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words, it will pay for the bread, but not the Bible.

The executive order builds on the 1996 welfare reform bill, which allows religious organizations to participate in federal anti-poverty programs. It also includes provisions for broader tax deductions for those who make charitable donations.

President Bush has appointed John J. Dilulio, Jr. to head the new post. Dilulio is a political science professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "We will work with what is effective," Dilulio said. "The criteria will be 'what works.' "

"I have a lot of confidence in John Dilulio," said Pastor Mark Harper of Trinity Presbyterian Church. "He's a good man. I respect his work with juveniles in prison. He is worth listening to and I want to find out more about his plans. There are a lot of faith-based organizations that aren't out for the single purpose of capturing souls. They truly want to respond in love to human need. If federal money becomes available for us to do that, then I'm all for it."

Pastor Charles Naugle of the Trucksville United Methodist Church runs the Back Mountain Food Bank, one of the largest outreach programs in our area. He noted how federal funds could be incorporated into the program and what it would mean to the daily operations, but pointed out potential drawbacks.

"The sole purpose of the food bank is to serve people in need," said Pastor Naugle. "All of our space and food are donated, and our workers are all volunteers. We could certainly use federal money to expand our facility and buy more food, but it would be counterproductive if we didn't also get money to help with staffing. We wouldn't want managerial tasks such as writing reports to deflect from our original purpose. But, since that part is an unknown, I'm open to see how the program could work for us."

Given a choice, Pastor Naugle has his and offered their opinions.

own ideas about how the church could best be used to serve citizens. "However, the first thing that came to mind when I heard about the faith-based programs was the lack of success of those on probation staying out of trouble," he said. "I think the church could adopt a program that would surround them with good role models, especially if we had funds to hire professional

Father Jack Lambert of the Gate of Heaven Church takes a cautious view of the new plan.

"It's a good thing for the government to contract some social services to religious organizations, but I would hate to see our work replace other programs rather than augment other programs," he said. "I have some concern about regulations or stipulations that would determine how the services should be provided or delivered, but there are lots of places and times where help is needed. I'm confident that the gray areas in policy can be worked through for the public good."

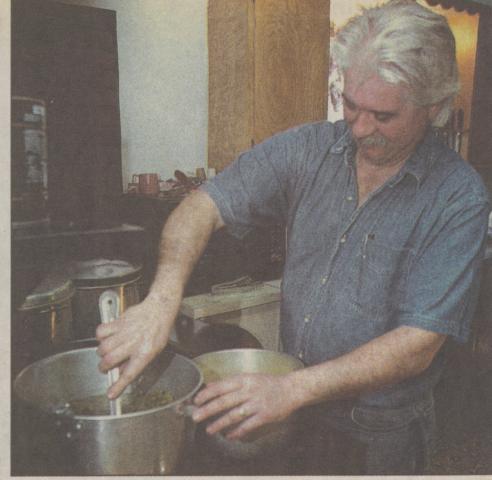
Pastor Miller also wants to minimize the bureaucracy that often envelopes federal programs. "I am encouraged by the possibilities and am ready to check it out. If it looks like too much paperwork, we can always say no later. I see so many areas where more money could solve many of our social prob-

"Maybe it's wishful thinking on my part," continued Miller, "but I think the church should play a more active role in the welfare of people. We're not too large, we're local, and we can do a better job. God designed outreach, and if we don't have to hide it any more that we are faith-based to help people, then I think that's wonderful. I'm willing to do the homework to help make it hap-

Several pastors weren't prepared to speak about their reactions to the proposal. Most wanted more time to learn about the program before they formed







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Food for all

Volunteers from the Loyalville United Methodist Church put on a roasted chicken dinner Saturday, complete with homemade desserts. Preparing the feast, in photos, clockwise from right: Barry Aston stirred the pot; Aston, Sandy Traver, Mary Jean

School

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abatement. Stevens from The Fitness equipment would be more Headquarters made a pre- user friendly, gender neutral sentation concerning up-

In other business, Brian wellness lab. The new and would be made available

ment in the field house and project will cost approximately \$28,000 to \$30,000.

It was also announced that Paul Reinert, Assistant High School Principal for the James McGovern will replace

will fill a new role in the Dallas School District as Assistant Middle School Principal on or about March 14. grading weight room equip- for all students to use. This last three and a half years, Reinert at the high school.



"This Is This" band members, from left, James Naylor, Vic Deluca and Stan Marchak. Marchak has organized the concert to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Kaleb and Zachary Taylor.

Concert

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for the sake of the children. per person will be collected at Caring for my two boys is a handful, but they are well be served.

Two other area bands, "Sunyata" and "The Stoney Creek Band," are joining "This Is This" Idetown Fire Hall is located on to help make this charity event the Dallas Memorial Highway.

friends to go out of their way a success. A donation of \$10 the door and refreshments will

> Christie Taylor plans to be at the concert working at the door to meet and greet everyone. The

Women will be held at the church on Feb. 27 at 7 pm. A program "Can anyone hear us?" Bruised children of Africa call, will be presented by Judith Dawe.

Hostesses are Ruth and Jennifer Jones. Dorothy Dawe will

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