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State congregations heed call to provide communities with refuge from the storm

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Greenville—Second Baptist Church of Greenville recently acquired a 250-kilowatt generator, the final step in becoming a Red Cross shelter during disasters.

Purchase of the generator, which cost nearly \$40,000, was funded by a grant from the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation.

Named for the man who left his estate to benefit community projects in Muhlenberg County, a previous foundation grant paid more than \$40,000 last year to wire the church for a generator.

Pastor Ray England said Red Cross certification will help Second Baptist, Greenville meet community needs during disasters like last year's ice storm that blanketed the state.

"With the ice storm we were getting short on food supplies," England recalled. "We were taking donations from other churches and had to send a truck to Bowling Green to buy food. Being a Red Cross shelter, they will send food to us."

To achieve shelter status, Second Baptist installed showers, made its kitchen large enough to feed more than 800 people and acquired military cots.

Members also completed training, some through Red Cross and others through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's disaster relief ministry.

Coy Webb, KBC's disaster relief associate, said 23 members of the Greenville church have completed training with the convention.

Despite the cost of Second Baptist's improvements, Webb said Kentucky Baptist churches can become Red Cross shelters without a sizable investment.

"It depends on the degree a church wants to be involved," Webb said. "It can range from turning over the building to the Red Cross and they man it, all the way down to the church running it and getting resources."

Even the small churches are capable of serving in that capacity, he said, pointing out that in rural areas where there isn't a sizable public facility church, aid can be significant.

There are three types of shelter classifications, starting with a church offering its building but Red Cross managing the operation. With partner shelters, Red Cross maintains

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Researcher: Evangelicals retain youth better than mainliners

By Bob Allen

Durham, N.C.—Evangelical churches do a better job than mainline churches in keeping their young people in the faith, probably because they invest more money in youth ministry, said a Duke University professor who studies characteristics of American congregations.

Mark Chaves, a professor of sociology, religion and divinity and director of the National Congregations Study, said in a recent blog post that research from the ongoing survey about the basic characteristics of America's congregations confirms that religious groups prioritize youth ministry differently.

Among churches that have 50 or more teenagers, Chaves said white evangelical congregations are substantially more likely than mainline

Protestant churches to employ a full-time youth minister.

Fifty-nine percent of evangelical churches with 50-99 teens have a full-time youth minister, compared to only one-third of mainline churches with that many youth. In churches with more than 100 youth, the gap increases to 87 percent for evangelicals to 55 percent of mainline churches.

Chaves said mainline and evangelical Protestants do not differ much on overall programming for youth. Both are equally likely to have youth groups, choirs, youth speaking in worship services and to have sent teenagers to a church camp.

But those ministries "are inexpensive compared to hiring a full-time youth minister, and having a full-time youth minister surely en-

hances the quantity and quality of a church's teen programming," the researcher noted.

Sticking around?

Chaves said both evangelical and mainline Protestants lose many young people to "the ranks of the religiously unaffiliated," but evangelical churches lose fewer than liberal churches lose. He speculated that one reason might be that mainline churches place less value on keeping their teenagers in the faith.

"It is difficult to know for sure, but evangelicals' deeper concern to reproduce the faith in their children probably leads to hiring more full-time youth ministers, which probably leads to keeping more youth in the church," he wrote. "Evangelical churches invest more than main-

line churches in youth ministries, and it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that this investment difference reflects a difference in the priority placed on keeping young people in the church.

"Evangelical families emphasize religion more than mainline families do," Chaves concurred, "and evangelical churches involve young people in a denser social web of youth groups, church camps, and church-based socializing, all of which increase the chances that a young person will remain in the fold as an adult."

"This is one reason that evangelical denominations have not suffered the same membership declines in recent decades that more liberal, mainline denominations have suffered," Chaves added. (ABP)

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York to Kentucky Baptists: 'Come to Lexington' in November

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Louisville—This year's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in Lexington could be one for the history books, according to Hershael York, chairman of Kentucky's Great Commission Task Force.

"I really want to emphasize: Come to Lexington. I think it's going to be a big day," he urged.

After its meeting last week in Louisville, York said the task force is "zeroing in" on its recommendations. He added that he expects a report from the committee to be released sometime after its next meeting, which is scheduled for Aug. 10.

"We do anticipate releasing a report early enough for people to have plenty of time to digest it, pray about it and come prepared to act on it," noted York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort.

While not divulging any specifics about



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Hershael York, Kentucky Great Commission Task Force chairman

possible proposals, York said the group's report will have a "spiritual basis and emphasis" and will call on Kentucky Baptists "to do more and give more for Christ."

Because of that, the task force is calling on each Kentucky Baptist church to send its full allotment of messengers to the Nov. 16 annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

"We want to see a great turnout because we think this could be one of the most his-

toric moments in our convention," he said.

The Kentucky Great Commission Task Force began its work in January. It was approved by messengers to last year's KBC annual meeting to study "how Kentucky Baptists can work more faithfully and effectively together in serving Christ through the Great Commission."

The group's formation came in response to the Southern Baptist Convention's Great Commission Resurgence Task Force,

which was approved a few months earlier at the SBC annual meeting in Louisville. That group's recommendations were overwhelmingly adopted by Southern Baptist messengers last month in Orlando, Fla.

Fifteen Kentucky Baptists serve on the state task force which has examined, at length, the effectiveness of the KBC's Mission Board, agencies and institutions. The group also held a pair of "listening sessions" in early June to hear concerns and suggestions from state pastors, directors of missions and laypersons.

York said the process thus far has gone "extremely well," adding that it has been "one of the most authentically spiritual experiences of my life."

"We have such a unity of focus and direction and hearing the voice of God," York noted. "It's been a tremendous experience, and we are hoping to share that with Kentucky Baptists in November."

Kentucky Baptists can evaluate ministry health at Super Saturday events

Louisville—Starting next month, Kentucky Baptists can take their church ministries for a check-up at one of six Super Saturday events.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Super Saturdays are regional training conferences that draw hundreds of Kentucky Baptist volunteers, pastors and church staff interested in improving an array of ministries from Bible study and worship to evangelism and discipleship.

This year's Super Saturdays will be held:

Aug. 21, Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

Aug. 28, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Sept. 11, Lone Oak First Baptist Church of Paducah, and University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg.

Sept. 18, First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, and First Baptist Church of Russell.

This year, Spanish-speaking church volunteers and ministry leaders have two Super Saturday options: Aug. 7 at First Baptist Church of Danville, and Aug. 21 at Cooper Baptist Church in Louisville.

"It's time for a check-up to evaluate the ministry health in our churches," said Darryl Wilson, KBC's Sunday school director. "Prayerful, honest evaluation is the first step" in making positive changes to improve the effectiveness of a congregation's individual ministries.

In keeping with the theme, Wilson said many of this year's conferences will focus on how church leaders can best evaluate ministries and events.

At Super Saturdays, training is available for leaders and volunteers in most areas of local church ministry, including assimilation, church architecture, Sunday school, stewardship, discipleship, evangelism, women's ministry, worship and music, preschool/children, men's ministry, finance, deacon ministry, and secretaries.

Among the sessions this year will be preparation for a follow-up event to the Find It Here evangelism initiative earlier this year, Wilson said. Thousands of Kentucky Baptists prayerwalked communities and distributed gospel materials to people across the commonwealth.

Super Saturday participants can customize their event experience by selecting from a variety of workshops throughout the day. Participants will select one leadership conference to receive in-depth training in their primary ministry areas, and two afternoon conferences based on their interests and needs.

Super Saturdays begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Registration opens at 8 a.m., and lunch is provided.

Registration is required for all Super Saturday events. The cost to attend is \$25 for those who register by the Monday before each event, or \$35 afterwards. Because of the Labor Day holiday, registration for the Williamsburg and Paducah events will be extended to Tuesday, Sept. 7.

To register for Super Saturday or for more information, visit www.KyBaptist.org/SuperSaturday, call (502) 489-3572 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3572, or e-mail SuperSaturday@KyBaptist.org.

Florence Baptist Church in court battle over liens from contractor's unpaid bills

By Drew Nichter
News Director

Florence—It was less than a month in their new facility that staff members at Florence Baptist Church at Mount Zion realized something was amiss.

"We started trying to get people back in here to take care of issues that any new building has," Pastor Tim Alexander recalled. "And when we contacted these people, they began to tell us, 'Hey, I've not been paid.'"

It was then Alexander and his ministry team discovered the contractor they had hired to build Florence Baptist's \$12.3 million, 95,000-square-foot facility still owed more than \$1 million to subcontractors.

Now, those companies are trying to collect.

Nine subcontractors have filed liens against Florence Baptist, seeking a total of \$1.18 million in unpaid bills.

The companies were hired by Charlotte, N.C.-based Kodiak Constructors for the Florence Baptist project.

The church now is in a legal battle to see that the subcontractors get paid—and to avoid foreclosure on a building that opened less than a year and a half ago.

Pastor Alexander insisted the church is in the same boat as the subcontractors.

With the exception of a small amount of money held back as retainage, Alexander said the church has paid Kodiak Constructors every dime of the \$12.3 million it owed. Kodiak, he explained, did not pass that money along to the subcontractors.

"We're as much a victim as the subcontractors," the pastor claimed. "I understand how they feel."

Even with the threat of foreclosure, Alexander said he is confident the process will never reach that point. "That is an extreme result of all of this which nobody here, honestly, has given a second thought."

Florence Baptist began its building project in 2007, moving from its previous location to a 67-acre site along I-71/75 in Northern Kentucky.

The congregation began meeting at the new facility in March 2009. The 95,000 square feet of space includes a worship center that seats 1,400 people and multi-use and classroom space. The church is due to host the Kentucky Bap-

tist Convention annual meeting in 2011.

In the meantime, Florence Baptist's legal team is working to get the lien situation resolved.

Alexander said he understands the frustration of the subcontractors who filed liens against the church, noting it really is their only recourse to get their money.

"I want to see them paid, but of course, they've got to get their money from Kodiak," he noted. "I stand with them."

The pastor said the objective at this point is to keep the focus on Kodiak Constructors, which has been "very unresponsive to the process," Alexander explained.

Despite the distraction of the legal battle, Alexander said the church still is carrying on with its day-to-day ministries. "We're moving along; our attendance is good, our offerings are good. We're continuing to have people saved almost every Sunday," he noted.

"It could certainly have been different, but it hasn't been—and I'm grateful to the Lord for that."

Alexander said he had reason to be concerned after a "sensationalized" article was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer detailing the church's legal woes.

The report focused a great deal on the liens the subcontractors had filed, but failed to mention that the church had indeed paid all of its money to Kodiak Constructors, Alexander pointed out.

"I don't feel we got a fair shake out of it," he said.

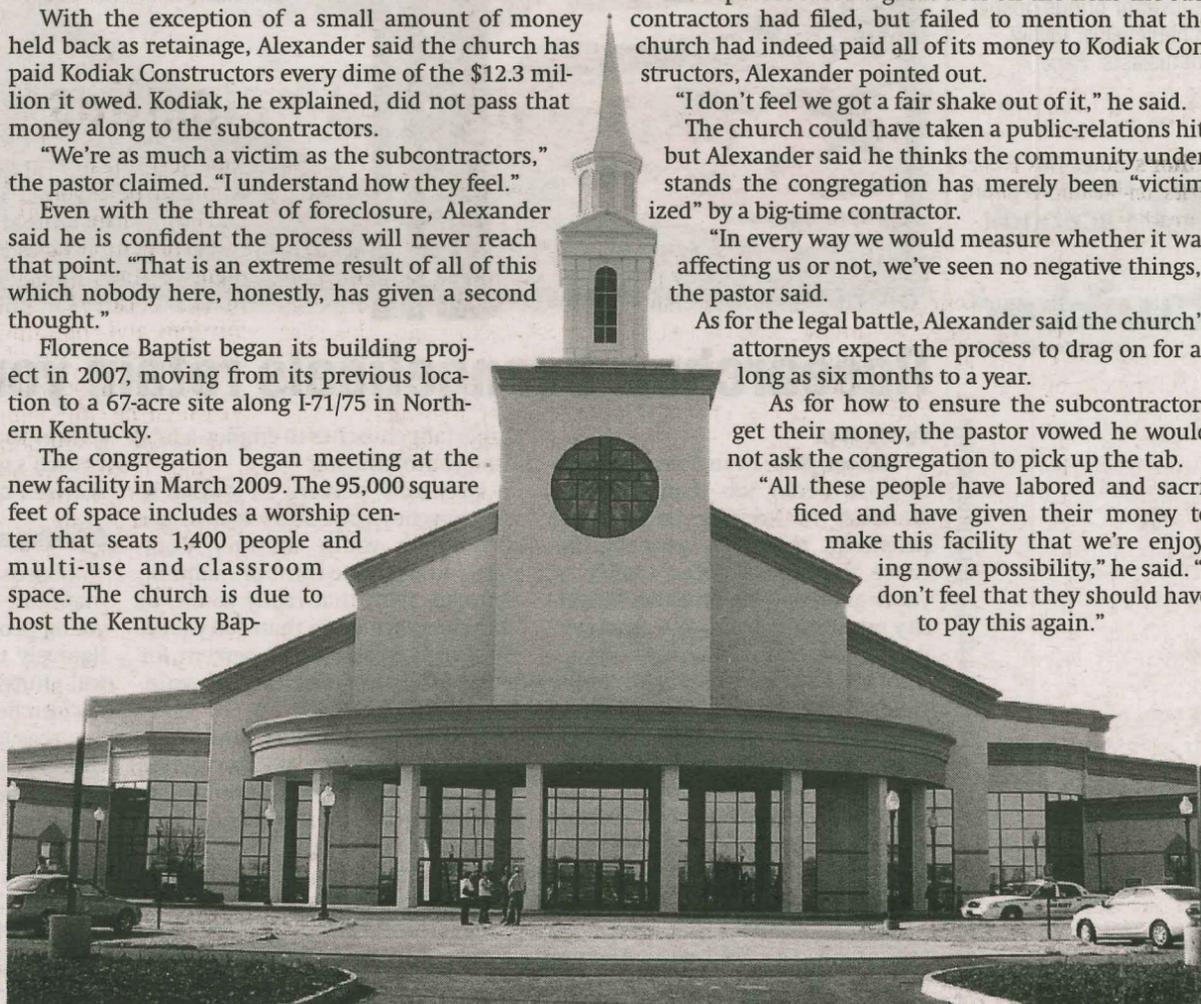
The church could have taken a public-relations hit, but Alexander said he thinks the community understands the congregation has merely been "victimized" by a big-time contractor.

"In every way we would measure whether it was affecting us or not, we've seen no negative things," the pastor said.

As for the legal battle, Alexander said the church's attorneys expect the process to drag on for as long as six months to a year.

As for how to ensure the subcontractors get their money, the pastor vowed he would not ask the congregation to pick up the tab.

"All these people have labored and sacrificed and have given their money to make this facility that we're enjoying now a possibility," he said. "I don't feel that they should have to pay this again."



Congregations teaming up with Red Cross to become shelters

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administrative control but church members primarily staff it, with help from Red Cross volunteers.

The third is known as a supported shelter, where the church maintains administrative control and supplies all the volunteers.

Second Baptist chose the latter because members wanted to maintain the right to minister as they see fit, England said.

"I think each church has to make its own decision," the pastor said of what kind of model to follow. "We partner with our community socially, but evangelistically we reserve the right to share the gospel."

Other Kentucky Baptist churches that have secured Red Cross affiliation indicate it has helped them better serve their own communities.

Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville is a partner shelter, serving meals and providing shelter to more than 300 people for eight days after the 2009 ice storm. The Red Cross brought in cots, food, blankets, medical supplies and other items needed for the emergency.

Tina Lewis, director of the church's Infant Resource Project, said becoming an official shelter helped it serve residents from seven high-rise buildings in the area.

"They had all the equipment we didn't have," said Lewis, who spearheaded the church's participation with the Red Cross. "They provided the equipment and we provided the facility and volunteers. They know more about it than we do."

First Baptist Church of Shelbyville became a supported shelter about three years ago, not long after it completed a family life center that included a 7,500-square-foot gymnasium.

Andy McDonald, discipleship and outreach pastor, said the congregation felt God wanted them to use the new facility for more than playing basketball and other recreational opportunities.

First Baptist, Shelbyville decided to pursue Red Cross affiliation after the public school system asked if it could use the church in case of an emergency evacuation, the minister said.

"It was a community thing," McDonald said. The schools "have never had to do it, thankfully. (But) that also prompted us to talk to the Red Cross."

Ironically, although the church was placed on alert after last year's ice storm, the Red Cross wound up not needing First Baptist as a shelter. About 10 members did serve on chainsaw crews, helping clean up several properties.

McDonald said having that kind of preparedness is important in building good relationships with the community.

Care for neighbors

In addition to its Red Cross status, in April the church hosted a Touched Twice medical clinic, serving about 500 people.

Such steps help show the church genuinely cares about its neighbors by showing the gospel with actions as well as words, McDonald said.

"That's what motivated us," he noted. "We want to be Jesus with skin on in the event of a disaster."

"We didn't want people in desperate need to drive by our facility and think, 'That's not a place I can go to get help.' We want people to go (know) First Baptist is a place they can go when they need help in disaster."

As for whether other Kentucky Baptists should consider becoming Red Cross shelters, McDonald advised them to pray about it. Not every church will have the physical plant needed to provide those services, but many do, he said.

"Pray about it and bring it to the people to see if there is support," McDonald recommended. "We found overwhelming support. The attitude here was, 'Of course we need to do this.'"



KBC churches understand joys, complexities of reaching the unreached

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on Kentucky Baptist churches adopting unreached people groups.

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Paducah—Although Lone Oak First Baptist Church has had ties with Zambia for four years, its three-year partnership with the Tonga people group just started last fall.

The Paducah area church formed its link through members Tom and Cindy Morreau, who first went to the African nation with International Service Corps, a two-year program of the International Mission Board.

Since 2006, Lone Oak First Baptist has sent four teams totaling 30 participants to Zambia. The teams also included members from nearby Friendship Baptist Church and Lovelaceville Baptist.

Lone Oak First Baptist is sending another team this month, and Friendship Baptist will follow with a team in August.

"We'll be doing discipleship training in the villages where the Morreus are seeking to establish work and already have," said Jeff Wallace, minister of global outreach at Lone Oak.

"These people are oral learners, so our people have been learning storying to tell people the biblical stories, so Africans can learn them and tell others. We'll also be

showing the 'JESUS' film to gather people ... and find people who can establish a church."

Zambia is a dark place spiritually where many people follow animist religion, a belief that worships power and evil spirits. Because of that, witch doctors and others are active, Wallace noted.

Focusing on one area for its missions efforts has given the church more consistency, the outreach pastor said.

Because it is harder for people to take extended vacations because of work pressures, planning trips well in advance enables members to plan their breaks so they can participate, he added.

"We're big about having people pray about going to Zambia," Wallace said. "The terrain is rough; the roads get washed out every year. It's very rough living conditions. There's no restrooms around. You have to be willing to throw modesty to the wind."

More and more are going

Despite such challenges, increasing numbers of Southern Baptists are adopting unreached people groups (UPGs), according to Phil Nelson, affinity connections strategist for the IMB.

"Missions is not just giving to Lottie Moon and praying, it's going," Nelson said. "It's providing ongoing support through

Disaster relief interest wanes in quiet 2010

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Frankfort—Although spring flooding caused more than \$56 million in damage across the state, 2010 has been relatively quiet after last year's mammoth ice storm and other recent disasters.

Buddy Rogers, public information officer for the commonwealth's emergency management office, said over the past three years Kentucky has received seven presidential disaster declarations.

The damages from those totaled more than \$453 million, with 114 of the state's 120 counties experiencing at least one disaster. Of just more than 4 million residents, 3.8 million were affected, Rogers said.

Over the past two years, the Federal Emergency Management Administration has distributed more than \$275 million in grants to public agencies.

By contrast, this year's floods resulted in an estimated \$37.6 million in assistance to governments, with another \$18.6 million disbursed thus far to more than 6,600 individuals.

Disaster relief slowdown

With no widespread disaster in Kentucky since last year's ice storm, the interest in disaster relief that increased afterwards has faded, Coy Webb said.

Last year, the disaster relief associate with the Kentucky Baptist Convention had encouraged more churches to consider becoming Red Cross shelters.

The latest figures from that agency show 149 Baptist churches in Kentucky fulfilling that role. Even if all belonged to the KBC, that still would only be about six percent of its member churches.

The KBC's Baptist Men on Mission has 8,000 trained volunteers in its database, but is in the midst of a re-credentialing process that will continue through next May.

Many volunteers either have died, experienced health problems or moved, meaning the true number may be less than half that, Webb explained.

He said that over the past two years, the KBC has re-credentialed more than 2,000 volunteers. The process will help clarify numbers and determine whether last year's interest will prove to be temporary.

"We always see a spike after a disaster," Webb noted. "The longer we go between these periods, people tend to move on."

"The volunteers are still active because we respond to disasters out of state and internationally. I think sometimes churches (turn) their attention to other issues."

Red Cross partnerships

Some Kentucky Baptists may shy away from Red Cross certification because they think it will inhibit evangelism or ministry, Webb said.

That is why becoming a supported shelter is a good option, he explained. In that case, the church maintains administrative control and can share the gospel while receiving resources from the Red Cross.

Still, Webb emphasized there are significant responsibilities congregations must weigh before moving ahead with certification.

For example, churches that want to provide a full range of ministry options have to provide enough volunteers to staff the shelter 24 hours a day for as long as a need exists.

They also may have to designate a facilities manager, someone to supervise check-in of guests, a coordinator of food preparations and another person to oversee ministry, Webb noted.

"There are a variety of different things," he said. The goal is, "with a few phone calls, you can get it up and going."

short-term teams and making everyone who can be involved in church planting and evangelism around the world."

Participation takes a substantial investment of time, money and personal vacations, said Larry Cranfill, assistant pastor of missions and community outreach at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington.

The church took on the role of a strategy-coordinating church for the Ayacucho Quechua people in Southern Peru in 2006.

That meant providing a missionary workforce with the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel and starting churches in the Acari River Valley.

One important piece of the strategy included asking God to raise up someone from within the fellowship who would become an on-site discipler, encourager and coordinator, Cranfill said.

"We believe God answered in his time," Porter Memorial's assistant pastor said. In late April, "a family of four—including mom, dad, 14-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son—headed off to Costa Rica for language training. Then, they will go to the Acari River Valley for two years in this capacity."

Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green is another KBC church working with UPGs. After three years among the Songhai people in Western Africa, it recently added

another project in Central Asia.

The situation in the latter region is so sensitive that the country cannot be publicly identified, but missions pastor Jeff Carlisle said the church hopes to send a team of six to eight people there this fall.

"The country is heavily Muslim and just recently opened up," Carlisle said. "Missionaries in the region are trying to capitalize on that and are encouraging churches to take discovery trips there."

Although it hasn't registered its arrangement with the IMB, Living Hope has adopted a people group in the nation and already is praying for them.

The Bowling Green church has no illusions about the challenge of penetrating a nation that has been closed to the gospel for years, since it already has encountered obstacles in Africa.

Violence in Western Africa and political activity by fundamentalist Muslims forced the church to cancel a trip planned for this year.

However, it still is encouraged by the fact that by working with missionaries and other churches in the area, a place where no Christians could be located now has a church with 20 believers.

"The last time the gospel came to that village was 600 years ago," Carlisle said. "So, we're pretty excited to be a part of that."

42 years of ministry in Eastern Ky.

Volunteers from the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S.C., first began making missions trips to Bell County in 1969, under the leadership Allistair Walker. Walker, the church's pastor, had formerly served at the First Baptist Church of Middlesboro and took his heart for Kentucky with him when he went to South Carolina. This church has now been ministering in Kentucky each summer for 42 years.

Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

Seth Buckley became youth minister at the church in 1996 and asked for the opportunity to really see what God would do with the missions work here. The first summer he provided leadership, the church had about 40 participants who ministered at eight sites.

This year, more than 250 volunteers participated with ministry conducted at 31 sites, including a prison. In addition to conducting vacation Bible schools, the group led basketball camps at high schools in Barbourville in Knox County and at Pineville and Middlesboro in Bell County.

Each summer, the group arrives on a Saturday and starts knocking on doors near ministry sites to invite people to participate in the various events. Then they work hard each day to make friends and share the gospel.

After clean-up and preparation is completed each evening, all ministry teams meet for updates, Bible study and inspiration for the next day. The teams depart the next Saturday, following a busy and fulfilling week of ministry.

Some 1,650 children participated in the events led by the Spartanburg church group this summer. The food teams from the church provided at least one meal per day for each of the children.

I do not know of any summer missions ministry like this that has a record of 42 years of consecutive ministry. It is most commendable that lay people in the church have been so faithful through the years to support this effort.

Linda Gilden, known affectionately as the "Queen of the Mountain Mamas," washes clothes every night for the group to help reduce the amount of luggage they need to bring and manages crafts. Linda is the only one from the original group still participating.

I have known and worked with other participants like Bill Cox of Concoctions Ministries, who, along with many others, was called to vocational Christian service due in part to these mission trips. In recent years, Cox's three children have participated in the mission trips. His two sons also are in vocational ministry now.

Don Wilton is the current pastor and continues to lead this church to be faithful in evangelism, missions giving and church development.

On behalf of Kentucky Baptists, I say "thank you" to all who, like the wonderful volunteers from First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, provide missions ministries in Kentucky.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Gulf disaster affecting livelihoods, dreams

In the 1994 blockbuster movie, *Forrest Gump* makes his fortune by fulfilling his fallen, Vietnam War buddy's dream of being a shrimp boat captain in the Gulf. Many real-life shrimpers, however, are wondering now if their own dreams have been spoiled by the spill.

This past Thursday, there was welcomed news that the 75-ton cap atop a runaway oil well more than a mile and a half below the ocean's surface appeared to be holding, effectively corking the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Some 800 miles away, Kentuckians could almost hear worried Gulf Shore residents collectively sigh, "Finally!"

For nearly three months, we anxiously have watched nightly news reports showing oil endlessly pouring from the sunken Deepwater Horizon oil rig and felt helpless to stop an unfolding ecological nightmare. As much as 200 million gallons have gushed into the Gulf. A steady, black river of crude stretching hundreds of miles still threatens to coat the emerald-green waters along the Gulf shores and its marshlands sanctuaries with reddish-brown sludge. By even the most conservative estimates, it is enough oil to fill at least 190—and possibly as many as 330—Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The industrial accident could potentially devastate the ecosystem of birds, shrimp, oysters, crabs, pelicans, turtles and other marine life. Scientists, biologists, veterinarians and wildlife agents are frantically attempting to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife. Southern Seminary Dean Russell Moore insightfully observes: "Does God care about shrimp? I would argue, yes; God cares for the sparrows that fall to the ground (Matthew 10:29). But, even if you disagree with me on that, consider how God loves those who are 'of more value than many sparrows' (Matthew 10:30)." Moore, a native of Biloxi, Miss., adds, "Shrimpers here in Biloxi are mourning the potential loss of more than just an industry but a way of life handed down, at least to some of them, from multiple generations before them."

Everyone recognizes that the Gulf Coast will be dealing with the environmental impact for the long term. The catastrophe—now the largest oil spill in American history—prompted the governors of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas to issue a call for a Day of Prayer. On June 27, they urged citizens to pray for those hurt by this disaster and those who were working in response to it and "to seek God's wisdom for ourselves and our leaders, and ask Him for His merciful intervention and healing in this time of crises."



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

The disaster also is affecting families and livelihoods. Tourism has waned with media warnings of closed beaches and tar balls washing ashore. And, the fishing industry, from which the nation gets much of its seafood, has been crippled for months to come. As a result, countless stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and other enterprises are struggling. "For the rest of the world, everything is normal. For the folks down here, it's a reality that life is not going to be the same anymore," Joe Arnold, director of missions for Bayou Baptist Association in Louisiana told Baptist Press. "These are people who are losing their heritage and losing their future," he said.

Steve McNeal of First Baptist Church in Venice, La., explained, "A lot of these folks have been shrimping all their lives, and now they're going to have to do something else. All they've ever wanted to do is shrimp, so there's an emotional trauma."

If there is any good news in the midst of this disaster, it is that local churches have opened their doors for ministry, providing meals and care for those in the community. "It's funny how God opens doors," a pastor in Point-Aux-Chene, La., said. "It (the oil spill) is good in that the Lord has opened doors for us to speak with people about Christ and share our faith in Christ, so it's been very good in that respect. There are people we've been able to interact with and share Jesus with that we wouldn't have been able to otherwise."

And we can rejoice that Southern Baptists have launched two other significant ministries. As of July 11, the North American Mission Board has deployed six disaster relief chaplains, who will work at three sites, assisting those who have been affected emotionally, spiritually and financially. A new team of chaplains will rotate in each week for 12 weeks. These counselors will listen as "people talk about the uncertainty, the dashed hopes and dim future," but, even more importantly, they will "remind people that with the strength of Jesus in their hearts, this too they can get through," noted Karen Willoughby of the Louisiana Baptist Message. A "Bucket of Hope" initiative also has begun. "We've made the plea for people to stop and realize there is a need," said Gibbie McMillan, disaster relief director for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. "With the Buckets of Hope, we're providing a way for God's people to be involved in giving an offering that hopefully will restore hope."

Though media attention inevitably will wane, Southern Baptists must continue to show we care and assist in the coast's recovery, all the while testifying of a God who is greater than any storm or disaster that may assail us.

Probing thought: Do we view sin as God views sin?

By Sudi Kate Gliebe

My husband and I watched "The Truth Project" DVD series by Focus on the Family. One of the greatest lessons we drew from it was the desire to love what God loves and to hate what God hates. After all, that is what a biblical worldview is, to be like Christ, to think like God.

I know I feel upset about the moral decay I see. But I believe God wants us to be heart-broken and devastated over sin. He wants us to grieve over the sin that separates us from Him. To grieve means to suffer, to sorrow, to weep, to wail, to sob, to howl.

This reflection became more personal after a friend shared Ezekiel 8-9 with me. In a visionary journey, the Lord shows Ezekiel "the detestable things" that Israel was doing. He shows him the idolatry, the wickedness, the sinful deeds done in darkness. Three times the Lord warns Ezekiel "but you will see things that are even more detest-

able." In chapter 9, God instructs six men, the guards of the city, to take a deadly weapon and slaughter everyone, starting at the temple.

In the midst of this powerful act of judgment, another character appears. A man dressed in linen who carries a writing kit. He is commanded to "go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it." The Message puts it this way: "Put a mark on the forehead of everyone who is in anguish over the outrageous obscenities being done in the city." Those who were given the mark by the man with the writing kit were spared. The mark was their safeguard.

The question for me was: If God commanded the man dressed in linen to go around every city in America and put a mark on those who are grieving, lamenting and in anguish over the sin God hates, would I get

the mark? Revelation 2:5 says "Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." These are perilous times and the call to repentance is for the church, the beacon of hope in society. If the church sleeps, if the church is distracted and lukewarm, if the church is worldly, then the lampstand will be removed. What an utterly terrifying thought!

My husband recently memorized Hosea 13:5-6: "I cared for you in the desert, in the land of burning heat. When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me."

God is calling us to repent. God is calling us to be set apart, to be consecrated to Him, to be courageous, "to set before our eyes, no vile thing" (Psalm 101:3). God is calling us to remember Him, to repent from our sin, and to return to our first love. (BP)

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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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Kudos to college golfer Grant Whybark of Illinois

By Kelly Boggs

"To find a man's true character," P.G. Wodehouse wrote, "play golf with him." Because of the very nature of the game, I believe the English writer's observation is spot on.

Golf is a game whereby a player primarily competes against an inanimate object—the golf course. The golfer must apply his or her skill to the situation or shot at hand, while at the same time trying to manage emotions and maintain composure. Distance, terrain, trees, water hazards, sand traps and green speed present the golfer with his greatest competition, not his playing partners. Add weather conditions to the mix and the golfer is faced with a most unforgiving foe.

"Golf puts a man's character on the anvil and his richest qualities—patience, poise and restraint—to the flame," golf professional Billy Casper once observed. Golf does not build character, it only reveals it. The game is built on integrity and sportsmanship. It is up to each golfer to not only keep his or her score, but to also enforce any and all penalties.

In all of my years of playing golf I have learned that no one ever fully masters the swing or a course. The only hope a golfer really has of mastering anything in relation to golf is himself.

A golfer who masters himself is, indeed, an accomplished golfer—a great golfer. In my book, Grant Whybark is one such golfer.

Whybark, as a sophomore at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.,

was a member of the school's golf team that recently competed in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship. His team won. However, Whybark was tied with Seth Doran, a senior from Olivet Nazarene, for low individual score.

The team that wins the conference tournament as well as the golfer that wins the conference's individual title both move on to compete for the NAIA National Championship.

Since Whybark's team had already won the conference title, he was assured of a trip to the national tournament. However, Doran—who had never been to the national finals—would have to defeat Whybark in a playoff to secure a spot.

On the first hole of the playoff, Whybark teed his ball, studied the fairway, addressed the ball and drove it long—40 yards right of the fairway and out-of-bounds. Intentionally.

Whybark incurred one of the most disheartening penalties in golf. He not only lost a stroke but also distance, meaning he would be hitting his third shot from where he hit his tee shot. The result? He made double bogey.

Doran won the hole with a birdie and not only earned the title of conference individual champ but also gained a berth in the national tournament.

Losing a playoff with a double bogey would not normally place some-

one in a position of being viewed as a great golfer. Not normally. However, Whybark's six on the par-four hole was not normal, because he deliberately hit the ball out of bounds.

"We all know Seth very well. He not only is a very good player, but a great person as well," Whybark told Yahoo Sports. "He's a senior and had never been to nationals ... It just wasn't in my heart to try and knock him out."

Some have criticized Whybark for "throwing" the hole and being so obvious about it. I would agree there might have been a more subtle way. He could have blown a putt or shanked a shot. Whybark appeared on ESPN 1000 in Chicago and explained it was a spur-of-the-moment decision.

Of course, Doran might well have beaten Whybark. After all, they were tied for first place. But he wanted to make sure that his friend, a senior, would play in the national tournament.

Say whatever you will about Grant Whybark, but hearing how he plays golf tells me he is a young man of sterling character. He is a great golfer in my book and great in the game of life.

The last line of the poem "Alumnus Football" by Grantland Rice speaks volumes, "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks not that you won or lost—but how you played the Game." (BP)

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Protecting a child from identity theft

By David Garrard

We live in a world where identity theft is an everyday occurrence. Bad guys are stealing social security numbers, credit cards and other personal information and causing all kinds of chaos. Most of us are aware of this threat and are taking measures to protect ourselves and our families. However, there is a different kind of identity theft going on—one that can be even more damaging and that definitely threatens children as well as adults.

A variety of ideas, information and influences are at work all around us, trying to steal our identity by confusing us and our children about who we really are. These influences attempt to tell us that what gives our lives value and worth is what we look like, where we live, how we dress, who we know, how much money we have, what we do, and how well we can do it. Music, media, even friends pound this message into us in subtle and not so subtle ways day after day, 24/7. How can we protect ourselves and our children from this onslaught?

Begin by teaching your children this simple phrase: "God made me; God loves me; and that's what makes me special!" Help them understand that their value, their worth lies in the fact God made them and that they belong to God. They are important to Him. God loves your children more than they can imagine, and His love for them is unconditional. Point out the contrast between this truth and the ideas outlined above. Help them see the lie.

If possible, obtain a copy of the music for Lifeway's 2010 VBS, "Saddle Ridge Ranch," and listen to the song "Who He Says I Am." Let the lyrics reinforce the tremendous truth that no matter what others say or think about us, no matter how we think or feel about ourselves, God says that we are made in His image and that He loves us. That's an identity that cannot be lost or stolen!

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To roll over or not to rollover

By Don Spencer

According to most brokers and fund companies, when someone switches jobs or retires, the best thing they can do is transfer their retirement plan money into a rollover IRA. How do we know? Ask them.

There is a huge amount of money in retirement plans that will come up for grabs in the coming years and these brokers and fund companies—which make their money off the assets they manage—all want "a piece of that pie." You can check virtually any of their websites and you'll find "helpful" calculators or educational materials instructing investors as to why a rollover is their best option.

So, what's the problem? The problem is that a rollover is not always the best option. Sometimes it is, sometimes it isn't. Taxes and penalties make cashing out one's retirement plan a very unwise choice. But, instead of a rollover, too often there is very little guidance on the possible advantages of leaving money in your old 401(k) or 403(b) plan. One fund company offers a "rollover evaluator" on line. It asks four questions. No matter what information the investor provides, the answer is always the same: "Roll your money over to a Rollover IRA."

Before making this decision, get ALL the facts. Many time investors in a 401(k) or 403(b) plan pay lower management fees—sometimes significantly lower. The quoted percentage for management fees may seem very low but over time those pennies add up to significant dollars. When someone advises rolling over a retirement plan, they never say, "By the way, you're going to pay higher fees and earn less in investment returns. Are you OK with that?"

Too often investors roll their funds over due to disappointing returns they've experienced. With only minimal research they would find out they could change their investment choice within their existing plan and accomplish exactly the same thing they are seeking through a rollover, at lower costs.

Do your homework. Ask questions so you understand the pros and cons. Make sure it is to your advantage.

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Wielding the kind of influence that really matters

By Charles Lawless Jr.

Time magazine's recent cover article, "The 100 Most Influential People in the World," is a fascinating look at people—male and female, young and old, North American and international, recognized and unrecognized—who are making significant contributions to their respective fields.

Recipients vary from singer Lady Gaga to U.S. President Barack Obama to Chinese blogger Han Han to golfer Phil Mickelson. In the list are politicians, business persons, soldiers, musicians/singers, economists, TV and stage personalities, humanitarians, comedians, writers, designers, restaurateurs, scientists, physicians, philanthropists, educators, philosophers, lawyers, sports personalities and a firefighter.

Several thoughts come to mind as I read this list. I am first reminded that the world in need of the gospel is much larger than my daily Kentucky world. Included among these influencers are representatives from the United States, Brazil, Taiwan, Japan, France, Palestine, West Africa, Turkey, India, China, Canada, Russia, Ukraine, South Africa, Burma, Iran, Iraq and Yemen. In fact, at least 40 of the 100 influencers are internationals. The human race is much bigger than any of us—yet our Great Commission mandate to get the gospel to this ever-changing and always growing world remains (Matthew 28:18-20).

We must do the Great Commission because all human beings—regardless of their achievements—are still eternally lost without a relationship with Jesus Christ. People all around the

globe are doing good things like promoting progress in Africa and Haiti, standing against oppressive regimes, seeking cures for deadly diseases, advancing reforms in education, counseling and feeding the poor, and championing basic human rights. Such acts

are honorable and worthy of the attention of a major news magazine—but they do not earn salvation.

Think, though, about the ramifications if some of these influencers became followers of Jesus. What influence these leaders might have if following Jesus were their passion!

I understand, of course, that some may already follow Christ, and many would have no desire to do so. Just imagine, however ...

- American military personnel sharing Christ in life or death situations.

- the salvation of a Japanese leader opening the door to revival in that hard-soil nation.

- converted French leaders/influencers calling Europe back to God.

- Hollywood moguls using their publicity machines to tell stories of their lives changed through Christ.

- Indian believers illustrating Christian unity and strength for a fractured nation.

- global philanthropists committing their resources toward the spread of the gospel.

- Iranian and Iraqi believers living for the one and only true God.

And on and on the stories could go. How might such conversions happen,

though? There is only one way: somebody must tell the influencers about Jesus (Romans 10:14).

This is where this edition of Time most captures my thinking. In many ways, this list of "influencers" is a list of unknowns. Even the editor admits such: "You might not have heard their names before." He continues, though: "but their innovations and efforts will help change the world for years to come." We may not recognize the names of some of the world's most influential people, but the fruit of their labor may well outlast them.

Somehow, that just seems right in God's economy. Think about the Great Commission believers who daily proclaim Christ around the world.

They are salt and light to a lost world (Matthew 5:13-16), telling the Good News without concern for worldly recognition. Sometimes only their friends recognize their names. In some cases, only a few others know

where they are serving geographically. These believers will likely never be featured in a national magazine.

But, these "unknowns" are willing to remain unknown, giving their lives so that Jesus alone might be known. We might not know their names, but "their efforts will help change the world for years to come."

Their efforts will, in fact, change eternity—and that's the kind of influence that really matters. (BP)

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Wright urges Southern Baptists to reach new missions heights

Marietta, Ga.—In a recent video and letter, the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention called on church leaders and congregations to take missions engagement to new levels.

Bryant Wright, speaking and writing from a new website, Pray4SBC.com, encouraged Southern Baptists to rise to the challenge of taking the gospel to the people who need to hear it—close to home and around the world.

Wright, pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., was elected SBC president at last month's annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

In the video, which he addresses to "pastors, staff members and key leaders in our churches," Wright said: "There is an urgency like never before to see us take ... the good news of Jesus Christ to unreached people groups, to areas of the world where so few have the opportunity to (hear) the good news of Christ."

Wright noted that the Pray4SBC website offers an opportunity to sign up for an e-mail newsletter. The new president asked supporters to pray for the closeness of his family and for wisdom as he leads Southern Baptists to carry out the Great Commission Resurgence proposals adopted at the Orlando meeting.

He also asked for prayer that Southern Baptists would be "willing to do whatever it takes to

reach more people for Christ than ever before, with a renewed passion on fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission to His church."

In the letter, Wright said he sees "great transitions ahead" for the SBC's Executive Committee and its mission boards.



Bryant Wright

"Changes in leadership and strategy will affect the mission of Southern Baptists as a whole," he said. "I ask you to pray fervently for our convention in these critical days of decision making so we align ourselves fully with the heart and mission of Jesus."

Wright also noted three fundamental issues at the core of his convention presidency:

■ Returning Southern Baptists to Christ "as our first love."

■ A need for a "radical change in priorities in order to fulfill the Great Commission."

■ Get churches looking at "global ministry differently."

The Pray4SBC website will offer monthly video updates and daily devotionals, as well as offer individuals an opportunity "to enlist as part of our prayer team for the SBC," Wright said.

"There's much to do and much at stake," he concluded. "So join me in examining how all of us can be more fruitful and faithful kingdom witnesses in order to fulfill the greatest mission on earth." (BP)

Publisher of Ergun Caner's memoirs stands by claims from former seminary head

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A Christian publishing company said it has no plans to pull titles written by a Baptist seminary president recently demoted for making "factual statements that are self-contradictory" in sermons and speeches.

Kregel Publications, publisher of books by Ergun Caner, including the best-seller "Unveiling Islam: An Insider's Look at Muslim Life and Beliefs," said in a statement that despite Liberty's findings of discrepancies in spoken words, that it found "no credible evidence that contradicts" the biography as presented in Caner's books.

Caner's titles "are trustworthy, factually accurate and helpful to both Christians and seekers wanting to know more about Islamic beliefs and how those beliefs compare and contrast with biblical Christianity," the company said in a recent statement quoted by Christianity Today.

Another publisher of Caner's work expressed caution and a hope that Caner would address the issue.

Harvest House Publishers, which published his "The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics" stated: "We are saddened by the controversy that has risen ... (and) we are concerned that the allegations surrounding his statements have not yet been adequately addressed by him, and we are hopeful that he will personally respond to them soon."

B&H Publishing, a division of LifeWay Christian Resources, has not commented on the affair. In 2005 B&H released "Why Churches Die," co-authored by Caner with Mac Brunson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla. Before that B&H published "The Sacred Trust," a sketch of biographies of 50 SBC presidents, written by Caner with his brother, Emir Caner, president of Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga. (ABP)



Ergun Caner

American killed in Ugandan terrorist attacks had ties to N.C. church

Kampala, Uganda—An American who was among 74 people killed in a Uganda terrorist attack had ties to Summit Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Durham, N.C.

Nate Henn was a former college rugby player who used his love of rugby to mobilize assistance for children suffering from warfare in Uganda. He died July 11 on a rugby field in Kampala when he was struck by shrapnel from a terrorist bomb.

Three bombs exploded in coordinated attacks on a garden restaurant and the rugby field while hundreds of people gathered to watch the World Cup final between Spain

and the Netherlands, according to news reports. A Somali terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Henn, 25, had traveled to Uganda to meet children he had raised money to help through Invisible Children, a San Diego group that helps "forgotten children." The children called Henn "Oteka"—"the strong one"—and loved "Nate's wit, strength, character and steadfast friendship," the group said on its website.

Henn was the son of Bob and Julie Henn, members of Summit's North Raleigh campus, Summit pastor J.D. Greear reported in a July 13 post on his website. The grief of

losing Henn was compounded for the family when a brother, who was flying home to be with his family, was involved in a plane crash, Greear noted. While the brother was not critically injured, a second passenger was critically hurt and the pilot died, the Associated Press reported.

Greear's post also noted that the same day Henn died, Summit Church also lost Helen Young, "a matriarch" of the young congregation, and Chai Atwood, son of Summit's college pastor, Trevor Atwood and his wife, Keva, who had been born 14 weeks premature.

"Death and pain put the joy of salvation

in sharp relief," Greear wrote to members.

"Our sufferings are real, our cries of pain are real. But we weigh our present pain against the glory that God is working through that pain; a glory that will outweigh (though it is hard to believe sometimes) all the suffering that we endure in the present," Greear said. "Paul says that we now 'groan in anguish' like a woman in childbirth. Our groaning is real, but it is not a groan of despair."

"Yes, we genuinely hurt, but the glory God is bringing forth in us and through us, for the age to come, makes ours a light and momentary affliction." (BP)

Bratcher, Georgetown grad, Bible translator, dies at 90

Chapel Hill, N.C.—Robert Bratcher, the New Testament translator for the Good News Bible, died July 11 in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 90.

Born in Brazil the son of a Southern Baptist missionary and a Georgetown College graduate, Bratcher taught at Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro from 1949 until 1956, when he resigned from the then-Foreign Mission Board in a dispute over his teaching.

Bratcher then took a job with the American Bible Society, where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

In the early 1960s, the then-Home Mission Board asked the Bible society to recommend the best translation for people who speak English as a second language. Looking over the modern translations available at the time, ABS leaders decided that no single version fit that need, so Bratcher was asked to do an English translation "for Southern Baptists."

Released with the title "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament was first issued in 1966. The complete Bible was published in 1976 as the Good News Bible, also known as Today's English Version.

In 1981, Bratcher made comments criticizing fundamentalist views of the Bible, touching off a controversy that prompted many conservatives to stop giving to the ABS, and led to a financial crisis. Bratcher agreed to resign but continued to work as a consultant for the United Bible Societies.

Bratcher was a longtime member of Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, N.C., where a memorial service will be held July 24. (ABP)



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Salvation on the Battlefield

Preacher re-enactor brings age-old gospel to modern-day Civil War battlefields

By Daniel Burke

Gettysburg, Pa.—From his Old Testament beard down to his scuffed boots and battered Bible, Alan Farley looks the perfect picture of a Civil War chaplain.

On a dusty field five miles from where the Battle of Gettysburg was fought 147 years ago, Farley acts the part as well, thundering sermons from his homemade pulpit, praying with bedraggled soldiers, and handing out tracts with titles like “Everlasting Punishment.”

The thousands of soldiers and spectators at the Gettysburg Civil War Battle Re-enactment in early July could be forgiven for swallowing the chaplain’s performance—the tracts look aged, the religion old time.

But it is no act, insisted Farley, it is a divine calling.

For 26 years, Farley has driven thousands of miles, distributed millions of pages of tracts, and delivered hundreds of sermons—all for one mission: bringing Civil War re-enactors to Jesus.

“No one was reaching them,” said the 59-year-old Virginian. “They are gone every weekend and most wouldn’t darken the door of a church, ordinarily. But they need to get saved.”

Farley’s Re-enactors Missions for Jesus Christ combines modern means with 1860s-style evangelism to reach the estimated 50,000 Civil War enthusiasts who

live to relive famous battles like Bull Run, Antietam and Shiloh year after year.

Pitching a cross-steeped tent beside the battlefields, Farley and a handful of volunteers in period dress pray with re-enactors, promote a Civil War chaplains’ museum in Lynchburg, Va., and preach as often as event organizers will allow. Farley estimated that 1,800 re-enactors have been led to Christ through his ministry.

One day, he said, he hopes he’ll see an evangelical revival like those that blazed through Confederate camps during the Civil War.

A different kind of mission field

In some ways, Farley and his family are typical Christian missionaries, albeit with an unusual mission field. They live in Appomattox, Va., where Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant in 1865. But the Farleys spend 40 weeks a year away from home, crisscrossing the country in an RV that carries Alan and his wife, Faith, to scores of Civil War re-enactments and events. Often their 20-something children—both re-enactors—come along.

Fifteen churches support the Farleys through their monthly missions budgets. “Just like missionaries going to Africa, or Ireland, or wherever,” Farley said. Farley

was ordained by an independent Baptist church in 1994, at, of course, a Civil War re-enactment.

While many fellow re-enactors adopt a specific historical persona, Farley does not.

“I feel very strongly that if I portrayed somebody, and somebody realized I was not that person, they might think the message or gospel I’m trying to share with them is also phony,” he said.

Re-enactors spend countless hours learning to dress, shoot and speak like Civil War soldiers. But for all their historical high-mindedness and fastidious attention to period detail, re-enactments can be

bawdy affairs, with modern-day enthusiasts assuming the role of dissolute soldiers on the eve of bloody battles. Then as now, drink and gambling are the biggest vices.

At a re-enactment two decades ago in North Carolina, where Farley was playing a Confederate soldier, he read the Bible in his tent as the moon rose. It was the Book of Ezekiel, where God warns that those who do not dissuade backsliders will be held accountable.

“I said, ‘Lord, are you speaking to me about these re-enactors?’” Farley recalled. “And the Lord said, ‘Look at them singing and carrying on around the campfire. My Son died for them and no one is coming to them. If you go, I’ll give you the strength.’ From then on, my burden was for the re-enactors.”

Since re-enactments often are held on isolated farms, getting to church on Sunday and back by battle time can be nearly impossible. Farley resolved to bring church to the men. He began with 15-minute sermons held in the shade of an oak tree between battles. At the recent Gettysburg re-enactment, Farley led two services packed with hundreds of soldiers and spectators in a tent beside the battlefield.

That’s where William Collins of Portland, Ind., heard Farley on July 4, just hours before he rushed into battle as the Color Sergeant in Pickett’s Charge. Three years ago, Collins said, Farley saved his life—eternal and temporal.

“I was going down the wrong road. He brought me back and gave me a new outlook,” he said.

Not everyone appreciates his ministry, Farley admitted. Some chaplain re-enactors, turned off by his evangelism, turn tail when they see him coming. Some spectators and re-enactors turn up at his 1860s-style worship services expecting a show, only to find real conviction.

Farley’s preaching blends past and present—he keeps 200 period sermons in boxes in the RV—but they leave no room for middle ground: you are saved, or you are not. Each service closes with an altar call.

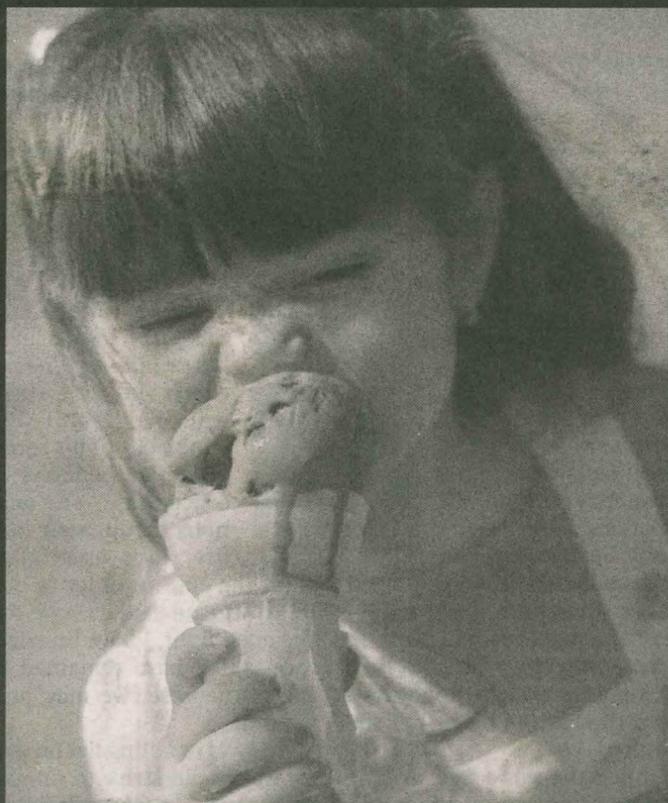
“It’s the same message men 150 years ago were preaching,” he said. “That never changes.”

The preacher has no patience for chaplain re-enactors who dress the part but lack the passion.

“I run across men out here who portray chaplains and have the mannerisms and the dress of a Civil War chaplain down to a ‘T,’” Farley said. “But when they preached, I realized they were not genuine. They were just reading a sermon that someone else preached.” (RNS)



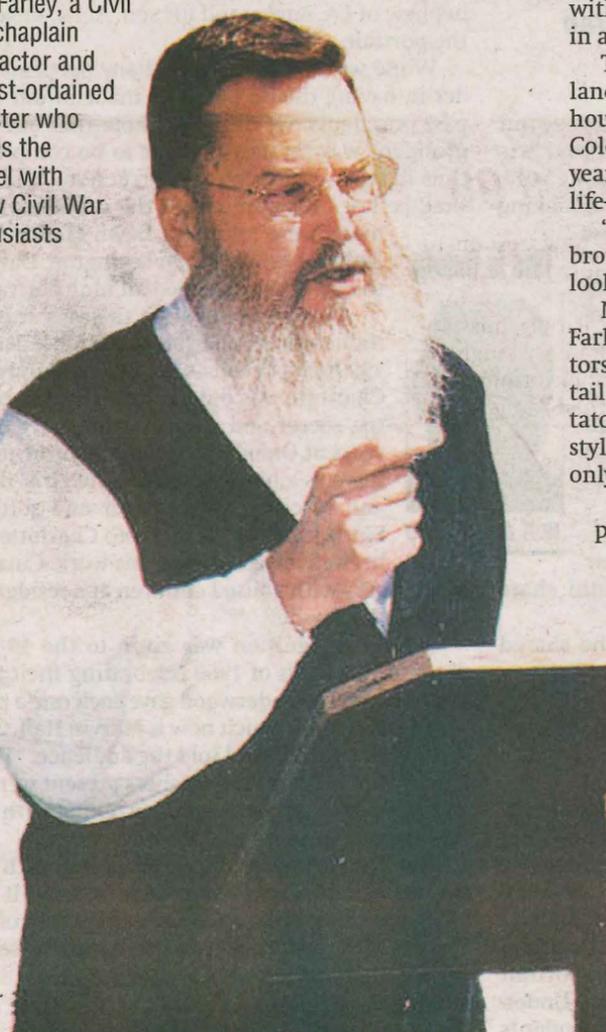
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Alan Farley, a Civil War chaplain re-enactor and Baptist-ordained minister who shares the gospel with fellow Civil War enthusiasts



Dakota Baptists' Sturgis motorcycle outreach calls for volunteers

By Karen Willoughby
Dakota Baptist

Sturgis, S.D.—Ordinarily, Sturgis, S.D., is a charming, Western-style tourist town on the northern end of the Black Hills. People bound for sites such as Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial might even miss it, with so much else to see and do.

But the town soon will expand to as many as 700,000 when the 70th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally rolls into town Aug. 9-15.

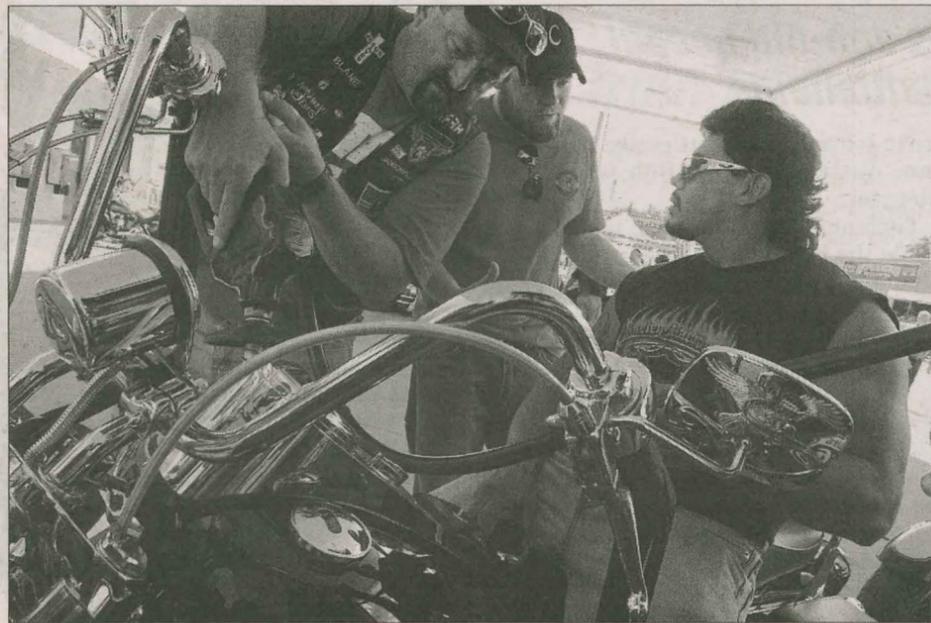
Southern Baptists plan to be ready—and “we need your help,” said Jim Hamilton, executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention. For the fifth year in a row, the convention will have an evangelistic outreach at the rally.

“We’re expanding this year to three sites,” Hamilton said, “and that’s going to take a lot of folks willing to talk with people about the positive difference Jesus Christ has made in their lives.”

The evangelism strategy at Sturgis will include an opportunity to win a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle for anyone willing to listen to a three-minute testimony.

Each morning during the Sturgis rally, Southern Baptists provide training for volunteers on how to effectively and succinctly share their faith. By training, and then doing, and seeing the people they encounter invite Jesus into their lives, the volunteers return to their homes inspired and equipped to share their faith in their own communities, said Garvon Golden, Sharing Christ strategist with the Dakota Baptist Convention and overall coordinator of the Sturgis ministry.

“We have seen this to be true in the Dakotas,” Golden said. “Baptisms have increased over the last three years, and last year we had among the largest percentage increase in baptisms in the nation. While we can’t tie this directly to our efforts in



GAS & THE GOSPEL Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student Michael Martin shares the gospel with a biker as Blane Jeffords, a Hellfighter from Jacksonville, Fla., pumps gas during a free gas giveaway during last year’s Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Sturgis, surely what we’re doing here is having a ripple effect back to our churches.

In addition to the evangelism tent across the street from the hugely popular Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame, a second tent will be set up at the Harley-Davidson dealership on the edge of Rapid City, and a third in Custer, S.D., near the Crazy Horse Memorial.

‘Hardcore’ camp ministry

Also new this year: a relationship-building ministry at a camp for non-Christian bikers that will include nightly concerts of music not normally heard in staid Southern Baptist churches.

“This camp is for hardcore bikers,” Hamilton said. “We began to realize these

bikers were the least likely to stop and listen to someone give their Christian testimony. ... We’re trying to make it low-key so we don’t mess up what God’s doing. ... This is about God touching people’s hearts and changing lives.”

By providing breakfast and supper at the “clean and sober campground,” along with security services and relationship-building conversations, Southern Baptists will try to break through barriers that will lead to evangelistic conversations. This is the first year of a five-year commitment by First Baptist Church of Custer, S.D., to open its church camp to the biker ministry.

“We felt like God wanted us to share the gospel with more people; that’s why we expanded,” Hamilton said. “On less money

we expanded to more ministries, to touch more people.”

Southern Baptist ministry at Sturgis will focus not just on hardcore bikers but also the “people groups” of motorcycle enthusiasts and the people who provide support services for the week, including vendors of the 1,700 or more tent businesses.

Vital prayer

“You don’t even need to come to Sturgis to have a part in the intentional evangelism,” Golden said. “We are still looking for teams that can come and share testimonies under one of the tents during the week of the rally, either in the morning, afternoon and evening shifts.

“We also are looking for prayer teams to prayerwalk or drive Sturgis during our 30 days of prayer for the rally,” he added.

Golden also suggested doing a virtual prayerwalk at www.SturgisBikeGiveaway.com.

“Prayer is so vitally integral to what we do here,” he noted. “God works through the prayers of His people, and we’re asking Him to move in a mighty way.”

In the first four years of the Sturgis ministry, at least 16,777 people listened to someone give a personal testimony, and 3,753 first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ were made.

Names and contact information of those who make a profession of faith is sent each day to the Evangelism Response Center at the North American Mission Board, which redirects the information to a Southern Baptist church near the person’s home.

“People are walking away from Sturgis with Jesus in their hearts and He is going to begin to change their lives,” Hamilton said. “With this intentional evangelism, we have been obedient witnesses in a place that desperately needs it.” (BP)

Homecoming 2010

Memorable day honors Class of 1960, sees unveiling of founder’s portrait

By Myrtle Webb Cooke
OBI alumni director

The big day was June 26. Letters had gone out inviting alumni, friends, former staff and students to return to Oneida for Homecoming 2010. Our staff had done an outstanding job of making the many preparations necessary to host the 400-plus people who attended.

Richard Burns, OBI’s choir and band director from 1985-91, began the morning hymn sing at Oneida Baptist Church by reading a portion of Psalm 127:1—“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.” James Anderson Burns, the school’s founder, read those same words the day the school opened, Jan. 1, 1900.

Many alumni look forward to Homecoming because they get to sing their favorite hymns and hear fellow alumni share their Oneida memories.

Completely unplanned, many of the shared stories were from the Sparks era (1948-1962). Present at the hymn sing was Ferne Sparks Williford, daughter of Oneida’s seventh president, Chester Sparks. Ferne was a staff member for eight years during the time her father was president.

A cousin of Sparks, Martha Adams Houchell (Class of 1956) shared that when she and her niece, Peggy Sparks (also Class of 1956), were students, they called the president “Papa Sparks,” which became his unofficial name to students.

The main event, held in the Melvin Davidson Chapel, featured the unveiling of an oil portrait of James Anderson Burns. President Bud Underwood invited all of President Burns’ descendants

to come to the stage while Richard Burns, a great-nephew of J.A. Burns, and his son, Andy, unveiled the portrait.

While we have not followed any particular order in having the oil portraits made of our nine past presidents, we did make note that our first president was the last portrait to be completed, thus following the biblical instruction, “the first shall be last.” Also present at the unveiling ceremony were John and Dawn Malick from Malick’s Art Studio in Lexington. Dawn is the artist who painted all nine portraits.

Another recognition this year was the induction of Charlotte Craxton (Class of 1999) into Oneida’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Charlotte was outstanding in cross country, soccer and softball during her three years at Oneida. In 2003, she returned to serve as a houseparent in the girls’ dorm and to coach girls’ soccer and softball. Since leaving OBI in 2006, Charlotte has been involved in missions work. Current-

ly she works with abused children at a residential home in Louisville.

Special recognition was given to the 19 people from the Class of 1960 celebrating their 50th anniversary. Dr. Underwood gave each one a print of our old school, which now is Marvin Hall. Class sponsor Ferne Williford told the audience, “These are my kids.” Other 1960 teachers present were Ed and Gerri Morgan and Ed Boden, along with Pastor Eugene Hamilton and his wife.

The best Homecoming ever ended with the singing of our school song “Oneida Fair.” It was a day to remember! (Since I am a member of the Class of 1960, I suppose I am just a little biased.)

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

Lessons from a moving sidewalk

Haggerty shares illustration from airport experience

By Dan Haggerty
Clear Creek senior

While traveling to Israel recently, I used the moving sidewalks in the airport to get through the terminal faster. These sidewalks stirred me to think about two things:

■ Walking on a moving sidewalk is similar to living one’s life with the Holy Spirit.

■ You must concentrate on what you are doing all the way to the end of the moving sidewalk, otherwise you may trip and fall.

Galatians 5:16 states, “So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.” If a believer will walk in the same direction as the Holy Spirit, then he or she will not travel down the path of his or her sinful nature.

In much the same way, as long as one stays on the moving sidewalk he or she is going to go where it leads. One can choose to walk on the moving sidewalk or one can choose to stand still—either way, wherever that sidewalk goes, so does that person standing on it.

Using a moving sidewalk also requires concentration to exit at

the end. If you pay little attention when it comes to the end, you will not finish well. You may fall flat on your face right in front of everyone around you. (I came awfully close!)

The end of a Christian life is similar to exiting a moving sidewalk. In 2 Timothy 2, Paul says: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return.”

We as believers must concentrate on our actions throughout our entire lives—especially toward the end—in order to be able to say as Paul said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.” Otherwise, we may not finish well.

Instead of falling flat on our faces, we should strive to finish well on the moving sidewalk called life in order to victoriously step off at the end and hear, “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

The great equalizer

Scholarships level playing field for Ky. Baptist students

If you believe in the value of a college education in a Christian context, and you want to be a part of making sure a Christian values-based college education is accessible to as many Kentucky Baptist students who attend one of our Baptist institutions in Kentucky, then consider contributing toward scholarships.

A scholarship is the great equalizer because it helps level the playing field for our students who desire to attend one of our Baptist institutions, regardless of their backgrounds or financial stations in life.

Fortunately, there have been those over the years who included in their estate plans provisions for scholarships for Kentucky Baptist students to attend Kentucky Baptist educational institutions.

The scholarship committee of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation recently awarded scholarships to 226 students for a combined total of \$258,300. For many of these students, this award was the great equalizer. These funds represented the earnings from the perpetual endowments that were established by generous Christians in days

gone by who believed in the value of a Christian education and wanted to make such an education possible into the unfolding future for as many young people as possible.

Most of these scholarships were granted to students attending one of our Baptist colleges. The rest were awarded to ministerial students attending seminary or Bible college.

I encourage you to partner with the KBF and those Christians who have gone before us to provide our students with the great equalizer and the ultimate gift: the opportunity to receive a Christian-based education from a Kentucky Baptist-related educational institution.

It's easier to do than you might think. You may want to contribute to an existing scholarship endowment, or you may want to establish one according to your own preferences. Please call Laurie Valentine or me toll free for more information about how to provide the great equalizer, the results of which will be a better world in which our children and their children can live and serve.

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Campbellsville University's mission

Community involvement has always been school's focus

Campbellsville University has a long history of serving the educational needs of the community, region and state. For 104 years, CU has been dedicated to enhancing educational attainment in an underserved region of our state and has been a vital part of enhancing the quality of life.

With the closure of the Fruit of the Loom plant and other regional textile plants in the late 1990s, this commitment to community service expanded significantly. CU offered classes to several hundred displaced workers, most of whom completed associate's and bachelor's degrees within a few years.

CU also worked closely with local and state officials in the formation of a new economic development agency and helped prepare a strategic plan for community progress. The university provided intellectual and spiritual leadership at a time when unemployment soared to nearly 30 percent. In many ways, CU's community service and close working partnerships with elected officials and civic leaders helped facilitate economic recovery.

A primary initiative was the establishment of a center for technology and workforce development training. CU established the Technology Training Center to increase the number of skilled workers in the tech field; offer special-

ized training for area industries; provide continuing education opportunities; offer personal-enrichment courses; and provide affordable training to the region's businesses and industries.

More than 10,000 people have received training through the various programs offered. And these individuals are not included in the 20

consecutive semesters of record enrollment numbers at CU. Training programs have been paid for by those who receive training, businesses and industries, and federal and state grant programs. The variety and scope of training programs are expanding.

Training programs offered have included Microsoft certifications, continuing education for electricians and contractors, workforce essential skills, and hospitality training. TTC Director Carol Sullivan can be reached at (270) 789-5392 or at CSullivan@Campbellsville.edu.

CU is involved in community service in many other ways, including Kentucky Heartland Outreach in home repairs and construction, student service ministry projects, and faculty and staff involvement in churches and civic organizations.

Our efforts to enhance employability and technology skills in the region are further examples of Campbellsville doing "missions" in the community and beyond.

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John Chowning

Judge overturns part of federal marriage act

All states now required to recognize same-sex couples married elsewhere

By Michael Foust

Boston—In a decision that could require states to recognize same-sex marriages, a U.S. district judge July 8 overturned part of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, ruling that the government cannot constitutionally distinguish between traditional marriage and same-sex marriage.

Judge Joseph Tauro's ruling on a pair of lawsuits out of Massachusetts invalidates Section 3 of the act, which says that for the purpose of federal law, marriage "means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

If the ruling is upheld, it would require the government to recognize same-sex marriages from states that allow them—Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Iowa and Massachusetts—and, by extension, grant federal benefits, such as tax breaks and federal employee spousal insurance, to same-sex couples.

"What we said would happen has happened. We said that sooner or later a federal judge somewhere was going to strike down all or part of the Defense of Marriage Act," said Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

"The only way," Land added, "for the nation to protect itself from same-sex marriage being foisted upon it by imperial judicial fiat is to pass a marriage amendment that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Judges can't strike down amendments."

Land predicted the case will end up before the Supreme Court.

The Justice Department, which has the responsibility of defending the law, has not announced whether it will appeal. President Obama opposes the law, and legal conservatives have criticized the Justice Department as putting forward a weak defense by refusing to use the best arguments to protect the law. In 1996 the House said the law was needed to encourage responsible procreation and mother-father homes. Some state courts have cited those reasons in refusing to legalize same-sex marriage.

"Children do best with a mother and a father and the government has a legitimate interest in promoting that ideal," said Dale Schowengardt, an Alliance Fund attorney. "The disappointing thing is that the government explicitly disavowed the interests ... that Congress referenced (in 1996). It's very disappointing, especially in light of the fact all the courts that have upheld the definition of marriage relied on those bases."

The ruling opens the door for what could be a significant few months for gay-rights advocates. Despite the fact that a same-sex civil unions bill was vetoed in Hawaii, homosexual groups are hopeful a federal judge soon will strike down California's same-sex marriage ban. They also expect a congressional bill repealing the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy soon to pass. (BP)

Political clash grows over funding for NYC mosque

New York—A major political clash is brewing in New York over a planned mosque near Ground Zero, with Republicans demanding an investigation into the mosque's funding and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg calling such a probe "un-American."

Long Island Rep. Peter King, the top Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, wants a probe of the \$100 million project, as does GOP gubernatorial candidate Rick Lazio.

"That just is so out of character for what this nation stands for," Bloomberg said at a July 12 press conference.

Bloomberg stood by decisions by city officials to support the construction of Cordoba House, a 15-story community center with an auditorium, art exhibition space and mosque.

The Cordoba House is a project of Cordoba Initiative, an organization seeking to foster peaceful Muslim-Western relations, and the American Society for Muslim Advancement.

Critics, however, said Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the founder of Cordoba Initiative and ASMA, would not disclose the source of the funds. He also has been criticized for telling CBS' "60 Minutes" last year that "United States policies were an accessory" to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

King said funding for such a controversial project needs to be clear. "I think the 9/11 families have a right to know where the funding comes from." (RNS)

Conservative groups decry court ruling on indecency

Washington—Conservative groups blasted a federal court ruling that overturned a policy of the Federal Communications Commission intended to crack down on unscripted curse words and wardrobe mishaps.

Spurred on by celebrity slip-ups from Cher and U2 lead singer Bono, the 2004 FCC policy fined television networks that did not censor indecency, however spontaneous.

Broadcasting giants like Fox and ABC challenged the "fleeting expletive" rule as they tried to determine where to draw the line for sexual content and controversial language.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled July 13 that the agency's policy was "unconstitutionally vague" and a violation of the First Amendment. Conservative family groups, however, disagreed.

"We urge the FCC to get tough with Fox and stand ready to revoke the licenses of any and all broadcasters who refuse to comply with the terms of those licenses," said Tim Winter, president of the Parents Television Council.

The PTC cited Fox's "American Dad" as an example of an indecent show—and the source of more than 100,000 complaints filed with the FCC—and the controversial cartoon "Family Guy."

Washington-based Concerned Women for America also disagreed with the ruling.

"A federal broadcast license is a privilege held in the public trust," said Jan LaRue, the group's chief counsel. "Pumping sewage into American homes during the family hour violates that trust."

Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission said the ruling should remind parents they cannot rely on government to watch out for their children.

The court said the FCC policy did not specify what comprised offensive material, other than banning sexual and excretory organs.

They called the attempt to control content "chilling," and said "even if the FCC were able to provide a complete list of all such expressions, new offensive and indecent words are invented every day."

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps urged the FCC to appeal the ruling. "Sadly, the court focused its energies on the purported chilling effect our indecency policy has on broadcasters of indecent programming, and no time focusing on the chilling effect today's decision will have on the ability of American parents to safeguard the interests of their children." (RNS)

LifeWay's Living Proof Live with Beth Moore in Lexington in Aug.

Lexington—Thousands of women will gather Aug. 13-14 at Rupp Arena in Lexington to hear from best-selling author Beth Moore at LifeWay Women's Living Proof Live.

Moore, whose books and studies, including "Breaking Free" and "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman," have been read by millions around the world, is known for her ability to apply Scripture to everyday life. The event brings Moore's teaching to life as she offers insights that touch the hearts of all women.

"We are thrilled that Living Proof Live with Beth Moore is coming to Lexington," said Paige Greene, LifeWay Women's events director. "She's a passionate, gifted author and speaker who has touched so many lives. Rupp Arena will be an exciting place to be."

Worship leader Travis Cottrell and his praise team will join Moore for the weekend event. It will run Aug. 13 from 7-9:30 p.m., and Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

All seats are general admission at a cost of \$60. For more information, visit www.LifeWay.com/LivingProof, or call (800) 254-2022.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BEDFORD**—Pleasant View Church recently called **Gregg Fisher** as pastor.

■ **BEREA**—Westside Church recently ordained **Wayne Combs** and **Tim Molton** to the gospel ministry. **Allen Livengood** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—Rocky Ridge Church will hold revival services July 25-29 with **Bradley Cornelius**, pastor of Gracey West Union Church, as evangelist. **Robert McIntosh** is pastor.

■ **LONDON**—Slate Hill Church recently called **Homer Johnson** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Totz Church.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will host the **Melody Boys Quartet** in concert July 25, 7 p.m. For more information, call (502) 367-0218. **Geoffrey Lacefield** is pastor.

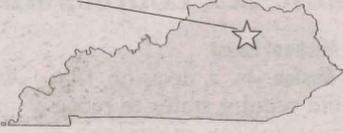
Shively Church recently called **Bill Gressette** as pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Oaklawn Church recently called **Brian Wimberley** as pastor.

■ **PAINT LICK**—Wallaceton Church re-

Spotlight on ...

Carlisle



Josh Pollitt recently resigned as pastor of Locust Grove Church to become an International Mission Board missionary to the African nation of Ghana.

cently called **Tim Pack** as pastor.

■ **PENDLETON**—Sligo Church recently called **Eric Douglas** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Pond Missionary Church in King's Mountain.

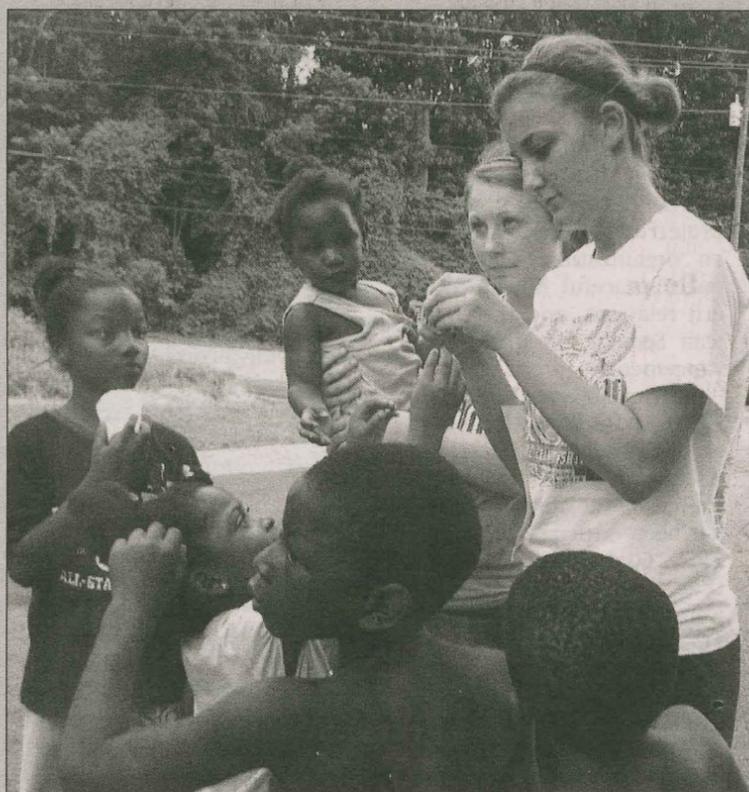
■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Elk Creek Church recently called **Andrew Bertram** as minister to students. **Josh McFarland** is pastor.

Hitting the links



Tom Wilkes (left), pastor of Grants Lick Baptist Church in Alexandria, and members of his church get ready to head out to the first tee at Northern Kentucky Baptist Association's Cavella Robbins Memorial Golf Outing at Hickory Sticks Golf Club in Campbell County. The golf scramble is named in honor of the late wife of Northern Kentucky Association Director of Missions Rick Robbins. Proceeds from the event, totaling nearly \$750, were donated to the NOKYBA Children's Golf program, which uses basic golf instruction and competition as an outreach to unchurched kids in the community. (Submitted photo)

Students on mission in Atlanta



Erin Harper (standing, white shirt) and Sophie Van Hooser (holding child), members of a student mission team from First Baptist Church of Princeton, spend time with kids at a backyard Bible school the team put on at an Atlanta-area apartment complex. The team of 31 students and six adults, split into four groups, held eight Bible school sessions daily during their trip. Working in partnership with North American Mission Board missionary Tim Cummings, the group helped lead 72 people to make decisions for Jesus Christ, according to Cindy Long, student ministry and recreation director at First Baptist, Princeton. (Photo by Tim Cummings)

KBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

23-24 World Missions Unlimited, First Baptist Church, Henderson.

30-8/1 Pursuit Student Leadership Academy, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

August

21 Super Saturday, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

28 Super Saturday, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

September

4-6 Wrangler Trail Ride, Land Between the Lakes.

11 Super Saturday, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah; University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg.

18 Children in Action Missions Day Camp, Pleasant View Baptist Church, Waynesburg.

18 Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; First Baptist Church, Russell.

20-21 Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament, Cherry Blossom Golf & Country Club, Georgetown.

21 Understanding Other Beliefs, Unity Baptist Church, Richmond.

23-24 Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorale Fall Retreat, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

24-25 Kentucky Baptist Women's Chorale Fall Retreat, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

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SEEKING: Associate Pastor of Education and Church Administration to serve White Plains Baptist Church, Scottsville, KY. Full position responsibilities and requirement may be found at www.wpbcc4u.org. Please send notification of interest and/or questions to philrogers@nctc.com.

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amic, growing church that currently averages a total of 750 in two blended Sunday morning services. Candidate must have strong spiritual maturity and leadership skills, must be able to lead all aspects of worship ministry including congregational worship, praise team and band, choir of all ages, and creative arts ministries. Requires a seminary degree with at least five years experience. Send resumé, references and letter of interest to: Zion Baptist Church, 8158 Hwy 351, Henderson, KY 42420. Attn: Worship Pastor Search Committee.

SEEKING: National Heights Baptist Church (www.nationalheights.org) seeks full-time Minister of Music for traditional and blended services. Email: resumes@nationalheights.org or mail: NHBC Personnel Committee, 3050 N. National, Springfield, MO, 65803.

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SEEKING: Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, KY is accepting resumes for a full-time Minister of Youth. The responsibilities for this position and additional information are posted online at www.calvarybaptistchurch.com. Resumes may be submitted to Youth Ministry Search Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, 150 E. High St., Lexington, KY 40507.

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Syd Squid's Stroller
By Todd and Michelle Deaton

"Only three easy payments of \$15.99," the commercial announcer said as Syd Squid watched her favorite TV cartoon. "It's just what I've been looking for!" Syd exclaimed about the pink stroller with purple seashells printed on it. "I need it for my doll, Seabrina," she insisted. "Can I get it, Mom?" she begged. "Not today, Syd. It costs almost \$50," her mom answered. "Perhaps you could earn some money to buy it," she suggested. Looking around at the mess that Syd had made in the den, her mom added, "I sure could use some help keeping this house clean." "Aw, Mom, I want to go outside and play," Syd whined. "Which do you want more—to play outside or to get that pretty stroller?" her mom asked.

"Maybe I could earn some money for the stroller by helping Mom," Syd thought. She quickly listed jobs she would not mind doing and wrote down the amount that she would charge.

Syd was thrilled at how quickly the money added up in her piggy bank. She loved the sound of change clinking as she shook her bank. She got so excited about making money that she soon started charging for everything she was asked to do. She even charged her father a nickel for passing the orange juice to him at breakfast, and she wanted a dime for bringing the mail inside from the mailbox.



At school, Sunny Starfish asked for help with some math problems. "That will cost you a nickel per problem," Syd demanded. "What?" Sunny asked, surprised. "Tutors get paid for helping students," Syd told her. That afternoon, Seamore Seahorse asked for some help weeding a flower garden for Miss Annie Angelfish. "Sure, I'll help," replied Syd. "How much does she pay?" "Nothing," answered Seamore. "Then, why would I want to help?" Syd asked smugly. Craig Crab and Lenny Lobster got into an argument about a basketball foul. Seeing an opportunity to add money to her piggy bank, Syd rushed over and asked, "Do you need a referee?" "Yeah," Lenny and Craig agreed. "Great! That will be 50 cents," Syd demanded. That weekend, Syd proudly opened her piggy bank, counted her money and ordered the pink stroller. On the day it arrived, Syd could hardly wait to call her friends to invite them over. "How much are you charging us?" Sunny asked.



Treasure Hunt

Why did Syd Squid want to earn some money?
What were some of the tasks for which she charged others?
Why did the Cove Kids not want to play with her?
What advice did her mom offer? Read Proverbs 22:1 together.

"Huh?" Syd replied. "I'm not sure we can afford to play with you," the other Cove Kids said. "Syd cried to her mom, 'I don't understand. No one wants to play with me.'" After hearing how Syd had been charging her friends for everything, Syd's mother said, "Honey, we should always be willing to help others in Jesus' name, whenever they ask."

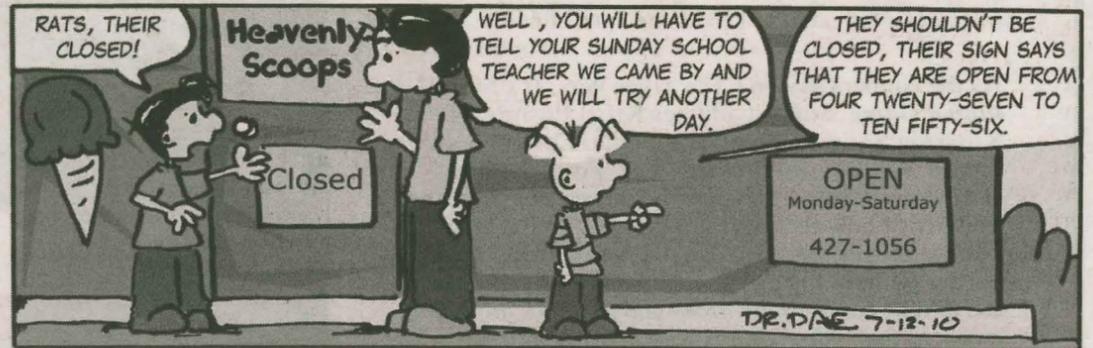
For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

Carole Stengel

Across

- 1 "The gold of ____" (1 Chronicles 29:4)
- 5 "Four men ... ____ in the ... fire" (Daniel 3:25)
- 10 Sweaty class, abbr.
- 11 Shining circle indicating holiness
- 13 "What ye hear in the ____" (Matthew 10:27)
- 14 "He shewed himself alive after his ____" (Acts 1:3)
- 16 Period of time
- 17 Land where Cain lived after he killed Abel (Genesis 4:16)
- 18 South American language, abbr.
- 20 ____ sold his birthright (Hebrews 12:16)
- 22 "I will ____ the loving kindnesses of the Lord" (Isaiah 63:7)
- 26 It is, contr.
- 28 Do again, prefix
- 29 Pimple
- 31 "____ by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:16)
- 36 "To whom shall we ____?" (John 6:68)
- 37 Astronomical unit, abbr.
- 38 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25)
- 40 "I ... will ____ thee with my hand while I pass by" (Exodus 33:22)
- 44 Third Gospel, abbr.
- 45 "The ____ of the just is as the shining light" (Proverbs 4:18)
- 47 Parentless child
- 48 Standard temperature and pressure, abbr.
- 49 Myself

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- 50 "The ____ of all them that believe" (Romans 4:11)
- 53 "It pleased the Lord to ____ him" (Isaiah 53:10)
- 56 Continent in the southern hemisphere, abbr.
- 57 Executive order, abbr.
- 59 Soviet Socialist Republic, abbr.
- 60 "Thy faithfulness shalt thou ____ in the very heavens" (Psalms 89:2)

- 19 Preachy, Brit.
- 21 Universal time, coordinated, abbr.
- 23 Not elsewhere indicated, abbr.
- 24 Dorothy's imaginary land
- 25 "If a man walk in the ____, he stumbleth" (John 11:10)
- 27 Address abbreviation
- 30 Preposition
- 32 People who love and worship
- 33 Des Moines is the capital of this state, abbr.
- 34 Einsteinium, chem. symbol
- 35 "The ____ saith, It is not in me" (Job 28:14)
- 39 Adhesive strip
- 40 Used for grooming the hair
- 41 Replaces the president in case of sickness or death, abbr.
- 42 Questioning word
- 43 "In the third day he will ____ us up" (Hosea 6:2)
- 46 Greeting
- 48 Thrust a knife
- 51 A king (1 Kings 15:8)
- 52 Dweller, abbr.
- 54 Abram's birth place (Genesis 11:28)
- 55 Plural suffix
- 58 Exclamation

Last week's solution

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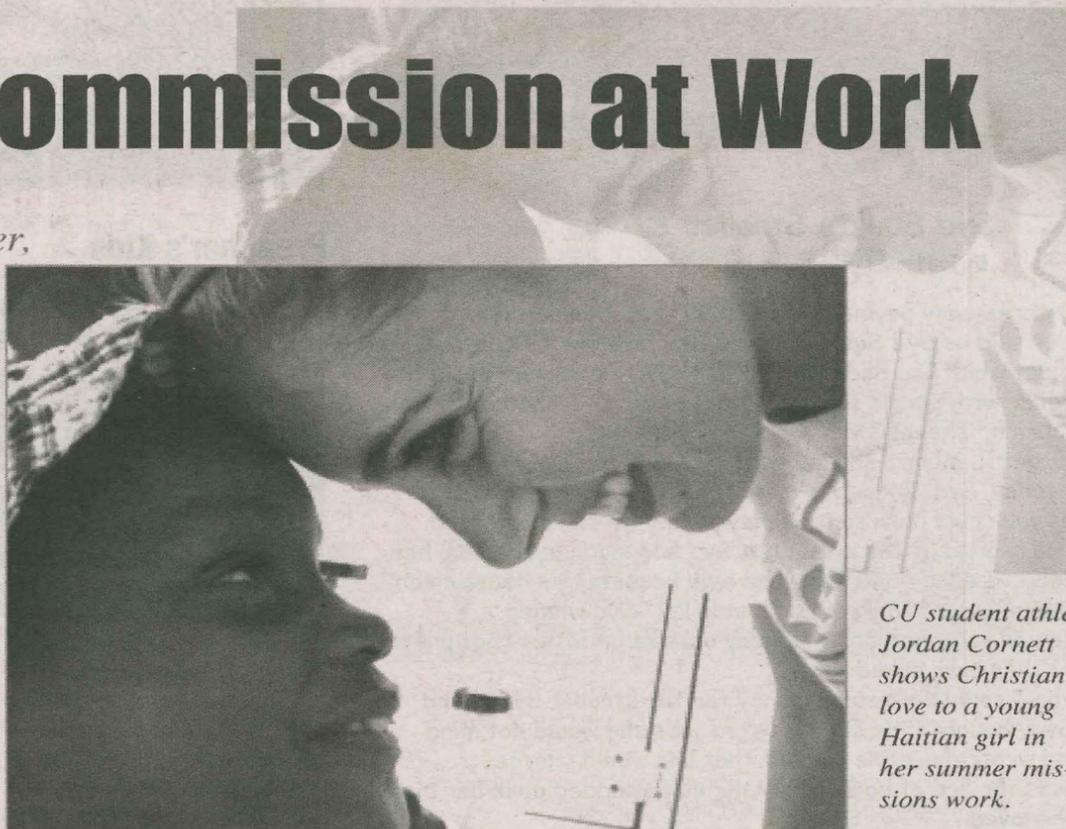
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