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Kentucky Baptist medical team serves in Haiti

Team of doctors, nurses provide care at makeshift clinic in Port-au-Prince

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Port-au-Prince, Haiti—A Kentucky Baptist medical team is on the ground in Haiti this week providing much-needed aid for the millions affected by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The team of 10 Kentucky Baptist members left last Sunday to meet up with another team of disaster relief volunteers from Mississippi. They flew to the Dominican Republic capital of Santo Domingo, from where they then were bused into Haiti.

With hundreds of thousands killed or injured in the country's largest earthquake in 200 years, the needs of the Haitian people are overwhelming, according to Coy Webb, disaster relief associate for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

As one of a handful of Southern Baptists who recently returned from Haiti as part of a disaster relief assessment team, Webb painted a grim picture of the devastation.

At a debriefing for the medical team last Saturday, Webb described the capital of Port-au-Prince as a city in great need. However, the media coverage being relayed back to the U.S. often is sensationalized, showing only the worst of the worst, he pointed out.

Although many buildings were leveled in the 7.0-magnitude earthquake, many remained standing, Webb noted.

However, one of the more grim reminders of the quake's devastat-



DEBRIEFING Kentucky Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Associate Coy Webb recalls his recent trip to Haiti as part of a Southern Baptist disaster relief assessment team at a debriefing last Saturday for a 10-member Kentucky Baptist medical team that is in Haiti this week. The group is working in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with medical teams from three other state Baptist conventions. The KBC team is expected to finish its duties Feb. 8. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

tion, he noted, was the truckloads of bodies seen around the city.

Webb said that tent cities with tens of thousands of people have sprung up all over Port-au-Prince. Most homes either were destroyed in the quake or people do not want to return to their homes for fear of the ongoing aftershocks.

Unsure of what to expect

A few of the Kentucky Baptist team members expressed uncertainty about what they would experience once they arrived in Haiti. The key phrase of the trip is: "Be flexible."

"The 11th Commandment: 'Be ye flexible and ye shall not break,'" said Glenn Hickey, a disaster relief veteran and head of the medical team.

"We're the first group going in so we're kind of uncertain" about what to expect, Hickey said. "A lot of what we're going to be doing is

trying to improve things for the next teams to come (and) lay a foundation to build upon."

The team consists of three doctors, four surgical nurses, a surgical technician and a chaplain. Hickey, a member of First Baptist Church of Monticello, will serve as the team's spokesperson and handle some chaplaincy duties.

According to Webb, the KBC team primarily is serving at a makeshift hospital in the heart of Port-au-Prince. They will be staying at a mission house owned by the Florida Baptist Convention. The facility sustained only minor damage in the earthquake and offers a secure location for the team, Webb added.

Team member Tom Ashburn, a physician who has a family medicine practice in Barbourville, previously served as an International Service Corps missionary in Thailand from 2003-05. He ran a medi-

cal clinic in a rural farming village in a northern province there.

Ashburn said that with the earthquake now nearly three weeks past, there are a number of new ailments survivors will be dealing with that the team will need to address daily.

"The acute trauma's not going to be there," noted Ashburn, a member of First Baptist Church of Barbourville. "But now, you're going to start seeing infections set in. ... There may be some folks who had surgical procedures done who are going to need follow-up."

He also mentioned malnutrition and diseases from poor sanitation and a lack of clean drinking water as primary medical concerns.

Ashburn said he and the rest of the team tried to pack enough supplies to address those particular needs. The largely makeshift hospitals and clinics in Port-au-Prince do not have adequate resources to properly care for patients.

Hickey said that although the team is tasked with tackling medical needs, they must not forego opportunities to share Christ with the Haitian people they serve.

"It's all about a cup of water in Jesus' name. We're reaching out as Christians showing Jesus in every way we can," Hickey said. "We'll do what we can to keep medicine as what we're providing, but we don't want to do it at the sake of the witness."

The KBC is part of the long-term Southern Baptist disaster relief effort in Haiti. Trained Kentucky Baptist volunteers who are interested in serving on a future team can send an e-mail to Cindy Henderson@KyBaptist.org indicating their availability, contact information and what work they are able to do.

Buckets of Hope

In addition, the KBC also is participating in the Southern Baptist Convention-wide Buckets of Hope effort to send much-needed supplies into Haiti.

"It's a great project for those desiring to make a difference but who are unable to travel to Haiti at this time," Webb said.

After the buckets have been collected through Kentucky Baptist associations, the North American Mission Board will arrange for the buckets to be transported to Miami where they will be packed in cargo containers and shipped to Haiti.

Similar to the bucket projects for African AIDS victims and caregivers in previous years, Kentucky Baptists are asked to fill five-gallon buckets with non-perishable food items, such as rice, beans, flour and peanut butter. Detailed instructions for the project are available at www.KyBaptist.org/DR.

With additional reporting by Kristie Randolph of KBC communications

Haiti quake survivors long for family, friends

By Tristan Taylor
International Mission Board

Port-au-Prince, Haiti—In certain places on the northern outskirts of Port-au-Prince, cars are stuck in traffic jams, street vendors are selling vegetables and people are filling restaurants. Despite these pockets of activity on the outskirts, the effects of the earthquake that claimed more than 150,000 Haitian lives two weeks ago continue to echo loudly throughout the city and surrounding areas.

In hospitals, volunteers offer medical care for broken bones and missionaries deliver supplies to help rebuild broken lives. But the catastrophe also has broken apart countless families.

Enso Jean Louis is alone in L'Hopital de Ferme. He was brought there nearly two weeks after the quake. But unlike many of his fellow patients, the 22-year-old wasn't accompanied by any family.

With bolts protruding from both sides of his



HELPING HAND Florence Jean Baptiste (center) gets help walking from her friend Aristide (left), and her brother, Rodrigue Arius, following treatment at a hospital outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Baptiste underwent surgery on her femur to treat injuries suffered during the Jan. 12 earthquake.

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WMU's Brenda Price regarded for devotion to kids, missions

Longtime consultant set to retire this month

By Dannah Prather
Partnerships Editor

Louisville—Brenda Price has never strayed too far from her Bowling Green roots, yet the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union consultant has brought the world to thousands of children—and now, their children.

Price is retiring this month after nearly 30 years with Kentucky WMU. She has devoted much of that time to training and encouraging the adults who teach missions to boys and girls across Kentucky.

"I never had to decide what I was going to be when I grew up," Price said. "Children energize me."

And as she grew up attending First Baptist Church of Bowling Green with her parents, she learned about the gospel and how Southern Baptists share the good news with the world through missions.

Like so many of the women who have learned from her, Price joined Girls in Action when she was 9 years old. At 16, she began teaching G.A.s herself.

Price completed undergraduate and graduate studies in education at Western Kentucky University. She taught at public schools in Bullitt County and Bowling Green for 13 years.

Prior to joining the Kentucky WMU staff, Price served as WMU director for Warren Association of Baptists. Then, one day, an opportunity came along that



BLENDED PASSIONS Brenda Price, who has served with Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union for nearly 30 years, said she has been fortunate to combine both of her passions—children and missions—in her career with the state missions organization. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

"blended my two passions—children and missions," she recalled.

Then-Kentucky WMU executive director Kathryn Jasper Akridge contacted Price and described a new position that involved training adults and teaching children.

"A lot of my time has been spent in the camping program," Price said, referring to the summer events for Mission Friends, G.A.s and Children in Action, and in more recent years, the mother/daughter "get-aways."

Having served for nearly three decades, Price has seen girls she once taught coming to the overnight camps with their own children.

As a child, Jennifer Shearon, Children in Action and Girls in Action consultant for Christian County Baptist Association, met Price the first year Price was in charge of the camps.

"She's always got a bubbly attitude and always had a love for kids," Shearon said of Price.

A longstanding practice among G.A.s

is the autograph book. In a scene reminiscent of Hollywood movie premieres, girls collect signatures from missionaries who speak at special events. Pastors, ministers and other "home missionaries" such as Price also rate space on the pages.

"Three years ago I took my oldest daughter, Rachael, to (an) overnight," Shearon said. "I made sure she got Miss Brenda's signature because I got her signature at the first camp."

Price was delighted. "One of the joys of getting older is seeing (how) other people's lives have played out," she noted.

Shearon said she tries to follow Price's "fun-loving" and "energetic" example in her work with Christian County Baptists. Price "has been an inspiration. ... I try to make my G.A. lessons fun and entertaining" while remaining focused on the Bible's teachings about the gospel and missions.

"Brenda has trained so many ... missions leaders that have, in turn, (taught) countless preschoolers and children," Kentucky WMU Executive Director Joy Bolton said. "Brenda's impact will be felt for years to come."

Price said she has seen many changes in Baptist culture during her tenure with WMU. Congregations "have so many choices" of programming to offer, she said she hopes missions education is not lost.

Missions education "is how God helped me see the world, the needs of the world and how (Christians) can help," she said. "If we miss that, we're going to have a large gap in reaching the world for Christ."

Fort Knox-area churches helping families cope

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Radcliff—With a son currently stationed in Iraq, Pastor Gregg Curtis is sensitive to the pressures that face military families.

That is one reason he has been taking graduate courses on post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition, he instructs his staff at Stithon Baptist Church about some situations they may encounter as Fort Knox's population grows.

"I'm seeing more of this, especially with the (Fort Hood) combat team coming in," Curtis said. "I'm trying to help families recognize PTSD, how to mitigate some of its issues and help them work through what it causes."

Veterans' combat experiences give them a different perspective on life, the pastor said. He recalled a sermon six months ago where he talked about trauma and asked how many people had been shot at.

Instead of the small handful he would have seen elsewhere, numerous hands went up. When Curtis asked how many had been hit, many of the hands stayed up.

Later, a man in the congregation shared about getting hit by friendly fire in Iraq which killed two soldiers in the back of his vehicle.

"I'm dealing with things the average pastor doesn't have to deal with," Curtis pointed out. "My whole staff had to get up to snuff on the nomenclature and what a society the military is. It has its own unique challenges that put stress on families."

In addition to informal counseling efforts, Curtis said he hopes to start a support group for combat veterans. However, he is waiting to find a facil-

itator with war experience.

The pastor has talked to a West Point graduate who will be moving to Fort Knox this summer about joining the staff. The group leader will need to be somebody who has been "on the wire," Curtis noted.

"With a guy who hasn't experienced the trauma of war, it's going to be hard for him to relate and hard for them to have much confidence in him," Curtis said.

"There's something about war experience that bonds soldiers to each other like no other. There's bonds of pride, camaraderie, recognition and support."

As an Army veteran, Jim Griswold of Mill Creek Baptist Church can understand the stresses that many new Fort Knox residents will bring with them.

However, the military ministry director at the Kentucky Baptist church said his committee avoids getting involved in a situation that is beyond their ability to handle.

Instead, they refer soldiers to trained counselors.

"We can refer soldiers to a counselor or if they don't want to go through the military because they don't want the military to know about it," Griswold said. "When I was in the Army and you went to counseling, they looked at you like you were bad for the unit. That un-

dertone is still there."

Aside from dealing with veterans and families strained by combat, the Fort Knox expansion has brought other challenges to Kentucky Baptist churches in the area.

Priscilla Janes, director of children's ministry at Stithon Baptist, said she sometimes feels overwhelmed by the rapid growth.

Attendance at children's church there has more than doubled the past year. About 40 children are coming to its monthly Moms Out, Kids In activity, compared to a handful when she started last May.

Although this is the Campbellsville University graduate's first position at a church staff, she said she has developed an innate sense of children who come from military families.

"They often need more of my attention," Janes pointed out. "They need more of my focus."

Despite the challenges, Janes said she hopes to act as a constant source of light in spiritual darkness and help children develop a strong belief in God and appreciation for His word.

"My prayer is that they would see something in me that is authentic," she noted. "My hope is they would know God and His ways, despite the prevailing culture."

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Gregg Curtis, pastor of Stithon Baptist Church, where many military families based at nearby Fort Knox attend

Mission Board staff to get modest raises

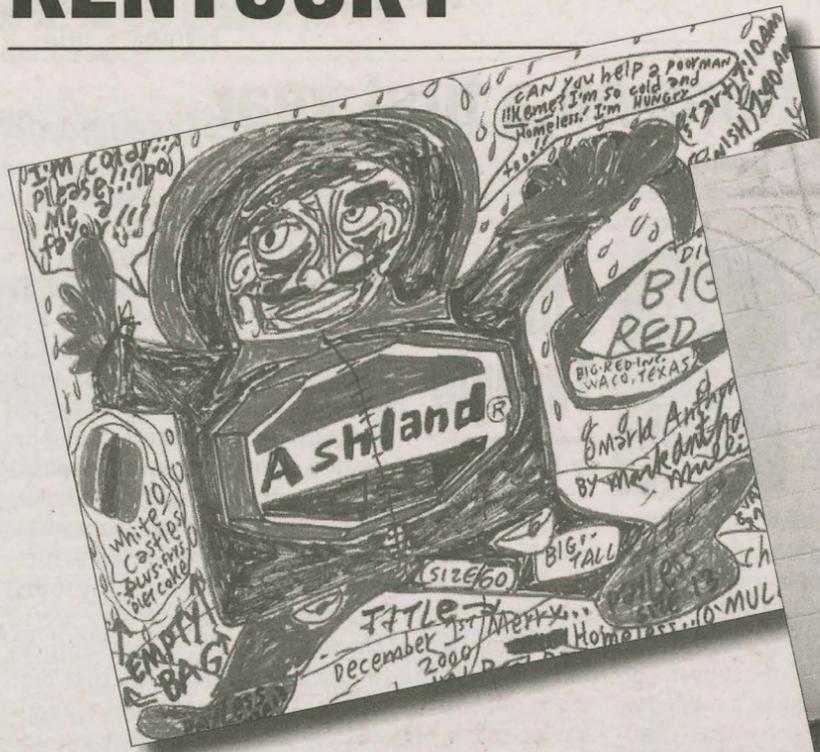
Louisville—The administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board approved a 1 percent raise for KBC personnel, with the possibility of receiving up to an additional 1 percent merit increase, effective Sept. 1, the start of the KBC's new budget year.

The action, recommended by KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey at the committee's Jan. 28 meeting at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville, was based on a cautiously optimistic budget outlook for 2011, as presented by the KBC's Business Services Team Leader Lowell Ashby. KBC staff did not receive raises last year because of the ailing national economy and slumping CP receipts.

With seven days left to post CP contributions from KBC churches, January's CP totals stood at \$1.56 million, Ashby reported. "We need about \$2.3 million in CP gifts for January to stay on pace with last year's CP receipts and our workable CP budget goal of \$23 million this year," he said. The KBC did record one of its best Decembers ever, he noted, with receipts of \$2.1 million, which was approximately 5 percent ahead of last year's total.

Meanwhile, the international, national and state missions offerings all received another significant boost from a legacy gift. In addition to a \$138,750 gift from Stamping Ground Baptist Church in November, the KBC recently received an estate gift of \$486,000 from Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Central City, which resulted in a distribution of \$121,550 for both the Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus offerings and \$243,000 for the Lottie Moon offering, Ashby said.

In other action, the administrative committee approved a temporary increase from 10 to 20 hours for KBC temporary praise and worship consultant Rod Ellis. Team leader Karl Babb told committee members that Ellis' additional responsibilities would entail assisting with preparing and evaluating Mission Board meetings, the KBC annual meeting and Super Saturday worship and music department conferences.



**“Homeless:
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HOMELESS: telling our own stories

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Georgetown—All too often, society tends to view homeless people as subhuman.

An art exhibit now on display at Georgetown College attempts to present the homeless as “image bearers—people who’ve been made in the image of God,” according to Jesse Eubanks, co-creator of “Homeless: Telling Our Own Stories.”

The visual art exhibit at Georgetown’s Anne Wright Wilson Fine Arts Gallery—on display through Feb. 19—displays photographs and drawings by and featuring homeless individuals living in Louisville.

Eubanks works for Jefferson Street Baptist Center, a Louisville homeless shelter. Three years ago, he teamed up with Michael Winters, director of The 930 Arts Center, an art gallery at Sojourn Community Church, a Kentucky

Baptist congregation in Louisville.

On Feb. 1, 2008, “Homeless” opened at The 930 Arts Center. It quickly became the gallery’s most successful exhibition.

In its two years, the exhibit—which is comprised of several smaller exhibits—has been featured at venues across the state, as well as galleries in New Orleans and Ohio.

Reviews of the exhibit have been overwhelmingly positive, many pointing out the powerful, yet disturbing impression the pieces leave on the viewer.

“Homeless” is designed to “help people who have not personally experienced homelessness to understand a bit of what it is like—and that then they would go the step further,” Eubanks said.

That “step further,” he suggested, is for believers and non-believers alike to get involved in helping the homeless and not seeing them as “scary, obscure individuals.”

Art exhibit aims to show that homeless ≠ hopeless

“When people interact with this exhibit, we see a definitive change in the way people respond to people who are homeless,” Eubanks said. Most tend to become more compassionate, he added.

Among the six smaller exhibits are:

“**Telling Our Own Stories**,” a series of photographs shot by homeless individuals who were given disposable cameras and asked to document their lives.

“They just went out and shot photos of their lives,” Eubanks said. “It might be them and a friend walking down the street. ... It could be somebody flying a sign for money.”

Despite the perceived hopelessness of the photos, there is a sense of community in them, Eubanks said. Also, there is a “permeating theme of God being present in all circumstances,” he added.

“**In Three Years**” asks several homeless individuals, “In three years, what do you want to be doing?” Their answers are illustrated with chalk drawings (see photo above right, “In three years, Walter wants to take his daughter to the park”).

Selected Drawings of Mark Anthony Mulligan, who has become somewhat of an

iconic underground African American artist. Mulligan, who lives in Louisville, has been homeless off and on for more than 20 years and has been diagnosed with a severe mental illness. His drawings were created over a six-month period in 2001 at a Louisville copy shop (see above left photo). “One of the themes that runs throughout all of his pictures is definitely a theme of faith, Christianity and God,” Eubanks said of Mulligan’s work.

“**Voices Real, Voices Unheard**” is an installation piece created by Eubanks “that puts attendees under the mental weight of homelessness.” Inside a dimly lit booth, viewers are bombarded with photos and city sounds with only a mirror reflecting a distorted image of the viewer’s face. The piece underscores the isolation of homelessness, Eubanks said.

“**A Home for the Homeless**” features video interviews with homeless men projected on to a wall drawing of a city skyline.

“**I Am, I Need, I Love**” is the newest exhibit which features a portrait of a homeless individual. Next to each photo is that person’s own handwritten completion of the sentences “I am,” “I need,” and “I love.”

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Creative ministries events set for Louisville, Bowling Green

Louisville—Churches interested in starting or improving their creative-arts ministries are invited to participate in an array of practical training sessions at the upcoming Creative Ministries Festival on back-to-back weekends.

This year’s festivals will be held March 5-6 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and again March 12-13 at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

Teens and adults of all skill levels can benefit from a variety of training sessions and creative-arts workshops, including drama, interpretive movement, mime, puppetry, clowning and more.

Special guest artists featured at the Louisville event include illusionist David Garrard and comedian Dr. Tom. Artists featured in Bowling Green are comedienne Kim Coleman and creative-arts entertainer Darren Casteel.

A variety of youth missions workshops also will be offered to help teens and leaders interested in planning mission trips, vacation Bible schools or other activities.

Auditions for the Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra again will take place in conjunction with the Creative Ministries Festivals. High school youth who are active members of a Kentucky Baptist Convention church may audition at either location. For more information or to register for an audition, visit www.KyBaptist.org/ASYCO.

Registration for the events is required as space is limited and fills up quickly. To register for the festival or to get more information, visit www.KyBaptist.org/CMF, or call the Creative Ministries office at (502) 489-3574, or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3574.

Fires of revival

If you are yearning for God to move in your life and church, you will not want to miss the Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference, February 22-23.

Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

Last year, Robert Smith, preaching professor at Beeson Divinity School, was blessed of God to launch the conference at a high spiritual level. I was somewhat concerned that the conference could not continue to soar spiritually, but it soon became very evident that speaker after speaker had a special anointing from God.

Please join me in praying daily for God to move in a mighty way again this year. Please come praying and believing that God will demonstrate His presence. Pray that no barrier or sin will quench or grieve the Holy Spirit. Even if you are not able to attend any of the sessions, please pray for fires of revival to break out among the participants.

We have not had a better opportunity in my lifetime for God to move among His people. How desperate are we for God to pour out His Spirit upon us? Where are our tears? Where is our brokenness before God? (Psalm 51)

This conference is also a great opportunity for Kentucky Baptists to come together in spiritual preparation for "Find It Here," our major evangelistic campaign this year. If we are truly seeking the Lord during the preparation and outreach, we believe Jesus Christ will become a living reality in the lives of the unchurched and dechurched.

Robert Smith will once again be used by God to launch the Evangelism Conference. You will then continue to experience the anointing and presence of God through ...

- Craig Loscalzo, who is leading Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington through renewal.
- Joel Carwile, a former pastor/evangelist and leader.
- John Avant, who was used of God in an incredible revival through his church.
- Vance Pitman, who is building a strong new church in Las Vegas.
- John Mark Toby, a strong leader for renewal through evangelism.
- Richard Gaines, who is developing a church congregation.
- Allan Taylor, a highly respected Sunday School expert.
- Johnny Hunt, Southern Baptist Convention president, who has developed an incredible congregation through leadership and evangelism.

I look forward to experiencing this special conference with you this year at Sevens Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Everyone is invited, and there is no cost to attend. Let me encourage you to bring others with you. Women are also encouraged to register for the outstanding women's conference on Tuesday. For more information about the Evangelism Conference, visit www.kybaptist.org/evangelismconference or call 502-489-3415 or 866-489-3415 (toll free in KY).

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Reflections on a first year

"How do you like Kentucky?" many long-time residents politely have asked at various convention meetings during the past year. A few days ago, I received several congratulatory notes from my colleagues at the Baptist Building on my first anniversary as your editor with the same inquiry. So, some personal reflections about making a transition from serving in the Palmetto State to working with Baptists in the Bluegrass may be in order.



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

Some of our light-hearted adjustments include the cuisine exchanges, such as swabbing shrimp and grits for hot browns and trading mustard-based barbecue and Brunswick stew for brisket and burgoo. (I really miss sweet tea, too.) I also have had to get used to my wife walking around the house for three months of the year wrapped in a throw, looking like a medieval monk, repeatedly chanting, "I can't get warm." And for more than a dozen years, I seldom had to scrape ice off a car windshield or shovel snow out of a driveway to get to work or to church. On the other hand, there is nothing like seeing a thoroughbred galloping across a grassy meadow on a spring day, and this past summer was a good bit milder—comparatively speaking—without the long weeks of the oppressive "muggies" so typical of a Carolina August.

My family also has discovered some of the regional wildlife near our home—and sometimes in it. I'm not just talking about deer, turkeys and odorous skunks. Yes, back in South Carolina, we once had a possum waddle up on our back deck and into the house. (Ever try getting a possum out of your den? I can tell you, they don't take a hint well.) And, there was that unseemly incident with a sparrow that came down our chimney. But all of that pales to one day here when we returned from a trip and found the biggest spider I have ever seen crawling across our kitchen floor. I later looked it up on the Internet, and I believe it was of the huntsman variety. It is probably on an endangered species list somewhere (or at least this one was that day), but as far as I'm concerned, there is no such thing as a good spider. More recently, my wife and I have heard a scratching noise just outside our door some evenings. One afternoon as I was taking our dog for a walk, I discovered the culprit digging behind a small shrub. A groundhog! (I don't know if he saw his shadow, but one thing's for sure, I didn't see mine.)

Early on, I acknowledged to several trustees that even though I had been an associate editor for more than 20 years, there undoubtedly would be some-

thing of a learning curve as I became accustomed to new responsibilities. In retrospect, any first year probably would be better described as having S-curves and hairpin turns like a two-lane mountain road. The major adjustments that come with any new role, however, are accompanied by numerous surprises and joys, which make for scenic overlooks along that winding pass. In addition to the anticipated administrative responsibilities associated with producing a news journal, I have attended more committee and board meetings and convention-related functions than ever before. To some, meetings may sound dull—and, truthfully, some can be—but they are an important part of staying informed about Kentucky Baptist work and in touch with the issues that matter to our churches. One of the greatest joys, though, has been the opportunity to speak in churches and to visit our outstanding Baptist universities. And, my son and daughter were delighted by an unexpected opportunity recently to watch a football game from a university president's box.

The Western Recorder itself also has been through some transitions—a new design, with a stronger focus on news from our Kentucky Baptist family; a new slogan, urging every church member to "shine like the stars" in the world; and in the very near future, a new, more visually appealing Web site that will feature greater news-gathering capabilities, the capacity to upload photos and easier navigation. All of these advances and more are credited to the paper's very capable staff, who not only have adjusted well to a new editor's ways and ideas, but also have shown singular initiative and commitment to providing Kentucky Baptists with an outstanding publication. I am truly grateful for their encouragement and support as together we endeavor to show the many ways in which Baptists are shining for Christ.

But it's the friendly people, particularly Kentucky Baptists, who by being so open and welcoming, have made my family's transition a great deal easier. Indeed, one of God's richest blessings is the warm friendships we already have formed here in our new church family, at the Baptist Building, and among Kentucky Baptist servants all across the state. And so, I emulate Paul's and Timothy's praise for the Philippians (1:4), "I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," and reiterate their appeal (1:27) as a challenge for the next year: "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

What if they come?

You've inundated your town with prayer and printed invitations to worship at your church on Easter. The nationwide GPS media blitz has reinforced those efforts. You have a sudden, terrifying thought: "What if they all show up!"

My husband often says, "You get what you get ready for." Need fresh ideas for getting ready?

Prepare for the masses

- Update Web site, guest packets, directional signs and guest parking spaces.
- Make the church facilities sparkle. They reflect your love for God.
- Prepare extra bulletins, chairs, ushers, greeters, kitchen counselors.
- Avoid acronyms in printed and spoken announcements. Guests won't have a clue what HSM means.
- Offer your best, wholehearted worship to God.

- Make a plan for guests to receive emails, mail and a personal contact within 72 hours.

The three-week challenge

As you welcome guests, ask them to take the "three-week challenge," committing to attend your church three times so they can get a true feel for your church and God's guidance for their lives.

- Incorporate the challenge into your regular communication card or guest registration, with a check box for first time, second time, completed challenge and "I lost count."
- Offer a three-week punch card for a free drink, if you have a church coffee shop.

Connect two

- Urge every church member to personally connect with two guests each Sunday. Provide helpful hints:
 - Pray silently as you approach guests.

Fresh Ideas



Diana Davis

- Write down the guest's name.
- Walk with guests to their destination.
- Jot your personal phone or e-mail on a card for the guest.
- Tell them what you love about your church.
- Introduce guests to other church members with similar interests.
- Invite the guest to small group Bible study.
- Leave your pew and sit near a guest in worship.
- Circle items on the bulletin that might interest the guest.
- Personally invite the guest for coffee, lunch, or an upcoming church event.
- Escort the guest to meet the pastor or staff member after worship.

It's God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) with your local mission field. If they all show up to hear about Jesus this Easter Sunday, will you be ready?

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

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'Strengths chasing' in relationships

By Valerie Vincent

Q: Why does it seem easier to see all the negative things about my spouse than it does to see the positive traits?

A: The longer a couple is together, the more each reveals their preferences and character traits. As these things are revealed, sometimes more differences than similarities emerge.



Jennifer Fox uses a phrase called "strengths chasing." She says strengths chasing is a "very active process" of discovering strengths. Using questions to discover strengths in others will reveal their unique qualities and characteristics.

When we are frustrated by marital differences, the focus shifts to anger or resentment and away from discovery and understanding. Partners can become stagnant in their perception of one another and get stuck in feelings that drain the marital relationship of joy.

One way out is "strengths chasing." Actively ask questions to better understand your wife's preferences and choices. Explore why your husband likes certain activities and what he specifically likes about them. This new insight can refresh the relationship and make the marriage bond stronger.

It takes focused prayer to change the way we see someone. At times we struggle with self-righteousness, feeling justified to see our spouses in a negative light. Pray that God would reveal to you the ways in which He has uniquely created your spouse. With that awareness, partner with God to help your spouse daily live out of those strengths. Pray that you would become a "strengths chaser" with your spouse, children, extended family and others in your life.

Our media and culture focus on weakness and deficiencies. We are daily bombarded with this mindset. Paul's challenge to the church at Rome is important for us: Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

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Surviving the interim period between youth ministers

I am doing an interim again—this time at Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville. It always is a humbling experience to be trusted with a group of students, if even for a short period of time. As interims go, this one has gone really smooth and has been a blessing to do. The staff, volunteers and students are fantastic. But it also started me thinking about steps that Baptist churches can take to have a good interim period.

Realistic time expectations

As the interim minister, I am not at the church 40 to 50 hours a week like the minister who I replaced. At Westport Road Baptist and at Cedar Creek Baptist churches, the agreement was that I would be there on Sundays and Wednesdays and make staff meetings as much as possible. I can do that. But I probably won't have time to attend ballgames, dance recitals or make hospital visits. It is not that I don't want to do these. They are part of the ministry that I really enjoy, but I honestly just don't have the time.

Planning for youth events

In youth ministry you learn to plan events or you're not in ministry for long. But know that I am not going to do things just like the last minister did, nor do I need to. Part of my job as the interim is to prepare you for who is coming next. I almost can guarantee you that the new minister is not going to do things the way the last minister did. So part of my job is to keep things similar enough to be familiar, but different enough to make the next step agreeable. Yet I may not have the time to make the event as big or as fancy as the last minister.

Using volunteers and the ministry team

Don't get me wrong: I do believe there is a time and a place to hire an interim. I am not sure, however, that every vacancy needs to be filled by someone from outside. The ideal would be to put together lead teams made up of volunteers, parents and students that can see to the ministry during the transition period. You may need to appoint someone to speak for the ministry at staff, com-

mittee and business meetings. You probably also need someone to serve as an interim leader—who could be a volunteer as well. Volunteers are the key to successful youth ministry.

'Just holding things together'

Too many times, this is the attitude we take during interims. I have had conversations with churches that had the mindset of "we just want to be able to hold things together until the new youth minister gets here." Why? There is no reason to think the ministry will have to suffer. Sure, there isn't one person giving attention just to the ministry, but there also isn't just one person giving attention to the ministry. Dividing responsibilities can allow several people to take a small piece of the ministry and make it the best it can be, and that can lead to growth in the ministry during the interim period.

Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

Aware of the search process

As much as possible, keep the workers and the students "in the know" about how the process for a replacement is going. There isn't a need for names and current ministry placements of the ministers who you are considering, but provide a general sense of where you are in receiving resumés, narrowing the search, looking for more information, talking to candidates, etc. It lets those involved in leadership and the students in the ministry know that you are being diligent in your duties and will help calm any uneasiness that the students may be feeling.

Pray for your next minister

Involve the students and the leaders in praying for the search committee and for the next minister. As they pray and ask for God's guidance the Spirit will begin to turn their hearts towards who is next. I'm not sure there ever has been a time when someone has said, "I wish I hadn't prayed so much" over a decision.

Joe Ball, a former youth minister at Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, is youth strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Disagrees with premise

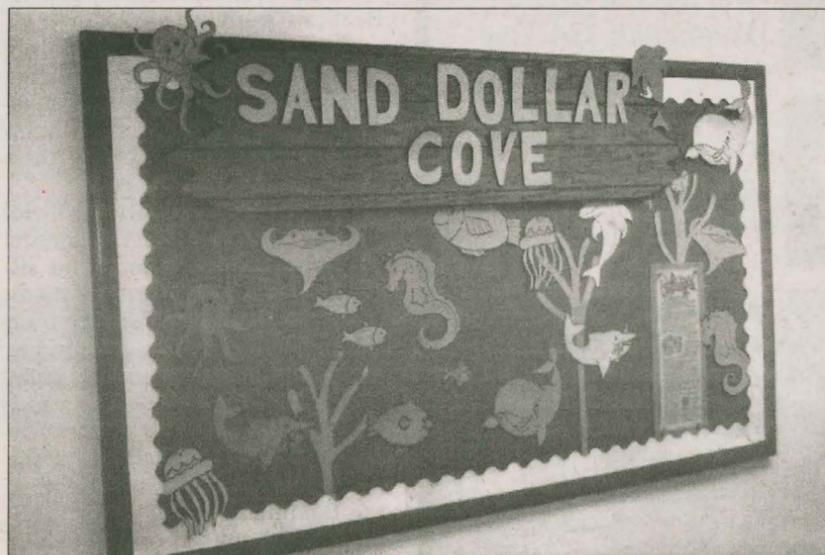
In regard to the article, "Celebrating Liberty on Religious Freedom Sunday," in the Jan. 19 issue, I could not disagree more with the author's premise that separating church from government—that is, the absence of Christian values in government—has been the cause of what he lists as just about every immoral thing that takes place in our society today.

I believe the writer was correct when he said that the practice of separating church and state has given separating leaders a rationale to be silent on cultural and political issues, and that this has contributed to our nation's moral ignorance. Maybe our seminaries should study this doctrine more carefully and find ways to educate students on how to be pastors who can address moral issues in ways that are not strident.

I would submit to you that the moral failures in our society probably are more the result of modern media—television, in particular—and the increasing diversity of our population, rather than the separation of church and state.

As for the quotation the author uses from John 8:32, I have always heard that quote used to mean that the truth will set you free from sin. If we are true followers of Christ, we know the truth, and knowing how to follow Christ makes it possible for us not to sin. It has nothing to do with knowing about our religious freedoms.

Doris Willson
Middletown



Enjoying Cove Kids

Last week I called to compliment the new article called Sand Dollar Cove. Enclosed is a photo (above) that I took of a bulletin board and an explanation to the parents of our children at Silver Creek Baptist Church.

The sea creatures are enlargements from two coloring books onto colored paper. After stapling them in place, I covered the blue background with a blue net from a fabric store. Many years ago, I had seen this done at a vacation Bible school clinic. The board sign is cut from four

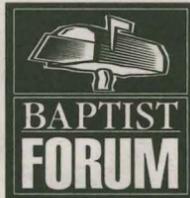
pieces of scrapbook paper, and the letters are cut from yellow cardstock. Brown is used behind the sign and letters to give a shadow effect. Behind the sign is a piece of Styrofoam that gives depth to the sign.

Each week I look forward to reading then clipping out the new adventure for our children at Silver Creek.

Margaret Allen
Berea

Editor's Note: Thanks for using your creative talents to share these stories with the children at your church. We are glad you are enjoying the new children's series (on our Smile page) and appreciate it when our readers encourage fellow church members to read their state Baptist paper.

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Resolve to be a better steward of all God has allowed you to have

By Doug Strader

The new year is already a few weeks old, but there still is time to make some changes to any resolutions or plans that one has made. Opportunities to begin anew always are welcome by most followers of Jesus Christ. Below is a partial list of things that we can do as we begin 2010 from a stewardship point of view.

We can resolve to be better stewards of all that God has given us. By "all," I mean all. Everything that you and I have is really a loan from God because He owns everything that we call ours. Stewardship is all about using what He has allowed us to have in our daily lives.

Our time is a most precious possession. We can resolve to use our time more wisely. That means, among other things, that we will spend time in daily Bible reading and prayer. We cannot know how the Lord wants to use us and work through us unless we spend time in His word, praying and listening to His voice.

God has given to each of us one or more spiritual gifts that are to be used in our service to Him and His church. If you do not know what your spiritual gifts are, you need to take a study on spiritual gifts, or begin to read the Bible and pray. Then begin to use the spiritual gifts that God reveals to you.

Maybe one of the easiest things that we can resolve to do is to begin giving at least a tithe of our incomes to the Lord through our churches. But remember that a tithe is the floor, not the ceiling, of our financial giving. More mature Christians can resolve to give more than a tithe.

The new year can be a great year if you and I resolve to do these things and then make them a reality by being faithful to our God.

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



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Haiti earthquake survivors long for family and friends

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injured right leg, he lies on a bed in a far corner of the ward. The bolts are attached to a brace that holds his bone in place. Filled with the noise of scrubs-clad medics rushing to treat the injured, the room is overflowing with patients and visiting family members. But there is no one at Enso's bedside.

"My parents were taking care of us," he said in Haitian Creole. "I relied on them. I do not know what can be done now."

When the earthquake hit, Enso and his sister were watching television on the second story of his family's house. His parents were downstairs with his other five siblings. Enso was knocked into the yard where a block of concrete fell on his leg. The second story of the house collapsed onto the first, taking the lives of those downstairs.

The sister who was with him upstairs survived, but the two soon were separated when Enso was taken for medical care.

"I do not know where she is," he said. "Today is 15 days without seeing (anyone I know). I feel that I am alone. There are no people coming here. They are not looking for me."

But Enso, who is a believer, clings to his faith. As he stares at the ceiling through hazy eyes, his fingers wrap tighter around a blue Creole-language New Testament.

In Barahona, Dominican Republic, a farmhouse on the outskirts of town has been converted into a patient-care ward.

Inside, makeshift beds line the walls of what once was the living room. There is no volunteer medical staff, only caregivers who keep vigil in plastic chairs beside their patients.

Behind a wall of curtains dividing the room, 22-year-old Johnny Francois sits at the foot of his sister's bed. Dieula has a row of stitches on her left side that stretch from her thigh to her ribs. Johnny has a small bandage around his right foot. While his sister sleeps, he gazes listlessly at the floor.

Johnny is the oldest of 12 siblings. When Dieula was sent to the Dominican Republic for medical care, Johnny went along to look after her. He has not seen his other



IN FAITH ALONE Enso Jean Louis, 22, lost his parents and five of his siblings during the Haiti earthquake. Enso, who is a believer, clings to his faith as he lies in a hospital bed, recovering from an injured right leg. He has not seen his surviving sister since he was admitted to the hospital and still does not know where she is.

family members since. All he can do is stay with his sister and wait. He passes each day, a healthy man in a room full of injured people, hoping for some sign their situation soon will change.

"My father—I don't know where is him," he said in broken English. "I don't know this country."

He looks around the room where he has spent the past two weeks and shakes his head.

"I have no person come to see me. No person come to help me," he said. "I do not have a friend."

The quake separated loved ones as some were trapped under rubble and others were rushed away for medical care. The situation was made worse when hundreds of unidentified bodies were buried in mass graves. Haitians may search for loved ones for months to come, wondering who might still be alive.

But for now, many feel the added ache of loneliness—a pain sometimes not immediately visible to volunteers or treatable by doctors. They long for a listening ear, an encouraging smile and a friend with whom to share hope. (BP)



EMERGENCY CARE Medical personnel tend to a patient at a hospital outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Volunteers offer medical care for broken bones and missionaries deliver supplies to help rebuild broken lives. But the catastrophe also has broken apart countless families.



MEETING IN SESSION The 23-member Great Commission Resurgence Task Force, chaired by Arkansas pastor Ronnie Floyd, held its fifth meeting last week in San Antonio. (Photo by Joe Westbury/Georgia Christian Index)

Great Commission task force to issue progress report soon

By Joe Westbury
Georgia Christian Index

San Antonio—Great Commission Resurgence Task Force members wrapped up three days of deliberations last week in advance of making a preliminary report on their findings in February.

At the meeting's adjournment on Jan. 28, task force chairman Ronnie Floyd said the 23-member group will make a "progress report" to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee when it meets in Nashville Feb. 22-23, with the entire document to be released May 3.

Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark., said the task force "still has a lot of work to do between now and June, but we want to take this opportunity to bring Southern Baptists along in our work."

Floyd said the update will contain "several items, such as where we are at this point, how we see the final document shaping up (and) how our vision is coming together," though he declined to be more specific.

There will be another meeting or two of the work group as it coalesces around a definitive statement on the spiritual condition of Southern Baptists and suggestions for how the convention can be

more effective in its work, Floyd said.

Floyd, as spokesman for the group appointed by SBC President Johnny Hunt at last year's SBC annual meeting, underscored the considerable amount of work yet to be done and the limited amount of time in which to accomplish its goals.

"Our task is very large and we all have full-time ministries and other normal demands on our time. We continue to be in the process of developing that vision and will continue to meet until we have finished the task," he said. "We still have a document to write."

Floyd did not specify how many other times the group may meet, but did say an unofficial timetable is to have the final document released by May 3 on its Pray4GCR.com Web site.

"Southern Baptists will be able to go online and see for themselves what we believe" the future holds for the convention, Floyd said. "We will spend the month of May tweaking the document, if any tweaking is needed, before it is formally presented to messengers to the annual meeting in Orlando on June 15-16."

All 6,000 individuals who have registered at the site also will receive an e-mail copy of the document as soon as it is released, he added. (BP)

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

2009 gifts to North American missions fund \$8.5 million short

By Mike Ebert
North American Mission Board

Talladega, Ala.—Southern Baptists gave \$56.5 million in 2009 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The amount was \$1.5 million (2.7 percent) off the previous year's giving mark and \$8.5 million below the stated goal of \$65 million.

Richard Harris, interim president of the North American Mission Board, shared the total in an address to the Woman's Missionary Union board of trustees last month in Talladega, Ala.

Despite the shortfall, the \$56.5 million received in 2009 is the fourth-highest total in the offering's history.

In a year filled with 10 percent unemployment, a bleak housing market and other distressing economic news, Harris said the amount given to the offering was a blessing.

"Only God could do that," Harris told WMU leaders, "and only through the faithfulness of people like WMU ladies out there lifting up the opportunities and needs."

WMU Executive Director Wanda Lee joined Harris in expressing appreciation for the Annie Armstrong gifts.

"In a year of significant financial challenges for many within our denomination, we are excited about this level of giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering," Lee said.

Referring to the daunting task of reaching the 258 million people in North America who do not know Christ as Savior, Harris referred to 2 Chronicles 20, telling WMU leaders, "The battle is not ours, it's God's."

Regarding current challenges facing Southern Baptists, Harris asked, "Is our problem primarily organizational or is it primarily spiritual? I believe it's the latter."

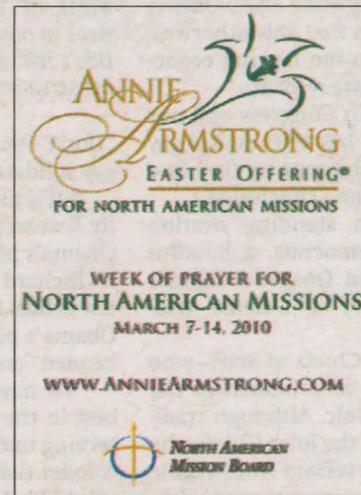
Harris shared research indicating that since 1998, the number of SBC churches that baptized no one has increased to the point that one in four of them recorded zero baptisms in 2008. Churches baptizing five or fewer and 10 or fewer also are on the rise. Only 21 percent of SBC churches baptized 11 or more in 2008. The number of churches baptizing no teenagers also is increasing.

In addition, Harris said membership trends indicate that 71 percent of SBC churches either are plateaued or declining.

"Now I ask you this: Are we seriously thinking we can fulfill the Great Commission with 71 percent of our churches that are either plateaued or declining? I think not," he said.

Harris shared NAMB's key focus areas—Sharing Christ, Starting Churches and Sending Missionaries—with the group and a number of current initiatives the entity is working on, including "Across North America," the first phase of the 10-year GPS (God's Plan for Sharing) national evangelism initiative.

The goal for the 2010 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is \$70 million. This year's North American Missions Emphasis theme is "Live with Urgency: Share God's Transforming Power." Churches and individuals that would like to promote the offering can find resources at www.AnnieArmstrong.com. (BP)



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Former Calif. Baptist exec Bill Hogue dies at age 82

Brownwood, Texas—C.B. "Bill" Hogue, executive director emeritus of the California Southern Baptist Convention, died Jan. 26 in Brownwood, Texas. He observed his 82nd birthday on Jan. 13 and had been receiving treatment for cancer.



Bill Hogue

Hogue was a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) and a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Hogue's motion at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in 1993 led to the restructuring of the SBC outlined in the 1995 document, "Covenant for a New Century." He subsequently served on the SBC Implementation Task Force and chaired the Incorporators of the North American Mission Board that recommended that agency's first president.

A native of Texas, Hogue was a graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He served as pastor of three Texas churches from 1952-71 and also was director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Hogue is survived by Betty, his wife of more than 60 years, four sons, a daughter and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30 at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, Texas.

Compiled from reporting by Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press



In jobs-focused State of the Union, Obama also tackles gays in military

By Robert Marus

Washington—President Obama, in his first official State of the Union address Jan. 27, focused largely on kitchen-table issues and mainly avoided controversial social topics. But he did signal his intent to push harder to allow gay military personnel to serve openly.

"We find unity in our incredible diversity, drawing on the promise enshrined in our Constitution—the notion that we're all created equal; that no matter who you are or what you look like, if you abide by the law you should be protected by it; if you adhere to our common values you should be treated no different than anyone else," Obama said, near the end of a speech that was otherwise almost completely devoted to the lagging economy, job creation and health care reform.

"This year, I will work with Congress and our military to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are," Obama concluded.

The statement elicited a standing ovation from most congressional Democrats, a handful of moderate Republicans and Obama's Cabinet members—including Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

But members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—who represent the top leaders in each branch of the armed forces—were notably stoic. Although tradition dictates that members of the Joint Chiefs, the Supreme Court and the press refrain from visible reactions to political pronouncements made during the State of the Union address, members of the Joint Chiefs did enthusiastically applaud two other statements in the speech—a call for taking better care of veterans and a strong warning to Iran about its nuclear ambitions.

Advocacy groups on both sides of the issue reacted immediately to the announcement. The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay-rights organization, sent an e-mail message to supporters laying out its strategy for repealing the



STATE OF THE UNION President Obama's pledge last week to push for the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was met with disapproval from social conservatives. (White House photo by Pete Souza)

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that prevents openly gay soldiers from serving.

But a press release from the conservative Family Research Council denounced what they called Obama's plan to "sexualize the military."

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission called Obama's plan to do away with the policy "wrong headed" and would disrupt the armed forces.

"We have an all-volunteer military, and it is the best in the world. I am told by Southern Baptists serving in our military anywhere from corporal to colonel that attempts to implement such a policy would lead to massive resignations from our military forces," Land said.

The DADT policy is the result of a compromise forged when then-President Bill Clinton attempted to repeal the military's long-standing ban on gay soldiers in 1993 and ran up against strong opposition. However, discharges for homosexuality have actually increased under DADT, and gay-rights groups have roundly denounced it as an ineffective and discriminatory policy. (ABP)

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'I noticed everything my parents did wrong'

Boarding school is not for bad students, it simply offers a different environment

I recently attended a meeting where I heard something that I often hear: Someone asked why a student would need to attend boarding school. Many presume that those students must have some real problems and therefore were "sent" to boarding school.

While I understand why some would come to that conclusion, the truth is that many students just need to be in a different learning and living environment.

Many readers know that my wife and I attended OBI and met while students here. My introduction to Oneida was through some friends at church who knew my home environment was not good. In fact, I had attended 13 different schools before I came to OBI as a junior.

In short, I was never kicked out of a school, but we were very poor and didn't pay our rent, so we were frequently evicted. I was deeply thankful for the stability and structure Oneida provided.

I recently received an e-mail from one of our graduates. It is not uncommon to receive e-mails, letters or phone calls from former students thanking me for the opportunity they had to attend Oneida. The e-mail came from "Gayle" (not her real name) which read in part: "I miss OBI so much. It's going on five years since I graduated and I cannot tell you how grateful and appreciative I am for being able to spend my high school years at OBI. I not only received an education, I also ... learned important life lessons and became much stronger in my faith."

The truth is that Gayle did have some prob-

lems with parental authority and respect, which is not uncommon in many homes. The conflicts had gotten so bad that she needed a different living environment. During times of conflict, it often is a waste of time to try to convince a person—adult or teenager—that they may be part of the problem. Gayle was no exception.

Here is part of what Gayle told me about life before Oneida: "Looking back, I see my faults and the things I could have done to make the situations better, but at that time I didn't really feel that I was in the wrong at all. But I sure noticed everything my parents did wrong."

Gayle was so involved in the conflict that she wasn't able to take any responsibility for the stress and conflicts. She needed a different living environment. She had to quickly learn to share space and also had to learn how to solve conflicts between herself and her roommates.

But Oneida was just what Gayle needed. Here again is part of what she told me at graduation in 2005: "My grades sky-rocketed at Oneida. They were not really bad before, but I went from 'B's, 'C's and maybe 'D's to 'A's and 'B's. For the first time since the third grade, I was on the honor roll. It was a real personal achievement.

"I became a Christian when I was 8 years old, but I didn't start living for Him until last year (her junior year). I enjoyed daily chapel. ... Putting me in Oneida, putting me in the chapel pews day after day, and putting me in the Bible classes was just His way of molding me into the Christian young lady I am becoming."

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

Campbellsville at Clear Creek

Ky. Baptist schools establish master's degree partnership

By Jay Sulfridge
Dean of institutional advancement

Near the entrance to Campbellsville University, a historical marker offers the following information:

"Founded as Russell Creek Academy by Russell Creek Assoc. of Baptists in 1906. C.R. Hoskins sold ten-acre site for \$1,000. On founding committee were J.L. Atkinson, J.R. Davis, George Durrett, James Garnett, Jr., S.E. Kerr, W.R. Lyon, B.W. Penick, Alexander Shively, W.T. Underwood, and H.C. Wood."

On the reverse side: "Traveling central Kentucky by buggy, L.C. Kelly, T.E. Ennis, H.S. Robinson, Abel Harding, Ed Henderson, C.M. and J.R. Durham raised funds needed to maintain Russell Creek Academy. Institution became Campbellsville Junior College in 1924. Administration Building with classrooms and library burned in 1939. Rebuilt and became senior college, 1960."

Isn't it fascinating how history travels its winding path only to cross the same points over again at later dates? The Russell Creek Academy was founded in 1906. In 1924, tough times hit and L.C. Kelly hit the road to raise funds necessary to

keep the work alive. Two years later, in 1926, Dr. Kelly founded the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, now known as Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. In 1946, Clear Creek became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, making it a sister school to Campbellsville.

Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Now, in 2010, Campbellsville will offer classes on the Clear Creek campus. Students will be able to work toward a Master of Theology degree from Campbellsville. Too bad Dr. Kelly didn't know that, as he traveled for what would be Campbellsville University, he was preserving a partnership that would not exist for years to come.

The paths of Campbellsville and Clear Creek now cross again with this partnership. The classes will meet on Monday nights each week. The first course in the program to be offered will be New Testament history and interpretation, which will meet from March 1 to April 19. For more information about the program, contact the admissions office at Campbellsville University at (800) 264-6014.

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Every adult has a will

Dying without proper will is risky for those left behind

If you are 18 years old or older and a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, you have a last will and testament. The crucial issue is whether you or the commonwealth has dictated your last will and testament.

Unless you have a written document that clearly states your intentions regarding the disposition of your assets at death and decisions regarding the guardianship of minor children, those most important decisions will be made by the commonwealth in accordance with the interstate succession statutes, which most likely will not be in accordance with your wishes had you documented them in a last will and testament. What a tragedy that could be for those individuals and charities you love.

A last will and testament is the cornerstone of any estate plan. Properly prepared, it will ensure your wishes are carried out after you die. With a properly prepared will you can:

- Name your choice of executor to administer your estate.
- Make specific bequests to individuals and ministries of your choosing.

- Create trusts for special-needs beneficiaries, including minor children.

- Name a guardian(s) of your choosing for your minor children.

Kentucky Baptist Foundation Trust Counsel Laurie Valentine recommends you review your estate-planning documents at least every three to five years, or after major life changes, as in:

- Marital status.
- Birth of a child or grandchild.
- Relocation from one state to another.
- Significant change in the ownership or value of assets.
- Retirement.
- Receipt of inheritance.

Statistically, 60 percent of people die without a will, and 70 percent of those with wills have not updated them. If you have not exercised the privilege of having your own will, or need to update one, don't wait! Call Valentine toll free for a confidential consultation. There is no cost or obligation. The cost already has been paid by the collective giving of Kentucky Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program.

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Super Bowl XLIV

'Focus' ad featuring Tebows causing controversy as CBS stands firm

By Michael Foust

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Focus on the Family's Super Bowl ad featuring Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and his mother, Pam, won't air until this weekend, but it already has generated plenty of buzz and controversy.

The subject of the ad won't be known until it is aired—the Colorado organization is only saying the theme will be "celebrate family, celebrate life"—but several pro-choice groups are assuming it will focus on the issue of abortion and have urged CBS to pull the ad.

On the flip side, fans of the former University of Florida quarterback, as well as Christians who align with the conservative beliefs of Focus on the Family, are excited about the ad, even if they, too, are in the dark as to the exact topic.

Speculation that it will touch on pro-life themes centers on the fact that Pam Tebow, when pregnant with Tim, her fifth child, was urged by a doctor to have an abortion. She was living in the Philippines with her family at the time and had a life-threatening infection. She opted to keep the baby.

The stirring story has been shared on a national stage, most notably during the 2007 Heisman Trophy presentation. But that TV audience pales in comparison to the 90-100 million viewers who will tune in to watch Super Bowl XLIV.

Gary Schneeberger, vice president of media relations for Focus on the Family, told Baptist Press there's a good reason the family-help organization is not releasing the transcript of the ad.

"It's not like we're trying to be coy," he insisted. "We really want it to stand out, because we do believe it's a very inspirational message. Anything that's said in advance that tells exactly what it's about takes away from what we hope is the simple power of what the ad does."

Despite the pressure on CBS from a few groups, the network is comfortable with the ad, Schneeberger said.

"We've been working with them for months," he said. "They've seen the script, they've approved the script and they know full well who Focus on

the Family is and what we stand for. They know that some people are ideologically not aligned with some of the things that we believe."

Last week, CBS backed Schneeberger's claim releasing a statement saying that the broadcaster had eased restrictions on what they called "advocacy ads" and would allow ones that were "responsibly produced" to air during the Super Bowl.



STORY TO SHARE Tim Tebow, and his mother, Pam, will be featured in a television commercial to be aired during Super Bowl XLIV this weekend. The Focus on the Family ad is drawing criticism from pro-choice groups, but CBS has announced it will run the commercial.

Focus on the Family will run at least two ads Feb. 7—one during the pre-game show and one during the game itself, Schneeberger said. It is not known how much Focus on the Family paid for the ads—the organization isn't saying and CBS doesn't release its prices publicly—but by some estimates a 30-second ad aired during the game costs around \$2.5 million. Schneeberger said all of the money for the ad came from some "very generous" donors who gave to the organization specifically to see the ad aired.

The National Organization for Women and the Feminist Majority Foundation have joined with the Women's Media Center to ask CBS to drop the ad. The groups call Focus on the Family "an anti-equality,

anti-choice, homophobic organization" and, in a statement, urge CBS to pull the ad because the network—and other networks—has refused to broadcast various controversial ads in the past.

Last year, NBC chose not to air a pro-life ad from CatholicVote.org that showed an ultrasound of a baby in the womb and noted how a child who came from a broken home and was abandoned by his father grew up to become the nation's first African American president. NBC also turned down an ad by the animal-rights group PETA reportedly because the organization chose not to tone down the explicit sexual nature of the ad.

Schneeberger, while not addressing the speculation about the ad's content, said the fact that the ad is coming from a nonprofit organization will stand out.

"We're not trying to sell the American people a car," he said. "We're not trying to sell anything. We're celebrating families and we're hoping to inspire families." (BP)

Study: Sex—in films—just doesn't sell

Washington—Contrary to the popular adage, sex—at least in movies—doesn't sell.

That's the conclusion of a study by two researchers who examined the content of 914 movies made between 2001-05 and found that films containing nudity are less likely to succeed at the box office or win awards and praise from movie critics. The study was published in the latest issue of the journal of Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts, a publication of the American Psychological Association.

"Sex neither sells nor impresses," the authors of the study wrote. "It is manifest that anyone who argues that sex either sells or impresses must be put on notice. At present, no filmmaker should introduce such content under the assumption that it guarantees a big box office, earns critical acclaim or wins movie awards."

The top 10 films in the study—led by "Shrek 2" and "Spiderman"—contained no nudity or significant sexuality. The authors also noted that the Top 10 movies of all time, adjusted for inflation, also contained no nudity or significant amount of sexuality, with the lone exception being "Titanic." Rated PG-13, the 1997 blockbuster Titanic "appears to be an anomaly" to the rule, the study noted.

The authors, Cerridwen Anemone of Vancouver and Dean Keith Simonton of the University of

California-Davis, examined the movies by using data compiled by ScreenIt.com, a Web site that offers detailed reports of a film's content. The researchers studied a movie's critical reviews by using the Web site Metacritic.com—which averages ratings—and examined a movie's success at the Oscars and Golden Globes.

The researchers found that movies with nudity not only did worse at the box office in the United States, but also did worse worldwide.

"It cannot just be U.S. puritanical values operating if sex sells even less abroad," the study said. "In fact, no matter what the market, sexual content appears to have much the same adverse impact as smoking, alcohol/drugs and profanity."

The study, though, did have some bad news for concerned parents: violence—although not the focus of the research—apparently leads to higher box office totals, on average.

The researchers proposed three theories as to why sex does not sell in movies:

- It once did sell but no longer does so because sexual material is available on the Internet.
- It does sell but only does so with famous actresses (something not examined in the study).
- It never did sell in the first place and was simply an urban myth.

They said, though, it is clear that sex, on average, inhibits box office success. (BP)

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Hall of Famers

Former KBC exec, wife, honored for Georgetown College service

Georgetown—Former Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director William Marshall and his wife, Alice, were inducted into Georgetown College's Hall of Fame Jan. 26.

The Marshalls were honored for their long-standing service to the college as part of Georgetown's Founders' Day convocation service. They were inducted along with fellow Georgetown alumni Horace and Maribeth Hambrick, W. Wayne Johnson and Robert Meredith.

William Marshall served as KBC head from 1983-97. Prior to his work with the state convention, Marshall and his wife served as career Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East. He also served as a vice president with the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board).

After Marshall's retirement from the KBC, he and Alice became co-directors of Georgetown College's Marshall Center until stepping aside in 2008.

The Marshalls said the Hall of Fame honor was certainly a surprise to them.

"Having seen so many faces on the walls of the Hall of Fame room and having either known or known about many of them, I was not prepared for the call ... that the committee had selected us to receive such an honor," William Marshall said.

"It's like someone you have loved for a very long time who surprises you with an extravagant gift you would never expect and humbles you with the feeling you really don't deserve," he added. "God works in mysterious ways."

Another couple with Georgetown ties, Horace and Maribeth Hambrick, also was honored.

Horace Hambrick was a professor of history at Georgetown for 46 years, chairing the department for 26 of those. Maribeth Hambrick served as presi-



Bill and Alice Marshall

dent of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union from 1978-81 and led the Georgetown College Woman's Association for several years.

The Hambricks both have served as members of the KBC's Executive Board (now Mission Board), and are deacons at Georgetown Baptist Church.

The late W. Wayne Johnson was a professor of music at Georgetown College for 35 years, also chairing the music department. He directed the school's A Capella Choir from 1971-83. The Johnson-Shrout Memorial Fund was started in his memory several years ago.

The late Robert Meredith served as a U.S. district court judge for the Western District of Kentucky from the time of his appointment by President Ronald Reagan in 1985 until his death in 1994; three of those years were spent as the district's chief judge. Prior to his time on the bench, Meredith was a U.S. attorney for Kentucky's Western District.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 5-6 Region 4 Disaster Relief Recertification and Training, Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 15 Regional Church Financial Benefits Conference, First Baptist Church, Calvert City, and Oakland Baptist Church.
- 16 Regional Church Financial Benefits Conference, CrossPointe Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Versailles Baptist Church.

- 17 Regional Church Financial Benefits Conference, Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 20 Kentucky Changers Crew Chief Training, Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 22-23 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
- 27 Region 3 and 7 RA Congress, South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville.

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MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

- **HODGENVILLE**—First Church recently called **Claude Ramey** as minister of students and community. **Mike Rodgers** is pastor.
- **LEXINGTON**—Boone's Creek Church will hold revival services Feb. 7-10, 7 p.m. with **Hershael York**, pastor of Buck Run Church in Frankfort, as evangelist. **Matthew Perry** is pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Green Acres Church recently called **George Yates** as interim pastor.
- Hurstbourne Church ordained **Chris Hatcher**, **Matthew Hinton** and **Frank Waters** as deacons Jan. 31. **Mike O'Neal** is pastor.
- **McKINNEY**—McKinney Church ordained **Jason Brock** as a deacon Jan. 24. **Paul Hines** is pastor.

Spotlight on ...

Lebanon



Woodlawn Church will host a soup dinner and singing fundraiser for Haiti relief efforts Feb. 7, 6 p.m. All donations will go to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's fund for disaster relief efforts in Haiti. For more information, call Pastor **Greg Haynes** at (270) 692-4825.

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SEEKING: The search committee of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in Brentwood, Tenn., is soliciting resumé for the position of president-treasurer. College degree and five years experience in finance-related work required. Supervisory experience. Must be a committed Christian active in a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Energetic self-starter a must. Interested individuals contact: George Gibson, 100 Coventry Wynde, Kingsport, TN 37664; (423) 288-8982; or gandsgibs@charter.net.

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SEEKING: Full-time pastor for First Baptist Church, Olive Hill, Ky. Send resumé to: First Baptist Church, PO Box 568, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister for Ghent Baptist Church. Youth minister will be responsible for leading middle- and high-school-age youth. Formal religious training is preferred, but not mandatory. Experience working with youth is important. A parsonage is available for housing. If interested, submit a resumé to Ghent Baptist Church, PO Box 457, Ghent, KY 41045, Attn: Pastor Graham Reynolds.

SEEKING: Pastor with 5+ years experience, seminary degree, to lead a Southern Baptist church in a key location with great opportunity to grow. Send resumé to Ira Linville, chair, Crestwood Baptist Church, 1043 Tamworth Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister for Lowell Avenue Baptist Church in Campbellsville, Ky. Seeking individual with a passion for youth and a desire to see them grow in Christ. Candidates must be associated with a Southern Baptist church. Please send resumé to: Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, 420 Lowell Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718; or e-mail resumé to lowellabc@windstream.net.

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SEEKING: Part-time children's minister for Beechmont Baptist Church in south Louisville. Contact Derek Yelton at (502) 368-5806.

SEEKING: Senior pastor. Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence, Ky. (www.HickoryGrove.net) is seeking an educated and experienced minister with SBC background. Candidates should demonstrate strong leadership, communication, follow-through and evangelism. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, HGBC, PO Box 640, Independence, KY 41051. No phone calls or e-mails please. Applications will be accepted through 2-27-2010.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., a conservative Southern Baptist church, is seeking a full-time minister of music to serve alongside four full-time ministers. Sunday morning worship includes a contemporary and a traditional service. Contact Pastor Herb Hester at 108 E Grundy St., Tullahoma, TN 37388; or hester.herb@fbctullahoma.org.

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Mike Morgan



Sunny's stormy day

By Todd and Michelle Deaton

Ollie Oyster put on his new Sunday outfit to go to Surfside Church. Ollie liked the way the ocean blue sweater with a little red and yellow sailboat looked. His tan pants had suspenders, and he wore a red bowtie.

As Ollie walked to church, Sunny Starfish was the first friend he saw. Sunny is usually the nicest starfish in Sand Dollar Cove. But she was having a bad day.

Sunny woke up late. While rushing to get dressed, she ripped her favorite dress. Sunny liked Sunday mornings because her mom made pancakes, but this morning her little brother knocked the bowl of batter onto the floor. She had to eat cold cereal.

Before Ollie could say hello, Sunny snapped, "You look like a blue walrus."

Ollie felt like Sunny had taken his prize pearl. "This is my new outfit," he muttered.

"That wasn't nice," said Clarice Clam. "You hurt his feelings."

"Oh, clam up!" Sunny yelled.

At that moment, Seamore Seahorse and Craig Crab ran past Sunny. They were playing tag, and Lenny Lobster was chasing them. Lenny reached to grab Craig's shell, but he tripped and knocked Sunny down.

"Get your clumsy claws off me," Sunny shouted.

That afternoon, everyone went to Ollie's backyard to play. Sunny wanted to play, too. But Craig yelled, "Go home! We don't want to play with you."

"Why did you say that?" asked Seamore.

"Because she's being mean to everybody," said Craig.

Sunny slowly walked home. She had gone as far as Solomon the wise sea turtle's house, where she sat down and began to cry.

Solomon came out to sit in his porch swing and saw Sunny. "This is not like her," Solomon thought. "She's always so cheerful."

"Why aren't you playing with the others?" Solomon asked.

A big tear rolled down her cheek. "No one wants me around," Sunny cried.

"Why?" Solomon asked.

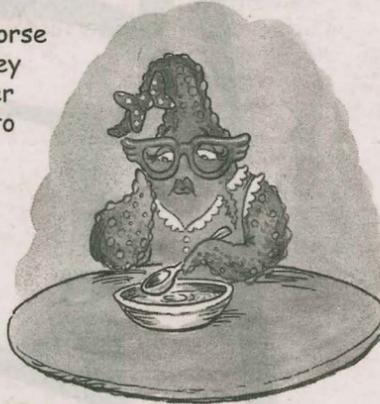
"Well, I was mean to Clarice, and I said Ollie's sweater was ugly," Sunny admitted. "Oh, and I called Lenny clumsy," she added.

"I see," Solomon nodded. "A stormy day?"

"Yeah, and they won't play with me ever again," she cried.

"Oh, I think they will, but you'll have to treat them nicer," Solomon said. "Kind words make others stay; mean words send them away."

The next day when Sunny rang Solomon's doorbell, she seemed happier. "Thanks, Solomon," Sunny said. "I told Ollie that I really liked his sweater and that it brought out the blue in his shell. I told Lenny that I was sorry and that he really wasn't clumsy. Now we're friends again."



"What about Clarice?" Solomon asked.

"I tried to be nice to Clarice. But I guess it didn't work," Sunny said. "She turned and walked away."

"Keep trying, Sunny. Sometimes it takes longer for some to get over hurt feelings," Solomon urged. "Did you learn anything from all this?" he asked.

"Yes," Sunny smiled. "A bad day is a lot tougher without friends."



Treasure Hunt

Why was Sunny having a bad day? What did she do that was mean? How did Sunny show the others that she was sorry? Have you ever hurt someone's feelings? How could you show that person that you are sorry? Read Proverbs 15:1 together.

For Heaven's Sake



Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

By Elizabeth Smith

Across

- "Abraham built an ____" (Genesis 22:9)
- "After these ____" (Genesis 22:1)
- Public transportation
- Needed for a shower
- "Where is the lamb for a ____ offering?" (Genesis 22:7)
- Irish freedom fighters, abbr.
- Peter said, "____, we have left all" (Mark 10:28)
- Male pronoun
- "____ took all the silver" (1 Kings 15:18)
- Study for an exam
- Exclamation
- Asian beast of burden
- Concern
- Isaac's replacement (Genesis 22:13)
- First person pronoun
- Place where Mary and Joseph found no room
- Preposition that indicates belonging
- Where Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22:2)
- He "laid the wood ____ order" (Genesis 22:9)
- "God will ____" (Genesis 22:8)
- "I and the lad will ____ yonder" (Genesis 22:5)
- Company, abbr.
- The opposite of followed

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- Irish county, abbr.
- Lemon thirst quencher
- Elongated fish
- "Abraham and the ____ went together" (Genesis 22:5)
- Adjective suffix indicating nationality or "somewhat"
- Simile preposition
- "Abraham rose up ____" (Genesis 22:3)
- Abraham took three ____ to reach the mountain (Genesis 22:4)

- Transportation on tracks, abbr.
- The story's main character
- Northeastern state
- Either
- Sky fellow, abbr.
- Nurses, abbr.
- Where Abraham was told to go (Genesis 22:2)
- ____ up, excited
- "The ____ of the Lord called unto him" (Genesis 22:11)
- A swollen mass of tissue
- The ____ was laid on the altar (Genesis 22:9)
- "Abraham ... saw the ____ afar off" (Genesis 22:4)
- "Abraham lifted up his ____" (Genesis 22:4)
- School group
- "Pharaoh ... sought to ____ Moses" (Exodus 2:15)
- Inquiring noise
- Overhead train

Down

- The kind of job your car needs
- "God tested ____" (Genesis 22:1NIV)
- What a baseball player wants
- Where the ram was caught (Genesis 22:13)
- Abraham's son
- Negative
- Guy's date
- Voiced
- "None can ____ his hand" (Daniel 4:35)

Last week's solution

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