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Sleep tops church as favorite activity, Barna survey finds

Ventura, Calif. (RNS)—A good night's sleep outranks attending church as a favorite activity, a nationwide poll shows.

The Barna Group asked more than 1,000 adults how much they looked forward to any of 17 activities, ranging from sleeping to completing tax forms.

Seven out of 10 (71 percent) of respondents said they relished the thought of getting enough sleep. That contrasted with 40 percent who said they looked forward "a lot" to attending church services. Tucked between sleep and church attendance were spending time with friends (55 percent) and listening to music (54 percent).

Researchers found that reading the Bible scored higher than reading a novel for pleasure. Nearly one-third (31 percent) of those surveyed said they really looked forward to Bible reading, compared to 25 percent who cited reading novels.

Among the activities people seemed to find least appealing were shopping for clothing (16 percent), having a doctor's examination (14 percent) and filling out tax forms (11 percent).

David Kinnaman, vice president of the Barna Group, said the data reveal how busy Americans are.

"The pace of life, the acceleration of all of the things that we have to do as Americans, is just incredible," he said. "So sleep becomes one of those few areas that provides kind of a mini-sanctuary for people."

Nuts & Bolts

Consistency essential for effective church communication plan

By Brenda Smith
Kentucky Baptist Convention

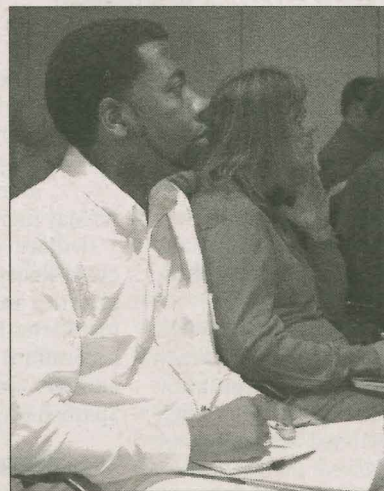
Louisville—If churches want to help people discover Jesus Christ as Savior and help them grow in their relationship with Him, they must learn to communicate consistently, a communication specialist recently told Kentucky Baptists.

Church communication pieces often are disjointed, lacking a cohesive message and design, said Scott Vaughan, founder of Scott Vaughan Communications. Vaughan, whose ministry helps churches and other faith organizations develop effective communication strategies, spoke to participants at the first Kentucky Baptist Church Management Conference Oct. 26 at the Baptist Building in Louisville.

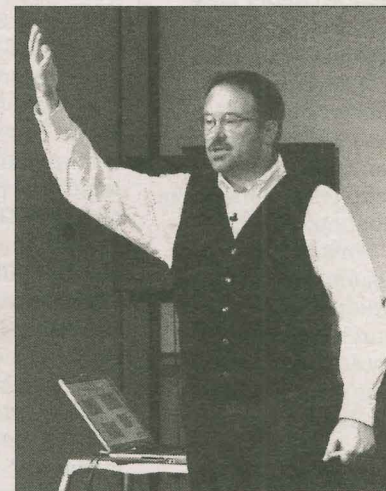
Highlighting the theme, "The Nuts and Bolts of Church Management," the one-day conference offered 14 workshop topics ranging from increased church office productivity to IRS issues for the church. Vaughan's workshop on "The Communication Mix" focused on strategies to improve churches' communication efforts.

"I look at the newsletter, I look at the bulletin, I look at the stationery, I look at the Web site, and I'm looking at five different churches. There's no consistency. Everything looks different," Vaughan said. "It can't be that way in this culture."

Prospective church members are accustomed to branding and advertising, Vaughan noted. For instance, customers are familiar with the Wal-



CHURCH MANAGEMENT The Kentucky Baptist Convention's first Church Management Conference, held Oct. 26 at the Baptist Building in Louisville, attracted approximately 300 participants. ■ Above left: Horace Wynn, a member of First Baptist Church of Georgetown, takes notes during one of 14 workshops offered at the conference. ■ Above right: Communications specialist Scott Vaughan encourages church leaders to develop a consistent, effective church communication strategy. (KBC photos by Jonathan Johnston)



Mart logo and brand. They know what to expect inside when they see the sign out front. Customers are less likely to shop inside if the sign out front looks unexpectedly different.

"Everything about your church communication, if nothing else, must be consistent," Vaughan emphasized. "That's where it must start."

Using what he calls the "Four Circles of Communication," Vaughan suggested that churches first develop their brand identity and logo, and then weave that theme and design through four levels of communication tools.

The goal, he added, is to create a consistent "grid of promotion" that blankets the target audience so that members cannot turn anywhere

without encountering the church's message.

The tools included in Vaughan's "Four Circles of Communication" include:

■ **The church Web site.** With 950,000 new people accessing the Internet each year, every church must have a Web site, Vaughan said.

Church Web sites need to be a "24/7 virtual church office," Vaughan said, answering all the basic questions people will have about a church, including upcoming event information, service times and contact information.

Web sites do not have to be expensive or elaborate, he added, but they should be well done and should reflect the church's message and brand, including the church's logo. □ See *Church communication ... Page 3*

Kentucky pastors urge churches to evaluate insurance coverage

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Monticello—Concord Baptist Church expects to complete its new sanctuary soon without incurring any debt, but Pastor Delbert Jones still wishes the church had carried more insurance on its old building.

After an electrical fire destroyed its 93-year old building in July, the Kentucky Baptist congregation received considerable donations of cash, materials and volunteer labor. As a result, church members hope to move into the new facility by Christmas.

But Jones said it would have been easier if the church had carried more than \$125,000 of insurance on its old building and contents—about half the estimated replacement cost.

"You never think you could have a fire, but we're going to reevaluate our insurance policy so if this ever happens again we'll be ready," said

Jones, in his sixth year as pastor of the Wayne County congregation.

Jones said he would advise others church to "reevaluate and make sure they have enough to cover a total loss. When you're trying to put a building back and don't have enough insurance, it's a struggle."

Concord Baptist isn't unusual. Insurance experts say most churches come up short financially in the event of fires, tornadoes or other disasters.

"A lot are under-insured," said Tom Lichtenberger, manager of property claims for Brotherhood Mutual in Fort Wayne, Ind., which insures more than 30,000 churches. "Any time you have a partial loss it's not that big an issue, but when you have a total loss, (most churches) are under-insured."

The problem usually involves the facility's contents, Lichtenberger added. Although many congregations have adequate building cov-

erage, he said churches neglect to keep up with the value of furnishings and materials that accumulate over time.

An inventory every three to five years is a good idea for churches of all sizes, added Eric Spacek, senior church risk manager for GuideOne.

Based in West Des Moines, Iowa, GuideOne is the nation's largest church insurer, with more than 43,000 clients. That includes almost 6,100 Southern Baptist churches, including approximately 180 in Kentucky.

Modern technology makes it easy to videotape the contents of each room in a church, and copies should be stored at a secure off-site location, Spacek said. So should deeds to the property, mortgages and other key records, such as membership and financial records.

GuideOne had just over 1,000 fire-related church claims last year, which Spacek said illustrates the

need for congregations to form safety and security committees.

By enlisting members with experience in safety, security and risk management, he said churches can design adequate emergency preparedness plans.

The company has two books that offer safety solutions, as well as resources available through its Web site: www.guideone.com.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration also has resources that can be downloaded at www.fema.gov.

Besides having adequate insurance and record-keeping in case of disaster, Spacek said churches should take steps to prepare for the aftermath of a disaster.

For example, he suggested designating members who will take care of certain essential operations if the building is damaged or destroyed.

Church leaders also should make □ See *Pastors urge churches ... Page 3*

BGCT executive offers 5-point plan for fiscal integrity

Dallas (BP)—In the wake of revelations that approximately \$1.3 million in church-starting funds for the Rio Grande Valley from 1999-2005 was obtained under false pretenses, Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director Charles Wade presented a five-point plan to Executive Board members to remedy the situation.

"First, this year a task force performed a study of our entire church-planting process," Wade said. "This group of staff members, directors of missions and pastors has prepared new principles and guidelines for our church starting efforts in conjunction with our accounting department so that financial safeguards will be integrated into the very fabric of our approach."

The second part of Wade's plan, reflecting recommendations from BGCT-commissioned investigators, will enable leaders to evaluate church-planting efforts by region and type.

"Decision-makers had few tools with which to evaluate the effectiveness of a given church-planting methodology," lead investigator Diane Dillard said. "The data needs to be available by region and by sponsor."

The third part of Wade's plan is to create the position of internal auditor within the BGCT. He said the Executive Board already had considered such a move during its meeting in September.

Fourth, Wade said, the BGCT will use a variety of means to build a culture of trust between the convention and the churches while maintaining accurate and searchable records.

"We will implement ways to 'inspect what we expect,'" Wade said. "We will continue to trust one another, but we will also verify."

Fifth, he said, the convention will work to find and keep staff members who believe in and enjoy supporting BGCT ministries.

\$1.3 million given for 'phantom' churches

By Ken Camp
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—A five-month investigation has uncovered evidence that more than \$1.3 million of Baptist General Convention of Texas church-starting funds were misused between 1999 and 2005 in the Rio Grande Valley.

At a called meeting of the BGCT Executive Board Oct. 31, investigators reported they discovered up to 98 percent of the 258 church starts reported by three pastors—Otto Arango, Aaron de la Torre and Armando Vera—no longer exist. And some never existed, except on paper. The BGCT gave more than \$1.3 million in start-up funding and monthly financial support to those 258 churches.

Executive Director Charles Wade and his senior administrative staff, in consultation with convention attorneys, will decide whether the BGCT will pursue any legal action against individuals involved in the misuse of funds, Executive Board chairman Bob Fowler of Houston said.

Poor oversight noted

The investigation uncovered poor oversight, uneven management, failure to abide by internal guidelines and misplaced trust by some BGCT Executive Board church-starting staff leaders. However, investigators found no apparent collusion and no evidence of profiteering on the part of BGCT personnel.

Abe Zabaneh resigned as director of the church-starting center and David Guel announced his immediate retirement as a regional church-starting consultant Oct. 25—the day after investigators presented an executive summary of their preliminary findings to Executive Board and convention officers and senior administrative staff.

The investigating attorneys said BGCT leaders failed to investigate thoroughly charges of impropriety, even though some staff knew about irregularities in the church-starting program in the Rio Grande Valley.

Even an FBI investigation in 2000-2001 regarding allegations of fraud failed to prompt a serious internal investigation, the report noted.



Otto Arango

Officers of the BGCT and its Executive Board enlisted Brownsville attorney Diane Dillard to independently investigate alleged mishandling of church-starting funds, and the board endorsed the investigation at

its May meeting.

Dillard enlisted the help of Michael Rodriguez, a Brownsville trial attorney and former federal prosecutor; Carlos Barrera, a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner; and Gregorio Castillo, a Spanish-speaking investigator.

Key findings detailed

Key findings investigators presented to the BGCT Executive Board included:

- Some church starts in the Rio Grande Valley were fictitious "phantom churches" that existed only on paper.

- During an interview with investigators, de la Torre acknowledged he submitted false new-church covenants for acceptance by the BGCT and he falsified the signature of the pastors for new churches his congregation claimed to start.

- While some house churches developed into autonomous congregations, a large number of the home-based groups did not qualify as "churches" under the BGCT church-starting center's guidelines.

- Some pastors misused church start-up funds. Specifically, investigators reported de la Torre acknowl-

edged he and Arango split start-up funds from the BGCT 50/50. The BGCT issued checks to de la Torre's church, Iglesia Bautista de Comunidad in Hidalgo, designated for specific mission congregations it sponsored.

De la Torre told investigators he and Arango deposited those checks into a bank account of the Institute for Church Planting, which Arango directed. Arango then immediately gave de la Torre half of the money in cash.

Dillard noted de la Torre and his wife expressed remorse about their involvement, saying they "want to repent" and "want to pay restitution."

Arango initially denied the 50/50 split, but after repeated questioning by investigators, he acknowledged the practice.

Investigators examined questions raised by area pastors about Arango's extravagant lifestyle, seeking to determine if he profited illicitly from church-starting efforts. Their report noted Arango lives in an exclusive neighborhood and drives an expensive sports car.

- New church development guidelines were not followed in some instances, and the guidelines were relaxed for certain pastors.

- Investigators found "no evidence that anyone at the BGCT received money for personal gain" in connection with the church start-up program in the Rio Grande Valley. They also found no evidence any BGCT staff knew about the 50/50 split agreement between Arango and de la Torre, nor did any BGCT staff know about "phantom churches."

- "The BGCT should have recognized at least some of the red flags," the investigators concluded. "When asked, the BGCT witnesses had no logical explanation why there was not a thorough BGCT investigation into the allegations."

Missouri convention ousts 19 moderate churches

Cape Girardeau, Mo. (ABP)—Missouri Baptist Convention messengers voted Oct. 31 to oust 19 congregations—some of which have been part of the state convention since its beginning—because of their affiliations with moderate Baptist groups.

During its annual meeting in Cape Girardeau, the convention voted to refuse to seat messengers from any of the congregations at the meeting or future meetings. The convention has a single-alignment requirement that prohibits churches from belonging to other Baptist organizations.

Only one of the congregations—most of which had been warned ahead of time about the move to oust them—sent messengers to the meeting.

But as far as many of the targeted congregations are concerned, the move signifies little more than the formal end to a long-running separation.

"It's really hard for them to break up with us when we've already broken up with them," said Brian Ford, pastor of Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Columbia. "We had basically cut ties, financially, a long time ago."

Ford's congregation—the second-oldest Baptist church west of the Mississippi River—was founded in 1819. It was in Little Bonne Femme's building in 1835 that Baptists from around Missouri constituted the forerunner organization to the Missouri convention.

The convention has been roiled for years by bitter dissent between moderates and conservatives, who solidified their control of the MBC's leadership in 2001. Since then, many moderate churches have either officially left or severely limited their support for the convention.

Messengers expand restrictions

At last year's annual meeting, messengers voted to broaden a part of the state convention's rules that were unique among state conventions that relate to the national Southern Baptist Convention.

The original provision, which dated to 1919, requires Missouri Baptist churches to be uniquely aligned with the SBC in their denominational affiliation. Messengers expanded the provision to also ban alignment by churches with para-denominational groups, such as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or the Bap-

tist General Convention of Missouri. Moderate leaders in the state formed the BGCM in response to the state convention's conservative shift.

Each of the affected churches' messengers will be excluded from MBC involvement until "their congregation takes the appropriate and necessary action to demonstrate a desire 'to cooperate with the Missouri Baptist Convention in her program of single alignment with the Southern Baptist Convention,'" the convention's action stated.

Third Baptist Church of St. Louis was the only congregation among the group to send a messenger to the meeting. The convention allowed pastor Warren Hoffman to address messengers before he left. He said his church would continue to pray for the MBC and asked that the convention continue to hold the historic congregation in its prayers.

"We have tried to be aboveboard with our process," he said prior to the convention meeting. "We realize that we are in non-compliance."

But, he added, the church historically has related to multiple Baptist groups. It contributes to the SBC, the American Baptist Churches and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

IMB trustees appoint 67 missionaries

St. Louis (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board adopted a \$288.9 million budget for 2007, appointed 67 new missionaries and heard a report of key results from mission work worldwide during their Oct. 30-Nov. 1 meeting in St. Louis.

The 2007 mission budget projects an increase of \$6.4 million, or about 2.2 percent, over this year's total. It anticipates receipts of more than \$105 million from Southern Baptist mission giving through the Cooperative Program. More than half of the total budget will rely on giving to this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, which has a goal of \$150 million.

The IMB's 2005 Annual Statistical Report noted that the board's 5,100-plus missionaries and their international Baptist partners baptized more than 475,000 new believers last year—about 1,300 each day or one each minute. They also planted churches among 19 people groups where no Baptist churches previously existed.

Among other significant results for 2005, IMB missionaries and their partners:

- Engaged a total of 1,170 people groups worldwide, three-quarters of whom are classified by mission researchers as unreached (less than 2 percent of the population claiming evangelical Christian faith).

- Engaged for the first time 104 people groups, 73 of whom are unreached, with a combined population of nearly 100 million.

- Started almost 23,500 churches and more than 10,600 "outreach groups" (potential future churches). That brought total partner churches worldwide to 135,252, with a combined membership of 8.8 million, and outreach groups to 55,723.

- Trained more than 150,000 Christian leaders in nonresidential settings (extension and correspondence courses, short-term courses and on-the-job training) and more than 20,000 in residential pastoral programs.

In other business, IMB trustees responded to a motion referred from the SBC to both the IMB and North American Mission Board, requesting the appointment of a study committee to examine ways both boards "may work in greater partnership and harmony."

IMB trustees agreed with a recent response from NAMB trustees that a study committee is not needed. They pointed out that the Inter-Missions Council, which consists of primary leadership of both boards, already meets regularly to determine and carry out ways of working in partnership.

Fugitt named candidate for KBC second VP

Bowling Green—Chad Fugitt, pastor of Chaplin Baptist Church, will be nominated next week for Kentucky Baptist Convention second vice president.



Chad Fugitt

Fugitt, 27, will be nominated by Jim Castlen, director of missions for Three Forks Baptist Association.

One week prior to the Nov. 14-15 KBC annual meeting at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Fugitt is the only announced candidate for second vice president.

Steve Ayers, pastor of Hillvue Heights Baptist Church in Bowling Green, and Darren Gaddis, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, will be nominated for KBC president. Skip Alexander, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, and Kevin Smith, pastor of Watson Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, will be nominated for first vice president.

Fugitt said he was approached by several men who felt he could represent both younger leaders and smaller churches.

Citing his education and ministry background, Fugitt described himself as "a debtor to Kentucky Baptists."

"I feel privileged to have the honor to be nominated and serve in any capacity the state convention sees fit," he added.

Fugitt is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and currently is pursuing a doctor of ministry degree from Southern.

Prior to becoming pastor of Chaplin Baptist in 2003, he was pastor of Middleburg Baptist Church and Gilead Baptist Church in Richmond. He also is a member of the KBC Mission Board.

"I think this is a pivotal time for our convention as far as us being involved in Kentucky Baptists Connect and being involved in a renewed emphasis on the Cooperative Program," he said. "I think our churches need to get behind these emphases in the state."

Fugitt's congregation reported 22 baptisms and contributed 16 percent of undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program, according to 2005 Annual Church Profile statistics.

Castlen said Fugitt "embodies the high ideals and broad experience we look for in emerging leadership today."

"Evangelism and missions is the heartbeat of this young pastor," Castlen said. "We need conservative and gifted young men like Chad Fugitt to stand up and step up to receive the mantle of leadership today" in the KBC.

Churches warned to protect against fraud

By Jonathan Johnston
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—One out of every 10 churches eventually uncovers fraud involving church funds, according to Tom Adkisson, a certified public accountant for more than 25 years.

Adkisson, a member of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, led a workshop on "Handling Money" during the Oct. 26 "Nuts and Bolts of Church Management" conference at the Baptist Building in Louisville.

Focusing on fraud prevention within the church, Adkisson said one reason churches are vulnerable to fraud is that church members by nature are trusting of people. But he cautioned that such trust frequently is misplaced.

Adkisson cited three conditions that are necessary for fraud to take place: financial pressure, rationalization of the act by the perpetrator and opportunity.

Financial pressure can cause an individual who typically would not consider stealing to look for opportunities to embezzle money, he noted. One example he cited was a sud-

den illness or medical emergency that could cause unexpected financial burden on a family.

Adkisson said the most frequent rationalization in the cases he investigated was intent to borrow the money. He said individuals would convince themselves that they were only borrowing the money and would pay it back before anyone noticed. Inevitably, he noted, this would lead to taking more and more money.

Opportunity, the third element for fraud to occur, can present itself in many forms, such as having a few minutes alone with cash or a stack of blank church checks lying in plain sight, he said.

The element of opportunity is the one ingredient for fraud that churches can eliminate, Adkisson said.

"At the church level, we can take away the opportunity for a fraud," he said, adding that as Christians we should seek to remove that temptation from someone's path.

He said church needs to put procedures and policies in place that will protect the church from fraud

as well as protecting the reputations of those who handle the money.

Among specific tips to help reduce fraud:

- Church leaders should talk openly about the possibilities for fraud to identify areas of vulnerability.

- Churches should not allow one person to have the responsibility for counting the offering. This guideline protects both the church and the individual's reputation.

- Churches should keep a list of the names of the people present when the offering was counted and consider rotating the people who are given that responsibility.

- All disbursements should be done by check and should involve more than one person.

- Churches also should have someone who does not handle cash receipts or disbursements review the bank statement.

"Segregation of duties is very important," Adkisson added. He said it helps protect the church from fraud, confrontation, damaged reputations, and damaged witness due to a perceived lack of integrity.

Church communication plan requires consistency

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- **Internal print.** Once a quality Web site is established, newsletters can focus on building community and outreach rather than information distribution, Vaughan noted.

Church newsletters help people stay in the loop and remain connected to the church, he explained, even if they are homebound or attend church irregularly.

Newsletters should be published at least monthly, and preferably weekly, Vaughan added.

- **Building & grounds and greeters.** Bulletin boards, posters, welcome centers, greeters and ushers, even guest parking spaces communicate to church guests.

Church bulletin boards should be placed where people cannot avoid seeing them—at the ends of hallways, in stairwells, even in restrooms, he suggested.

Posters should not be taped up just anywhere, Vaughan said, but should be neatly displayed on bul-

letin boards and should reflect the church's brand and theme.

Signage throughout the church also should match the theme, and feature the church's brand colors or logo.

Welcome centers need not be expensive or elaborate, but should be attractive, he noted. Most importantly, they should be staffed with greeters and ushers who are well-trained to serve and make a good impression.

- **External advertising.** When promoting events, churches should focus on the "why" in addition to the "what," Vaughan said, going beyond the date, time and place of an event and explaining its benefits.

"Why should I send my children to your vacation Bible school? What are you going to teach them? How are you going to improve their lives?" Vaughan said, describing an unchurched reader's possible reaction.

Churches also should think in terms of campaigns rather than in-

dividual promotional pieces, he said. One direct mail piece or advertisement will not do the trick.

When negotiating for advertising pieces such as broadcast or print ads or outdoor advertising, churches should ask for non-profit discounts and look for ways to maximize their impact.

For example, the "church page" in the local newspaper probably is not the first page unchurched prospects turn to. Ads likely will have more impact on pages featuring movie or television listings, or engagements and weddings.

Churches should make sure that the ads they place reflect their message and graphic design standards. Copy also should be thoroughly proofread for errors and message clarity.

"The best thing you can do is pay a 12-year-old to read it for you," Vaughan said. "Because if a 12-year-old doesn't understand it, nobody else is going to understand it either."

Pastors urge churches to evaluate insurance coverage

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arrangements with a neighboring church to temporarily hold services in their facilities in case of emergencies, Spacek said.

Larry Burton, pastor of Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Orlando, served as the general contractor for Flat Rock's new sanctuary. He said pastors with experience in construction and building operations will be better equipped to deal with disasters.

The building was dedicated in late September, less than four months after its century-old sanctuary was destroyed by an electrical fire.

While it might not be practical for all pastors to have construction experience, they should be aware of how much insurance coverage their church has, Burton said.

"Somebody needs to know," he added. "I thought I did, but I found

out I didn't."

Burton said he had delegated the task of checking on coverage a few years ago, then never followed up to make sure it was done. That left the church \$20,000 short when it sustained damages of about \$70,000 on its old building.

The church used \$35,000 of its insurance coverage to pay off a loan on a separate addition. Counting some additional costs, the church wound up with a \$58,000 mortgage on its new sanctuary.

Burton said Kentucky Baptist church officers "need to be on their toes" about fire safety and insurance coverage.

Despite their losses, both Flat Rock and Concord Baptist emerged from their ordeals in fairly good financial shape thanks to contributions from the community and other churches.



CHURCH FIRE Concord Baptist Church in Monticello was underinsured when an electrical fire destroyed the church facility in July.

Still, Jones noted that good stewardship includes being better prepared in case disaster strikes.

"If you don't have enough insurance, my advice is to get enough to pay for your building," Jones said. "I think God wants us to work to maintain our stability in life."

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The end of the Hummer age

By David Gushee

Jackson, Tenn. (ABP)—The global communities of science, business and policymaking largely have moved past the debate about whether humans are causing serious climate change and on to the question of what to do about it. But the conservative Christian sector in the United States remains either indifferent or deeply divided, and our reticence is slowing the movement of climate policy in the United States.

Meanwhile, the discussion between climate change "believers" and "skeptics" is sometimes an ugly one. I recently had the opportunity to debate the leading evangelical climate-change skeptic, Cal Beisner, on the campus of Union University, where I teach. The experience was highly illuminating.

All but a tiny fringe of skeptics now agree that global warming is happening. This is a fact that my debating partner conceded. So, notwithstanding author Michael Crichton, this aspect of the debate is now over.

On the question of whether climate warming primarily is human-caused, Professor Beisner quoted a number of scientists to claim that this remains an open question. I concede that there is not a 100 percent consensus on this issue among North American climate scientists. But I still am impressed by the fact that the strong majority of climate scientists, including the consortium of scientists called the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as the national science academies of all leading industrialized countries, accept that climate change as we see it today primarily is human-induced.

"Greenhouse gas" impact

The mechanism for this human-caused warming is clear. It primarily is caused by the release from our cars, homes, factories and farms of billions of tons of heat-trapping gas-

es ("greenhouse gases") that stay in the atmosphere for decades and block the escape of thermal radiation from the planet's surface.

This assertion is understood to be simply a fact by most relevant voices in our world today. Climate scientists largely accept it. Most of the world's governments accept it, as evidenced by their signatures on international climate treaties and their policies on climate change. Most in the global business community, including such companies as GE, Walmart, Cinergy, Exelon, BP and Shell, accept it. Insurers accept it. Global investors responsible for trillions of dollars accept it.

We debated whether the consequences of global warming will be significant or perhaps even catastrophic. It is increasingly clear that the effects already are significant. Whether they will be catastrophic is less certain.

Significant consequences already include an increase in extremely hot days, especially in the northern hemisphere, surprising unprepared populations with sometimes deadly results. Some researchers argue that we already have seen an increase in the duration, intensity and possibly the number of major weather events such as hurricanes and typhoons.

Arctic sea ice is melting at a rate of 9 percent a decade. The permafrost in the Arctic region is thawing rapidly. This thawing is releasing centuries of stored methane, an especially potent greenhouse gas. Parts of the Antarctic ice shelf are breaking up. Snow cover is decreasing on major mountain ranges all over the world. More than 80 percent of the world's glaciers are shrinking. Sea levels are slowly rising, and this might accelerate dramatically as warming increases.

The conditions for agriculture are changing. In our northern hemisphere, growing seasons are longer but soil moisture is decreasing. Animal habitats are changing dramati-

cally, and some species are at risk of extinction. Earlier flowering, breeding and hibernating are apparent. There is evidence of the spread of diseases to new areas. We are disrupting millions of ecological relationships among species.

These changes might seem like mere inconveniences. But they won't be "merely" inconvenient for those whose lives are smashed by catastrophic weather, whose coastal businesses and homes are washed away, whose crops are damaged or destroyed. It will be especially problematic for the poor of our world, who lack the resources to cope with such traumatic losses.

Reduce ecological footprint

We debated what kinds of steps should be taken to address this problem. I argued that everyone has something they can do. Especially as Americans, we need to reduce the environmental impact of our lives. The era of thoughtless consumption—the age of the Hummer—is over. We must reduce our ecological footprint, and live more gently on the earth. Nobody emits more greenhouse gases than Americans do.

We need to do what many individuals, churches, businesses and governments already are doing. We need to maximize energy efficiency in our homes, cars, power plants and airports. We need to design "greener" buildings, exploit the potential of alternative and renewable fuels, and find ways to sequester carbon dioxide. We probably need to set a national cap on greenhouse gas emissions and then find creative, market-based ways to meet those targets, as is already happening in parts of the United States and much of the world and has been supported by many in Congress.

Global warming is one of the major moral challenges facing our world in the 21st century. As a Christian, I view it as a discipleship issue of the highest magnitude.

David Gushee is a professor of moral philosophy at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Kentucky Baptists Connect opportunities

Kentucky Baptists have been connecting with each other in associational meetings during August, September and October. It was my privilege to participate in nine associational meetings.

Each meeting I attended was positive, with reports on significant ministries and with exciting plans for the future.

Little Bethel Baptist Association in the Madisonville area, where Bob Morrison is director of missions, celebrated the completion of a three-year partnership with Red River Baptist Association. Jack Fletcher, DOM for Red River Association, said the partnership has resulted in starting six churches, with a seventh one under way.

Christian County Baptist Association in the Hopkinsville area also participated in the partnership with Red River Association. Bobby Melton is DOM in Christian County.

Crittenden Baptist Association, where Greg Nimmo is DOM, reported an increase of more than 100

in baptisms (about a 30 percent increase).

In the Little River Baptist Association meeting, DOM Mike Rust shared how he personally has experienced 82 people coming to faith in Jesus Christ this year. Pray that God will answer his prayer for 100.

Most of the associations I visited have been involved in disaster relief along the Gulf Coast. In Blackford Baptist Association, DOM Bob White showed off the association's new disaster relief chainsaw trailer.

The opportunity for Kentucky Baptists to connect will continue during the annual meeting at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green on Nov. 14-15.

Activities begin with Cross Over on Saturday, Nov. 11, which provides an opportunity for Kentucky Baptists to provide ministry and witness in the greater Bowling Green area. I hope that hundreds of Kentucky Baptists will join me and local churches in sharing God's love with everyone possible.

COMMENTARY

CHURCH

Are your offerings to God sincere acts of worship?

By Doug Strader

The word "worship" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "weoth" (worthy) and "scipe" (quality or state of), which became "worthship" and then "worship." To worship God then is to ascribe to Him supreme worth.

The Psalmist said, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name" (Psalms 29:2). The Bible writers use such phrases as "to glorify," "to ascribe worth," "to bow down" and "to prostrate oneself" to describe worship.

So how do we relate worship and giving? Can we give without worshipping? Can we worship without giving? Are we giving in such a way that we ascribe "worthship" to God? Is there a sense of joy in our worship/giving?

In the Old Testament, God's people were instructed to make offerings (sacrifices) to God as part of their worship. They were to offer the firstfruits of their crops and their best animals (without spot or blemish) to God. They worshipped God by giving Him the very best they had.

After the death of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb of God, the Christian community no longer practiced grain and animal sacrifices. Jesus was offered as the perfect sacrifice, never to be repeated again. Now the church was to give offerings to God from their material possessions as an act of sacrifice and worship. The Apostle Paul wrote that our offerings to God are to be a sweet-smelling aroma to God. That is a sign that our offerings are acceptable to Him.

Each time we give our offerings to God, we need to ask ourselves if our offerings are a pleasing aroma to Him. During our worship services, the offering is not just a collection of money by the ushers. Rather, it is a time when we are offering our best to our God.

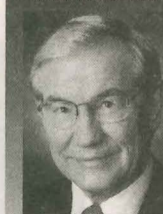
If we were following the lead of the early church, we would all leave our seats and bring our offering to the altar and present it to God in worship. Yet we still can worship God with our offerings when we sit in our seats and give when the ushers pass the offering plate.

The next time you give your offerings to God, prepare yourself to make sure it is a time of worship. Prayerfully declare, "Dear God, here is my offering. I pray that it will be a sweet-smelling aroma to You."

Doug Strader, retired director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department, is pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville



PARTNERS IN THE MISSION



Bill Mackey

Preparing for the holidays in the wake of a painful divorce

Q: I recently went through a painful divorce. I have no idea how to make it through the holiday season. How do I begin?

Prayerfully consider these practical steps:

Attend a divorce recovery workshop. Find a workshop near you by "Googling" the words "divorce recovery workshop" and the name of the closest city to where you live. That can be a first step toward healing. If the program is several months away, ask the church to recommend a counselor you could see to get you through your time of transition.

Check out church activities, conferences, retreats and Sunday school classes designed for single adults. It helps to find a "safe place" with people in similar situations. For example, in Lexington there is an annual Single Adult Thanksgiving Celebration with a full Thanksgiving dinner with entertainment.

Try church and community activities that might draw your interest. Concerts, plays, women's or men's groups, Sierra Club-type hiking groups, book discussion clubs and craft groups are examples. Connecting with people of similar interests can help.

Let your family and close friends know what you are going through and enlist their support. Don't let your divorce be "the elephant in the room" that nobody talks about. Call three or four people and ask them to be your support system to call on when you need them.

Alter your holiday traditions. Do things with extended family, close friends or "just for you" that you might not have chosen to do previously. You have the opportunity to "tailor-make" your holidays to fit exactly what is right for you. That might mean more quiet and contemplation while you turn down some party invitations. It could mean going somewhere with a friend. Be intentional. It might mean using some of your time to serve others such as the homeless or the poor in community agencies near you.

Make a "Thanksgiving scrapbook." Write down everything you can think of that you are thankful for, all the resources in your life. Go back to it often. Life can be cruel and difficult, but there still is a lot of joy and hope in the world. The words of "This Is My Father's World" are still true even in the midst of grief and transition.—James Stillwell

Q: How can I help my children grow in their knowledge and understanding of God?

Pastor and author Erwin McManus worries that we have put our best efforts into teaching our children about God rather than guiding them into an experience with God. As a result, we might be producing children who have been effectively Christianized, but who never have really met Christ.

Helping children learn to experience God on a daily basis can strengthen their faith and help them know that God is real. A simple change in something as routine as bedtime prayers can make a difference.

Many parents close the day with their children by asking, "How was your day?" In her book, "Receiving the Day," Dorothy Bass tells of a mother who frames the question a bit differently. As she tucks her children in, she asks, "Where did you meet God today?" After hearing their answers (a teacher helped me, I saw a tree with lots of flowers, etc.) she then tells them where she met God. The stuff of their day then becomes the substance of their bedtime prayers.

Encouraging children to actively think about God each day through questions, comments and conversations will teach children to look for God and to expect to see Him in the normal course of everyday life. Parents will reinforce the process when they openly and casually share their own daily experiences with God. The result will be children who will not only understand, but recognize the ways in which God works in their world and in their lives.—David Garrard

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Integrity and godly vision really do matter

Next week's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting promises to be a two-day celebration of the incredible ministry God is accomplishing through Kentucky Baptists.

The Nov. 14-15 annual meeting at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green will continue the KBC's five-year "Kentucky Baptists Connect" emphasis, with this year's theme highlighting a commitment to "Leading with Integrity and Godly Vision."

The need for unwavering Christian integrity and godly vision has been reiterated this past week through the painful public drama of former National Association of Evangelicals President Ted Haggard.

Haggard, who was removed Nov. 4 as pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs, admitted in a Nov. 5 letter to his congregation that "I am guilty of sexual immorality" and that "I am a deceiver and a liar." His letter added that "I desperately need to be forgiven and healed." (See article on page 9.)

While Christians throughout the nation are shocked and appalled by Haggard's sexual sin and deception, the former evangelical leader deserves both strong discipline and ultimate forgiveness—just as all sinners stand in need of forgiveness and healing.

So what does Haggard's moral crisis have to do with next week's KBC annual meeting? It is a stark reminder that our state convention's call for integrity and vision is far more than just another catchy theme. It is a daily call for Christ's followers to seek to live our lives above reproach for the sake of the gospel.

While the high-profile collapse of Haggard's influential ministry obviously is the exception, the reality is that many other Christian ministers and laity have succumbed to a variety of temptations in recent months and years. Another current example is a page 2 article on the findings of a five-month investigation among Texas Baptists that discovered more than \$1.3 million of state convention church-starting funds had been misused by

three pastors in the Rio Grande Valley.

But perhaps the more immediate lesson for the typical pastor or grassroots church member in Kentucky or elsewhere is the importance of faithful Christian integrity in the small, seemingly insignificant, day-to-day decisions in life.

In Jesus' parable of the talents in Matthew 25, He emphasized that the master told his faithful servant, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things" (Matthew 25:21).

The same principle is true in a variety of our daily choices and priorities. It's a matter of getting the little things right as

we pursue integrity and godly vision. Huge public collapses in ministry seldom begin with one major sin, but with small compromises that gradually grow and chip away at one's resistance to greater temptation.

What can Kentucky Baptists learn about integrity and godly vision as we gather next week in Bowling Green? Wednesday morning workshops will focus on such topics as "Finishing Well: A Biblical Perspective on Faithful Leadership," by Jimmy Draper, retired president of LifeWay Christian Resources; "Habitudes: Images that Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes," by author and leadership expert Tim Elmore; and "Women Leading with Integrity and Godly Vision," by Shelly Johns, KBC women's ministry associate, and Wanda Walker, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union consultant.

We also will have the opportunity to emphasize integrity and vision through officer elections, a Tuesday evening Cooperative Program celebration and ministry reports from KBC entities.

Leading with integrity and godly vision really does matter as Kentucky Baptists seek to impact our state, nation and world for Christ. Join us next week in Bowling Green or support the annual proceedings through prayer as Kentucky Baptists strive to show the world what it means to live clear, consistent lives of Christian integrity and vision.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Tannis Henderson

Lord, please transform our churches

By Frank Page

Taylors, S.C. (BP)—Since my election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, I have made clear my desire that our convention pray for God to "send Your reviving Holy Spirit." I believe that our future depends on God's Holy Spirit and His reviving power.

One of the areas in which we desperately need God's Holy Spirit help is in the area of church transformation. While the statistics vary across our convention from state to state, most state Baptist conventions report that 70 percent or more of their churches are plateaued or declining. Scholars use varying criteria to judge the status of churches in those categories, but most of us know the reality is a sad one.

Some churches struggle in very difficult areas. There are situations where a church must work diligently and fervently just to stay in a plateaued situation due to the loss of people in a geographic area.

However, many of our churches are in areas where there are many

unreached and unchurched people, yet they struggle to maintain even a status quo position. LifeWay Christian Resources President Thom Ranier, in his books on church growth, has pointed out that many churches are unaware of their status. While they might see people joining the church on a somewhat regular basis, they have no idea—or perhaps choose to ignore—the reality that they are plateaued or declining.

Is there any hope for our churches? Can a church move from a plateaued, declining status to one of transformation and growth? The answer is an unequivocal yes! I have seen it happen on more than one occasion.

While this article is not meant to be a teaching tool that would discuss all the factors that must be involved in church transformation, let me state clearly that the first and foremost factor is prayer. God's people need to be honest about where their church is. They need to be willing to confess before the Lord any practi-

es, mindsets and attitudes that have led to their church's malaise.

They must pray 2 Chronicles 7:14 in all seriousness. The Scripture says, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

God has blessed our church, First Baptist Church of Taylors, S.C., in some very powerful ways over the last few years. I thank God that we have ended this church year with our greatest year of growth, including our highest baptism level in history. For this, we praise God.

God's people here are praying like never before. Part of our situation is clearly due to a ministry in our church called "God's 3,000," where we are attempting to involve 3,000 people in some kind of intercessory prayer ministry.

If we are going to experience church transformation throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, we must focus on prayer.

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

Wiley Drake refuses to accept obscurity as SBC 2nd VP

"I'm trying to speak up for the small church and the little guy."

Wiley Drake, SBC second vice president

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

Buena Park, Calif. (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention expects very little from its vice presidents—nothing, in fact—unless the SBC president becomes incapacitated. Traditionally, those elected each year to the mostly honorary VP positions are seen but not heard.

But when Southern Baptists elected Wiley Drake second vice president in June, they should not have expected Drake to be quiet about it.

The irrepressible Drake—a Los Angeles-area pastor, radio crusader and self-proclaimed "champion of the little guy"—is making the most of his new title. And that's causing more than a little consternation in the SBC's Nashville headquarters.

When Drake recently created his own makeshift letterhead proclaiming "Southern Baptist Convention, Office of the 2nd Vice President"—and used it to endorse Republican Dick Moutjoy of California in his bid for the U.S. Senate—he got a stern warning from the SBC's top lawyer.

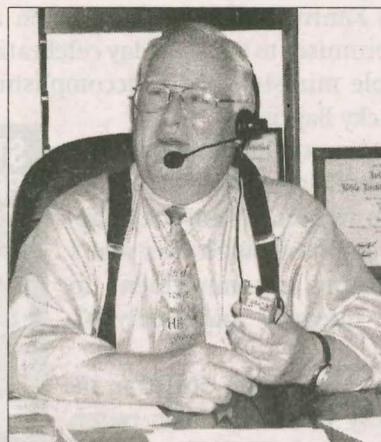
"If there has been political activity using letterhead, it should immediately cease, due (among other reasons) to its potential to place the convention at the wrong end of an IRS investigation," wrote attorney August Boto in an Oct. 4 letter, alluding to laws that make political activity by non-profit groups like the SBC illegal.

"Looking back, I shouldn't have done it," Drake said. "But no one told me what I should or shouldn't do."

Drake seeks job description

So Drake is asking the convention to spell out the responsibilities of the SBC's two vice presidents, and he is making a suggestion for his own role. How about "SBC Interfaith Ambassador"?

"I already function as an inter-



PUBLIC VOICE SBC second vice president Wiley Drake broadcasts his daily radio show from his cell phone in Buena Park, Calif. (ABP photo by Greg Warner)

faith ambassador," Drake said by telephone from his church office at First Southern Baptist Church of Buena Park. "I was only asking for it to be official."

Drake pointed out he was asked by Yuri Shtern, a Jew and member of the Israeli Knesset, to pray for the official's failing health—which Drake did on radio Oct. 26. He says he also gets regular calls from the Israeli Embassy because of his role in the pro-Israel Christian Allies Caucus, which gives him an interfaith role.

In addition to supporting Israel, Drake uses his live, four-day-a-week radio and Internet broadcast to campaign for countless conservative Christian causes.

Around Buena Park, however, Drake is best known as the pastor who fought city hall for the right to turn his 75-member church into a homeless shelter—and nearly went to jail for it.

Drake burst on the Southern Baptist scene about a decade ago when he led the charge for a boycott of entertainment giant the Disney Co., even though his church lies almost in the shadow of Disneyland.

His success in that initiative

spurred his steady stream of speeches from the floor of recent SBC conventions for various causes.

Drake's love for attention irritates many Southern Baptists—"I'm as egotistical as the next guy," he concedes. But he's a hero to others, particularly small-church pastors who seldom get a voice in the 16-million-member denomination.

It was for those "little guys," Drake said, that he agreed to be nominated to the previously obscure role of second vice president, which is almost an afterthought in the SBC's power structure. But Drake insists he was elected with a mandate of sorts.

"I'm trying to speak up for the small church and the little guy, because many of them have said to me they feel disenfranchised (by the SBC leadership)," said Drake, whose 75-member church is about the size of the average SBC congregation.

"The people who voted for me were saying: 'Our convention is in a mess and I'm about to leave. But it sounds like Wiley may do something about it. It sounds like (SBC president) Frank Page may do something about it.'"

From "nobody" to "somebody"

Drake said he is a nobody who became a "somebody" by virtue of his election. "I want to be the 'somebody' who tells the other 'somebodies,' 'You need to listen to the little guys, otherwise they are going to leave the Southern Baptist Convention.'"

Drake said he has ceased using his makeshift SBC letterhead. But he has added the title of "2nd Vice President" to his church letterhead—and he will keep using it, whether or not SBC officials like it. "If they have a problem with that, they're going to have to sue me."

Boto, in a letter Oct. 4, instructed Drake not to use his title in correspondence, and he suggested Drake

drop his quest for a job description too.

Two days later, Drake wrote an open letter to all Southern Baptists urging them to define the role of the vice presidents.

"So without any job description to direct me, I'm left with no option but to create one on my own," he wrote. "The 2nd Vice President should be a servant role to the convention, not an honorary title. He should be a prayer warrior for convention causes, and the most faithful advocate of our missionaries. He should encourage pastors and reach souls. He should lead his church before he tries to lead the convention, feed the hungry before he feeds his ego, and listen before he speaks."

Drake got off on the wrong foot with the SBC Executive Committee from the start. He expected to attend the September meeting of the committee but was told there was no money to pay his expenses. "If the Southern Baptist Convention can't afford to send me to the Executive Committee meeting, something is wrong," he said.

His only official duty is to succeed the first vice president and president if both are incapacitated, he said, but "how do I take over if I don't know what's going on? That's why I think I need to be at the meeting."

The unspoken message from SBC leaders was clear, he said: "You don't need to know anything, because the president doesn't need to know anything, because the president doesn't do anything either. We control everything."

In the face of such challenges, Drake said he is "absolutely going to be nominated for vice president again next year."

And if Page is re-elected and completes the traditional second one-year term as SBC president in 2008, Drake added, "then I'm going to be nominated for president."

Arkansans OK task force report, potential Baptist building move

Little Rock, Ark. (ABP)—Messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention annual meeting approved a ministry task force report that includes recommendations to regionalize executive boards, increase the percentage of Cooperative Program funds forwarded to Southern Baptist Convention causes, and explore bringing the Arkansas Baptist News, currently a convention agency, under the ABSC Executive Board.

The task force also recommended that the constitution and bylaws committee consider eliminating from the convention's articles of incorporation the disclaimer that "the Baptist Faith and Message shall not be interpreted as to permit open communion and/or alien immersion."

Each recommendation from the Oct. 31-Nov. 1 meeting will be referred to other Arkansas convention committees or boards for further deliberation. The referral recommendations passed with a scattering of no votes.

The 837 messengers also authorized the Executive Board and its officers to build a Baptist building in a new location if the existing facility in downtown Little Rock sells. The potential relocation results from the donation of five acres of land in west Little Rock by an anonymous Baptist deacon and hinges on the start of construction as soon as possible. The land was appraised at just under \$1 million.

For a second year, messengers also approved giving agency status to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. Because the action involved a change to the convention's articles of incorporation, it required passage at two consecutive conventions.

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Volunteer organist serves one congregation for 55 years

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Louisville—With 55 years of music ministry so far, church organist Pat Brown said she plans to keep playing until “I fall over.”

“I think it’s just an honor the Lord allows me to do this,” said Brown, who started playing at age 15 without the benefit of organ lessons. “He has given me what I call a talent to do this. He’s also given me the strength and the health.”

Though logging that many years at one church is remarkable, Ken Rutledge, interim music minister at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, calls it equally impressive that Brown has done so as a volunteer.

Now in his second year-long stint as music leader, Rutledge says Brown’s dedication and consistency make her a joy to work with.

“Pat is more dedicated than many of the paid organists I’ve dealt with,” said Rutledge, who entered the field of church music ministry in the mid-1980s.

“She’s an all-around organist anybody would ever dream of having,” he added. “She’s been a very special part of our church.”

Brown recently was honored during a morning worship service at Ormsby Heights Church. Gifts included baskets of flowers, a corsage, a new hymnal and a set of dinner plates featuring the artwork of Thomas Kinkade.



FAITHFUL SERVICE Pat Brown recently was honored for 55 years of service as volunteer organist at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church in Louisville.

Since the church has acknowledged her service every five years since she marked her 25th anniversary, Brown said she wasn’t surprised by the recognition.

Nor does she ever plan to ask for a salary, saying Ormsby Heights has been her home church since childhood and she wouldn’t feel right about accepting payment for her service.

“That’s not what I do it for,” Brown noted. “That was always my calling. I feel this is what the Lord put me here for.”

When she was growing up in Louisville, Brown took piano lessons from the church organist, the wife of former pastor Lavon Moore.

After the Moores were called to another church, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary replaced her as organist. When the student graduated, church leaders asked Brown to take over.

“I said, ‘If you’ll bear with me until I learn,’” Brown recalled. She said the former organist “showed me the ropes. I had a time with the foot pedals but I finally conquered them.”

Her admirers would call that an understatement.

“Her music is beautiful,” said longtime friend Pat Vincent, whose late husband, Dallas, was Ormsby Heights’ pastor from 1958-97. “I always say she plays the words so people can meditate on the words while she’s playing.”

“If she plays ‘Amazing Grace’ she plays with such feeling you are thinking about the words, not the music.”

Not only has Brown modeled the

attitude of a servant, always willing to follow the music director’s lead, she has been a great friend, Mrs. Vincent said.

They were so close that when Brown’s husband, Darrell, died in 1992, the Vincents drove back from a vacation in New York so Vincent could preach Darrell Brown’s funeral.

Another of Mrs. Vincent’s favorite memories is her friend’s “wonderful” giggle.

Brown learned to play on an old pipe organ acquired from a movie theater. But it had a drawback: sometimes a foot pedal would stick.

“We would hear her giggling and then she would go on playing,” Mrs. Vincent said.

“Everyone would look at me, but it wasn’t me,” Brown said with a chuckle. “We kept it until the church moved in 1960 and then they sold it.”

Christina Vincent, one of the Vincents’ children, considers the Browns to be part of her extended family.

She said she draws considerable inspiration from Brown, noting that watching her play faithfully over the years without seeking pay or recognition is an outstanding example.

“This is what ministry is all about,” said Christina Vincent, an administrative assistant at Long Run Baptist Association. “She does it to serve the Lord and that’s her primary focus.”

Of course, longevity is in Brown’s blood. Right after high school, she joined the staff of a bank later acquired by PNC. She has worked for the same organization for 52 years, first in the office and now as a teller.

When people ask her, “When in the world are you going to retire?” Brown said she replies, “‘Either I’ll die at PNC or on the organ bench.’ I hope it’s not at the organ bench, though, because it would scare everyone to death.”

“I feel this is what the Lord put me here for.”

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church organist Pat Brown

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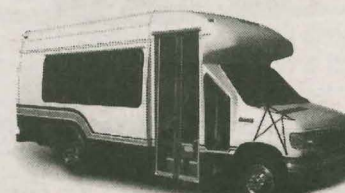
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After years of spiritual searching, NYU student finds God at Mosaic Manhattan



WHAT'S NEXT? Emily Moore, a member of Mosaic Manhattan Church, ponders how God will use her talents after she graduates with a bachelor of fine arts degree and an emphasis in dance.

By Norm Miller
Baptist Press

New York (BP)—A multi-generational, ethnic rainbow of worshippers, Mosaic Manhattan Church, grew from the tragedies of 9/11 into the triumphs of today. Whether executive or ex-addict, the people to whom Mosaic ministers hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and become His disciples.

New York University senior Emily Moore is a member of Mosaic, a Southern Baptist church that meets in a dance studio a few blocks from Ground Zero.

Mild-mannered and modest, Moore once thought she knew who she really was. But that all changed when she met her friend, Christy—and Christ—at NYU.

Christy, who attended Mosaic, wasn't the first person to talk to Moore about spiritual matters. A few years ago while on a trip to Virginia Beach, Va., to visit a friend, she met a boy who "was the first person ever to talk to me about faith," Moore said.

"He was saying all these things as a believer, and they really shook me because I didn't have any kind of roots like that," she recalled. "That made me ask a lot of questions."

Confused and lonely

The questions and searching continued off and on until Moore enrolled at NYU. Confused, desperate and lonely, she said she got on her knees and prayed, "Jesus, if You're real, I want to know who You are."

Describing her life as "really fortress" and unwilling to "let people in at all," she did open up to Christy, another student in the dance department.

"I was talking to her, I mean, really talking to her for the first time, and she mentioned something about God," Moore noted.

"Christy took me to lunch and she shared the gospel with me," Moore said. "She told me about the Holy Spirit and how God can live through us. I'd never heard that before."

Moore said she prayed "the second prayer of my entire life"—a simple prayer from the back page of a tract that Christy showed her.

"When I prayed to ask Jesus to live in my heart, all of this stuff just exploded in me. And I saw how He had been reaching out to me in a million



JOYFUL DEMONSTRATION Emily Moore, a New York University student who attends Mosaic Manhattan Church, demonstrates a dance leap for Rachel and Elaine Farah (left to right). The girls' father is Greg Farah, pastor of the church that meets in a dance studio just blocks from Ground Zero. (BP photos by Jim Veneman)

moments from my past," said Moore, who said she finally understood the source of love that had pursued her most of her life.

"As far as coming to believe, there was always a pursuit of love for me in motion. Love was pursuing me," she said. "And you know, it still is happening. I still see God's love everywhere, just reaching out. ... Jesus healed me in an amazing way from stuff that had hurt me very deeply."

Growing Christian faith

Two years later, Moore still attends Mosaic. "I felt really welcome there. And that was pretty radical for me compared to my other church experience," she said, recalling a visit to a church as a fifth-grader that left her feeling "unwelcome and excluded."

Moore describes her relationship with Christ as "expanding and growing," and says that Mosaic is part of

that. She credits the church's small group meetings called Life Groups for her ongoing Christian development. "It was great to be a new believer and have that available to me as a resource to connect with people and read the Word with people. I really grew some spiritual roots," she said.

Looking to the future, Moore isn't sure what God will have her doing, but for now, she is confident that her pursuit of a bachelor's degree in fine arts has spiritual import.

"Most surely, dance can celebrate who God is," she said. "Dance really lets the true person radiate out and shine through—not only in the watching of it, but in the doing of it.

It can really show you who you are in so many ways from your soul and your heart."

The love of dance brought Moore together with Rachel and Elaine Farah, daughters of Mosaic's pastor, Greg Farah. Moore taught the two girls some choreographed moves in a session one weekend.

Moore believes the desire to dance celebratively is innate as she describes teaching the girls: "Seeing that life in them and that excitement in them. All of that stuff is already in place. That's really inspiring to me and motivating. It reminds me of what I want to give people. I want to give them back that which has gotten so buried."

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NAE president resigns amid gay sex allegations

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and an outspoken opponent of gay rights, resigned Nov. 2, after a Colorado man claimed Haggard paid him for sex and drugs.

Two days later, Haggard was removed as senior pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs after an investigation by a board of overseers.

The board's findings and Haggard's public statements "have proven without a doubt that he has committed sexually immoral conduct," the board reported. "We have decided the most positive and productive direction for our church is his dismissal and removal."

In a letter by Haggard read Sunday to the congregation by board member Larry Stockstill, Haggard wrote, "The fact is I am guilty of sexual immorality. ... I am a deceiver and a liar. There is a part of my life that is so repulsive and dark that I've been warring against it all of my adult life."

Acknowledging that "I did things that were contrary to everything I believe," Haggard added, "I desperately need to be forgiven and healed."

Prior to his dismissal as pastor, church leaders had announced that Haggard had gone on administrative leave and the National Association of Evangelicals said he resigned

from the president's post, which he held for three years.

"I am voluntarily stepping aside from leadership so that the overseer process can be allowed to proceed with integrity," the statement quoted Haggard as saying. "I hope to be able to discuss this matter in more detail at a later date. In the interim, I will seek both spiritual advice and guidance."

After the charges were first publicized, Haggard initially told Colorado Springs television station KKTU that he never had a homosexual relationship and was faithful to his wife.

Mike Jones, a Denver resident, claimed Haggard paid him for sex about once a month for three years. Jones also said Haggard used methamphetamine during some of the encounters.

Haggard and his church have been outspoken supporters of a proposed amendment to the Colorado Constitution that would ban gay marriage. The proposal is on this week's ballot in the state.

Prior to the release of the church's initial statement, James Dobson of Focus on the Family said, "Ted Haggard is a friend of mine, and it appears someone is trying to damage his reputation as a way of influencing the outcome of Tuesday's election."

After the admission, Dobson not-

ed that everyone at his organization is "heartsick over the allegation" that Haggard "had a private life with a homosexual for several years."

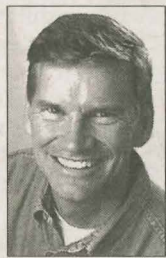
"We will await the outcome of this story, but the possibility that an illicit relationship has occurred is alarming to us and to millions of others," Dobson added.

"Ted has been my close friend and colleague for many years. He has been used mightily to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Colorado Springs and around the world," Dobson said. "He will continue to be my friend, even if the worst allegations prove accurate. Nevertheless, sexual sin, whether homosexual or heterosexual, has serious consequences and we are extremely concerned for Ted, his family and his church."

As head of the NAE, Haggard has been one of the nation's most influential evangelicals. He has met regularly with President Bush and other conservative leaders. Time magazine named him last year among the "The 25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America."

New Life Church has about 14,000 members and is the largest congregation in Colorado, according to news reports. The National Association of Evangelicals has approximately 60 affiliated denominations and thousands of affiliated congregations.

Compiled from reporting by Editor Trennis Henderson, Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press



Ted Haggard

U.S. Supreme Court to weigh ban on partial-birth abortion

Washington (RNS)—The controversial issue of abortion will again be the center of attention when the U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments this week in two cases about the constitutionality of a ban on partial-birth abortion.

A bill passed in 2003, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, has since been declared unconstitutional by several federal courts. While abortion opponents argue the ban should be permitted, abortion rights advocates say it should not stand because it does not contain an exception related to the health of the mother.

The battle over late-term abortion represents the latest and sometimes most emotional skirmish in the 33-year war over abortion. Conservatives want to place limits around a procedure President Bush has called "abhorrent," while liberals see any restrictions as a threat to abortion rights outlined in the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Jan LaRue, chief counsel of the Washington-based Concerned Women for America, said congressional testimony demonstrated that the health exception was not needed.

"This is never the only or best procedure for a late-term abortion," said LaRue, whose organization submitted a joint friend-of-the-court brief with the National Association of Evangelicals that called the procedure "a barbarism that may and should be prohibited."

Carlton Veazey, president of the Washington-based Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, argues that a health exception is necessary and thus, the ban, without it should be unconstitutional.

When the high court considered the issue in 2000, it struck down a Nebraska law banning the procedure because it lacked the health exception. Congress attempted to address the court's concerns by creating a more precise definition of the procedure with the new law, but did not include the health exception because lawmakers said it was not necessary.

The two cases, Gonzales v. Carhart and Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood, will be heard Nov. 8.



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Diverse exhibits feed growing hunger for biblical history

By Rebecca Cho
Religion News Service

Washington (RNS)—A box believed to contain the remains of the son of Simon of Cyrene—the man who carried Jesus' cross to His crucifixion—is traveling the U.S. Meanwhile, curators are preparing the earliest-known manuscript of the Ten Commandments for display next year in San Diego.

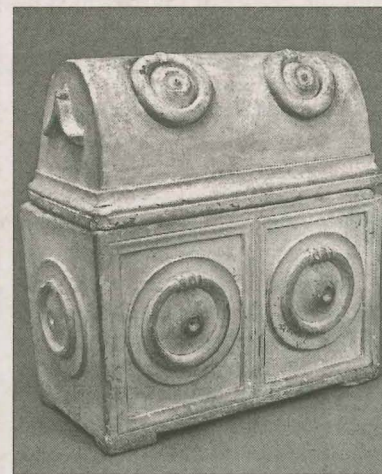
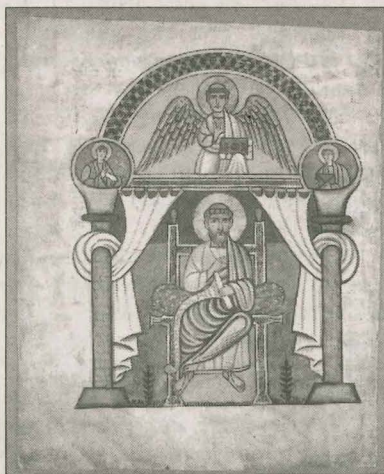
With simultaneous exhibits of biblical artifacts on display or in the works across the U.S., the museum world and the general public cannot seem to get enough of the Bible.

"I think the museum world is burgeoning in this area," said Hershel Shanks, founder of the Biblical Archaeology Society and editor of the Biblical Archaeology Review magazine, which tracks exhibits throughout the U.S.

The seeming escalation in the number of biblical archaeological exhibits in the U.S. might be coincidence, but there are several theories.

Shanks said the popular interest in Christianity's foundations, fueled by Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," is playing a part in creating a "cross-fertilization" in interest between the academic and lay worlds.

Cary Summers, CEO of The Nehemiah Group, a consulting firm that has helped build exhibits in Israel, said public interest in the Holy Land is greater now than in previous



ARTIFACTS Several exhibits of biblical artifacts currently are on display throughout the U.S. ■ **Above left:** The Stockholm Codex Aureus, an early Bible written on parchment, is on display at the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington. ■ **Above right:** An ossuary, or bone box, dating from the Roman period is part of the traveling "From Abraham to Jesus" archaeological exhibit. (RNS photos courtesy of the Royal Library in Stockholm/Smithsonian Institution and Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology)

years, in part due to a greater curiosity about religion following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Summers collaborated with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on an exhibit touring the U.S. called "From Abraham to Jesus" that walks visitors through the story of 2,500 years in the Holy Land using a combination of antiquities from biblical times and multimedia special effects.

The success of Dead Sea Scroll exhibits last year in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mobile, Ala., convinced

him public interest was high and the timing was right to bring the show to the U.S., Summers said.

"We've certainly hit a hot button," he added.

Through the traveling exhibit, the ossuary believed to contain the bones of Simon of Cyrene's son is making its public debut.

The oldest artifacts in the show have been dated to 3250 B.C. The show is touring 27 U.S. cities and Toronto until December 2008.

In Washington, the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery exhibit

"In the Beginning: Bibles Before the Year 1000" tracks the progression of the Bible from centuries-old scraps of parchment to the familiar codified form in use today. The exhibit is on display until Jan. 7.

A current Seattle museum exhibit focuses on the more than 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls. Similar exhibits will open next year in Kansas City, Mo., and San Diego.

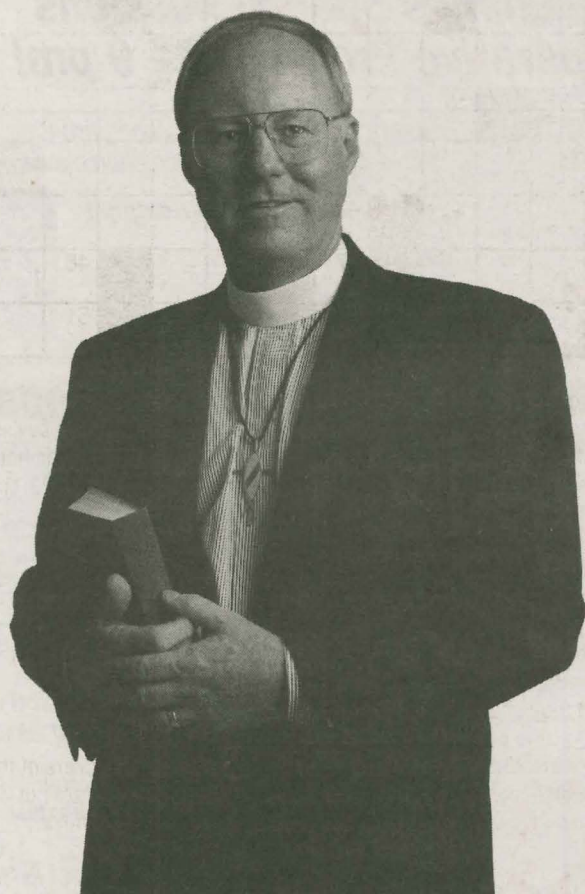
The scrolls are believed to be the oldest surviving copies of the Old Testament and are considered by many to be the greatest archaeological find of modern times. The writings have been dated between 250 B.C. and 68 B.C.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibits indicate a greater willingness of Israeli authorities to allow the artifacts to travel outside Israel, Shanks noted.

The exhibits are part of Israeli efforts to raise funds for the scrolls' conservation, said Risa Levitt Kohn, curator for the San Diego Natural History Museum's "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit.

"Antiquities authorities are primarily interested in (the scrolls') conservation, and conservation is very expensive," Kohn said.

Seattle's Pacific Science Center's exhibit, "Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls," drew 14,000 people in its first week, compared to the usual 30,000 visitors to all museum exhibits in the entire month of September. A similar exhibit drew large crowds in Charlotte, N.C., last spring.



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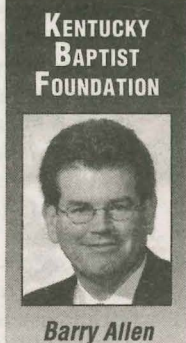
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Bible Crosswords

Elaine Okupski

Across

- 1 Son of Abijam (1 Kings 15:8)
- 4 Pull against the bit
- 8 Capable
- 12 Scottish cap
- 13 Jacob's brother
- 14 Narrow strip of wood
- 15 Representative
- 17 "If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not ___ them" (Mark 16:18)
- 18 "Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a ___" (Psalms 84:3)
- 19 Large water birds
- 20 "Stand ____, and sin not" (Psalms 4:4) (2 words)
- 22 Unit of hay or cotton
- 24 Fathers
- 25 Son of Asa (Matthew 1:8)
- 29 "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but ___ candlestick" (Matthew 5:15) (2 words)
- 30 Challenged
- 31 Period of time
- 32 "The ___ is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7)
- 34 Irish girl's name
- 35 Thomas Hardy heroine
- 36 "And if someone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your ___ as well" (Matthew 5:40 NIV)
- 37 "And four wagons and ___ oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari" (Numbers 7:8)
- 40 Slipped
- 41 "Then Jacob ___ his clothes" (Genesis 37:34 NIV)
- 42 Old Testament book named for the Jewish leader who supervised the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall
- 46 "The children of ___ of Hezekiah, ninety and eight" (Nehemiah 7:21)
- 47 Region
- 48 Strong brew
- 49 Announces
- 50 "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath ___ out her seven pillars" (Proverbs 9:1)
- 51 Title of respect

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- 3 Son of Aram (Matthew 1:4)
- 4 Son of Obed (Matthew 1:5)
- 5 "And ___ astonished until the evening sacrifice" (Ezra 9:4) (2 words)
- 6 "Let them shut the doors, and ___ them" (Nehemiah 7:3)
- 7 Purchase
- 8 "As ___ before her shearers is dumb" (Isaiah 53:7) (2 words)
- 9 "And thou shalt make a veil of ____, and purple, and scarlet" (Exodus 26:31)
- 10 Swedish man's name
- 11 Diminutive suffix

- 16 Stitches
- 19 "I was ___ when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms 122:1)
- 20 False god
- 21 Grandmother
- 22 Drills
- 23 Anna's tribe (Luke 2:36)
- 25 Containers
- 26 Herod's wife (Mark 6:19)
- 27 Operatic solo
- 28 Armored vehicle
- 30 Song for two voices
- 33 "If ___ be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather?" (1 Corinthians 9:12)
- 34 "And they came to ____, where were twelve wells of water" (Exodus 15:27)
- 36 "Create in me a ___ heart, O God" (Psalms 51:10)
- 37 Greek letters
- 38 An infinitesimal amount, a jot
- 39 "The beauty of old men is the ___ head" (Proverbs 20:29)
- 40 "I will ___ thee the bride" (Revelation 21:9)
- 42 Nope
- 43 Before
- 44 Boxer Mohammed ___
- 45 "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider ___ ways" (Proverbs 6:6)

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- 1 "I ___ no pleasant bread" (Daniel 10:3)
- 2 Texas hero, ___ Houston

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Kenyan student returns to homeland to spread the gospel

"Like Paul, I weep and long for the salvation of my people."

Charles Juma

By Garrett Wishall
Baptist Press

Louisville (BP)—Charles Juma knows Kenya.

He is familiar with the country's culture, social mores and quirks, and he identifies with what Kenyan people experience daily. A native of the East African nation, Juma converted to Christianity as a teenager and understands the barriers, pitfalls and excuses that prevent Kenyans from believing in Christ.

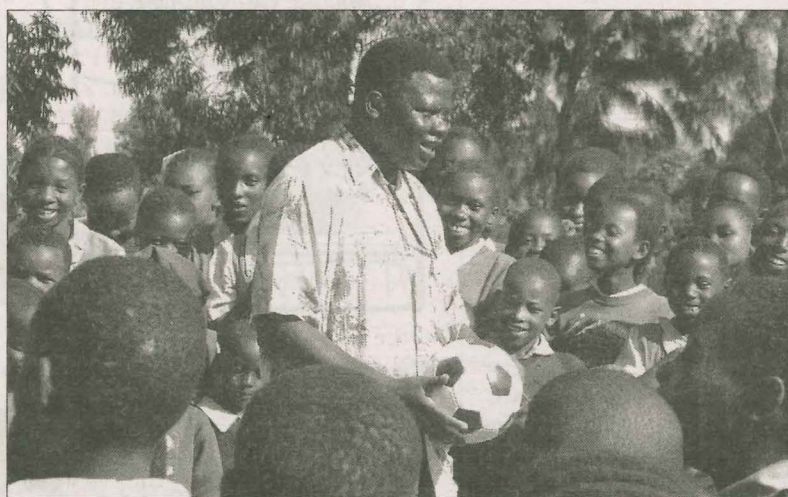
For the past seven years, Juma, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has used that knowledge to share the gospel in Kenya and help pastors there disciple new believers. Juma said the joy of ministering to his own people, country and continent defies words.

"Like Paul, I weep and long for the salvation of my people, and like Nehemiah, I cannot help but go back and rebuild the walls ... in this case, the broken lives of people without Christ," he said.

This summer, Juma spent six weeks in Kenya and another four weeks in Tanzania speaking at public schools, leading crusades and conducting leadership training in local churches.

In Kenya, Juma worked in public schools, noting that ministry to children is both important and strategically valuable.

"Reaching people while they are young is a wonderful opportunity," he said. "In general, students are more open to the gospel than adults. It is an open field like no other, and I am grateful to God for allowing me to do this."



MINISTRY IMPACT Charles Juma speaks to students at a sports evangelism rally in Kenya. A native of the East African country, Juma shared the gospel at several such events during a recent trip there. (BP photo by Paula Kornegay)

Juma estimated that he spoke to 87,000 primary school, high school and college-age students during the summer, with scores making professions of faith in Christ.

"I would go to the schools and everything would stop," he said. "Students and teachers would come out and give me an hour and a half to speak. I would typically address specific issues, like drugs or AIDS, for the first 30 minutes and then I would spend the rest of the time sharing the gospel."

In addition to speaking in schools, Juma helped host sports evangelism days and other evangelistic events. Two such events, which Juma holds annually, were the Juma Juma Cup and Juma Juma Talent Show.

The Juma Juma Cup included basketball, soccer, karate and oth-

er sports, while the talent show featured acrobatic performances, singing and dancing. Both events culminated with a gospel presentation, and Juma said those activities particularly reached out to unchurched students and resulted in many decisions for Christ.

With many people trusting in Christ for their salvation the past few years, Juma said discipleship and leadership training are the two greatest areas of need in churches in Kenya and throughout East Africa.

"The church leaders in East Africa don't have a basic education in the Bible to be able to train their members, and that is an area of concern for me," he said. "Many people are coming to the Lord, but discipleship is key to the success of the church in Africa. With Islam

and animism in the picture, people must be grounded in the Word of God to bear fruit."

To address those needs, Juma held a youth pastors conference that brought representatives from churches all over Kenya, and he also helped with pastoral training.

Juma said following his conversion as a teenager, his Kenyan pastor and a missionary from Colorado disciplined him intensely for a year, teaching him and grounding him in the Bible and laying the foundation for everything he does today.

"I believe that everyone who comes to faith in Jesus Christ needs discipleship," he said. "There are so many forces attacking Christians that they must be grounded in their faith to be able to stand firm."

In Tanzania, Juma preached in four crusades in four cities. He described this year's crusades as "the most successful ministry in Tanzania" he had ever experienced.

"The hunger for the gospel in Tanzania was amazing," he said. "They could not get enough of the gospel."

While many evangelists in Tanzania preach a prosperity gospel, promising people health and wealth if they believe in Jesus, Juma said he presents the biblical gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

"By God's grace, and as long as I have breath, I will not rest until the last person has heard about my Savior on the dark continent, Africa," he said. "In the end, what matters to me the most is that I faithfully preach the gospel of Christ to the nations of East Africa. The results belong to God."

Special people meeting special needs: part 1

George and Kathy Goeddey make impact as full-time OBI volunteers

Nearly everyone has heard the saying, "As American as baseball and apple pie." If you know much about Oneida, you know that volunteers are as basic to our ministry as apple pie and baseball are to America. I don't know for sure when the first volunteers started coming to our campus, but I do know that in the 1930s William Evans came to volunteer every summer for several years until his untimely death in 1944. Evans was a middle school principal in the Cincinnati area and used to make what was then a three-day trip from Cincinnati to Oneida. Yes, a three-day trip! It took two days to get from Cincinnati to Manchester, our county seat, and then another day to come from Manchester, 17 miles, to Oneida—if the creeks were not too high. Much of the journey from Manchester was down various creek beds, since there was no road from Oneida to Manchester. Now the trip from Cincinnati to Oneida takes about three hours.

Today most of our volunteers spend a week or two on our campus each year and help with any number of ministry needs. This year has nearly been a record-breaking year! The only year we had more volunteers than this year was in 1999 when we were getting ready for our Centennial celebration. We thank God for the help and support volunteers provide to our ministry.

We are blessed to have another group of special volunteers who meet some additional needs. At nearly any given time we have eight to 10 full-time, or nearly full-time, volunteers who offer their services day in and day out. They not only save us the cost of salaries and health insurance,

they willingly and happily help meet some of our most critical needs.

George and Kathy Goeddey came to us three years ago from Illinois. They had been coming to Oneida for a week at a time twice a year with others from their association. When George reached retirement age, he inquired about himself and Kathy becoming full-time volunteers. Their retirement benefits cover their insurance and financial needs and we provide housing, utilities and meals. George and I quickly agreed that OBI needed a full-time volunteer coordinator. Any volunteer who has been on our campus in the past three years has met George! He normally is the first one to greet you, show you to your housing, take you to the dining room, give you your job assignment and provide your materials. Frankly, George has spoiled us and we never plan to let him go. Hopefully he will be with us for many years to come.

Kathy meets an equally important need. Any organization like OBI needs a "gofer" and we have a great one! She happily runs the roads for us taking students to the doctor or hospital and picking up any number of supplies for our farm, maintenance, construction and other departments in Manchester, London, Corbin and sometimes Lexington. Her ministry is greatly needed and appreciated. Her hours are not always regular and sometimes she misses getting to the dining room in time to eat, but her heart is always cheerful and she is more than happy to help whenever we call on her. Both Kathy and George meet some very special needs as full-time volunteers.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

The search begins

Trustee chair seeks prayer, input on presidential search

An open letter from Clear Creek Trustee Chairman Tim Langford.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College faces the task of seeking God's will in finding a new president. The board of trustees has formed a search committee, which will begin the daunting process of discerning God's will and God's person. The committee requests all students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Clear Creek to earnestly pray that God's man for this task would be found. The search committee requests that you set aside a specific time during each day to pray for the search committee and the person God has to serve as the next president; perhaps 7 a.m. each day be set aside for a few minutes of prayer and meditation for this purpose.

We also seek your input with suggestions of anyone who may have interest in fulfilling this role. Please send letters of inquiry and interest to Tim Langford, Chairman, Clear Creek Board of Trustees, PO Box 167, Hickman, KY 42050.

A transition time such as this is often bittersweet. Bill Whittaker has provided energetic and ef-

ficient leadership for Clear Creek during his nearly 19 years as president. He brought a unique blend of educational vigor, management and relationship skills. There can be no question that he and Rebecca were truly called by God to serve at Clear Creek. We celebrate with them his successful ministry at Clear Creek and pray for them as they transition into other areas of Christian service.

We now must look forward to God's continued plan to use Clear Creek in His kingdom. ... We must pray that God's guidance will be sought and followed throughout this selection process. Great years lie ahead for Clear Creek and the ministry that it provides.

I am thankful that Bill agreed to provide a transition time so that the next president can be found. I am reminded of Paul's words in 2 Timothy 4: "I have fought the good fight. I have run the race. I have kept the faith." This was not written as Paul's boasting but rather of passing on the torch to the next person who would continue to serve. Let us pray for that person.

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY 40977; (606) 337-3196

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

'Breaking the Missional Code' sees churches as missionaries

By Mark Kelly
Baptist Press

Alpharetta, Ga. (BP)—Many Southern Baptist churches once were remarkably effective in their outreach but now are struggling because their evangelism techniques no longer connect with communities whose culture has fragmented and radically changed, according to authors Ed Stetzer and David Putman.

"Too many churches are boldly pressing forward in the third millennium with the methods and ministries that worked in 1954," Stetzer and Putman write in "Breaking the Missional Code," a recent release from the B&H Publishing Group of LifeWay Christian Resources.

Citing the Southern Baptist Convention's highly successful "Million More in '54" Sunday school campaign, the authors note: "The problem is that we aren't sent to the culture of 1954."

Stetzer is a missiologist who directs the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's Center for Missional Research; Putman is executive pastor of the Atlanta-area Mountain Lake Church in Cumming.

Southern Baptists need to adopt the process used by their missionaries in seeking to be an incarnational, loving presence of Christ on their mission fields, Stetzer and Putman write.

"The missionary studies the culture, looking for the ways God is already revealing Himself to the people," the authors recount. A "missional" church, then, is one that acts like a missionary in its community, they add.

U.S. culture is mission field

Many church leaders, however, see evangelism as "something that takes place near us, while missions takes place overseas," Stetzer and Putman write. "Our paganzed, secularized, spiritualized North American culture should be seen as a mission field.

"Evangelism is telling people about Jesus; missions involves understanding them before we tell them," the authors note. "Applying missionary principles in the North American context means we seek to understand the cultural situation and its people as we seek to reach them with the gospel.

"Too many pastors lead churches in their heads and not their communities," Stetzer and Putman write. "They pastor some idealized version of someone else's community rather than understanding and reaching their own."

Stetzer and Putman compare two pastors, one who chooses to understand the culture and one who thinks culture does not matter. "Both pastors faithfully preach, teach and reach out," the authors note in the introduction to "Breaking the Missional Code."

Yet the results are different. "We are convinced you can be equally called, gifted and passionate and yet experience different levels of success" depending on the leader's cultural awareness, they write.

The reason a ministry approach brings great success in one community yet fails in another is that the second community differs culturally from the first, Stetzer says.

Stetzer, who has started churches in three states, learned the hard way that culture matters. "Years ago, my church growth world began to come apart," he recounts. "Many of the surefire, guaranteed, great, new, whiz-bang programs weren't working in my church or the churches we were starting. They were supposed to work. They worked in other places, but they did not work for us.

"It took a while for us to figure it out, but the reality was that what worked in one place did not work with effectiveness everywhere else," Stetzer says. "The cultural code in my community was different from the cultural code where the experts lived. We were living on different mission fields."

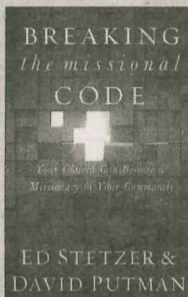
Applying principles & tools

Breaking the missional code, Stetzer and Putnam write, requires church leaders to think through their context, apply biblical principles that work in every context and apply the tools most relevant for the particular context. Grasping a community's culture and finding a strategy that will overcome barriers amounts to "finding a redemptive window through which the gospel can shine."

"Missions history is filled with stories of great revivals because missionaries were able to 'break the code' and the church exploded in their community," the authors write.

Being a "missional" church, however, should not be confused with being contemporary, seeker-sensitive, postmodern, emerging or any of the various forms of church being tried across America, Stetzer and Putnam emphasize. Those can all be missional, they write, but a traditional church can be just as much a missionary in its community as any other.

"A church is missional when it remains faithful to the gospel message while contextualizing its ministry to the degree it can so the gospel can engage the worldview of the hearers," Stetzer says. "Traditional churches that are engaging communities that are receptive to traditional methods are just as missional as are contemporary, blended, ethnic or emerging congregations. The key is biblical fidelity and missional engagement in the culture where we are."



Beyond the Worship Wars: Building Vital and Faithful Worship. Thomas G. Long. The Alban Institute, 2001. 119 pages. \$16. ♦♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

Thomas Long, the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, has written numerous books on preaching. In "Beyond the Worship Wars," Long summarizes what he observed from a study of churches that were attempting to find a "third way" in the worship wars.

Long recognizes that the worship wars have been fought between churches that follow one of two distinct, seemingly irreconcilable models. The first he labels "The Hippolytus Force" after a third-century bishop of the church. Long distinguishes this model by the desire to recapture the rich worship heritage of the church and to combine it with the ecumenical longing of many Christians as well as with post-modern views of art, music and culture.

The second he labels "The Willow Creek Force," which focuses on evangelism and worship as the primary means to reach unbelievers. Out of this movement comes such language as seeker-sensitive, seeker-directed, seeker-friendly worship.

Long argues that a "Third Way" is necessary because "both the Hippolytus and Willow Creek forces, for all they have to teach us, are finally not up to the challenge of the day. In their pure forms, they miss the mark." So he sets out to find churches that are noteworthy examples of a new way, "a service of worship completely attuned to the American cultural moment but also fully congruent with the great worship tradition of the Christian church."

Beyond the Worship Wars describes the nine characteristics Long found common to these Third Way churches. The book ends with suggestions on how to implement these characteristics in the local church. *Jim Holladay*

Minister's Manual 2007. Edited by James W. Cox and Lee McGloine. Jossey-Bass, 2006. 352 pages. \$21.95 (hardback and CD); **Abingdon Preaching Annual 2007.** Edited by David Mosser. Abingdon Press, 2006. 394 pages. \$24 (hardback and CD); **The Zondervan 2007 Pastor's Annual: An Idea and Resource Book.** Edited by T.T. Crabtree. Zondervan, 2006. 400 pages. \$18.99 (paperback).

These three books are the leading books for pastors looking for comfort and aid in delivering a sermon or two each week while juggling the other tasks of being a pastor. Each book contains complete sermons for the year as well as other worship aids. "The Minister's Manual" (MM) and the "Preaching Annual" (PA) now include interactive CDs of the printed text. David Mosser's book includes additional resources as well as links to Web sites. Both the MM and the PA present primarily lectionary-based sermons, with the MM adding outlines of text for which full sermons are not presented.

"The Zondervan 2007 Pastor's Annual" (ZPA) adds aids for midweek services and weddings. For those

who deliver children's sermons, the MM and ZPA offer assistance. The ZPA includes more illustrative material, with the MM providing one or two illustrations per week in addition to the primary sermons.

Three of the four editors of these books are Baptist; Mosser is Methodist. The MM and PA will be especially useful to the pastor who preaches the lectionary. In addition, the MM has helpful aids for keeping track of and observing the liturgical church year.

I do not encourage pastors to buy one of these books and think they have their sermons for the next year. Besides the ethical issue of being honest with your congregation, someone else's sermon rarely flows easily and convincingly from your own lips. Each book, however, can be an effective aid for the work that must be done with the Scripture and commentaries and with the constant task of finding new and fresh ways to present the old, old story. *Wayne Hager*

Ministry Mutiny, A Youth Leader Fable. Greg Stier. Tyndall Publishing, 2006. 162 pages. \$14.99. ♦♦♦♦♦

Greg Stier is the founder of the national parachurch organization Dare 2 Share and is the author of several books about the urgency of evangelism in our churches today, especially with teens.

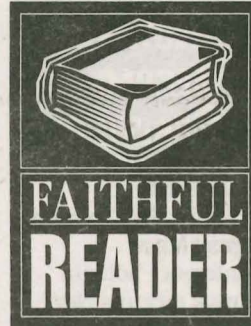
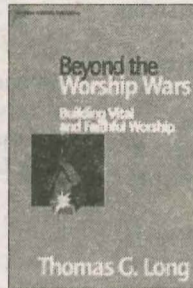
In "Ministry Mutiny," Stier shares a scenario of a youth pastor, in what many would consider a successful youth ministry in a local church, who is attempting to write his resignation letter. As the story unfolds, there is an encounter with another youth pastor that changes the resigning pastor's life forever.

That chance meeting leads to a "new way" of doing youth ministry. The book outlines a simple plan of leading students to a deeper and wider relationship with Christ. The idea is that the leader must hear from God before he can lead others.

Once a person hears from God, additional steps include growing deeper and building on values rather than fads. Noting that many parents have outsourced the spiritual teaching of their children to the church and youth pastors, Stier notes, "The kids whose parents live out their faith authentically, not perfectly, mind you, but authentically, it's these kids who, more often than not, beat the stats."

Stier also offers 30 core values students should learn and understand before they leave a particular youth ministry. These values are used to help combat the issue of losing students from church when they go to college.

This book will take a youth pastor, youth worker or church staff member back to the basics of why we do church and how it can be done effectively. While the book highlights various resources available from the author, Dare 2 Share and Focus on the Family, the fundamentals of reaching others for Christ is the book's primary focus and benefit. *Steve Coleman*



By Wayne Hager, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, N.C.; Jim Holladay, pastor of Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville; and Steve Coleman, pastor of education and youth at New Work Fellowship in Hopkinsville. They welcome feedback or suggestions for book reviews. Contact them via e-mail at: whager@adelphia.net; lyndonpastor@aol.com; risen4me@hotmail.com.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By Tim Galyon

When the Kentucky Baptist Music Conference hold its annual meeting Nov. 13 at Rich Pond Baptist Church in Bowling Green, we will highlight the theme, "Seasons of Change."

Change affects us all. Some people embrace it, others loathe it, but we all have to deal with it. In a world where nothing stays the same, it is a comfort to know that Jesus never changes. In fact, the Bible is so emphatic about His steadfastness that it declares, "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

While Jesus never changes, we all need to change. In fact, we are all born as creatures of sin and an inward change is required in order for us to find fulfillment and peace. Are you looking for a change in your life? Christ can offer it to you.

"I was sinking deep in sin." That is the first step to a positive change in life. We must all recognize that we are sinners (Romans 3:23).

"If you are tired of the load of your sin, let Jesus come into your heart." The second step in changing your life is to believe that Jesus is God's Son and ask Him to come into your heart (John 3:16).

"I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian." The final step in your transformation is to confess your faith in Jesus Christ and live your life for Him (Romans 1:16).

Does your life need a change? The God who never changes desires to transform your life. This fall, celebrate a "season of change" in your own life.

Tim Galyon, minister of music and worship arts at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, is president of the Kentucky Baptist Music Conference

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BEREA**—Roundstone Church will host a gospel singing featuring the **Cumberland Mountain Boys Quartet** Nov. 11, 7 p.m. **Rick Reynolds** is pastor.

■ **BROOKSVILLE**—**Daryl Jessie** recently resigned as pastor of Brooksville Church.

■ **COVINGTON**—**Bill Class** recently resigned as pastor of Ashland Avenue Church due to health concerns.

■ **LONDON**—Emmanuel Church recently called **Ronnie Bruner** as pastor.

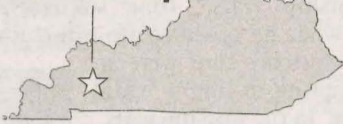
■ **LOVELACEVILLE**—Lovellaceville Church will hold revival services Nov. 17-19 with **Ronnie Sivells** as evangelist. **David McCall** is pastor.

■ **MURRAY**—**Terry Garvin** recently resigned as associate pastor of First Church.

■ **NANCY**—Mount Pisgah Church called **Patrick Patterson** as pas-

Spotlight on ...

Mortons Gap



Second Church will hold revival services Nov. 12, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Nov. 13-15, 7 p.m., with **Laddie Pride** as evangelist.

tor. He recently was ordained to the gospel ministry by Cedar Point Church.

What's going on?

Mail your happenings to Mountains to the Mississippi at Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253. E-mail: wesrec@earthlink.net.

University of the Cumberlands' TV show earns top BP broadcast award

Williamsburg—For the second year in a row, the University of the Cumberlands' CCTV-19 placed first in the overall broadcast division at the annual Baptist Press Student Journalism Conference.

CCTV-19 programs have won the annual competition four times in the six-year history of the conference held each October at the Baptist Press national headquarters in Nashville. The entries are judged by communication professionals from around the nation.

CCTV-19's "Patriot Talk" won the top award for the second consecutive year. The variety and talk program features campus and community topics ranging from serious issues such as Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts by campus and community groups to light-hearted subjects such as student fashion shows and dorm room makeovers.

Other CCTV-19 programs that have earned first-place awards include "19 News" in 2001 and "Thurs-

day's Discussion" in 2003.

General Manager John Williams noted that "Patriot Talk" is undergoing a facelift this year.

"In the past most of the shows have been produced live, with some field segments rolled into the show via tape following a live intro," he said. "This was done mostly to service the demands placed on the hosts to produce a live show each week. This semester we are reducing the number of programs from 12 to six."

With more time to spend on each show, Williams said the goal is for the show's six student hosts to take the program into the field more often. Episode one, for example, featured a sports theme with all but one segment taped in the field.

"My philosophy for running CCTV-19 and teaching television is simple," Williams said. "Put tools and resources into the hands of my students and they'll take care of the rest."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 10-12 All State Jr. High Choir, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 10-12 Crossover, Bowling Green.
- 13 Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Rich Pond Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 13 Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 13 Kentucky Baptist Youth Ministry Association Fall Meeting, Bowling Green.
- 14-15 KBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

January

- 18-20 Shepherding the Shepherd Conference, Radisson Hotel, Lexington.
- 23 Pastor/Staff Forum, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
- 25-26 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
- 26-27 Preschool/Children's Ministry Meeting, Lakeside Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 26-27 Woman's Missionary Union Regional Retreat, Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin.

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

Tom Jeffries, retired professor at Campbellsville, dies at 66

Campbellsville—Thomas Jeffries, retired professor of chemistry who taught at Campbellsville University 38 years, died Oct. 30 of leukemia. He was 66.

Jeffries, who began teaching at Campbellsville in 1968, retired this past June.

"Dr. Tom Jeffries loved Campbellsville University, and he loved teaching," said W.R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville University from 1969 to 1988.

"He had a special way with students, and left his mark on many of them," Davenport added. "He was devoted to his work, to his students and to our mutual calling." Milton Rogers, professor of biology at Campbellsville, noted that "Tom was the smartest person I have ever known if the yardstick is breadth and depth of knowledge plus the ability to recall names, dates, events and even jokes."

Jeffries' "mental ability to learn, store and recall information continually amazed me," Rogers added. "I already miss that."

"In his professional life, he had a

breadth of knowledge that few could match. It ranged from geology and paleontology to chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics."



Tom Jeffries

Jeffries, a native of Metcalfe County, was a graduate of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. He also studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Before joining the faculty at Campbellsville, Jeffries taught at Hiseville High School in Barren County.

He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the American Chemical Society and the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Jeffries is survived by his wife, Wanda, a 1969 Campbellsville graduate, two daughters and two grandchildren.

His funeral service was Nov. 2 at Campbellsville Baptist Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Gideons International.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE: Interested in revival? Five free booklets available (in quantity) to leaders of ministries, Sunday school and home groups. Visit www.keytorevival.org or write: Alliance for Christian Fellowship, Int., PO Box 747, Burnet, TX 78611.

SEEKING: Enthusiastic youth minister, full-time or bivocational (requires minimum of 20 hours a week). Please send resumé to Ferguson Baptist Church, PO Box 247, Ferguson, KY 42533. For more information, call (606) 679-1690.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of youth to work with 7th-12th graders, their families and adult volunteers to develop and implement a comprehensive youth ministry leading youth to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a deeper spiritual understanding. College degree preferred; seminary desirable. Send resumé by Nov. 30, 2006, to: Search Committee, Westside Baptist Church, 207 Robertson Road South, Murray, KY 42071.

SEEKING: Senior pastor for a medium-sized Southern Baptist church. Please send a resumé to PO Box 888, Anderson, SC 29622.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for First Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Ky. Average Sunday school attendance: 170; worship: 275. Mail resumé to: Shirley Jones, 155 Meade Springs, Brandenburg, KY 40108.

SEEKING: The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, one of eight universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, seeks applications and nominations for Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts (departments of Art, Music—including Conservatory—and Theater). While the position is available after Jan. 1, 2007, starting date is negotiable before fall semester 2007. For a full description of the position and to apply, please access the following: www.umhb.edu/resources/employment_listing.html?job+3620. Confidential inquiries may be made to provost@umhb.edu.

SEEKING: Part-time music minister. Send resumé to: Friendship Baptist, 5411 Bengal Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

SEEKING: Full-time student minister (grades 1-12). Please send resumé to: First Baptist Church, 916 Main St., Paris, KY 40361, Attn: Personnel Committee.

SEEKING: Part-time music minister for Ghent Baptist Church in Carroll County, Ky. Minister will be focused on leading the congregation in blended worship. Experience preferred but not necessary. Send resumé to: Ghent Baptist Church, PO Box 457, Ghent, KY 41045. Questions, call (502) 347-5540 or 222-2221.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for First Baptist Church, 916 Main Street, Paris, Ky. We are a growing church located in central Kentucky with an average worship attendance of 240. Resumé should be sent by Jan. 15, 2007, to: Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 327, Paris, KY 40362; or e-mail: fbcparis@aol.com.

SEEKING: A God-led pastor (full-time or bivocational) for conservative Southern Baptist church (averages 70-90 in worship). Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Pollard Baptist Church, 444 Blackburn Ave., Ashland, KY 41101.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister (grades 6-12) for Mexico Baptist Church in rural western Kentucky. Average Sunday school attendance: 135. Send resumé to: MBC Youth Council, 175 Mexico Road, Marion, KY 42064, Attn: Brent Highfil, or call (270) 965-2149. brent.highfil@gmail.com.

SERVICES: Christian long distance: 3.9 interstate; 4.9 in state; no monthly service charge. Call: (866) 587-8346 or www.lowermyphonebill.com/harold/.

TICKETS: Southwestern Seminary State Alumni Luncheon. Tuesday, Nov. 14, noon. Cost: \$20. Mariah's Restaurant (801 State St., Bowling Green). RSVP to: Darren Gaddis, (606) 528-6650 or dgaddis@gocentral.org by Nov. 10.

Painful platform

At summit, Kentucky couple shares story of loss, God's grace

By **Dannah Prather**
Partnerships Editor

Ridgecrest, N.C.—July 16 was the worst day of David and Tina Tomlinson's lives, but instead of trying to forget the pain, they are confident God is calling them to tell their story.

"There are good things that come out of suffering," Tina said.

It was a quiet summer Sunday evening and after supervising bath-time for her sons, Zackery, 6, and Jacob, 9, Tina tucked them into bed. David, promoted to sergeant with the Oak Grove Police Department just days earlier, was on the job.

Tina was at the home computer when she heard a "crash." She thought one of her boys had accidentally pulled a piece of furniture over. When she got to her bedroom, she found Zack and a gun on the floor.

An investigation by the county sheriff concluded that the boy did not handle the gun, so determining exactly what happened is difficult, Tina said. Investigators speculate Zackery was trying to reach something atop his parents' dresser which was several inches taller than him. He knocked the gun off the dresser and when it hit the floor, it discharged; the bullet struck him in the forehead.

Tina performed CPR and restored her son's breathing, but Zack soon died having never regained consciousness.

"We made a huge mistake," Tina said. The Tomlinsons had brought the gun into the house for protection after David was threatened by a suspect on the job.

"I wanted to protect my family but instead it shattered my family," David said.

Couple gets more than applause

At the recent Law Enforcement Summit held at LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina, the Tomlinsons—confident in God's will—detailed their "huge mistake" to a group of 150 law enforcement officers and their spouses.

"We really didn't know what the response would be," Tina said. "I was expecting people to give us some blank stares and maybe some criticism."

Immediately following the accident, the couple said they were treated scornfully by some members of the community. "There have been some people who called city hall and said I should have been fired," David said.

The police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, deputies, federal agents, chaplains and spouses attending the North Carolina event applauded the couple's bravery—literally.

"When we were done, everybody was crying," Tina said. "They gave us a standing ovation."

The Tomlinsons said they are gratified to learn that their testimony compelled their audience to do

more than just applaud.

"We get phone calls, e-mails from officers who attended the summit saying that when they got home, they unloaded their weapons and bought safes for their weapons," David said.

"That's the very best thing that could ever come out of this," Tina added.

"Be still and know that I am God"

The spiritual journey that began on July 16 and brought them to the podium at Ridgecrest has been difficult.

David was at work when a colleague pulled him aside and said, "There's no way to say this. One of your boys has been shot."

As he raced home, David said, "I yelled at God. I actually cursed at God." Years before, the couple lost a child to miscarriage and now a second child was gone.

"I was mad at God for a long time," David acknowledged.

But in the midst of his anger, David said he cried out to God for help and God answered.

"Be still and know that I am God," David said, quoting Psalm 43:10. "The pastor said those words the night of Zackery's death. It was such a profound impact. I have to know that He is God. Without that, I would be nothing."

The Tomlinsons are members of Oak Grove Baptist Church, and Tina said she feels closest to Zackery when she is there.

"He absolutely loved the church," she said. "Zackery loved Jesus and he was taught that in the home, in the church, and of course, in Sunday school. He'd be running around the house singing 'Jesus Loves Me.'"

Before the accident, David said

he was a casual churchgoer who often used his 12-hour weekend work shifts as an excuse not to attend. Overwhelmed with grief, he said he wondered if God had punished him for his ambivalence by taking Zackery away.

David said he once again cried out to God for some sign of His care. "I had a dream that Zackery and I were wrestling and he just looked up at me with that beautiful smile and told me, 'Daddy, I'm OK. Go to church.' I haven't missed church since."

Gun safety is one part of Tina's self-described "mission" following Zackery's death. Sharing their faith in Christ is another.

"We are constantly in the Bible. We are going through a grief devotional and also praying together," she said. David, Tina and Jacob are in counseling, and David and Tina attend a local support group.

"I actually look forward to going to church on Sundays," David said. "I find myself picking out items from the pastor's sermons that I need to look into further."

Christ Himself had questions

The couple said staying close to God can be difficult when they ask "why" and God is silent.

"God allowed this to happen," David said. "I don't know why, but we ask. ... Jesus even said, 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?'" David said, referring to some of Christ's last words before His death. "In that statement Jesus Christ made, it affords us the right to say, 'My God, my God, why?'"

Though answers are elusive, Tina said God's will has been clear regarding the couple's willingness to speak publicly about their loss. "I told God, 'Do whatever You want with me,'" she said.

Tina created a memorial Web site with photos of Zack and links to gun safety and other Web sites.

Officers share ideas for support from church members

Ridgecrest, N.C. (BP)—Churches can help law enforcement officers and their spouses cope with the stresses they live with every day, participants noted at the Law Enforcement Summit in early October at Ridgecrest, N.C.

Among their suggestions:

■ Patrol Officer Wade Spence of the Oklahoma City Police Department: "Offer support, such as social activities for my wife since she will be there without me a lot. Pray for us. We don't have kids yet, but safe, low-cost daycare would be a real blessing to most cops."

■ Sgt. Jeff McCorkle of the Sheriff's Department in China Grove, N.C.: "Talk to him. The leadership of the church needs to get to know the kinds of problems and stresses an officer has. Then, the officer will be comfortable talking to the pastor."

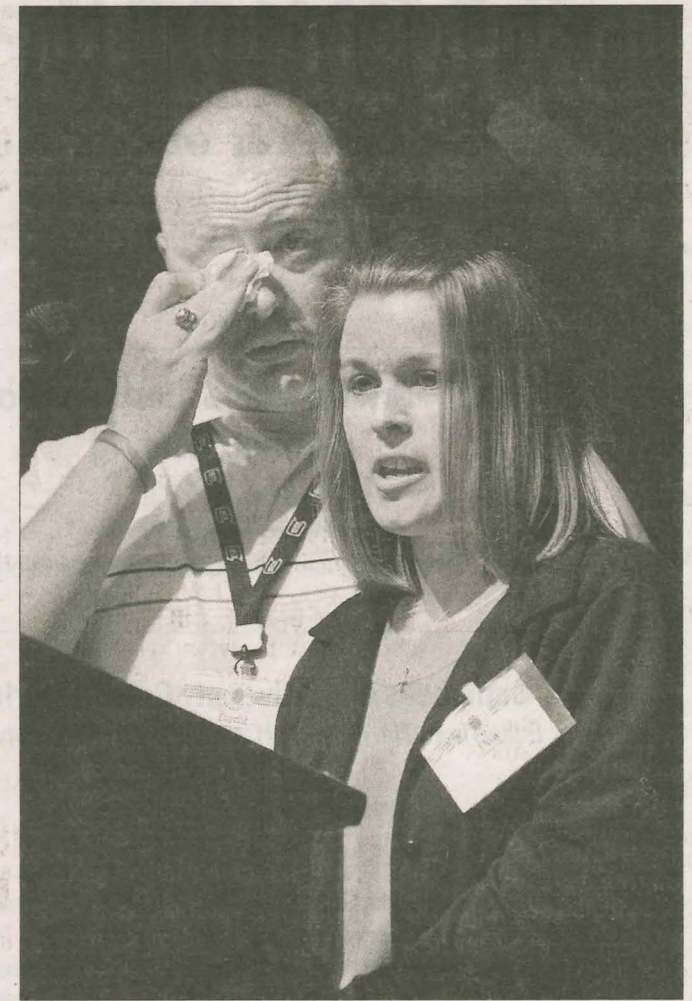
■ Capt. Louis Colin of District One with the New Orleans Police

Department: "Have a special service honoring all the law enforcement officers in your town and invite them to come in uniform. Offer marriage ministries for the officers and their spouses. Pray."

■ Chaplain Steve Lee of Caldwell, Idaho: "Provide spiritual encouragement and prayer. Allow me the privilege of ministering outside the church. Come alongside me with my ministry."

■ Jenny Creel of towing and recovery with the Louisiana State Police in Lake Charles, La.: "Take time to get to know us as individuals who are in law enforcement. A lot of us are single, so invite us into a family unit. Open the church as a meeting place for officers, such as support groups and socials."

■ Patrol Lt. Debra Yokley of the Rowan County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office: "Something my church does that I really appreciate is they understand my schedule and know



It can be accessed at <http://zacktomlinson.memory-of.com>.

The Law Enforcement Summit sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources may become a venue of ministry for the Tomlinsons. "Where else can you find a bunch of cops praising God and singing hymns?" Tina asked. The couple are set to speak at the spring 2007 summit, April 3-6 at LifeWay Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico.

Tina said she believes that telling the story might provide them a measure of peace and healing, but "I think so only because that's what God says." The physical absence of Zackery is too strong right now.

"There's a void in our lives that will never be filled," David said. "Not even Jesus Christ Himself could fill it, I think, but He can give us the courage and strength to continue with life."

WORDS OF CAUTION

David and Tina Tomlinson of Oak Grove talk about losing their son, Zackery, 6, in an accidental shooting in July. The Tomlinsons said they felt led to speak at the summit in the hopes that families will become more aware of gun safety and take precautions in their homes. (BP photo by Kent Harville)

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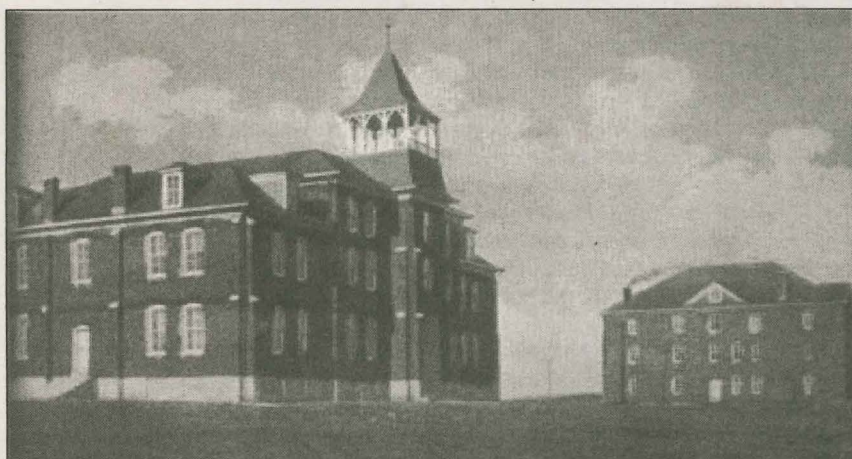
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In early 1881, the Russell Creek Association of United Baptists expressed the need for Christian education within the boundaries of the association. A committee formed to deal with the issue included members of Campbellsville Baptist Church. The following year they reported on the purchase of a house and ten acres. Subsequent meetings of the Association over the following ten years discussed the need but without significant action until a meeting held March 28, 1906. The committee reported, "Let it be said that the Baptists of Russell Creek Association are in the lead and that their advancement is limited only by their pluck, energy, and holy zeal and that in these they are unbounded."

On May 25, 1906, Charles R. and George Jarboe Hoskins deeded to the Education Committee of the Russell Creek Association ten acres for the sum of one thousand dollars. Messengers at the September 1906 Association "moved that these recommendations, including the purchase of land for Russell Creek Academy, be adopted." J. S. Stapp of Columbia, Kentucky gave \$1,500 toward the construction of the first building. The Administration Building, a brick two-story with basement structure was situated on a rise in the middle of the ten-acre site. It contained an auditorium with a seating capacity of over 500, eight classrooms, music room, art room, cloak rooms and a principal's office. The basement held the heating system and served as a playground for elementary children in inclement weather.

In September 1906 Russell Creek Baptist Academy was established as a private elementary and high school and continued until April 1924 when it officially became a junior college, while continuing its elementary and high school programs. The academy had a teacher-training program from 1907, and some college-level courses were already being taught at an early date. On March 12, 1907, Prof. William Gardner Welborn, of Williamsburg, Kentucky was elected principal of the school. Prof. Welborn joined the Campbellsville Baptist Church and was immediately appointed a deacon and served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Principal Welborn was encouraged by RCA's first graduating class of six—two women and four men—feeling that the school had set out on a path of useful work. He commented "it is not the most expensive school that best prepares its pupils for the future, but the one that sacrifices outward appearances to the highest ideal of scholarship and discipline."



Russell Creek Academy, 1908
Administration Building and Old Stapp Hall

One Man In a Thousand- Harvey Boyce Taylor

Part 2 by R. Charles Blair

Taylor was a tremendously busy man, without today's labor-saving devices. Someone once asked him, "Being so busy, do you find much time to pray?" He is said to have replied, "I am too busy not to pray for two hours every morning; else I could accomplish nothing." A firm believer in divine sovereignty, he led in personal evangelism and the sending of missionaries "for the elect's sake." His strong point was his pulpit ministry, and each message – especially the Sunday morning sermon – was polished skillfully. One might expect dogmatism from what was then the only Baptist pulpit in a growing county seat, and increasingly the most influential pulpit in the area, especially in a dogmatic time when every group debated. Yet it is told that, after one extremely strong and controversial message, Taylor was stopped by a deacon on the court square on Monday morning with one simple question: "Did you really pray about yesterday's message?" The story goes that Taylor bowed his head, said "No," and on the following Sunday publicly reversed himself.

Dentis McDaniel, a young man growing up in Clinton, KY, where Taylor spoke often in the Baptist church, shared his favorite memory of Taylor. An older deacon challenged an interpretation after one sermon, and Dr. Taylor "flopped open his well-worn Bible, and said: 'There's the verse; if you can find a better interpretation for it, let me know'." McDaniel said Dr. Taylor did not seem in the least perturbed by being so challenged.

Someone has called consistency "the hobgoblin of small minds." Taylor agreed with his contemporaries that women had no public role in church life, and little in the world in general. Yet his daughter taught Greek in his West Kentucky Bible School, and when he was challenged on this, his response was threefold: "One, she is under my authority; two, the school is not a church, as it meets in a room added to my home; three, she is the best Greek teacher available." He taught that women were to wear hats in public worship, and of course not to bob their hair, as signs of a submissive spirit. Yet, with such restrictions, girls and ladies were duly enrolled in the regular classes of West Kentucky Bible School at a time when the Louisville Seminary had a separate program for women mission volunteers, with similar restrictions on appearance. Conversations with Baptist women who grew up under the Taylor's influence has convinced me that they were far from feeling "stifled" in any way. Some of the strongest, freest feminine spirits I have known were raised on these principles. And the emphasis on male leadership brought many men into places of responsibility in a way not always true in church life elsewhere.

Controversies raged in these decades: "church union," the Klan and other secret societies, and the lodge. While Blood River Association (and Taylor) strongly opposed "unionism" which would recognize non-Baptist groups as churches, J.N. Hall was requested by the association's Committee on Religious Exercises to preach to the overflow crowd of 1902 at the Olive Methodist Church, presumably with the permission of the Methodists! Taylor's position against all secret societies led to a rare distinction. While the Ku Klux Klan was strong among Baptists in some areas after World War I, Dr Taylor stood before his church to announce: "If I find that any of our men are in the Klan, I will personally recommend withdrawal of church fellowship" – a serious matter in that day. Other pastors followed suit, and the Klan of the '20's never gained strength in the areas of Taylor's influence. This was also true of the groups called "Night Riders" during the Tobacco Wars.

His pacifism brought accusations of "Treason!" during World War I, and he was placed in the county jail during the 1918 flu epidemic by the sheriff, an active member of the Murray church. Taylor had almost been persuaded not to hold Sunday services, in keeping with an ordinance passed to avoid such public gatherings until the epidemic was done. But when the local theatre was given an exemption for a Saturday film (It would never have been open on any Sunday!), Taylor responded by announcing that the church would meet. As he rose to speak, the sheriff walked to the front and said, "Dr. Taylor, I must arrest you for violation of this ordinance." Taylor's reply was to this effect: "After I speak, sir; after I speak, I will go with you to jail gladly." Taylor refused to pay the small fine, and stayed in jail, reading and praying, for a few days until someone else paid the fine.

We may well wonder whether such heroes of the faith exist in our day, but it is very likely that Harvey Boyce Taylor did not consider himself so much an extraordinary man as simply an ordinary man serving an extraordinary God.