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## World Cup Witness

### American players proclaim Christ on international stage

Despite being eliminated from the tournament last weekend, the members of Team USA represented their country well in the World Cup in South Africa.

The Americans' World Cup dreams fell short as they lost to Ghana in a heartbreaking 2-1 match that went into extra time.

While the goal of bringing the United States' first World Cup title home may have ended, Team USA's Christians understand their true reward awaits them elsewhere.

God "has a plan for you," said Team USA forward Herculez Gomez. "There's a quote that I remember growing up where it says for a rich man to get into heaven, it's as hard as it would be for a camel to get through the eye of a needle."

"So, it kind of makes me think like this is great, but there's still more out there," Gomez continued. "This isn't all there is."

Gomez and other Christ followers on Team USA used the international stage to share about their faith and how it affects them both on and off the field.

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Fans of Team USA showed up in abundance at stadiums and other venues in South Africa and in front of television sets for the team's four World Cup matches against England, Slovenia, Algeria and Ghana. (Photo by Max Powell/IMB)

### Team USA goalkeeper Tim Howard talks about his faith in Jesus Christ

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## Pastor aims to involve everyone at multi-ethnic congregation

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

Radcliff—With a healthy mixture of Koreans, Americans and Hispanics, New Life Baptist Church is one of the more unusual congregations in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

It also is one of the fastest growing. After dwindling to a few dozen five years ago, the Radcliff church averages 150 on a Sunday, with an all-time high attendance of 200 this past Easter.

Ron Anderson, a member since 1995, said most Korean-American churches are aimed at Korean audiences, with sermons translated into English on headsets.

At New Life, Pastor Hyuk Lee preaches the bulk of his sermons in English while switching to Korean at various points. That differs from the past, when Korean and American pastors delivered sermons to separate audiences.

Like others who have been at the church for many years, Anderson credits the growth to Lee, who came to New Life in May of 2005.

"Most of the time Korean pastors aren't there to associate with the American people," Anderson said. "Pastor Lee has it totally different. He's there for the entire congregation and encourages the men."

In addition to bringing families into the same service, founding member Art Webster said since Lee's arrival, such instruments as the horn, clarinet and violin have augmented the piano.

That provides a more upbeat flavor to the traditional hymns the church plays. See Hardin County ... *Page 2*

## Expanded 1:8 Leadership Experience gets students on mission

### Thirty Kentucky BCM students involved in summer missions in state, U.S. & Haiti

By Garrett Wishall  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—Thirty college students from Baptist Campus Ministries from across the state of Kentucky are spending the summer sharing the gospel, rebuilding homes and working with the homeless in Haiti and inner-city Denver, San Francisco and Louisville as part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's 1:8 Leadership Experience.

Based on the Acts 1:8 command to take the gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth, the 1:8 Leadership Experience combines discipleship and teaching with missions and evangelism to create a full-orbed ministry experience. "We are seeking to develop stu-

dents for leadership now, on their campuses and in the future in local churches," said Keith Inman, director of the KBC's collegiate/young adult department. "The purpose of the 1:8 Leadership Experience is to get students involved in missions and evangelism (combined with) discipleship and leadership development."

As it enters its third year, the program has expanded to include East and West student ministry teams, each of which will serve for eight weeks. Inman said the east/west division was set up to meet increasing student demand.

"We are looking at continuing to expand in the future," he noted. See Ky. college student ... *Page 2*



SUMMER FUN Members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's 1:8 Leadership Experience West team play a parachute game with a group of children at a housing complex in inner-city Denver. Now in its third year, the 1:8 Leadership Experience has expanded to two teams in order to accommodate the demand. Thirty-three students from Kentucky colleges are participating this summer. (Photo by Evelyn Fuson)

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## Ky. college student summer missions teams gain valuable ministry, leadership experience

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"Next year, we are looking at the possibility of sending a team to China and also perhaps Turkey and South America.

"Part of the reason for expanding is mobilizing as many students as we can to be on mission and to see that it comes right out of the heart of the church," Inman added.

The East team's experience began June 6 and continues through July 30. Throughout June, the East team is based at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, as they work with the Jefferson Street Baptist Center, Kentucky Changers and several local churches. The group then will work with First Baptist Church of Salyersville before leaving for Haiti July 8, where they will do water purification ministry and disaster relief work.

Inman is leading the West team, whose summer began June 1 and runs through July 24. The West team is ministering in Denver for most of this month with that city's Bear Valley Church and other area church plants.

Beginning July 1, the West team will spend 17 days serving in San Francisco.

"We will be plugged in to ministries that work with homeless people, an AIDS/HIV ministry and a human trafficking ministry," Inman pointed out.

Colorado Christian University is housing the West team in Denver, with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary filling that role while they're in San Francisco. After its time in California, the West team will return to Kentucky to also work with First Baptist, Salyersville.

The 1:8 Leadership Experience includes a teaching/discipleship component that will be led by Southern Seminary's Albert Mohler and Chuck Lawless, as well as BCM directors from across the state, Inman said.

"When we think about leadership, we think about three different components: being connected, having competence and having solid Christian character," he noted. "College is a great time to discover what your passions are and what you are good at. We want to expose students to people who are in ministry."



The 1:8 West team forms a human "wall of Jericho" to illustrate the story of Rahab for kids in Denver. (Photo by Evelyn Fuson)

Inman said students raise half the money needed for the experience themselves. The other half comes from money raised by Kentucky BCMs Kentucky for state missions and from the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

Katie Smith, who is about to enter her senior year at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, said she is grateful to be on the West team after hearing about the program when it began.

"I heard about it through my campus minister when it first started a couple years ago and this year I filled out the application and prayed through it a lot," she said. "What they were doing seemed really good, and as I prayed through it, I really felt like it is what God wanted me to do."

Trenton Fleener, a recent graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, is participating in the 1:8 Leadership Experience for a second straight year. He said he particularly appreciated the discipleship training he received during his first summer and is excited to be doing the program again.

"It was so great last year," he said, "so I decided I might as well do it" again.

Students were selected for the 1:8 Leadership Experience in November by BCM directors and the KBC.

### 1:8 Leadership East team:

**Katie Goins**, team coordinator, Northern Kentucky University associate campus minister.

**Kelsey Barber**, Western Kentucky University.

**Madison Branstetter**, University of the Cumberlands.

**Bayley Davis**, Northern Kentucky University.

**Heather Dolce**, Murray State University.

**Claire Heitzman**, University of Kentucky.

**Lauren Hoeks**, University of Louisville.

**Chris Jeffrey**, University of Louisville.

**Anna Key**, Murray State University.

**Kara Monroe**, Eastern Kentucky University.

**Kenny Newton**, University of the Cumberlands.

**Kelly Poston**, University of Kentucky.

**Allen Reed**, University of the Cumberlands.

**Mark Reeves**, Western Kentucky University.

**Whitney Smith**, Alice Lloyd College.

**Robin Watson**, Morehead State University.

### 1:8 Leadership West team:

**Stephanie Tartar**, team coordinator, Northern Kentucky University graduate.

**Jeremiah Ellis**, Berea College.

**Austin Fatkin**, Western Kentucky University.

**Jenny Ferguson**, Northern Kentucky University.

**Trenton Fleener**, Kentucky Wesleyan College graduate.

**Evelyn Fuson**, Georgetown College.

**Daniel Gifford**, Western Kentucky University.

**Audrey Harned**, Murray State University.

**Kaitlin Kirkpatrick**, Eastern Kentucky University.

**Chris Leeper**, University of Kentucky.

**Erika Maynard**, Eastern Kentucky University.

**Kyle Riffe**, Morehead State University.

**Katie Smith**, University of the Cumberlands.

**Amanda Sutton**, University of Kentucky.

**Madison Wesley**, University of the Cumberlands.

**Sarah Whisman**, Morehead State University.

**Jocelyn Yuen**, University of Louisville.

## Campbellsville University offers students taste of campus with LINC

Campbellsville—Visiting is typically the best way for a student to know if he or she wants to attend a particular college. Also, attending an orientation program provides students with all they need to know about a school.

Campbellsville University is offering four LINC student orientation sessions, the next of which is planned for July 8-9. The final LINC session is set for July 29-30.

"LINC is the best opportunity for you and your family to see firsthand your new 'home away from home,'" said Josh Anderson, Campbellsville's dean of students. "Attending one of our LINC new student orientations is vitally important to the transition and success of entering this exciting new phase of your life as a student at Campbellsville University."

LINC is an overnight event designed to acquaint incoming students and their families with campus life and connect them to the services and opportunities available at Campbellsville University.

Anderson said another important focus of the event is to introduce students and families to the school's faculty and staff.

"Meeting the faculty and staff helps develop a relationship and that enables each student to feel more comfortable talking and reaching out to one of us for assistance once the fall semester begins in August," Anderson said.

Incoming students also can meet with their academic advisors and schedule their classes.

To get more information about the program or to make a reservation—which is required for participation—visit [www.Campbellsville.edu/LINC-Registration](http://www.Campbellsville.edu/LINC-Registration). Deadlines for making a reservation are one week prior to the orientation date.

There is no cost to attend a LINC session, but there is a \$5 charge per person for the evening meal.

## Hardin County congregation blends Korean, American, Hispanic cultures

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church has always sung, which fits with the pastor's philosophy of worship.

"Our worship is alive," said Lee, a 2009 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. "We focus on worship and everything goes from there. All kind of activities come alive."

However, it isn't just unified, more vibrant services that has made the difference, Webster explained.

"It has to do with outreach to everyone," said Webster, a deacon since the church's founding. "The pastor reaches out to everyone, whatever nationality. When people come in, the atmosphere is welcoming."

The church has a heavy military presence, with many members on active duty or retired from the service. A number of the men have Korean spouses.

When Lee arrived, he switched to one message for everyone to bring those families together.

In addition, the pastor has tried to shake up traditions that favored women and seniors.

"I thought the church would die slowly

if we went that way," Lee noted. "I dramatically changed the way we do things and I think it's worked. More people are getting involved in church activities."

That includes discipleship training in Korean and English and a Woman's Missionary Union that sponsors three bazaars a year. Among the missionaries the church supports is David Nam, the church's founding pastor, who is on the field in Central Asia.

New Life also has a revitalized Baptist Men's group that has almost 30 men involved. Their most recent project in May was installing a roof on a couple's mobile home in Vine Grove. An early spring yard sale raised \$3,500 for those in need and other church programs.

It also hosts vacation Bible school and has a choir that has performed concerts in other venues, including this year's state WMU meeting.

"The choir is invited to perform by other churches and organizations because of their ability to sing in Korean and English," Anderson said. "They got a large, standing ovation" at the WMU meeting.

Despite this activity, the soft-spoken

Lee foregoes any personal credit. Noting the Korean mindset is to have the pastor do everything, he said he wants to involve everyone in New Life's operations.

"I'm not doing this by myself," he said. "Everyone loves the church. They're so passionate about it. I try to give up as much as possible to work for God. Even if people make a mistake, it's not a big deal."

New Life Baptist originated because members wanted more of an opportunity to participate in church governance, according to another founding member, Enrique Rivera.

"It hasn't all been a honey trail," Rivera said. "We've gone through four pastors and had our aches and pains. But we finally found Pastor Lee and he's stabilized the church to quite an extent. He's taking us forward in a prayerful way."

And, the pastor is getting involved in parishioners' lives, Rivera said.

He called Lee an "all-around pastor" who performs weddings and funerals as part of the faithfulness that he demonstrates. "Commitment is what has made the difference," Rivera said. "The people are very satisfied."

With his Hispanic background and Korean wife, Rivera is an example of the church's ability to blend several cultures. This kind of approach is becoming increasingly important to Kentucky Baptists amid the state's shifting demographics.

Rivera said getting along takes a firm commitment and understanding.

Webster, who has been married to a Korean woman for 40 years, agreed.

"Koreans are a lot more formal than Americans, in a lot of aspects," he said. "We bring the cultures together and try to blend them, not change them. To get along, you've got to understand their culture and they've got to understand yours."

Despite New Life's success in blending cultures, Lee—elected this year to a three-year term on the KBC Mission Board—hesitated to offer advice on that topic or others.

"I believe God blesses the church," Lee said. "Sometimes pastors learn lots of things and try to teach people, but we should respect the people. Sometimes we need to learn from the congregation. I'm thankful for the opportunity God gave me to be minister of this church."

## SBTS' Mohler to end radio show in July

Louisville—The final live broadcast of "The Albert Mohler Program" will be July 2, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Albert Mohler announced at the end of his radio show June 21, as he prioritizes other ministry responsibilities and media options.

Mohler, in an official letter explaining his plans, expressed gratitude to his listeners, and Salem Communications and others who have had a hand in the radio program. Ed Atsinger and Stu Epperson, founders of the Salem Radio Network and Salem Communications, were among those Mohler thanked for "believing in this program and for building a great Christian radio network that is not afraid to take on the issues and offer conviction."

"I have had the privilege of talking to people all over the world each weekday through the medium of radio," Mohler wrote. "I believe we have indeed developed a model that lived up to our promise of 'intelligent Christian conversation about the issues that matter.' I have been experienced every single day by the experience of sitting behind that microphone and talking to people across the nation and around the world."

Mohler cited ministry responsibilities at Southern Seminary and other media opportunities as reasons for ending the live radio show. While the program is broadcast on more than 100 stations in the United States, Mohler noted that taking the program to the next level likely would involve an expansion to a three-hour daily broadcast. "This is just not a practical possibility," Mohler explained, "given my other responsibilities."

Mohler said more announcements will be made about his media plans in coming days. One component will be a recorded interview and discussion-based program without callers. Mohler said he also will continue to do national broadcast commentary for Salem Communications.

"There is a sense of sadness in leaving this stage of ministry and media for another," Mohler wrote. "I need to be most available—at my best—for those who mean the most to me, to Southern Seminary, and to the advance of Christ's kingdom."

Mohler noted that removing the constraints of a radio schedule will allow him to be more present in other areas of life and ministry.

"I need to be more present on the mission fields of the world, more present with our students and faculty and more present with friends of the seminary," he said. (BP)

## Caner to be removed as Liberty Seminary dean

### Trustees' investigation finds biographical discrepancies of Muslim turned Christian

Lynchburg, Va.—Ergun Caner will no longer lead Liberty University's theological seminary as of June 30, according to a news release from the Lynchburg, Va., school.

A Liberty University board of trustees committee stated June 25 that its review of statements made by Caner, a former Muslim who converted to Christianity, about his background were "self-contradictory."

Caner, who had led Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary since 2005, has claimed in the past that he was raised a "devout Sunni Muslim," but converted to Christianity in high school.

Earlier this year, critics began to allege that Caner has misrepresented several aspects of his past, including claims he was raised in Turkey, rather than Ohio, in a devoutly Muslim home, rather than a nominally religious one. They also disputed Caner's claims he was involved in Islamic jihad



Ergun Caner, who has led Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary since 2005, will not have his contract renewed when it expires June 30, although he will remain in a faculty position. A committee found discrepancies in his background as a former Muslim.

and has debated dozens of Muslims about religion.

Those allegations prompted the review by Liberty University trustees. An investigative committee said it found no evidence to suggest Caner was not a Muslim who converted to Christianity, but "instead, found discrepancies related to matters such as dates, names and places of residence," the news release stated.

According to the committee's release,

Caner's current contract as Liberty Seminary dean expires June 30 and will not be renewed. He will, however, remain a faculty member at the seminary. Caner often is listed as the seminary's president, but the Liberty news release only mentioned his title as dean.

The news release noted that Caner did apologize for the "discrepancies and misstatements that led to this review."

In February, Caner released a statement saying he had "never intentionally misled anyone," but said he may have "misspoke" during his more than 20 years in the pulpit.

He also admitted "referencing a Muslim scholar that I have never met."

"Sin is sin," Caner said, "and if I am dumb enough to say something like that, I should be man enough to deal with it and never make such a grievous error again."

With nearly 4,000 students, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, in Lynchburg, Va., is one of several flagship schools for conservative Baptists. Enrollment has tripled during Caner's tenure, according to Christianity Today.

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## Tenn. summer missionary dies after accident in Maine

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Tennessee Baptist and Reflector

Standish, Maine—Tennessee Baptist summer missionary Palmer Maphet, 20, of Mount Juliet, Tenn., was killed June 16 and three other Tennessee students and their supervisor were injured after the car they were traveling in was struck by another vehicle near Portland, Maine.

Maphet, a sophomore at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, was serving on a travel team sent out by Tennessee Baptist Collegiate Ministry. The team was traveling to minister at Laconia Motorcycle Week in Laconia, N.H., when the accident occurred.

Three other students also were injured: Leah Hardwick, Jackson, a student at Jack-

son State Community College; Justin Owens, Union City, a student at the University of Tennessee, Martin; and Legon Craighead, Gordonsville, a student at Union University in Jackson. Also injured was Marilyn McClendon, the students' supervisor who was driving the car.

Owens, Craighead and McClendon were treated at Maine Medical Center and released the same day. Hardwick was held overnight and released on June 17.

According to a news report by the Portland (Maine) News, a pickup truck crossed into the lane and struck McClendon's car.

"Palmer Maphet was an exceptional Christian man," said Bill Choate, director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries for the Tennessee Baptist

Convention. "He will obviously be missed by so very many."

Maphet was involved in the BCM at Tennessee Tech, according to BCM director John Aaron Matthew.

After the accident, Matthew posted on Facebook that Palmer had served as team leader of his freshman spiritual growth team and this past spring began his new position on the upperclassmen discipleship team. Maphet also was "preparing to reach his dorm for Christ as a community group leader," Matthew wrote.

"Palmer lived a life that was not wasted because he lived his life running hard after Christ in an effort to know God and to make Him known," Matthew also observed.

## CBF to evaluate structure, funding in two-year study

By Bob Allen

Charlotte, N.C.—Facing chronic budget shortfalls, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship moderator Hal Bass has appointed a 14-member task force to study the organization's missional and organizational future.

The task force, emerging from consensus during a recent gathering of leaders of state and regional CBF and partner organizations, will take up to two years to develop a model of funding for the umbrella fellowship movement that fosters "collaboration rather than competition" for resources.

"When we created CBF 20 years ago, we organized an institution with the best thinking we had," CBF Executive Coordinator Daniel Vestal said during a business session of the group's annual General Assembly in Charlotte, N.C., June 25. "In the coming months we will attend to our institutional wellbeing, and we will nurture the movement of God's Spirit within our community, because that is who we are."

Participants adopted a 2010-11 budget of \$14.5 million, down from \$16.1 million last year, in an attempt to get a handle on economic realities. Early in the current fiscal year, the CBF Coordinating Council implemented a contingency spending plan anticipating income at 80 percent of the projection in the adopted budget.

Eight months into the year, receipts were coming in at 73 percent, prompting leaders to ponder even deeper cuts and/or finding ways to increase revenues between now and Oct. 1.

"The fluctuations in the economy have

made the last few years financially difficult," Colleen Burroughs, chair of the Coordinating Council's finance committee, said June 24.

The budget includes a goal of \$5.5 million raised through the CBF's Offering for Global Missions, reduced from \$6.1 million this year but more in line with actual receipts in recent years. Shortfalls in the offering, which provides a majority of the \$8.6 million CBF has budgeted for global missions and ministries initiatives, limit the fellowship's ability to appoint new fully funded missionaries. At a June 23 service, the group commissioned 16 new field personnel who will serve alongside CBF missionaries but raise their own support.

Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., challenged CBF churches and individuals to step up contributions to CBF's missions program.

"The CBF Offering for Global Missions is not above and beyond the budget to do special extra kinds of ministries," she said. "It is the way our field personnel are supported on the field. Specific ministries don't happen if the offering is not received."

While emphasizing the urgency to keep CBF missionaries on the field, leaders insisted the overall fellowship movement is strong.

"We wish we were over 100 percent of budget and over 100 percent of Offering for Global Missions, but I want to assure you of something," immediate past CBF moderator Jack Glasgow said in a breakout session to discuss the budget. "The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship movement is doing more right now than we've ever done before—global missions, con-

gregational resources—we're doing more, not less. It's just that people are giving in different streams and in different ways. ... It's not flowing through the budget, but it's going to the mission field."

Glasgow said helping churches sort out the fellowship's and partner's various funding streams will be a major focus of the "2012 Task Force" chaired by David Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church of Huntville, Ala., that will report at next year's General Assembly in Tampa, Fla., and the 2012 meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We recognize that having a collaborative funding approach, where (as) partners ... we need to be able to come together and say for the next 20 years what is our strategy going to be for getting the dollars to where they need to be that they can be used best," Glasgow said.

Along with funding, the task force will examine ways to streamline organizational structures to help churches and other ministries respond more effectively to global needs and help churches and individuals to embrace their identities as part of the CBF.

Succeeding Bass, a professor at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas, as CBF moderator is Christy McMillan Goodwin, associate pastor at Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C. A graduate of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., she will be the first leader of the organization whose entire adult life has been lived after the Southern Baptist Convention controversy that birthed the movement. (ABP)

## Value of VBS follow-up

Recently my wife, Kay, and I took our grandson, Will, to get his first complete Bible. Although he is a first grader, he chose the one for ages 9-11.

I was gratified to notice that he was reading his Bible on the way home. Since then he has been carrying his Bible in the car in order to read while his family travels.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

Will is a very competitive young man in school and sports, and it is interesting to see that he wants to know the Bible. He has a friend at the Christian school he attends who is very good at reading the Bible. This has been an inspiration for Will.

Vacation Bible school is an excellent time to increase Bible knowledge and understanding for boys and girls. The fun activities at VBS enable the children to experience the truth of God's Word in an enjoyable way. Many will hear and understand the gospel for the first time and respond by coming to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

It is very important for workers to make follow-up visits in the homes of children who make decisions. This is to make sure the children and parents understand the significance of a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the importance of baptism. Often parents who are not active in church will not understand or value the faith experience of a child.

All parents need to be encouraged to bring their children on Sunday for Bible study and worship. Parents who fail to take their children to Bible study are missing an opportunity that cannot be recovered.

VBS provides a wonderful opportunity for outreach to unreached and less active families. Effective ministry to children can be a bridge for families to the church. And these families are more likely to have unreached friends whom they can invite in turn.

A baptism provides an excellent opportunity for the candidates to invite their extended family, friends and neighbors to this great celebration. A brief testimony about how the candidate became a believer adds a meaningful witness and personal touch for guests and members.

New member classes are also essential. These classes help new believers understand how Christ is present with them through the Holy Spirit and how they can grow through Bible study, prayer, witnessing, worship, service and fellowship.

The influence of the weeks in VBS will be felt in the lives of children for a lifetime and for eternity. I want to express my personal words of appreciation for the thousands of workers who have served this summer and those who will serve. I am convinced you cannot find a better investment of your time and resources in the Kingdom of God.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## RA campers find 'Courage for God's mission'

Attending a state Royal Ambassador camp as a boy and then working at that camp while I was in college was a life-impacting experience for me, eventually leading me to respond to God's call into ministry. Answering that call directed me toward making a commitment to serve Christ as a denominational journalist. So when I was invited to speak at a statewide missions education event for men and boys this past weekend at Laurel Lake Baptist Camp near Corbin, I jumped at the chance.

Laurel Lake—a joint venture of six area Baptist associations—offers spacious grounds with three cabins and a large retreat lodge, dining hall, canteen, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoes, a fire pit and, soon, a pool. Approximately 100 boys and their leaders attended the second annual RA camp sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in many years. Based on Deuteronomy 31:6, the program focused on a perfect theme for boys: Courage for God's mission.

Campfires and cabins are a common part of the camp experience. Singing silly songs, telling funny stories or corny jokes, and performing skits create a relaxed setting for dads and sons, boys and church leaders, to bond. Bunking with your buddies at night builds strong, Christian friendships and sometimes can make it easier to share the gospel with a friend.

Outdoor activities abound. Have you ever tried to cross a rope bridge or work your way through a rope maze? Jeremy Hall constructed a challenging ropes course. I can tell you, it takes courage ... and it builds self-esteem. Or, have you tried to change tires as fast as a race car pit crew? Rick and Adrienne Gastineau and volunteers with Pitstop Challenge Ministries coached the boys as they raced against a stopwatch.

Unique missions projects and learning opportunities were encouraged. For example, the boys were asked to bring a canned good for each grade they had completed to help restock a food ministry. The camp featured the state finals for RA Racers—the six-inch, pinewood cars that the boys make during meetings at their churches—and they could enter their cars in an open race for disaster relief by making a \$3 donation to the KBC's Disaster Relief ministry. At Mission Shootouts, the boys displayed their basketball skills and Bible knowledge as they learned about missions.

Rallies featured guest speakers who shared about the need to have courage in following God's will for our lives. On Friday, Cameron Mills, a former star

for the University of Kentucky basketball team that won two national titles, told the boys that winning championship rings and trophies did not change his life or bring lasting satisfaction. Pointing to Philippians 3:8, Mills affirmed, "Jesus satisfies like nothing else ... and that will give you courage for living." On Saturday, Tim Bargo, a Mission Service Corp missionary who leads First Priority, which conducts Bible clubs in 27 schools across southeastern Kentucky, encouraged the boys to "let go of the things that keep you from doing what God wants you to do" and to be ready to tell others about Christ.

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton

And, I shared how God uses ordinary people, like them, doing every day things and turns them into His extraordinary "stars," whose lives shine for Jesus as they show God's love to others.

Archery, hunting games, fishing and swimming are just a few of the summer recreational activities offered at many camps. At this camp, the boys could also do leather crafts and practice knot tying.

Gospel music, performed by Level Ground from London, made for exciting worship times. Originally formed to lead worship for the Celebrate Recovery program at Hawk Creek Baptist Church, the worship team has played with such bands as Todd Agnew, Seventh Day Slumber and Big Daddy Weave.

Equestrian exhibition—Well, it just wouldn't be Kentucky, if there weren't a few horses around, would it? Wilburn Bonta, director of missions for Russell Creek/East Lynn Baptist Association, who coordinates the KBC's equestrian ministries program, brought several horses for the boys to ride. My son, Caleb, took his first ride while Bonta and I talked about the upcoming World Equestrian Games and efforts to minister to the millions who will be coming this fall.

Although the boys may come home talking about all the fun activities, the best part of any Royal Ambassador camp is the decisions made for Christ. During invitation times, at least eight accepted Christ! Six others said they wanted to hear more about Jesus.

As one whose life was significantly impacted by a Royal Ambassador camp, I am grateful to the Baptist men—and women—who are teaching boys about missions through leading Royal Ambassador programs in our churches and who bring them to camps. And I am thrilled that Kentucky Baptists—led by Greta Wilson, missions education consultant for Baptist Men—again are offering life-changing camps for our boys.



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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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## Coming to your church on Monday morning

He cleans the church's carpet regularly, but he's never been invited to worship there. She delivers the church mail daily; but she doesn't know Jesus. The family spent hours there during Aunt Tip's funeral, but none of them go to church.

Yes, guests attend your church for worship services, but additional dozens—even hundreds—walk in on weekdays each year. They come in for directions, weddings, benevolence or after-game fellowships. They attend scouts, daycare, support groups. There's the exterminator, repairman, roofer, delivery person ... and God brings them inside your building. Will they meet Jesus there?

Need fresh ideas to intentionally impact each person who walks in your church doors?

Let your walls talk. Stroll through

your church entryways and offices, carefully observing as if it's your first time there. What can a stranger learn about your church and your God? Attractively display current newsletters, brochures, witnessing tracts and invitations for visitors to take. Carefully read each poster to assure outsiders can understand it. Play Christian music. Use art to point to the One you worship.

### Fresh Ideas



Diana Davis

Salute! Warmly welcome each person who walks in the door. Learn their names. If they need directions, mark a map. When offering benevolence, give it joyfully. Give the postal carrier an icy soda on a hot day. Invite every individual to come for Sunday worship. Promise to pray for them. Use small gift bags to prepare welcome packets with a church brochure, newsletter, CD, upcoming events and a few can-

dies. Then watch for opportunities to share them.

Assign some timely ambassadors. Friendly church members can assist with expected guests, such as weddings or community meetings. They can set a positive atmosphere, help with directions or needs, and show God's love. Serve lunch to construction workers. If the town festival is outside the church doors, serve cold lemonade.

The church's purpose is to share God with the lost world. Seize the opportunity to impact those who come into your building. If a toilet overflows in your church next Monday, will the plumber receive more than just a check for his services?

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity"—Colossians 4:5.

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## Western Baptists' plea: 'We need your help!'

While attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla., I turned on the hotel television as I prepared to go to the convention center.

A flash flood was occurring in Oklahoma and a TV news helicopter was showing live video of a teenage girl being washed down a flooded creek. She was trying desperately to grab tree limbs as she was swept down the creek. Finally she grabbed a strong limb and hung on to a small tree. She still could not get to the bank and occasionally she would lose her grip and wash down to another tree. As the helicopter circled her, I prayed for her.

Within 45 minutes, CNN's coverage showed the girl being rescued by a boat launched by the fire department. At one point the camera zoomed in on the small teenage girl and she looked up and waved as if to say, "I know you are here." The commentators were agonizing over her fate, and they kept saying, "Hold on, help is coming."

Later, at the convention, we deliberated on the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report, and I had mixed feelings about the report's implications. I have been especially concerned about the phasing out of the cooperative agreements between the North American Mission Board and the state conventions. In the state convention where I serve, we are heavily

dependent upon NAMB funding and this will mean some considerable rearrangement of our work. If anything, we need more missionaries, not less.

I reflected on GCRTF Chairman Ronnie Floyd's recent article where he said: "If the GCR recommendations are adopted, more resources are on the way to help reach those regions and states for Christ. If your church or association or state convention is about reaching lost people and planting gospel churches, help is on the way!"

I desperately wanted to believe that even though the GCR report seemed to indicate missionaries and state convention staff jobs were at risk if this proposal was adopted, the intent was to bring about a Great Commission resurgence. I was skeptical of some recommendations, but we were assured that "help is on the way."

I was especially encouraged during the NAMB report when a messenger asked if there could be an emphasis placed on churches adopting other churches in need of assistance. I think that is a great idea which should be encouraged and facilitated by the mission boards, state conventions and associations.

As I traveled home, I reflected on the 105 mostly smaller-membership SBC churches I visit. I'm assisting some of them in their searches to find bivocational pastors, to hold va-

cation Bible schools and to staff and train their Sunday schools. Many of them are struggling financially and numerically. We need help!

I call on Southern Baptists from every part of the country to step up now. We need your help to reach the people in the "under-served" parts of the U.S. and Canada. We need your help to penetrate the great cities of North America.

How about leading your church or association to partner with a smaller-membership church to assist with special projects, such as vacation Bible schools, revivals, evangelistic emphases like "God's Plan for Sharing," building a church building or remodeling existing facilities? When churches and associations come alongside our churches, it encourages them and helps them accomplish more Great Commission work.

To get involved, do a little web surfing on www.SBC.net and look for the state conventions directory on the SBCSearch link. Get in touch with them and ask if there is a church that your congregation could adopt and help. Another resource is the website TheBridge.NAMB.net, which lists projects and links to mission activities.

Christian contemporary group MercyMe has a song with the lyrics, "Hold fast. Help is on the way." I am trusting in that promise. Let's have a Great Commission resurgence!  
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### FIRST PERSON



Richard Nations

## Stopping the blame game

By Valerie Vincent

**Q: For most of my married life, I have been blamed for what goes wrong in the house, with the car, with our kids—pretty much anything. I find myself wanting to blame back. How do we stop the blame game?**

**A:** The blame game can only keep being played if both parties participate. If one party changes the rules, the game can end. Disallowing any mental illness, blame often is a form of self-protection. Why is self-protection needed in the marriage? Sometimes a person's background involves deep wounds, pain, fear or uncertainty.

**Own it.** Rather than reacting, control your own emotions and accept that you may contribute in some way to the issue. Reacting fuels blaming. Accepting the blame stops the cycle. Accepting blame does not mean accepting fault; it means accepting the upset feelings of your partner and making a decision to listen and take responsibility for any contribution you made to the situation.

**Don't react or seek revenge.** Human emotion is strong when accused. It truly is an opportunity to practice self-control and not deliver verbal jabs for blow.

**Listen and explore what's behind the blame.** Explore what the blame is about. Invite your spouse to tell you what is upsetting about the situation. Ask questions that communicate a desire to understand the anger, hurt or fear. This kind of communication leads to intimacy.

**Let Scripture set the standard.** Proverbs 28:13-14 describes the blessed person as one who admits mistakes, confesses and moves on. Romans 3:23-24 reminds us that we all have sinned and are dependent upon God's grace. Hebrews 4:13 and Romans 14:12-13 remind us that we are accountable to God for the way we have lived and that we need to be careful our choices do not cause another to sin. Ephesians 5:15-17 reminds us to think before we act and use every opportunity for doing good.

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## What is private mortgage insurance?

By Jeremy White

Most banks and mortgage lenders require home buyers who put down less than 20 percent on a home purchase to buy private mortgage insurance. Usually, when you are paying insurance premiums, you are buying protection for yourself. Not so with private mortgage insurance, as known as PMI—it protects the lender.

PMI is designed to cover the difference between what is owed on a loan and the home's actual value if a lender should foreclose. The cost of this insurance is added to the mortgage balance.

Let's say that Mr. and Mrs. Newcouple purchase a \$150,000 house. They have enough savings to put down 10 percent, or \$15,000. Because this is less than the customary 20 percent down payment, the lender requires that the Newcouples purchase PMI. On a \$135,000 mortgage, they would pay approximately \$70 per month.

This \$70 each month doesn't add value to the house, help sell the house later or protect the Newcouples in any way. It only helps them buy a house with a lower down payment. It is an additional cost of borrowing.

Tax law changes now allow the cost of PMI to be deducted if a person itemizes his or her tax return. The Form 1099 provided by the lender showing the mortgage interest now also provides the PMI amount paid.

In the 1990s, many lenders continuing to charge PMI for the entire life of the mortgage, or long after the homeowner had built sufficient equity. This led to various lawsuits and improved disclosure about PMI. Despite these improvements, it's important to pay attention to the following:

- Know what criteria must be met to drop the PMI.
- Keep track of your mortgage balance. After several years of payments, you may have reduced the balance enough to drop the PMI.
- Monitor your home's market value. If your home increases in value annually, you would reach the 20 percent equity target sooner.
- Understand the refund provisions. If you prepaid the PMI, you may be entitled to a refund after the lender is repaid when you sell the house.

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## Where is Moses when you need him?

By Dick Staub

Even in the craziness and social upheaval of the 1960s, Crosby Stills Nash and Young observed a simple truth: "You who are on the road must have a code that you can live by."

In the midst of today's political, economic and environmental crises, it seems apparent that we no longer agree on a common code by which we can live.

The Ten Commandments once formed the basis of our communal values: honor your parents, don't murder or lie, steal, commit adultery or covet your neighbor's property. Not that many years ago, many states even had blue laws prohibiting retail activity on the (Christian) Sabbath.

Lest you fear this is another rant about the removal of the Ten Commandments from the public square, let me start with the real issue: whether or not these codes are "written on our hearts," as the Bible says, and applied in our daily lives.

Regardless of one's religion or lack thereof, consider what society might look like if we lived our lives—individually and collectively—in accordance with the Ten Commandments.

What if, for example, politicians stopped lying? What if our economic system was driven by something other than greed and covetousness? What if marriages reflected our deep commitment to fidelity and the honoring of sacred vows? What if parents nurtured children and children responded with love, respect and honor?

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann has concluded in his recent book, "Journey to the Com-

mon Good," that the whole basis for the Ten Commandments was the pursuit of our individual interests within the context of the common good.

"We face a crisis about the common good (today) because there are powerful forces at work among us to resist the common good, to violate community solidarity, and to deny a common destiny," Brueggemann writes. "Mature people, at their best, are people who are committed to the common good that reaches beyond private interest, transcends sectarian commitments, and offers human solidarity."

Ours is a history of laws; a large body of legal evidence shows how the Ten Commandments formed the framework of personal moral restraint that is the basic building block of obedience to the law.

Throughout history, we humans have had a love/hate relationship with the law. When you take a wrong exit, end up in a violent neighborhood, run out of gas and see some menacing thugs approaching your car, you are relieved to see the blue and red flashing lights of law enforcement in your rearview mirror.

But when you get that new convertible and open up the engine to 90 mph on the interstate, you know the feeling of dread when those same blue and red flashing lights approach you. As my friend Earl Palmer once said, "We love the law when it protects us from the tyrant, but we hate the law when we are the tyrant."

Part of the beauty of the Ten Commandments is their simplicity. Ronald Reagan once wondered "what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress." The Bill of Rights has 463 words; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address has 266; the Ten Commandments take up all of 297 easy-to-understand words. A recent federal directive to regulate the price of cabbage, meanwhile, contains 26,911 words.

Jesus boiled down the commandments to something even simpler. The commandments all can be summarized in one word: love. "Love the Lord your God ... and love your neighbor as yourself," Jesus said.

"On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets."

Last week, my wife told me it was really difficult to communicate with me. "You don't listen," she said, "And if you do listen you don't remember, and if you do remember you usually remember it wrong." Another friend's wife added a fourth dimension: "You remember but don't care, because if you cared you'd do something about what I've said."

They're on to something. In these chaotic times, perhaps we all need to take a deep breath, listen to the basic moral virtues encapsulated in the "Big Ten," remember them correctly and do something about them in our individual and communal lives. (RNS) *Dick Staub is author of "The Culturally Savvy Christian" and host of The Kindlings Muse blog, www.TheKindlings.com.*

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## SBC Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

## Moore: Southern Baptists' divorce resolution speaks 'first to ourselves'

By Tom Strode

Orlando, Fla.—A resolution on the “scandal of Southern Baptist divorce” was an attempt “to speak first to ourselves,” the chairman of the Resolutions Committee said after its approval by Southern Baptist Convention messengers at the recent annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

In what appeared to be a unanimous vote June 16, messengers endorsed a resolution that “acknowledged the complicity of many among us for too often failing to show the world the meaning of the gospel through marital fidelity.”

The measure said some studies show conservative Protestants are divorcing at similar rates to the American public as a whole and areas where Southern Baptists predominate frequently have higher divorce rates than “unchurched” regions.

It was past time for Southern Baptists to address the issue directly, said Russell Moore, the Resolution Committee's chairman.

He said at a news conference after passage of the resolution he was “amazed, although divorce has been mentioned in some resolutions in the 20th century, there has not been a resolution that I have found speaking directly and specifically to the issue of divorce since 1904, when this scandal is everywhere in our churches.”

“We have to speak just as clearly and with just as much force and alarm, indeed with more so, to the sins that are rampant among ourselves as we do the things that are on the outside,” Moore told reporters. “Unfortunately, I think sometimes things seem obvious to us when they are not near to us. And so we're able to speak to those things prophetically, but when something is very close to us we tend to lose perspective and not speak to those things.”

“One of the things that the committee wished to do is to speak first to ourselves and to call ourselves to repentance and accountability,” added Moore, who is dean of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of theology and preaching pastor at Louisville's Highview Baptist Church, “so that with credibility we can speak to the outside world and say, ‘Here is redemption that is



**DIVORCE CONTROVERSY** Russell Moore (right) chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Resolutions Committee, and Roger Oldham, vice president for Convention Relations for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, answer questions during a press conference June 16 in Orlando, Fla. (Photo by Morris Abernathy/BP)

found in the gospel, and here is the justice of God.”

The resolution voiced the convictions that the convention should:

■ Declare “the whole counsel of God, especially when the Bible confronts our own patterns of sin.”

■ Realize “how damaging Southern Baptist accommodation to the divorce culture is to our global witness for Christ.”

■ Confront “the spiritual wreckage left in our Southern Baptist churches by our own divorce rates and our silence about the same.”

The resolution also called for churches to proclaim the biblical view on marriage's permanence; perform wedding ceremonies only for men and women qualified scripturally to be married to each other; counsel couples and families going through difficulties; declare God's mercy to those who have divorced without a biblical basis; and pray the “next generation will see the gospel not only in the counter-cultural nature of our verbal witness, but also in the counter-cultural love and fidelity of our marriages.” (BP)

## NAMB's Harris tells DOMs change in giving could hurt CP, missions funding

By Mark Kelly

Orlando, Fla.—The “Great Commission Giving” category missions approved by Southern Baptists at their recent annual meeting has the potential to result in less money for North American missions, the interim president of the North American Mission Board told a group of associational church leaders June 13.

Richard Harris spoke to the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions in Orlando, Fla., as they celebrated the organization's 50th anniversary.

In addition to Harris, the anniversary celebration program included presentations by Ed Stetzer, director of LifeWay Research, and outgoing International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin. The June 12-14 event also included a 50th birthday party sponsored by NAMB.

The approved recommendation of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force to institute “Great Commission Giving” in addition to the SBC's tra-

ditional funding channel, the Cooperative Program, could result in churches giving according to their passions, rather than in a systematic, comprehensive manner, Harris said.

“On one hand, it could give us more money. On the other hand, when you designate money and NAMB's not in that designation, then we'd get less money, obviously,” he explained. “I have some concern that we could get less money. ... It depends on what people's passions are.”

Harris praised the task force's challenge to churches to dramatically increase giving to NAMB's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. He noted that giving to the offering has been increasing, while giving to CP has been declining. Harris said he believed that showed Southern Baptists love missions and will take care of their missionaries, even when they are giving through designated channels.

During a question-and-answer period, the directors of missions asked several ques-

tions about the GCRTF's approved recommendation to phase out, over seven years, cooperative agreements between NAMB and state Baptist conventions that fund staff positions at both state and local levels.

Harris said he believes some form of cooperative agreements are necessary and that his perception has been the task force never intended to imply such agreements would no longer exist.

“We need to look at (cooperative agreements) but we cannot operate without agreements. We need good, clear understandings about who's going to do what and how we're going to do it together,” Harris stated.

“In my mind, we might come back and renegotiate each one,” Harris said. “I think the seven years gives us opportunity to say, ‘How can you be self-sufficient? How can we make this work together as we go forward?’ I think there is, in this final report, room there where it says that we'll take each state individually.” (BP)

## Evangelists add Roy Fish, Kentucky native Mordecai Ham to Hall of Faith

By James Dotson  
North American Mission Board

Orlando, Fla.—Southern Baptist evangelism professor Roy Fish and legendary revivalist and Kentucky native Mordecai Ham were inducted into the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists' Hall of Faith June 12 during the organization's annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Fish, known for igniting a passion for evangelism in pastors for more than 40 years, is distinguished professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the namesake for the seminary's Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions. He also served as interim president of the North American Mission Board from 2006-07.

Allen County native Ham is known for leading thousands to Christ in the early 20th century—perhaps most notably, in 1934, a young Billy Graham.

The Hall of Faith, housed in a meeting room at the North American Mission Board offices in Alpharetta, Ga., was established by COSBE in 2008 and dedicated in January.

In introducing Fish, Richard Harris, NAMB's interim president, said that because he grew up in a non-Christian home, Fish became his “father in the faith.”

“There's been no man any more influential in my life than Dr. Roy Fish,” Harris said.

Fish's ministry, Harris said, was characterized by classes at Southwestern Seminary that took on the tone of sermons as Fish instilled a love for evangelism in students. For years, his books and speaking appearances at evangelism conferences influenced pastors.

In accepting the honor, Fish joked it was the sort of occasion where he wants to “ask God to forgive me for enjoying it so much and you for stretching the truth.” But he added that “never in my life has there ever been an occasion where I was so overwhelmed.”

“I say thank you,” Fish remarked, “but I also say that there are many men who sit out there at those tables who justifiably



**HONORED** Ron Herrod (left) congratulates Roy Fish on his induction into the Hall of Faith of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists June 12 in Orlando, Fla. Fish is distinguished professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he has taught more than 41 years. (Photo by Van Payne/NAMB)

could stand where I'm standing.”

During the induction of Ham, COSBE member Jim Coldiron said the evangelist acted on his earlier call to preach by spending eight months in 1901 “doing nothing but studying the Bible, and soaking it in prayer and starting the public preaching of the gospel.”

Ham served as a vocational evangelist from 1902-41, with the exception of stints as pastor of Burton Memorial Baptist Church in Bowling Green and First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. From 1927-41, Coldiron said, it's reported that Ham led more than 200,000 people to Christ.

Coldiron told the story of how three young men came to hear Ham preach at a 1934 crusade in Charlotte, N.C.

“When he would preach, he would point that bony finger, and they got under conviction,” Coldiron noted. The three decided to join the choir to avoid facing Ham directly, but then “he'd point the finger, but his thumb would point back into the choir. And they couldn't get away from God when he was speaking.”

All three of the men received Christ as Savior during the meeting, Coldiron said; one of them was evangelist Billy Graham. But he also noted the other two—T.W. Wilson and Grady Wilson—were the father and uncle of evangelist and COSBE member Jim Wilson. (BP)

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## U.S. goalie Tim Howard shines on & off the pitch

By Charles Braddix  
International Mission Board

**Johannesburg, South Africa**—It was all about goalie Tim Howard, an outspoken Christian, during Team USA's World Cup opening match against England June 12, which ended in a 1-1 tie.

In spite of a first-half injury to the ribs that left him in excruciating pain, Howard managed to stay on the pitch and ward off England's continuous attacks throughout



**SHINING STAR** U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard enjoys a lighthearted moment during a World Cup practice in Pretoria, South Africa. He said his faith in Christ undergirds him—"from dealing with Tourette's syndrome to the pressures playing on a level like this." (Photo by Max Power)

the rest of the game, a feat that earned him the "Man of the Match" award.

While thwarting an attempted goal 36 minutes into the match, Howard was kicked in the ribs by England's Emile Heskey. The injury left him writhing in agony at a time when his team was down 1-0.

"It felt like agony," Howard said. "I knew Heskey was going to slide in, and he had every right to that ball, the same as I did. You just leave yourself exposed when you're at full stretch, and he came in and caught me just under my chest and my ribs."

Team trainers feared Howard's ribs were broken, but doctors confirmed two days later that they were severely bruised.

England scored in the fourth minute, while the U.S. got on the scoreboard after 40 minutes of play. Both teams seemed to slow down toward the end of the match to accept a draw rather than risk a loss.

A winning team earns three points, while a losing team gets none. In a draw, both teams earn one point. In the group stage of the World Cup, the two teams in each group that earn the most points proceed to the next round. Both the U.S. and England earned five points, earning a spot in the tournament's "knockout round."

This is Howard's second World Cup. He served as backup goaltender for the U.S. squad in 2006. Now he's starting.

### A goalkeeper's faith

In an exclusive interview with Baptist Press, Howard talked about his faith.

"I'm certainly just a vehicle for Christ," he said, "and He moves me and the Spirit moves me in miraculous ways—that's from dealing with Tourette's syndrome to the pressures playing on a level like this and in England in the Premier League. I just try to rely on faith.

"I'm not perfect," he said, "I'm far from it and that is the reason I do need Jesus. I try to live it. ... I stumble, as many people do,



but always in the belief that I'm loved and that I'm meaningful."

For the first 10 years of his life, Howard suffered with an undiagnosed case of Tourette's syndrome, a neurological disorder characterized by physical and verbal tics.

"I did not experience peace," he said in a testimony published by the Christian organization Athletes in Action. "But even though my life often seemed chaotic, I knew I could always count on at least one person to provide calm and stability: my grandmother. Nana's sense of peace was so powerful because it came from her faith in the Lord. Through her, God revealed His love for me as well. It wasn't long before I was following in her footsteps. I wanted the same kind of faith and peace she had, and that is exactly what God gave me."

Howard said living with Tourette's is not easy. "But God has blessed me with the gift

of athleticism as well," Howard pointed out.

"He has done some powerful things in my life through the combination of these two gifts. ... He also has shown me ways to use my position as a professional athlete to encourage others with Tourette's syndrome."

In 2001, at the age of 22, Howard became the youngest winner of U.S. Major League Soccer's "Goalkeeper of the Year" award. Two years later he was signed by Manchester United in the English Premier League. He now plays for Everton in the same league.

"Today, I am blessed to be living a dream," Howard said. "And yet, if it all went away tomorrow, I know I would still have peace. That probably sounds crazy to most people, but that's the kind of peace Christ gives. It is rooted in His love, and it surpasses all understanding." (BP)

## U.S. defender Goodson: God has been faithful

By Caley King Newberry

**Johannesburg, South Africa**—Some Christians have miraculous stories of how they came to know Christ. Some have found themselves in the deepest, darkest moments one could possibly imagine and realized there was nowhere left to turn but to a higher power.

Clarence Goodson, a defender on the U.S. World Cup team, was not one of those stories.

Raised in a tight-knit family with strong Christian values in Alexandria, Va., Goodson recognized at an early age the difference between right and wrong and was active in his local church. His parents were strong influences in his life and provided him with a Christian foundation to build his relationship with Christ.

Goodson does recall, however, one of the lower points in his life. Having dreamt all his life of being a professional soccer player, Goodson tried out for the Olympic Development Program and was cut from the district team, the lowest level of the league. Discouraged that his dreams may never come true, Goodson knew that however disheartened and disappointed he may have been at the time, God was faithful.

"I believe God rewards faithfulness," Goodson said. "If we are obedient and follow Christ with all of our mind, body and soul, we will receive our heart's desires. That's not to say that you can get whatever you want, but if it is in God's will for your life, you will receive abundant joy.

"I am very proud to say that today, through hard work and putting my faith in Jesus Christ, I am the only person from those ODP tryouts to make the U.S. Men's National Team," Goodson pointed out. "Sometimes we think that things could not get much worse, but Christ has a bigger



U.S. defender Clarence Goodson  
(Photo by Victor Decolangan/Getty Images)

plan set out for each and every one of us."

From the outside, many sports fans idolize the lifestyles of professional athletes, convinced they live a life of luxury, complete with six-car garages, movie-theater-sized televisions and steak dinners every night, with no struggles.

That's not always the case for a Christian athlete, Goodson said.

"As an athlete, there are many temptations that the normal, everyday person may not experience," he said. "People want to give you things or ask things of you that are not things Christians should be involved with.

"As a Christian, we have to know what's right and wrong and recognize that we are in a position, as professional athletes, to lead others to Christ because of our platform."

Goodson married his wife, Kelsey, in January 2009 and said she now is the biggest influence in his life. In addition to his wife, he said others who have made impacts on his life spiritually and professionally are his father; Cliff Shaw, chaplain for the FC Dallas Major League Soccer club, and his youth soccer coach, Gene Mishalow.

"They are the biggest role models in my life, and I don't make any big decisions without first consulting them, because I know they'll always point me in the right direction," Goodson said.

Currently a defender for IK Start in Norway, Goodson said he originally struggled in a country that is spiritually thirsty. Hav-

ing always been surrounded by strong spiritual influences, the lack of spirituality in Norway was a temporary shock to Goodson. But he said he quickly recognized the opportunity that presented itself.

"Norway lacks the amount of full-fledged Christians that my teams in America had. We do have a few good Christians here that love Jesus Christ," he noted. "We are good for each other to pick up when we may be feeling down or going through difficult times. We all need the fellowship of believers in our lives. It's easy today to get sermons and music on the Internet, but that doesn't give you the Christian interaction we all desperately need."

Since he went to Norway in 2008, IK Start has signed other Christian players with whom Goodson has connected, and his wife provides a strong spiritual grounding for him as well. When he is home in the United States, he attends First Baptist Church of Springfield, Va.

Goodson's Christian upbringing has molded him into the strong man he is today, and he credits his family for that, knowing he wouldn't be who he is or where he is without them—not only on a professional level, but, more importantly, on a spiritual level.

"Mothers and fathers are extremely important in the growth of a child," he said. "They set the standard for everything in their children's lives, and they are the ones who teach right from wrong, good from bad and how to be a faithful Christian." (BP)

## Conservatives make case against Supreme Court nominee Kagan

By Michael Foust

Washington—With Elena Kagan's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing beginning this week, conservative groups are countering the media storyline that paints the Supreme Court nominee as a blank slate on hot-button social issues.

Americans United for Life has led that charge, arguing that Kagan, the U.S. solicitor general, has a history of speeches and writings that strongly hint she will be a left-leaning judge who supports abortion rights and other liberal causes. The group held a conference call with reporters last week during which Robert Bork, whose 1987 Supreme Court nomination was defeated, took questions.

Bork, who opposes the nomination, said if Kagan has an ideology similar to her judicial heroes, "You'll have a court that is much more to the left than we have today."

William Saunders, senior vice president of legal affairs with Americans United for Life, said the record on Kagan is clear.

"It's true that Kagan does not have a record as extensive as she would have if she were a sitting judge who had issued hundreds of legal opinions," he said. "However, she has written some law review articles ... (and) done some other things that we think ... give important clues to the kind of justice she would be."



Elena Kagan

Kagan would replace Justice John Paul Stevens, a leading liberal on the court.

Among their concerns, conservative groups have pointed to:

■ Kagan's praise for former Israel Supreme Court Judge Aharon Barak, whom Bork calls the "most activist" judge on the planet.

During a 2006 awards ceremony for Barak at Harvard University, Kagan, then dean of the Harvard Law School, called Barak her "judicial hero."

■ Kagan's past financial support for the National Partnership for Women and Families, an organization that, on its website, prominently states one of its goals is to make "abortion services" available to all women.

■ Her clerkship for former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who supported legalized abortion and taxpayer-funded abortion.

■ Her criticism of the Supreme Court decision in a 1991 case in which the court upheld federal regulations barring federally funded health clinics from discussing or referring abortions.

■ Her criticism of the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. "I believe the military's discriminatory employment policy is deeply wrong—both unwise and unjust," she wrote in a 2005 e-mail to Harvard students, according to The Harvard Crimson newspaper. (BP)

## Four in 10 Americans see Jesus' return by 2050

Washington—Four in 10 Americans believe Jesus Christ will return to earth by 2050, while a slightly larger portion (46 percent) don't believe they'll see a Second Coming by mid-century, according to a new survey.

As part of Smithsonian Magazine's 40th anniversary issue,

1,546 adults were asked to guess the forecast of war, energy, science and religion in the next 40 years for a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center for People & the Press.

Evangelicals were most likely (58 percent) to predict a Second Coming, followed by 32 percent

of Catholics, and 27 percent of mainline Protestants.

Fifty-two percent of people living in the South, and 59 percent of people without a college degree, expected a Christ comeback more readily than their counterparts, according to the survey. (RNS)

## From devotions to drama

### Campus ministries at Oneida range from small groups to sharing talents

By Clark Bunch

OBI Baptist Campus Ministry co-sponsor

Certain things are required of all OBI students. For instance, all students attend a daily chapel service each school day. Oneida Baptist Institute may very well be the only school in the country with daily chapel in addition to morning and evening Sunday services. All of our high-school students must take one year of Bible class in addition to meeting all state graduation requirements.

We accept students from a wide range of cultures and religious backgrounds. No one is required to believe what we as Baptists believe, but we do offer a Christian education. As a result, many students choose to put their faith in Christ who never would have had the opportunity to do so elsewhere.

What I would like to share with you today, however, is not what our students are required to do, but some of the ministry opportunities that are available to them. Quite a few students go far beyond what simply is required.

A couple of ladies on our staff, houseparent Jamie Jory and middle-school teacher Emily Kelley, began offering devotions in the girls' dorm about three years ago. Each Friday night, many girls in the dorm take part. There are other things they could be doing but believe it or not, the popular thing to do is make time for devotions. It is a good case of "everybody's doing it," and we couldn't be happier.

Another opportunity for students to participate voluntarily is creative ministries. This can

involve any type of public performance, such as acting, playing music or singing—any talent one can use to give God the glory.

One of our staff couples, Jerry and Kathy Worcester, began sponsoring a dramatic interpretation group this year as part of the creative ministries. The students practice on their own time in addition to attending school, doing homework and having a job or playing a sport.

Students make this time investment in order to share their faith with others, something any Christian ought to welcome the opportunity to do.

For the past five years my wife, Teresa, and I have sponsored Baptist Campus Ministry, or BCM. Just a few years ago BCM was known as Baptist Student Union, or BSU. Oneida is one of only two high schools in Kentucky to have a BCM chapter.

Students meet weekly for praise and worship music, a short devotion and small-group prayer. One of our goals is to raise up student leaders who may someday be the church leaders in our denomination. This is just one more opportunity that our very active student body chooses to be a part of.

We are thankful for the many gifted Oneida faculty and staff members who minister to students both during their work time and after hours. And we are grateful to Kentucky Baptists—it is your support that enables us to truly provide an "education for time and eternity."

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### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## Study shows believers are less stressed than non-believers

Toronto—Religion may provide a "buffer" allowing the devout to feel less anxiety when they make mistakes, compared with non-believers, according to new scientific research.

Researchers at the University of Toronto measured "error-related negativity"—people's defensive response to errors—and compared it to religious belief.

In the experiments, participants had electrodes measuring their brain activity as they performed cognitive tests. They then were asked to quantify their belief in God on a scale of zero to seven.

The study found those who were religious or claimed belief in God "showed low levels of distress-related neural activity" when they learned of their test errors, compared with non-believers.

By contrast, atheists demonstrated a "heightened neural response" and reacted more defensively when they learned of their errors, wrote the study's lead author, Michael Inzlicht, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Toronto.

Inzlicht and co-author Alexa Tullett added, "Thinking about one's religion, consciously or otherwise, acts as a bulwark against defensive reactions to errors; it muffles the cortical alarm bell."

"If thinking about religion leads people to react to their errors with less distress and defensiveness ... in the long run, this effect may translate to religious people living their lives with greater equanimity than non-religious people, being better able to cope with the pressures of living in a sometimes hostile world." (RNS)

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For more information about these programs, e-mail Jay Barnett at j Barnett@ccbcb.edu.

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## Higher payout rates on the way

### July 1 brings more benefits for Ky. Baptists, charities

Effective July 1, our payout rates on a charitable gift annuity will increase. So it's an excellent time to consider this giving option for your benefit, as well as for the benefit of one or more of your favorite charities. The older you are, the higher the rate. Examples of the new single-life rates are: at age 75, the rate is 6.4 percent; age 85, 8.1 percent; age 90 or older, 9.5 percent.

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Barry Allen

## Anti-terrorist police crack down on Baptists in Kazakhstan

**Kazakhstan**—Anti-terrorist police in at least three regions of Kazakhstan have targeted unregistered Baptists and Muslims in recent months, according to the Norway-based news service Forum 18.

The news service, which monitors religious-freedom violations in numerous countries, said officials are singling out minority religious groups simply because they refuse to register. Departments for Kazakhstan's Fight Against Extremism, Separatism and Terrorism say the law requires mosques and churches to register. They view unlawful religious meetings as a threat because of the area's close proximity to Uzbekistan, known to contain extremist Islamic and terrorist groups.

The Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists, the smaller of two Baptist groups in Kazakhstan, refuse to register with the government on principle. They cite religious-free-

dom rights under Kazakhstan's Constitution and international human-rights obligations.

Officials contacted by Forum 18 refused to say why they targeted peaceful religious communities not posing a terrorist threat. "Registration is required," said Major Dauren, head of the Department for the Fight Against Extremism, Separatism and Terrorism in the Southern region of Jambyl.

In April, police in the northern Pavlodar region raided the ordination service of a Baptist pastor. The pastor later received a heavy fine.

Another Baptist pastor reported last week that seven officers raided his congregation's evening worship service in his home in Tayinsha June 16.

Anti-terrorist police also have recently raided three mosques in the city of Taraz and a madrasah (an Islamic school) and a Pentecostal congregation in the Caspian Sea port town of Aktau. (ABP)

## U.S. Christians seek help returning to Morocco

**Washington**—Lawmakers are urging Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to help Christian aid workers and foster parents gain re-entry to Morocco after they were deported for illegal proselytizing.

In March, approximately 50 U.S. Christians were deported after they were accused of breaking a Moroccan penal code that prohibits people from trying to convert Muslims.

At a June 17 briefing on Capitol Hill, more than 100 people heard from four American foster parents who testified before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. The commission called on Clinton and the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, to help the Americans retrieve their children and belongings from the North African country.

Eddie and Lynn Padilla were two of the foster parents who testified. For four years, the couple worked at the Village of Hope orphanage outside of Casablanca where they helped care for 33 children. When they were forced to leave Morocco on March 8, their two adopted sons, ages 2 and 1, were left behind. They have not seen the boys since.

Morocco is 98.7 percent Muslim, according to the CIA World Factbook. The deported Christians were accused of violating a Moroccan law that prohibits anyone from "undermining a Muslim's faith or of converting him/her to another religion, either by exploiting his weaknesses or needs, or through the use of health or educational establishments, as well as shelters or orphanages." (RNS)

## Kyrgyzstan ethnic violence doesn't deter country's native believers

By Beth Alexander  
International Mission Board

**Osh, Kyrgyzstan**—Ethnic violence among Kyrgyz and Uzbek people in Central Asia has killed as many as 2,000 people and driven an estimated 400,000 from their homes.

Yet, despite the tensions, Kyrgyz believers have reached out to help their Uzbek neighbors, putting their own lives at risk, a Christian worker in the region said.

Kyrgyzstan has been in political turmoil since President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was forced from power two months ago. Conflict now swirls around Osh, the country's second-largest city.

Kyrgyz military raids continued in Osh after masked men gutted its main marketplace June 10 and set fire to most of the central part of the city, a 3,000-year-old trading post on the historic Silk Road.

"Whole blocks of houses of Uzbeks burned to the ground, people slaughtered—their families, women, children—mountains of corpses in the streets," Victor Ivanovich\*, a Russian living in Osh, said June 15. "There are wounded whom no one has helped. Entire units of young people are running about the city with weapons in hand, killing and burning everything in their path."

### Uzbeks in danger

While Uzbeks make up only 15 percent of Kyrgyzstan's population, the cities of Osh and Jalal-Abad, which border Uzbekistan in the south, are predominantly Uzbek. Many stores in Jalal-Abad have suffered looting and fire damage similar to that in Osh.

Roza Otunbayeva, Kyrgyzstan's acting president, has said the death toll from violence in Osh and Jalal-Abad could be 10 times higher than the official count of 214.



**ETHNIC VIOLENCE** Uzbek men, like these pictured here, have been the target of ethnic violence in Kyrgyzstan, a former Soviet Republic. Uzbeks comprise only 15 percent of the country's population, but the city of Osh, the second-largest in Kyrgyzstan, is predominantly Uzbek. An estimated 2,000 people have been killed and 400,000 have been driven from their homes. Baptist Global Response is in the initial stages of coordinating a needs assessment team to help those affected by the violence.

The United Nations estimates 400,000 people have been displaced as a result of the attacks. At least 100,000 Uzbeks have fled across the border to Uzbekistan, which is feeling enormous strain on its health care system and food supplies.

Although calls for an international peacekeeping force have yet to be answered, humanitarian assistance is arriving at the Uzbekistan border for the thousands of refugees who have fled Osh and surrounding villages. The United Nations, nongovernmental organizations and countries including the United States are providing aid.

Southern Baptist workers in the region

hope to coordinate a response to the humanitarian crisis as the situation stabilizes in Osh. Baptist Global Response is coordinating with field partners to get an accurate assessment of needs and a multi-organization assessment team is expected to be on the ground in Kyrgyzstan by the weekend.

### Firsthand accounts

Christian worker Matthew Lake\* saw smoke still rising from the Osh marketplace four days after the fires were set.

"Piles of restaurant furniture were burned and laying in heaps of ashes," he said. "Profane graffiti was written across

most of the buildings. There were very few people on the streets. We saw no commerce of any kind—a city broken."

Despite the ethnic tumult, Kyrgyz believers have reached out to help Uzbek neighbors, often risking their own lives, Lake reported.

There is much fear among the various ethnic groups of Kyrgyzstan—the Dungan, Russians and Uzbeks, said David Smith\*, who oversees International Mission Board work in Kyrgyzstan.

While Christians there may not understand why the violence is happening, Smith said they are praying God will work in people's hearts to reconcile them to each other and to God.

"Our heart cry is that a (spiritual) harvest will come through this," Smith noted.

### Prayer requests

Smith asked Southern Baptists to pray for Christian workers to know the best ways to help the hurting Kyrgyz and Uzbek people.

Kyrgyzstan enacted a law restricting religious activities last year. The number of evangelical Christians in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan is less than 2 percent of the population. The Fergana Valley—a swath of fertile farmland that stretches across the countries of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan—is known for its strong Islamic identity.

Despite these challenges, Smith said there is great unity among believers in Kyrgyz and the gospel has spread along old trade routes through the valley.

Across Central Asia, more than 400 people groups have yet to be engaged by any known Christian witness, making the region the most unreached in the world. (BP)

\*Names changed for security reasons

## SBC strategist launches study series, starts with Baptists' faith essentials

By Erin Roach

Nashville, Tenn.—Ken Hemphill, national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth, has launched a new study series called "iBelieve," starting with "Core Convictions," a book that explains the basics of the faith in layman's terms.

"Most of the systematic theologies are heavy-weight in a lot of terminology," Hemphill told Baptist Press. "Core Convictions deals with 23 faith statements starting with the Bible. There are four sections on the Bible, including inerrancy and that it's trustworthy and how it's transmitted—all of the issues that people want to know.

"It deals with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the triune God," Hemphill said. "The unique feature is each chapter is only about 850 words. That's what people like about it. We've designed it so that you can study it in a small group."

A free downloadable study guide corresponding to the book will be available online at AuxanoPress.com in seven-week or 13-week options.

"We've already got some churches that have given them this year for graduation gifts," Hemphill said of the book, which was released last month. "We've got churches that are going to study them this summer with the entire church. We've got a guy teaching it to his youth group, to give them a good faith foundation."

Hemphill said the motivation for writing the series came from a conversation he had with a pastor.

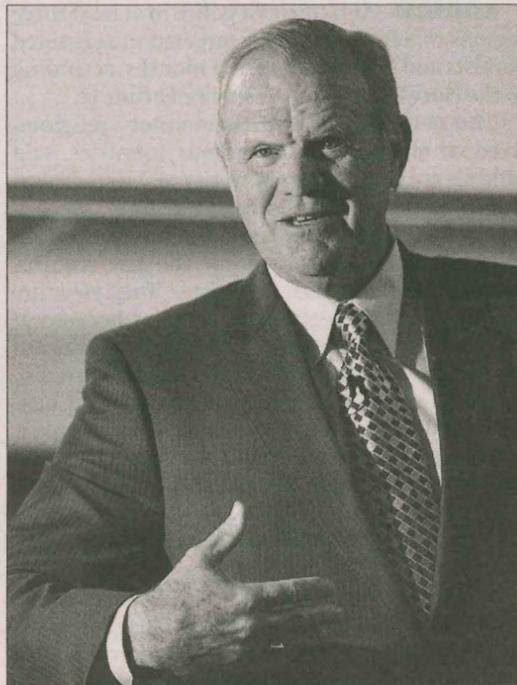
"I asked him, 'What are you preaching on next year, brother?' I love to pick his brain about what's going on," Hemphill recalled. "He said, 'I feel like I've got to go back and kind of start over. My people need to know the basics. I'm preaching through a systematic theology, just explaining the basics of the faith.'

"So I was riding back home and got under conviction about that, that it's a crucial issue for us and our convention with the Great Commission emphasis and things of that nature," he noted. "People really need to know who they are and what they believe. That was the whole reason for it."

Hemphill said the book contributes to the overall objective of Empowering Kingdom Growth, a vision adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2002.

"Obviously, if we're going to be kingdom citizens, we've got to have a solid basis for our faith," he said. "One of my goals in (an earlier book titled) 'Splash: Show People Love And Share Him' was that people would begin to live out their faith in such a way that it would appeal to their neighbors and their neighbors would say, 'I want to know the hope that's within you.'

"I wanted to give them a basis for being able to explain a little more of their own faith and how people can grow in their faith," Hemphill noted,



**BELIEF BASICS** Ken Hemphill, national strategist for the Southern Baptist Convention's Empowering Kingdom Growth emphasis, recently unveiled a new study series called "iBelieve."

adding that he intentionally wrote a short book with simple language so that people with little or no background in theology could grasp the content.

"It's made a wonderful little gift book, by the way. People are giving it to folks. I think that would probably be how it contributes most to growing kingdom citizens," he said.

Hemphill referred to Ephesians 4:11-16, which addresses the equipping of God's people for building up the body of Christ so that believers are not "tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching."

"A good theological understanding of who we are would be a very important part of growing the church," Hemphill stressed.

"Core Convictions" is available in a hardcover edition for \$6.95 and a soft cover version for \$4.95. Hemphill said the books are intentionally inexpensive so that churches can purchase them in bulk for use in Bible studies or to distribute as gifts.

"I think people will really enjoy it. We'll come back in subsequent editions of the 'iBelieve' series and deal with the doctrine of the church, the doctrine of Scripture and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit," Hemphill said.

"We're going to keep the size of the books the same. The entire book is only 96 pages," he added. "It's almost a pocket guide to the convictions of the faith. It's small enough you can stick it down in a purse or carry it with your Bible." (BP)

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■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church recently called **Claudio Toro** as part-time Hispanic pastor. **John Brandon** is pastor.

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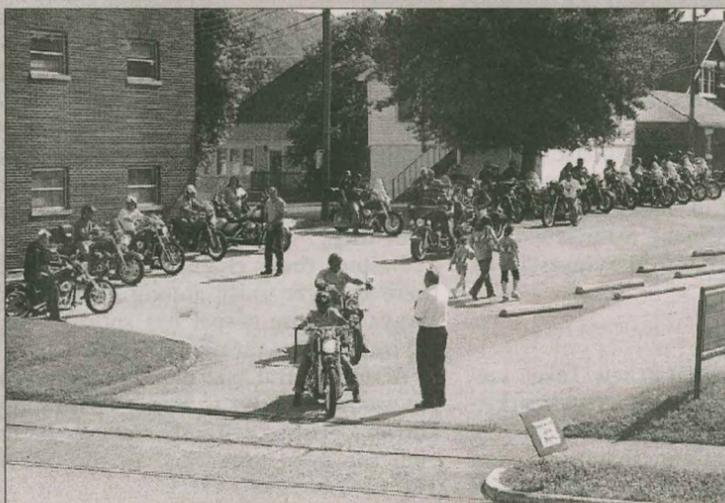
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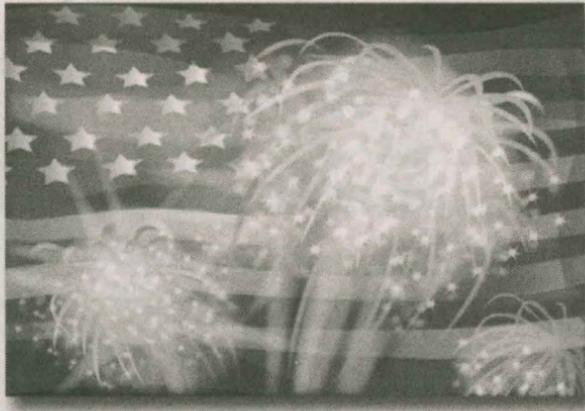


Pastor French Harmon greets motorcyclists as they leave the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Somerset for the congregation's "Biker Sunday" June 13. Members and guests were invited to ride their motorcycles to church for worship. Guest speaker Terry Dyehouse of Crab Orchard shared his personal testimony of how Christ lifted him up out of a life of drug addiction and dealing. After worship, 45 bikers rode to General Burnside Island State Park and back to the church, where they were treated to lunch, door prizes and free T-shirts.



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