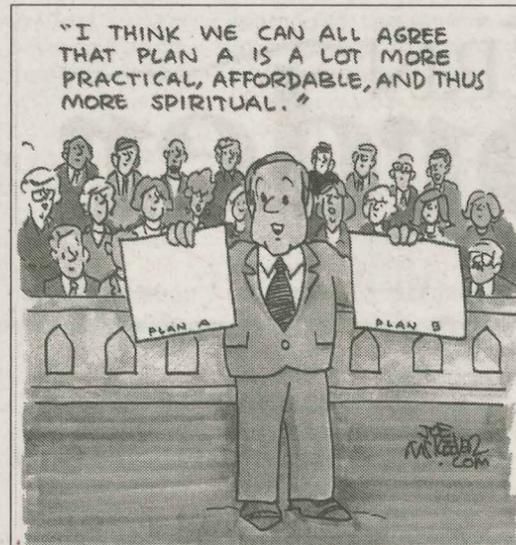


**MIXED EMOTIONS**  
Feelings ran the scale from thoughtful to happy to tearful after Oneida Baptist Institute's 103rd commencement on May 14. The class of 2011 included 52 students, 39 of whom earned advanced diplomas. Pictured are Elizabeth Nash-Pittman, Ollie Gibson and Shelby Lynch.

## Preacher's Kids



Joe Mckeever



## Brother Bloop

Dennis Daniel



## Bible Crosswords

By Linda Nunn

### Across

- 1 "Like the roaring of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Isaiah 5:30)
- 4 "For \_\_\_\_\_ thou art" (Genesis 3:19)
- 8 "The \_\_\_\_\_ shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17)
- 12 "There was no room for them in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 2:7)
- 13 "They called his name \_\_\_\_\_" (Genesis 25:25)
- 14 "And the rain was \_\_\_\_\_ the earth forty days and forty nights" (Genesis 7:12)
- 15 A desert region of south Israel
- 17 Virtual Reality, abbr.
- 18 New Testament, abbr.
- 19 "And the king loved \_\_\_\_\_ above all the women" (Esther 2:17)
- 20 "I have given \_\_\_\_\_ unto the children of Lot" (Deuteronomy 2:9)
- 22 "We have sent therefore Judas and \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 15:27)
- 24 "And will \_\_\_\_\_ their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- 27 Sun Devil school, abbr.
- 28 "But if ye \_\_\_\_\_ and devour one another" (Galatians 5:15)
- 31 As easy as \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 God's name for Himself: I \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:58)
- 33 "The wicked is \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of his own hands" (Psalm 9:16)
- 35 A historical period
- 37 "The \_\_\_\_\_ women" (Titus 2:2)
- 38 Chemical symbol for tin
- 39 "The \_\_\_\_\_ is departed from Israel" (1 Samuel 4:21)
- 42 "O come, \_\_\_\_\_ us sing unto the Lord" (Psalm 95:1)
- 43 "And they slew the kings of Midian, \_\_\_\_\_" (Numbers 31:8)
- 45 Reverend, abbr.
- 46 Article
- 48 "Come unto me, all \_\_\_\_\_ that labor" (Matthew 11:28)
- 49 Cast a ballot
- 52 World War II day of triumph celebrated May 8, 1945

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- 53 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto \_\_\_\_\_" (Zechariah 1:3)
- 54 "Thou shalt therefore \_\_\_\_\_ this ordinance in his season" (Exodus 13:10)
- 56 "There was a \_\_\_\_\_ round about the throne" (Revelation 4:3)
- 59 "... at what time ye hear the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Daniel 3:15)
- 60 Most, suffix

- 25 "Behold the fowls of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 6:26)
- 26 "Will thou break a \_\_\_\_\_ driven to and fro?" (Job 13:25)
- 28 "For some of them thought, because Judas had the \_\_\_\_\_" (John 13:29)
- 29 Anger, wrath
- 30 "And the children of Gad called the altar \_\_\_\_\_" (Joshua 22:34)
- 32 "Be ye \_\_\_\_\_, and sin not" (Ephesians 4:26)
- 34 "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 5:37)
- 36 "Ye have heard of the patience of \_\_\_\_\_" (James 5:11)
- 38 "And there came one of the \_\_\_\_\_ angels" (Revelation 17:1)
- 40 "We remember ... the \_\_\_\_\_ and the onions, ..." (Numbers 11:5)
- 41 French composer
- 42 "And he shall purify the sons of \_\_\_\_\_" (Malachi 3:3)
- 44 And, Lat.
- 46 "The words of \_\_\_\_\_, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa" (Amos 1:1)
- 47 Mr. Gingrich
- 50 To choose
- 51 "It is a people that do \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart" (Psalm 95:10)
- 55 Each, abbr.
- 57 \_\_\_\_\_ me, expression of sorrow
- 58 "Then will the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ jealous for his land, and pity his people" (Joel 2:18)

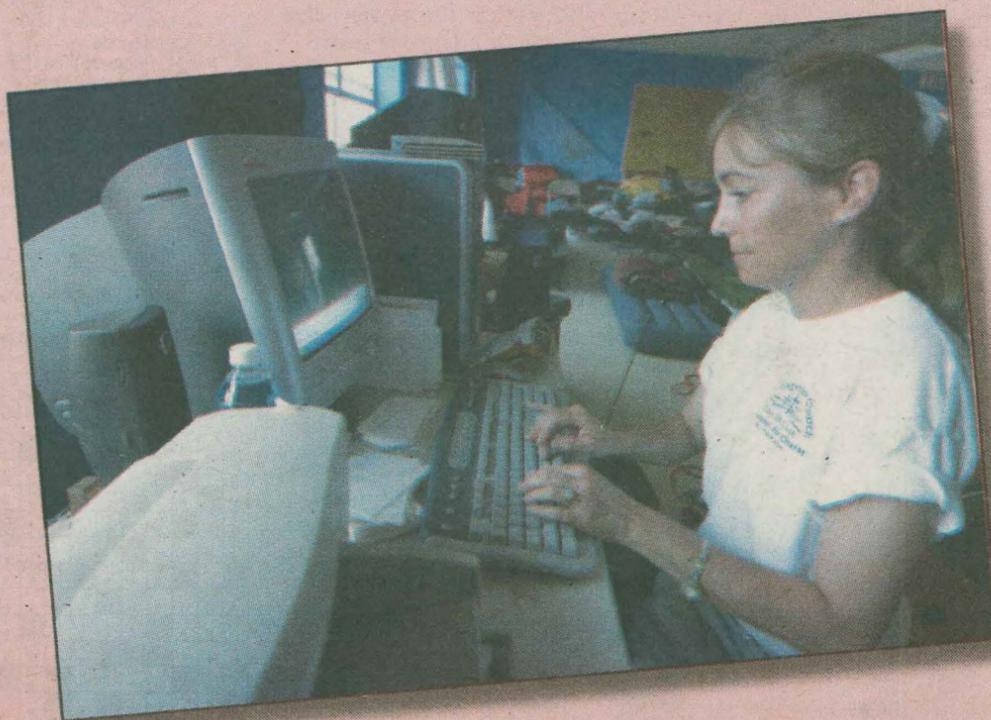
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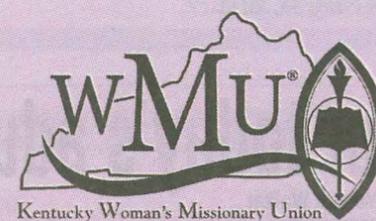
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## A PERSONAL WORD

### Season of change at Ky. WMU sparks reflection

By Joy Bolton  
 Executive Director-Treasurer of  
 Kentucky WMU

There is no doubt that Kentucky WMU is in a season of change.

It began last year with the retirement of Brenda Price in February and Glenda Triplett in December. It continues with the resignation of LaRaine Rice to stay at home with two newly adopted children and in the retirement of Donna Dye on May 31.

We welcomed Amanda-Grace Richey in December and Maryann Lee in May. We are also pleased to announce that Lori Sharp will join us on June 8 as our new financial coordinator. We hope to add a Royal Ambassadors/Challengers/Church Staff Relations Consultant very soon.

In addition to our staff changes, we said farewell to Bill and Kay Mackey at the end of May. Dr. Mackey has been a friend to Kentucky WMU, and Kay has been a WMU volunteer and spokesperson in her travels with him. We wish the Mackey's the very best in retirement and pledge our support to the next KBC executive director.



Joy Bolton

Change can be both very exciting and a bit scary. New staff bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Current staff are both hopeful of the skills the newcomers will bring and apprehensive about working relationships. Such is life.

In Numbers 33, we have a record of the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. Scripture tells us "At the Lord's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey."

As you will remember, a journey of about 10 days stretched into 40 years because of sin. Many of us can identify with that. Our journeys have been marked by stops, detours, wrong turns, mistakes. But we can also see that God provided when we needed manna. God also provided direction by day and by night, and was with us even when we sinned against Him.

This season of change on our staff has found me reflective on what God is doing in our midst, and thinking about the stages of our journey as Kentucky WMU. It is a journey that began in 1878 with the formation of the Central Committee and continues to this very day. I believe that God is giving Kentucky WMU some great opportunities to challenge a new generation to embrace the Great Commission.

The return of RAs and Challengers to na-

tional WMU and the decision of our Executive Board to expand our staff to make the most of this opportunity, reflects great courage and trust in God. I hope that you will be as excited as I am. This is a new day for us to generate a renewed passion for missions in our churches. I would encourage you to support our work through your prayers, your contributions and your participation.

Summer is a busy time for our staff. We have camps and overnights at Cedar Crest and Jonathan Creek in June, plus two weeks of associational day camps in July.

Also in July, Kentucky WMU will participate in Blume, the national Acteens convention. We are sponsoring an interactive display at Blume during Missions Mania that will highlight Kentucky missions, as well as fun things about Kentucky. Several staff and board members are going to help.

We are thrilled that many Acteens and leaders from Kentucky are registered for Blume. Your gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering have made it possible for us to provide \$100 scholarships to help qualifying Acteens and leaders with the expenses of attending.

Summer training for WMU and Baptist Men on Mission leaders has a new name—Excel. Our focus is leader development so that we can excel and be at our best for God. Join us July 29-30 at Severns Valley Baptist Church. Change happens. Hooray for change!

### Hello Maryann, Goodbye Donna

By WMU Staff

In April, Kentucky WMU said goodbye to LaRaine Rice who resigned to raise two newly adopted children. On May 1, we welcomed Maryann Lee as our new youth/college consultant. In her position with Kentucky WMU, Maryann will be responsible for leadership development and events for Acteens and Youth on Mission. Maryann will also work with Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) to enhance missions learning and opportunities for college students across our state. In addition, Maryann will have responsibilities for Kentucky Notes, the Associational WMU newsletter, and our supplement to the national WMU Year Book.



Maryann Lee

Prior to joining our staff, Maryann was on the Alabama WMU staff as a ministry assistant where she assisted in planning and executing ministry conferences and training events. Maryann also organized cultural learning events for school children at WorldSong, the Alabama WMU camp. Maryann served as a journeyman in Kazakhstan where she worked as part of a church planting team among an unreached people group and assisted with discipleship for local women believers. Maryann is a graduate of Judson College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she earned a Master of Arts in missiology in 2007. During her seminary studies, Maryann was active at Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville where she served as an Acteens leader and F.A.I.T.H. Evangelism Strategy Team Leader.

On May 31, Donna Dye concluded over 15 years of service with Kentucky WMU. Donna joined our staff on March 23, 1996 and has served us well as financial coordinator. Donna is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in business management. In her role on our staff, Donna has been both our accountant and human resources director. Donna has supervised Kentucky WMU cash management, as well our staff benefits such as medical, dental,



Donna Dye

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# For today's adults

By Wanda Walker

This is a generation of doers, not hearers. This can be hard to accept if you are one who loves and adheres to tradition.

Here are a few suggestions for working with today's adults (and not just the younger crowd):

**• Enlist adults in a missions project.**

As the project comes to completion and you are evaluating, include how this situation is like one that missionaries face. If possible, include the names of those missionaries. If you are receiving Missions Mosaic (and I know that all our leaders and readers of this article do!), then you have a resource to give that information to them. People relate to people with similar experiences, so even if you refer to a back issue, you are still doing missions education.

**• Order extra Missions Mosaics to hand out to adults in your church.**

"Oh, but that costs \$20.99 a year." Come on. We will go out to dinner one time and spend that much. This is for a whole year of missions for a person. If your church budget will allow, purchase extra copies and leave in high traffic areas. People will pick them up and read them.

**• Encourage young women to use myMISSIONfulfilled.com as a missions education resource.**

It offers women an opportunity to connect to other missions-hearted believers with on-line Bible study, prayer and current world issues. Every woman has a different life experience and may love missions, but literally does not have the time to attend an event or a missions project. This website gives a woman a missions opportunity on her time.

**• Invite someone half your age to a missions event (but not a meeting necessarily).**

In order to have a 'next' generation of missions and mission education leaders, they need to learn from you. You are the mentor.

No, these may not be 'meetings,' but adults will be learning about missions. Who knows, maybe that person will be one of the next generation of missionaries. God still calls missionaries through mission education!

I would like to encourage you to read books that are available through WMU and New Hope Publishers. *iFaith: Connecting with God in the 21st Century* is a good book for today's world. Daniel Darling does an extraordinary job looking at all the technology at our fingertips and gently reminding us that we need to come back to that place where we can have that intimate time with God. He does not knock technology, but reminds us of its place in this ever changing, immediate and "right now" generation. I've read the book twice and enjoyed it both times.

In chapter 5 ("reboot your life: The Message in the Meltdown"), Darling talks about the life of Elijah and how he got to a point of meltdown.

"God allowed Elijah's meltdown, so He could pour into him an important truth that would revitalize Elijah's life and equip him for years of fruitful ministry. God wasn't dependent on Elijah; God wanted Elijah to be dependent on God."

Substitute your name for Elijah.

It makes you aware of that personal relationship with God. He also makes a point with the statement "Harness technology for your God-given calling, rather than let technology harness you." This is a good read.

Look at the opportunities coming up for adults:

- BNF Summer Luncheon (open to anyone) on June 25 in Louisville.
- Excel July 29-30 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.
- Fall Retreat at Jonathan Creek October 7-8.

Hope to see you there. Summer blessings!



More than 200 young women attended Exalt in the spring. Opportunities for the summer are in full swing with Acteens camps and Blume.

By Maryann Lee

What an exciting time this is for me to have joined the staff of Kentucky WMU. Spring is in full bloom and so is the anticipation I have about all that is going on in Kentucky.

I got to start my time as youth and college consultant by attending Exalt. Getting to worship with 216 girls and their leaders from all over Kentucky was truly amazing.

The passion these teenagers have for Christ and missions was evident through the worship times, small group conferences and the mission opportunities that took place.

I know that this event will continue to be a wonderful time for teenage girls to learn more about Christ and how they can serve Him. I can't wait to see what God has in store for next year.

Plans for the summer are in full swing. We have two overnight camps planned for Acteens this summer.

Acteens Splash is June 24-25 at Jonathan Creek and Acteens Overnight is planned for July 1-2 at Cedar Crest. These will be



fun times to get to enjoy all of the aspects of summer camp mixed in with times of worship and Bible study. I hope to see you there!

Blume, the national conference for Acteens, is also July 13-16 at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World. Kentucky will be taking part in the conference with our Missions Mania booth.

We will be featuring different fun things that are from Kentucky, as well as spotlighting missions and ministries from our state.

We are using the same T-shirt that we had at Exalt for Blume. If you were not at Exalt, or need some ex-

tras, contact the Kentucky WMU office and we will get them to you. T-shirts are \$10 each.

Registration is still going on for Blume. It is not too late to sign up!

I feel so blessed to be a part of this ministry. I know that God is doing wonderful things through Kentucky WMU and I am so excited to get to be a part of it.

## Intentional fun with missions

By Stacy Nall

Be intentional about missions education this summer!

Plan outdoor mission projects. Help someone with their yard work or plant flowers for a senior center. Look for ways to incorporate missions into summertime activities, such as offering free lemonade at a ball park. Older children can suggest ways they can help their community. Plan to take your children to Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest or Overnights at the Creek. (See page IV for details.)

**Preschool**

Downloadable resources are now available for preschool leaders. Teaching preschoolers about hunger is available from www.wmystore.com for \$9.99. You can also find 10 story books for preschoolers for \$1.99 each.

**Children**

"A Brand New Day for GA and CiA" is coming this fall! Girls in Action can participate in the new individual achievement plan, "GA

Journey." New vests, awards and badges will be available for GA and CiA organizations. Visit www.wmu.com/children for more information or call Stacy at Kentucky WMU (502-489-3454).

**Excel**

Would you like to Excel at leading Mission Friends, Girls in Action or Children in Action? Attend Kentucky WMU's leadership development this summer, July 29-30, at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. You'll learn about the basics of mission education for preschoolers and children, as well as information about the 2011-12 curriculums and the new individual achievement plan for GA.

**State Missions**

In September, preschoolers and children can participate in the Season of Prayer and Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. Preschoolers will be learning about the Freeda Harris Center in eastern Kentucky. Children will also be learning about Hispanic ministries in Horse Cave.

# GAME ON!

## CiA Day Camp

For boys and girls in grades 1-6

*Get your "Game On!" for missions fun. Meet missionaries, participate in a missions project and make new friends!*

**Location: Buck Creek Baptist Church, Calhoun**  
**Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011**  
**Time: 10:00 am- 2:00 pm CT**  
**Cost: \$10 per person**

# President's perspective

God is so good!  
Over 600 men and women from all over the state gathered in Bowling Green to celebrate what God is doing all over the world at our 108th annual meeting and missions celebration.

We learned how to lay aside every weight and sin that so easily ensnares us. It was great to have Jennifer Kennedy Dean, well-known author and the executive director of the Praying Life Foundation, with us explaining how to live ALTAR'D lives and bring our flesh to the altar.

We "traveled" from Paris with Greg to Southeast Asia with Craig and Angie as they shared how they're living unhindered serving on the mission field. Our missionaries need us to live unhindered as we pray for them. Some of us are living unhindered in Kentucky as God uses us to touch the world right here. Pavel and Sergey Barko, Mary Lou Crutcher, Trent DeLoach, Pat Gutierrez, Bryan Lewis and Tommy Johnson shared how the rest of us can minister to the world, too.

Bowling Green will never be the same because of the ministry projects planned by Director of Missions Jeff Crabtree. Attendees had the opportunity to participate

in hands-on missions and share their love and faith in Christ.

Thank you to all who participated. Many seeds were planted that weekend, and the next when more than 200 teens attended Exalt—our state Acteens meeting in Bowling Green. Exalt, designed for 7th-12th grade girls, took place at Forest Park Baptist Church. It was heartwarming to see teenage girls living unhindered as they worked at Hope House sorting clothes and preparing food boxes for those in need. They even cleaned up trash around one of the city schools there. What have you done in Jesus' name lately?



Linda Cooper

If you missed these missions events, you missed a blessing, but more opportunities are coming! The national WMU Annual Meeting will be held June 12-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. Come join our Kentucky WMU group as we travel to Arizona to learn more about missions.

Speaking about learning more about missions! You will have a great opportunity to do just that during Excel on July 29-30 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Get your missions leaders or anyone in your church who is interested in missions to come and be trained in leading a branch of WMU.

WMU summer camps are coming for our children! We learned at annual meeting just how vital these camps and overnights are as Keris shared how she became a child of God at GA camp last summer. That's why we do what we do! Begin registering and praying for camp now.

Also, thank you for praying for our Kentucky team of six that went to Puerto Rico in April. The KBC is sponsoring teams in Puerto Rico this year. We were to lay the ground work for other Kentucky teams who will be traveling there this summer by prayerwalking the areas where they will be ministering. We worked with the pastors and some of the lay people and we also held a women's retreat.

It was amazing watching God blend together presentations from six different women. They served to encourage the women and men who attended. Puerto Rico has some of the same prayer requests as we do here in Kentucky: drugs, alcohol, drop outs, and the economy to mention a few.

Join me in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Puerto Rico and the Kentucky teams that will be traveling there this summer.

*May many lives be eternally changed as we continue to run the race that lies before us. Lord, help us to keep our eyes on You, the source and perfecter of our faith.*

## CALENDAR

### June

- 11-18 Kentucky WMU Trip to Phoenix, Ariz.
- 12-13 National WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 14-15 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 20-24 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest, Bagdad
- 24-25 Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest, Bagdad
- 24-25 Overnights at the Creek, Jonathan Creek Conference Center Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3 Girls in Action Overnight, grades 4-6 Acteens Splash, grades 7-12
- 25 Kentucky BNF Summer Meeting and Continuing Education Session, Louisville
- 27-4/1 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest, Bagdad

### July

- 1-2 Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest, Bagdad
- 1-2 Acteens Overnight, grades 7-12
- 7-12 Cedar Crest, Bagdad
- 5-8 Mission Adventure Camp for Children, grades 3-6, Cedar Crest, Bagdad
- 13-16 Blume Coronado Springs Resort, Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla.
- 29-30 Excel, WMU Leadership Development Event, Severns Valley Baptist, Elizabethtown

### August

- 20 Hispanic Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville
- 27 Super Saturday, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown

Find more at [kywmu.org/calendar](http://kywmu.org/calendar).

## Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union Heritage Fund

January 1 – March 31, 2011

The following persons were honored or remembered through gifts to the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund during the first quarter of 2011. These totals will be a wonderful addition to the \$5,158 that was raised at the 2011 Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting through the auction of baskets provided by associational WMU groups. An additional \$175 was raised through \$5 donations for "Ask me about HF" buttons. You can still get yours!

### In Honor of:

Buffalo Baptist Church  
Laura Bell Ford Dukes & Jean Dell Dukes Bandy

### In Memory Of:

Martha Lunceford  
Velma Simpson Smith  
Patti Ponton  
Billie Emmons  
Patti Ponton  
Sue Gaines  
Billie Emmons  
Billie Emmons

### Other Gifts:

Beth Wyatt  
New Salem Baptist Church WMU  
Kentucky WMU Staff  
Joyce Wilcox  
Teresa Vanzant  
Marilyn Creighton  
Denise Bean  
Central Baptist, Winchester, Roundtable Mission Group  
Twyla Sheffield

### Donor:

Hager & Reaves Families

Woodland Baptist Church

### Donor:

Maribeth & Horace Hambrick  
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Daviness-McLean Assoc. WMU  
Cathy & George Chinn  
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Ruth Hinkle  
Maribeth Hambrick  
Rose Hill Baptist Women

### 1000<sup>2</sup> Campaign

We are grateful for all participants in the 1000<sup>2</sup> Campaign for the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund. The campaign was launched at the Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting in 2007 and concluded in December 2010. A total of \$111,528.12 was raised for the Heritage Fund through this effort.

Alexander, Linda  
Allen, Barry & Larie  
Anonymous  
Baker, Nan P.  
Ballard, Marcia  
Barlow FBC WOM  
Beacon Hill BC  
Bean, Denise  
Bethel BC, Mary Williams WOM  
Blackford Baptist Assoc. WMU  
Blood River Assoc. WMU  
BNF Officers  
Bolton, Joy  
Boone's Creek Bapt. Assoc. WMU  
Branscum, Virginia  
Brashear, Estella  
Bryant, Susan  
Buchanan, Nancy  
Burgin BC  
Caldwell-Lyon Assoc. WMU  
Central BC, Paris  
Central BC, Winchester,  
Life Changer Missions Group  
& Roundtable Missions Group  
Chinn, George & Cathy  
Christianburg BC WMU  
Clayvillage BC  
Contemporary Baptist Women  
Cook, Anna B.  
Cooper, Jim & Linda  
Cox, Shirley  
Crestwood BC WMU  
Crittenden Baptist Assoc  
Cropper BC WMU  
Crutcher, Mary Lou

Daviness-McLean Assoc. WMU  
Drake, Virginia  
Dry Ridge Day WMU  
Dry Ridge Night WoM  
Duguid, Sandra D.  
Dye, Donna  
Edwards, Denise  
Elkhorn Assoc WMU  
Gardner, Denise  
Gilmore, Dolores  
Graefenburg BC WMU  
Hambrick, Maribeth  
Harrodsburg BC  
Hatfield, Cheryl  
Hempridge BC WMU  
Henderson FBC, Kathy Lloyd WoM Group  
Hicks, Bryant & Peggy  
Hinkle, Ruth  
Hopkinsville, FBC  
Johnson, Frankie  
Korea Baptist WMU  
Lamkin, William & Marilyn  
Luebbert, Dorothy  
Major, Richard & Amanda  
Mattingly, Cathy  
McConnell, Ruth  
McNeely, Rev. & Mrs. Gerald  
Midkiff, Jr., Dan & Pattie  
Morris, Laura & Barry  
Mt. Carmel BC  
Nall, Stacy  
New Salem BC WMU  
(PGDL Circle)  
Nichols, Bill & Charmaine  
Norris, Dorothy

Oakland Ave. BC  
Parkway Baptist Women  
Pelham, Jo & James  
Peterson, Dolores  
Poplar Grove BC  
Pulaski Assoc. WMU  
Pulliam, Maxine  
Reaves, Dudley & Patricia  
Renfrow, Patty  
Russ, Carol  
Russell County Assoc. WMU  
Seelig, Marilyn  
Sheffield, Twyla & Cecil  
Shelby Assoc. WMU  
Shelbyville FBC  
Short, Judy  
Smith, Betty & Wendell  
Sparks, Kathi  
Sphar, Ruth Figart  
Stout, Wendy  
Taliaferro, Jim & Shirley  
Ten Mile Assoc. WMU  
Three Forks Association  
Triplett, Gary & Glenda  
Walker, Wanda  
Walzer, Bruce & MaryLou  
Weller, Lillian  
Wells, Bettie Sue  
Westport Road BC WMU  
White, Anna  
White, Connie  
Wilcox, Joyce  
Wilkerson, Mr. & Mrs. Dale  
Woodrow, Irma  
Wyatt, Beth

## Chain Reaction

Season of Prayer for State Missions and Eliza Broadus Offering



September 2011  
Offering Goal: \$1,250,000

- When one person responds to a missions need, it often sets off a chain reaction! The 2011 video and printed materials tell chain reaction stories that will challenge you to pray, give, and go!
- A packet of state missions teaching materials, DVD, poster, offering envelope, and promotional ideas will be mailed to WMU directors and pastors in July.
- DVD includes: Mission Study Video; Promotional Video Clips; and computer files of all print materials and graphics.
- Please return the order card for additional envelopes, prayer guides, and posters.
- All state missions materials are provided free of charge.
- The material is undated and may be used any time during September or throughout the year.
- Suggested date: September 11-18



Set Sail  
at  
Missions Camp  
this summer!  
**MISSION  
ADVENTURE  
CAMP STAFF**  
Cedar Crest

**Director:** Stacy Nall  
**Recreation Leader:** Victoria Ginn  
**Worship Leader:** Ashleigh Guynn  
**Technology Leader:** Heather Perkins  
**Missions Leader:** Maggie Cude  
**Fellowship Leader:** Becky Hutchinson  
**Kitchen Coordinator:** Doris Riddle  
**Lifeguard:** Kelsee Henson  
**Nature Leader:** Cassie Hack  
**Crafts Leader:** Amanda Sickman

If you are interested in serving at Mission Adventure Camp next summer, please check out our website this fall for an application.

[www.kywmu.org](http://www.kywmu.org)

**2011 CAMP  
SCHEDULE**

Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest

*\*Church chaperones are required for all camps.*

- Girls in Action Camps,** grades 3-6, June 20-24 and June 27-July 1
- Children's Camp,** boys & girls, grades 3-6, July 5-8
- Acteens Overnight,** girls, grades 7-12, July 1-2
- Mother/Daughter Overnights,** For girls in grades 1-3 and moms, June 24-25 and July 1-2
- Overnights at Jonathan Creek** June 24-25, Mother/Daughter Overnights, GA Overnight, and Acteens Splash

**Space may still be available!**  
For more information, contact the WMU office at: 1-866-489-3534.

**Register online at:**  
[www.kywmu.org/camp](http://www.kywmu.org/camp)

**Summer 2011: So much to do with WMU**

By Wanda Walker

So much to do, so little time! That seems to be the catch phrase for most of us these days. How true it is. However, be encouraged to be unhindered for missions and missions education by becoming equipped to lead your association, church and age level organizations.

Excel means to surpass others or be superior in some respect or area; do extremely well. Excel (formerly World Missions Unlimited) is a leadership development opportunity for your church WMU leaders to obtain information and ideas in order to become the best leaders they can be. Join us July 29 and 30 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

During Excel experience: worship; leadership development workshops for associational

leaders on Friday evening; church leadership on Saturday morning and there will be special interest workshops for everyone.

And get a load of the topics: GA Journey: Make and Take Resources for Leaders; Using Centers with Preschoolers; A Christian Response to Islam; The Clubhouse Principle; Scarlet Hope Ministry: Bringing the Hope and Love of Jesus to Women in the Sex Industry; Stolen Childhood film; and much more.

There will be time for networking and fellowship and, of course, the Kentucky WMU bookstore will be there so you can get the most current resources and books.

A brochure was sent to all church WMU leaders in May. Register now! Don't be caught having to spend more time later and saying,

"I sure wish I had gone and got what I needed when it was offered, now look at me scrambling around trying to figure it all out."

**Associational and church WMU directors, please take note:** it is important that you send in your leadership information to the state WMU office. This is our mechanism to have the most current information for keeping in communication with you and your team. It is virtually painless. Really!

Thanks in advance.

Don't forget all the other Kentucky WMU events coming up for all ages in your church. Encourage your church to get involved in all the children activities, MissionsFEST, and the Fall Retreat for women. Get detailed information on line at [www.kymu.org](http://www.kymu.org).

**2011-12 Ky. WMU  
Executive Board**

- President:** Linda Cooper
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**WMU Leaders: Contact information update**

By WMU Staff

Be sure that Kentucky WMU has current names and contact information for the WMU leaders in your church. You can provide updates by:

1. Completing the WMU Leadership Form sent to your church clerk with the 2011 Annual Church Profile (ACP).

2. Providing your WMU Leadership information to your associational WMU director (or other leader) when contacted for this information.

3. Calling or emailing Kentucky WMU with your updates (any time of the year). Phone: 866-489-3534 or email: [kywmu@kybaptist.org](mailto:kywmu@kybaptist.org).

**Hello and goodbye**

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and life insurance.

Each year, Donna works with our auditors to ensure that Kentucky WMU has complete accountability for the Eliza Broardus Offering, Cooperative Program and other resources entrusted to us. Donna developed important safeguards in our in-

ternal operations to protect the handling of funds. Her oversight of our resources has helped Kentucky WMU to develop a strong financial base; enabling us to do the work of missions education and leadership development across Kentucky.

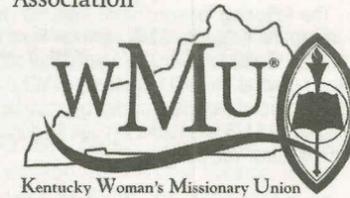
Thank you, Donna. We wish you the very best in retirement!

**Online WMU  
Leader Training**

Check out [www.kywmu.org/onlinetraining](http://www.kywmu.org/onlinetraining) for online training courses. The cost is only \$10 per course and includes all materials needed. Personalized instruction provided.

**How-to courses available:**

- Churchwide
- Adults
- Students
- Children
- Preschool
- Association

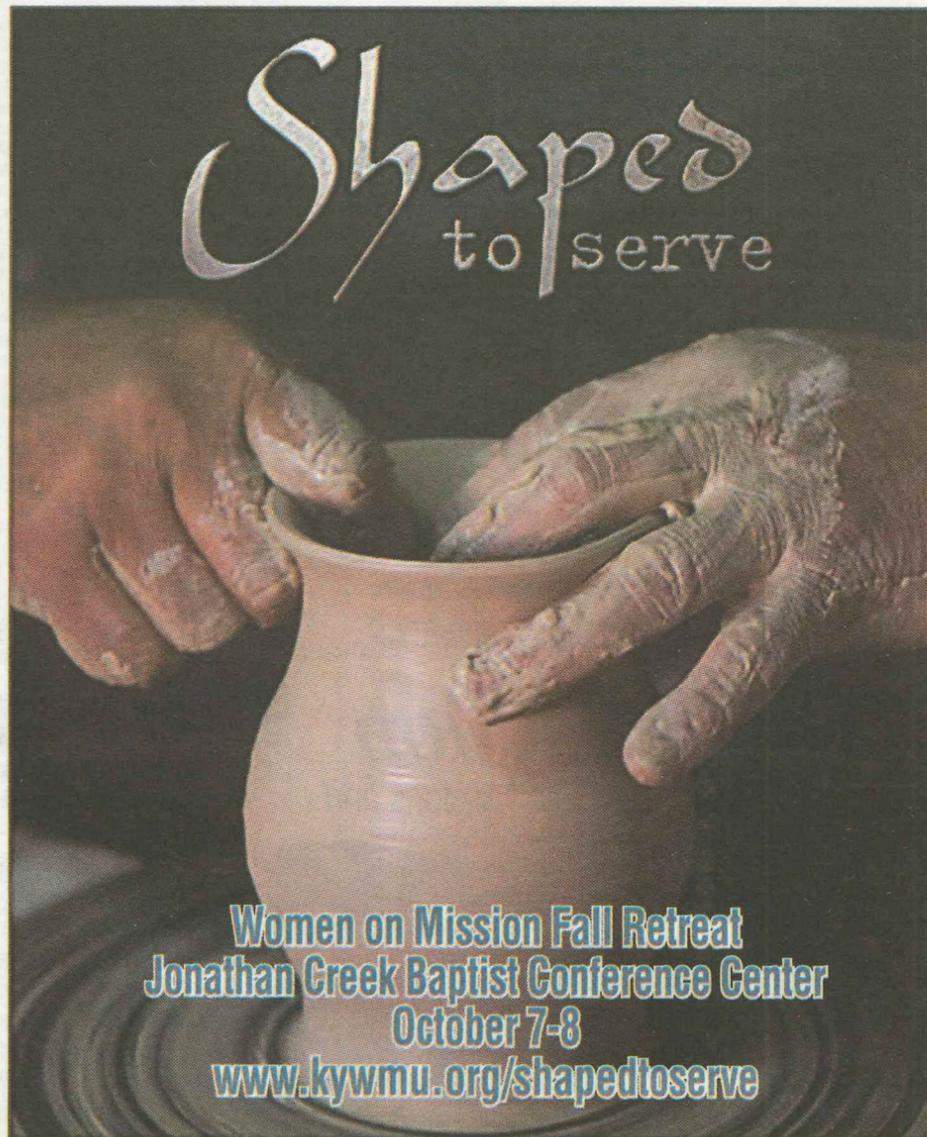


**Human Trafficking:  
A Healthcare Perspective**

**Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
Summer Luncheon Meeting  
Continuing Education Session**  
Saturday, June 25  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Kentucky Baptist Building  
Louisville

**Everyone is invited.**  
BNF members \$15  
Non-BNF members \$25  
Lunch is included in the price.

Visit [www.kywmu.org/bnfsummer](http://www.kywmu.org/bnfsummer) for more information and to register.



**Women on Mission Fall Retreat**  
**Jonathan Creek Baptist Conference Center**  
**October 7-8**  
[www.kywmu.org/shapedtoserve](http://www.kywmu.org/shapedtoserve)

**It's your time to serve!**

**Kentucky MissionsFEST**

Sept. 10-17, 2011  
Pineville/Middlesboro area

MissionsFEST packets are available at [www.kywmu.com/trips](http://www.kywmu.com/trips) or by calling (205) 991-4097.

*MissionsFEST is a partnership between National WMU®, Kentucky WMU, Bell County Baptist Association, and Appalachian Regional Ministry.*