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## Faith & Fitness

Author warns exercise is good until it becomes a false god

By Bob Allen

**New York**—The sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians describes the body as “a temple of the Holy Spirit.” For many Christians that means what they do with their bodies matters to God—including physical fitness. A few, however, caution that too much focus on “temple care” can itself become a sin.

In his book “Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power and the Only Hope that Matters,” author Tim Keller defines an idol as “anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.”

That includes even things normally thought of as good, like exercise.

While it’s easy to think about idols as statues in a temple somewhere, Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian

Church in New York, says idols are everywhere. “Anything can serve as a counterfeit god, especially the good things in life,” he contends.

Keller defines a counterfeit god as “anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.”

Pastor Mike Higgins of Redemption Fellowship, a conservative African-American church in Fayette County, Ga., said he has dealt with idols of exercise and physical appearance for many years.

The problem began for Higgins when he felt shame after failing an Army physical fitness test in the late 1970s. “I have been running ever since,” he wrote in a recent blog. He never failed another test and usually scored the maximum, but it never was good enough, and he never enjoyed it.

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## Churches’ wireless microphone usage could bring stiff fines

By Erin Roach

**Washington**—Churches could face six-figure fines if they continue to use wireless microphones that operate within a spectrum the Federal Communications Commission has set aside for public-safety entities.

“With the completion of the digital television transition on June 12, 2009, television stations no longer use the frequencies between 698 and 806 MHz (the 700 MHz band) for broadcast,” the FCC explained. “These frequencies are now being used by public-safety entities (such as police, fire and emergency services) and by commercial providers of wireless services.”

If, for instance, a church uses wireless microphones during a worship service, and they are powerful enough to operate outside the building causing interference to public-safety workers communicating via radios, lives could be at risk.

Therefore, as of June 12, anyone using a wireless microphone within the 700 MHz band has been ordered to vacate the frequencies. Violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis, but fines could exceed \$100,000.

Churches across the Southern Baptist Convention have had to examine their microphone equipment to ensure they are not in violation of the FCC ban. In many cases, the cost of replacing such equipment has been significant.

“We had to replace a total of 13 microphones that were all within the frequency the FCC wanted to reserve strictly for police and ambulance services,” said Curtis Brewer, associate pastor of worship and celebration at First Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas. “It cost us about \$13,000 to replace those microphones.”

Brewer said he uses at least 20 wireless mics each Sunday for praise teams, special speakers, the pastor, baptisms and other elements.

Even though the wireless microphones the church used in the 700 MHz band still work well, they are of no use under the FCC’s new regulations.

“I know that there are some in our town that aren’t quite as fortunate as we are that have had to totally do away with wireless microphones and go back to cable mics,” Brewer said. “So, there are other options instead of having to replace” the wireless microphones.

Churches are advised to determine whether the wireless micro-

## KBC ‘ahead of the curve’ in CP promotion, strategist says

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

**Orlando, Fla.**—When Southern Baptist Convention messengers approved the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report in June, things changed for many SBC entities.

Among them were the state conventions.

Adopted as part of the overall report was a component that handed primary responsibility for Cooperative Program and stewardship promotion to the 42 state and regional Baptist conventions.

The task force urged the SBC Executive Committee to work with state convention leaders to develop a strategy for “encouraging our churches to greater participation and investment in the Cooperative Program.” All of this is to be in place by the 2013 SBC annual meeting.

In Kentucky, a CP promotion strategy has been in the works since 2008.

“I think Kentucky Baptists were ahead of the curve in terms of already seeing the need for somebody who had a passion for the Great Commission.”

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## Richmond pastor Tanner to be nominated for KBC president

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

Richmond—Butch Tanner, pastor of Red House Baptist Church in Richmond, will be nominated as Kentucky Baptist Convention president when the KBC annual meeting convenes Nov. 16 in Lexington.

Tanner, who served as president of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana in 2006-07, will be nominated by Butch Pennington, pastor of Kirksville Baptist Church in Richmond.

Tanner is the first announced candidate for the post.

"I believe (Tanner) has the God-given talent of guiding us as a convention as we seek to carry out the Great Commission and follow the path set before us as mandated in the Scriptures," Pennington noted in a statement announcing the nomination.

Pennington said Red House Baptist is strongly committed to missions with an average of 150 members involved in hands-on mission projects each year.

Tanner himself is a former foreign missionary. He served with the then-Foreign

Mission Board in Zambia for two years as a seminary teacher before his oldest daughter's health problems prompted the family to return to the United States.

That experience, Tanner said, "would definitely give me an ability to share with folks the importance of the missions effort."

Citing a doctoral study he completed in seminary, the pastor said at least 50 percent of Southern Baptist churches do not have a missions education program.

For emphases like the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, many churches "just rely on making an announcement and have an offering and that's it," Tanner noted, "and there's a lot of them that don't even do that."

"Anything we can do to bring life to missions and its emphasis in every single church makes a difference."

Regarding the work of Kentucky's Great Commission Task Force, which is expected to release a report soon that will be voted

on by KBC messengers in November, Tanner said the best way for Kentucky Baptists to fulfill the Great Commission is to look "beyond our own locations."

"I would love to be able to encourage every church—large, small, medium, whatever—to just go beyond where they've ever been before," he explained.

That includes Cooperative Program gifts and churches' overall missions budgets, he noted.

"One of the things the mission field taught me is you don't make plans on what you can afford; you make plans on what God plans for you," Tanner said. "If we made plans on what we could afford, the KBC would never be able to do anything."

Tanner, who has served as pastor of Red House Baptist since 2007, also has led churches in Indiana, Alabama and Texas. In 2006, as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Greenwood, Ind., he was elected president of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He did not, however, complete his



Butch Tanner

## Kids make pastors lose their hair

Hebron—Thanks to some generous kids, three pastors from Hebron Baptist Church recently sacrificed their hair. Motivated by a challenge from the men, the children raised more than \$5,000 for Sunrise Children's Services through a "penny war" during the church's vacation Bible school.

During the weeklong VBS, kids arrived each night and exchanged dollar bills and coins for pennies. Pitting boys against girls, all of the pennies were dumped into buckets. The team with the heaviest buckets would win.

Then the challenges came in. With a little less than \$1,000 collected, Chris Flora, Hebron Baptist's associate pastor

to students, and music minister Dale Campbell agreed to shave their heads if the kids raised \$3,000. Pastor Shawn Edwards went further, promising a bald head if the children amassed \$5,000.

With the help of two anonymous businessmen, the children exceeded the \$5,000 goal. The kids also collected toiletries and school supplies for Sunrise's residential centers. The pastors said the decision to donate to Sunrise came after visiting the Spring Meadows center in Mount Washington.

At the end of VBS, children and their families gathered in the church's parking lot to watch VBS director Kimmie Hammond shave the ministers' heads.



**BALD IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Hebron Baptist Church's Music Minister Dale Campbell (left), Pastor Shawn Edwards (center) and Associate Pastor to Students Chris Flora show off their new clean-shaven look after at the end of the church's vacation Bible school. (submitted photo)

## Compton: State is 'on the frontlines' of promoting Cooperative Program

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sion ... through the Cooperative Program," said Billy Compton, executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Compton stepped in to the KBC's newly created post in January 2008. According to the job description, he is responsible for "leading Kentucky Baptists in developing a renewed commitment to understand and support Great Commission missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program, a passion for biblical stewardship and the development of other resources."

Compton said the KBC Mission Board had the foresight to create a CP promotions post long before any Great Commission resurgence discussions.

"Obviously, that's why they created it; so our state could be on the frontlines of telling people about the Cooperative Program," he noted.

CP promotion "has to start in the state," Compton emphasized. "So, what they adopted at the (Southern Baptist) convention really only underscores" the need for the CP executive associate position, he said.

The groundwork for the CP post was laid in 2003 with a report from the KBC Mission Study Committee. It recommended a significant increase in the "level of education and promotion" of the Cooperative Program and biblical stewardship.

Compton chaired a special Cooperative Program study committee that presented a four-point proposal approved by the KBC Mission Board in May 2006. One of the recommendations was to create a CP

strategist position during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Upon stepping in, Compton certainly had his work cut out for him.

The position was established at a time when the percentage of undesignated receipts from Kentucky Baptist churches to CP had dropped from 10 percent a decade earlier to 7.24 percent. According to KBC leaders, that number now has dipped closer to 7 percent.

After coming up nearly \$1 million short of its 2008-09 budget, the KBC has operated under a \$23 million working budget for 2009-10. The proposed budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year—which starts Sept. 1—is \$23.5 million, down from this year's approved \$24.48 million budget amount.

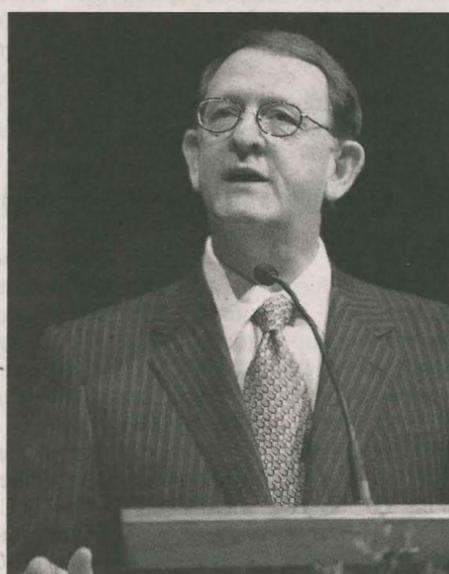
### Challenging times

Since joining the KBC, Compton has established the CP Missions Challenge. The emphasis kicked off early last year with a series of Cooperative Program rallies. He said his original intent was to challenge churches to incrementally increase their CP giving over three years.

That was before the economy tanked. "I realized churches were struggling ... just to hang on and to do what they were doing for the Cooperative Program," Compton recalled.

"The focus changed from the challenge to increase (CP giving) to the celebration of what you're doing—and when you can do more, let's do it," he explained.

Compton said the rallies, while not accomplishing the initial goal, did raise



**CP PROMOTER** Billy Compton, executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, presents the three-year CP Missions Challenge to KBC messengers at the 2008 annual meeting. (file photo)

awareness of the need to be more passionate about the Great Commission through CP.

With the added emphasis on state promotion of the Cooperative Program, Compton said very little will change for him and his daily approach.

But not every state Baptist convention has such a position that is dedicated solely to CP promotion, he noted. "They may have to rethink that."

term, accepting the call to Red House Baptist in April 2007.

Tanner has served on the KBC Mission Board since 2007. On the Southern Baptist Convention level, he was a member of the Committee on Nominations and Tellers Committee in 2004 and the Committee on Committees in 2005.

Tanner also served seven years on the advisory board for Life International, a humanitarian missions organization that works closely with orphanages, doctors and hospitals.

Tanner is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and earned both a master's degree and doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Red House Baptist Church was among the top 50 Kentucky Baptist churches in Cooperative Program giving in 2009, totaling more than \$75,000 (10.5 percent of undesignated receipts), according to the 2009 Annual Church Profile report. The ACP statistics showed that Red House Baptist reported 37 baptisms last year.

## Atheist group's billboard goes up along Louisville highway

*Apologetics leader encourages Kentucky Baptists to use occasion to share gospel with nonbelievers*

By Drew Nichter  
News Director

Louisville—An atheist organization has purchased billboard ad space along Interstate 65 in Louisville to let fellow skeptics know they're not alone.

The billboard, which went up last week, reads: "Don't believe in God? You are not alone." It's part of a national campaign by the United Coalition of Reason, an alliance of organizations dedicated to the secularization of society.

The ad also is intended to introduce the formation of the Louisville Coalition of Reason chapter. The billboard includes the group's website.

"Nonreligious people sometimes don't realize there's a community out there for them because they're inundated with religious messages at every turn," Fred Edwords, director for the United Coalition of Reason, said in an Aug. 3 news release.

The Louisville billboard is located along I-65 near the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, site of the Kentucky State Fair which runs Aug. 19-29.

According to the United CoR news release, the billboard will remain up through Aug. 28 and is intended to get fair-goers to visit the group's booth at the state fair exhibit hall where they'll be given information about "local and national secular groups and the history of freethought."

While the ad campaign may give the atheist group an opportunity to share their views, it also provides an occasion for Chris-

tians to share theirs, a Kentucky Baptist director of missions noted.

"It might give fair-going people from our churches an opportunity to meet some people who do claim to be atheists," said Wesley Pitts, DOM for Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville.

Long Run's associational office sits just across the Fair and Expo Center from the billboard. Pitts said he saw it last week, but was confused by its message.

"I really didn't understand what they were saying," he recalled. "My desire would be that everybody would be as confused about it as I was."

Louisville is only the latest U.S. city in which the United CoR has purchased billboard or bus ad space to get their message out. The group has advertised in 12 cities so far this year, many of them within the Bible Belt.

Mike Licona, apologetics coordinator for the North American Mission Board, said the secularist group's campaign is intended to increase its exposure, primarily for political gain.

According to the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey conducted by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life which was released in 2008, only 4 percent of Americans identify themselves as atheist or agnostic.

And "if they don't have a whole lot of power in terms of people right now, the majority is against their view," noted Licona, who has debated atheists and skeptics at the university level on several occasions.



**WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?** The billboard, located along Interstate 65 near the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, is part of an advertising campaign by the Louisville chapter of the United Coalition of Reason, a group of organizations who wish to secularize society. The United CoR purchased the advertising space through Aug. 28 to attract Kentucky State Fair visitors to their booth at the exhibit hall. (Photo courtesy of Louisville CoR)

Licona said often secularists see Christians, evangelicals especially, as a threat to their worldview and the acceptance of social issues that they support, such as abortion rights and same-sex marriage.

Therefore, many secularists believe, "if you get some political power and you can marginalize the evangelical and conservative vote out there, you can push your own moral agendas," Licona said.

So, just how should Kentucky Baptists and fellow Christians respond? Licona pointed to 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Pitts agreed. "We need to express love to them rather than hate. ... An angry Chris-

tian would probably be something they would use to their advantage."

But Christianity holds an "unfair advantage" over secularist beliefs, Licona said. "We have the truth. So, why not use this as an opportunity to get the truth out?"

He suggested arranging a panel discussion at the Kentucky State Fair between Christian and atheist scholars, asking the question, "Does God exist?"

Licona, who developed and teaches an apologetics certification course online, suggested the website [www.4Truth.net](http://www.4Truth.net) for any Christian who wants to find out how to best defend his or her faith to skeptics. The site answers common questions about atheism and secularism, as well as other world religions and cults such as Islam, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witness.

## Cumberlands' Christian studies track offers contact with ministry leaders

Williamsburg—University of the Cumberlands' new online Master of Arts in Christian Studies program will utilize nationally known Christian leaders as guest speakers in a virtual classroom.

"Students will be able to dialogue (with) and learn from some of the most respected and influential Christian leaders in the nation," said Keith Goforth, director of the program. "This is done by bringing guest speakers into the virtual classroom through web conferencing. It's like attending a conference but also having the opportunity to dialogue with the guest speaker and obtain a degree."

An element of each course to provide students the opportunity to exchange ideas in discussion boards and work on practical case studies related to real ministry experiences. Online guest speakers then will have the opportunity to comment on these same discussions and case studies, providing their own expertise in specific ministry fields.

Among the guest speakers for the upcoming fall term are LifeWay Christian Resources President Thom Rainer, Perry Noble, pastor of NewSpring Church in Anderson, S.C., and University of the Cumberlands graduates Paul Chitwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, Bill Henard, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, and Tony Merida, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss.

According to Bob Dunston, chair of Cumberlands' religion department, the Christian studies master's program "is designed to blend both the academic study of the Bible and Christian theology with the practical application of biblical faith and theology in ministry settings."



**ONLINE RESOURCES** LifeWay Christian Resources President Thom Rainer and Kentucky Baptist pastor Bill Henard are two of the online guest speakers lined up for University of the Cumberlands' new Christian studies master's program.

"Our program will challenge and encourage our students to think critically and creatively as they apply the gospel in the 21st century," he said.

The program consists of 30 hours of graduate work. The core courses for the degree include two semesters of Old Testament survey, two semesters of New Testament survey, and two courses in Christian theology. These courses account for 18 hours of the degree program.

Each student then will select from an emphasis in biblical studies, Christian education, youth ministry, missions, church planting or pastoral ministry. Students will take two courses from his or her chosen emphasis and an additional course from one of the other emphases.

The final class is a capstone course in which the student will develop, implement and evaluate a project in a ministry setting that fits his or her God-given call and talents.



## CU freshmen launch prayer ministry

Campbellsville—Four Campbellsville University freshmen have launched a prayer ministry for students and faculty at the school in an effort to turn a class assignment into something that will help others for longer than a semester.

The purpose of the Tiger Prayer Ministry is "to glorify God by simply being his hands and feet to the campus."

TPM was developed by students Kaylynn Best, Erin Alston, Carri Hunt and Maribeth Milburn. Through the ministry, individuals are invited to send in prayer requests via e-mail. The e-mail address, [TigerPrayerMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:TigerPrayerMinistry@gmail.com), is at a public domain so that the prayer network

can continue even when the student e-mail network is closed.

Milburn said she felt the need to start a project that would help people, especially her fellow students, as well as the faculty. The other girls joined Milburn after she shared her idea in class.

"Prayer has always been a big part of my life," Milburn said, "especially in recent years when both my mother and grandmother were being treated for cancer. ... Our ministry is trying to encourage others according to their needs and, in the process, glorify God."

So far, prayer requests have ranged from school stress to salvation concerns.

## Crossings exceeds records

The summer of 2010 saw attendance and decision records shattered at Kentucky Baptists' Crossings camps at Kentucky Baptist Assemblies' Jonathan Creek and Cedar-more facilities.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

Camper registrations totaled 8,699 for the Crossings camps. (This number does not include non-Crossings groups that participated in other camping programs on the campuses during the summer.) The most gratifying report from the Crossings camps was that 478 youth accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

This was an outstanding response, but KBA President David Melber said he is greatly concerned that church groups are not bringing more unsaved youth to the camps. Crossings offer a scholarship for each unsaved youth who is enlisted and attends.

Crossings is an incredible opportunity for unsaved youth to have a fun experience in an environment where relationships are valued, and the gospel is clearly practiced and shared. The 42 staff persons begin praying for each camper by name weeks before the camps so each one is known and valued by the staff. This is a strong and unique feature of Crossings.

David also reported that a record 490 campers surrendered to the call to full-time Christian ministry this summer. God is obviously moving among Kentucky Baptists because an increasing number of participants in Kentucky Changers also made commitments to full-time Christian ministry. I can't help but wonder if part of this is due to the great movement of prayer that we have seen in Kentucky due to the Find it Here emphasis earlier this year.

We praise God for each of these decisions. I can identify with these young people because it was during a camping experience that I surrendered to full-time Christian ministry at age 16.

Another record set by the campers was the \$105,946.11 they gave during their time at Crossings for mission work in India. During the worship session that I attended at Cedar-more, the staff used Skype to connect for a live interview with workers and children in India who are being provided a safe place to live, lessons from the Bible and a much needed education. The youth at Crossings are being challenged to give sacrificially to support missions.

It was gratifying to see improvements at both sites. Jonathan Creek now has an expanded auditorium that will seat 680 and a new lake. Cedar-more has a new auditorium and a new dining hall is under construction.

As the school year approaches, please pray that the students who made decisions at camp will follow through on them in their churches. Pray also that their churches will support and encourage them.

Learn more about the Crossings camps and the work of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies on their website at [www.crossingscamps.org](http://www.crossingscamps.org).

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## At 100, he's still preaching and teaching

He celebrated his 100th birthday July 1, but Duncan Smith, a long-time pastor in West Kentucky is still sharing God's Word with others.

Just last week, Smith was guest speaker for Homecoming services at West Providence Baptist Church in Centertown, where he had served as pastor. Using James 4:13-16 and Jeremiah 1:4-7 as texts, Smith's message was titled, "What is your life?"

"A person lives six lives," he explained. "What the world knows of you, what your friends know of you, what the family knows of you, what your church knows of you, and what you know about you; but the greatest is what God knows about you.

"Are you satisfied with your life?" he asked, challenging those in attendance to be more like Christ.

Smith continues to be involved in ministry by teaching a Sunday school class for men at Masonville Baptist Church, where he now is a member. Previously, he had taught a class at Hartford Baptist Church before moving to Masonville a little more than two years ago to live with his daughter, Beth, and her family. His son-in-law, Kimbrough Simmons, is pastor of Masonville Baptist.

Born July 1, 1910, in Nuckols, Ky., Smith—who began preaching at age 18—has been a Baptist minister for more than 78 years. Many of his pastorates were in Ohio County. Licensed to preach by Woodward's Valley Baptist Church in Livermore on Sept. 2, 1932, he was ordained by Hartford Baptist Church in 1941. For the first five years of his ministry, he preached in the Johnson Schoolhouse and was paid a gallon of sorghum, he recalled.

Among the many congregations that he has served in Ohio County are McGrady Creek, West Providence,

Walton's Creek, Narrows, Bells Run, Woodward's Valley, Rockport and Second, Hartford. He has also served at Liberty in Grayson County, Bandana in Ballard County, New Harmony in Muhlenburg County, Nortonville in Hopkins County, and Salem in Christian County, and he did Eastern Kentucky Mountain Missions work in Floyd County.

### After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Smith was asked to return a second time as pastor by three churches: Salem Baptist in Pembroke, Pleasant Grove Baptist in Owensboro, and Bandana Baptist. He even served three times at West Providence Baptist Church in Centertown.

On the state convention level, Smith played an important role on a committee that secured the land for what later would become Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, while he was pastor at Bandana. He then served as the first pastor for a Girls in Action camp.

At 78—when many would be tempted to take it easy in their retirement years—Smith went on a week-long mission trip to Kenya, where he walked five miles each day to preach and then walked back to a missionary's home.

Even though he had both knees replaced when he was in his mid-90s, Smith still enjoys raising a vegetable garden. He is usually in his garden by 6:30 a.m., and he generously shares a bountiful harvest with friends.

Smith's love for preaching and teaching others about the Lord is still evident and an inspiration to those around him. "He's a first-class preacher, and the people just love him and talk about him all the time," said Tom Shelton, director of missions for Ohio County Association for the past 27 years. "He's in relatively good health, and if he was still going well, he'd be out there preaching somewhere."



## Daily family worship as simple as pray, read, sing

By Donald Whitney

A man who is like a spiritual father to me began what he called a "family altar" with his wife before they were married, and has faithfully continued the practice through the arrival of children and grandchildren for more than 50 years.

Sadly, it seems that few men among even the best evangelical churches today could speak of daily family worship in their home.

In the minds of some, active church involvement eliminates the need for family worship. For others, Bible reading, prayer and singing praises to God together as a family have been crowded out by the television, the Internet and a non-stop schedule that makes even meals together a rarity.

But the father (and in his absence, the mother) of the family has the responsibility from God to provide spiritual leadership for his household. As He did with Abraham, the Lord wants every father to "command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord" (Genesis 18:19). Each one should raise his children "in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Every husband should love his wife as Christ loves His bride—the church—and fol-

low Christ's example of washing his wife with "the washing of water by the Word" of God (Ephesians 5:26).

While it isn't the only way, the simplest method of applying all these texts in a steady, practical way is through daily family worship. This is how generations of Christians have understood them. For instance, both Baptists and Presbyterians in the 1600s saw this biblical teaching, and incorporated identical language about the expectation of family worship into the most influential confessional statements in their respective histories. To this day, many churches still maintain (at least officially) that, "God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and truth; as in private families daily."

Somehow, though, many men have gotten the idea that family worship is complicated, or that it requires time-consuming preparation. But it need not require any more preparation than your personal worship of God. And the entire experience can be reduced to three simple elements: read, pray, sing.

■ Read. The centerpiece of family worship is the Bible. Read a passage of appropriate length for your family, making any impromptu comments that come to mind. Those with younger children should em-

phasize the narrative portions of Scripture, and possibly the Proverbs. Eventually, most seem to work up to about a chapter a day, reading consecutively through a particular book of the Bible. I recommend that you ask a few questions to determine comprehension, or just ask the children to repeat what they remember.

■ Pray. Let the words of the passage you read suggest matter for prayer. The husband/father should pray, and perhaps one or all the rest of the family members. Most days this will be brief.

■ Sing. Use a hymnal and sing a cappella, or sing along to a recording, or let a family musician lead the way. Sing as little as one verse, or for as long as the family enjoys it.

Any order of "read, pray, sing" is fine. It doesn't have to be long to be effective. Be patient with the interest and attention span of the younger ones. Remember that you're not only fulfilling a responsibility to God by leading family worship, you're also introducing your children to Him. In these moments together, your children can see your love for God and for His Word, and some of the most teachable moments of their childhood will occur.

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## Preparing our youth for the upcoming school year

By Joe Ball

It's back-to-school time and youth ministers all across the state are counting down the days until they can get a nap. Before then, there is still time for some great opportunities to prepare your students for the upcoming year and reach out one more time to your community.

Several churches are providing backpacks for children in the community. A quick call to the school can get a list of school supplies needed by the students. You can put them in the backpacks and then distribute them to the families in your community. Distribution can either be done by the school's family resource center or at the church in some kind of back-to-school bash.

That is just what Second Baptist Church of Hopkinsville is doing. Chuck Poe is the youth minister there, and they are passing out fliers in the community to inform families of their back-to-school bash. Families that come will get a backpack with school supplies and a New Testament. There will also be inflatable games and food for the families that attend.

Chris Bumbalough, youth minister at Allen Baptist Church in Allen, Ky., uses this time to help get their students ready for the upcoming school year. Bumbalough said, "I normally have a back-to-school cook-

out to get everyone together and have a short talk about 'Don't waste this year' and about using their influence at school for Christ.

"Our studies change," he continued, "but I normally hit on the spiritual disciplines to get them back into spiritual shape and a routine."

Cindy Long, youth minister at First Baptist Church of Princeton, said, "Having just come off an amazing summer trip, we immediately have gone into the Bible study, 'Experiencing God.' As they head back to school, we just want their faith to be well-grounded."

Long continued, "I am planning a back-to-school bash or lock-in. I haven't decided for sure."

First Baptist also is planning some events to reach out to their community during the school year. Long said, "We have just recently opened our new Christian Life Center, which has a full-size gym. We have an adult Sunday school class that has agreed to come alongside our youth. We are going to do events after football games with devotions, food and fun, and open it to the community/school kids."

In Trigg County, the Little River Baptist Association, where Carl Heckmann serves as the youth director, several churches come together for a back-to-school retreat. Heckmann, youth minister at East Cadiz Baptist Church, reported, "From an

associational point of view, we are once again taking our youth to a place close to Director of Missions Mike Rust's heart and one of the best keep secrets in Kentucky: Hillcrest Baptist Camp near Cave in Rock, Ill. We have more than 90 students and adults attending, representing seven churches. Bill Fort of First Baptist Church of Richmond Ky., a Trigg County native, is the camp evangelist and the group 'Seven' will lead in worship."

"This year," Heckmann continued, "the theme of the camp is 'Preparing our Youth for the Challenges of the 2010-11 School Year.' In addition to the messages and emphasis on issues important to our youth as they embark on another year, Hillcrest's beautiful, but isolated, setting allows for optimum interaction between students who get to know and appreciate each other as Christians, not just students. Hillcrest has led to relationships between students that have lasted the entire school year and been the catalyst for other ministry and outreach endeavors."

He added, "Hillcrest is a real bargain at \$11 per camper for the weekend and is unbelievably underutilized. We actually leave in the morning and will stay until Sunday afternoon, leaving in time to return and share with home churches in the evening service."

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

### Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

## Overcoming school anxiety

By Scott Wigginton

**Q: Recently our 13-year-old confessed to us how anxious the beginning of the school year makes her. She reports worrying about grades, friends and teachers. She is literally nauseous some mornings. How can we help?**

**A:** Begin by noticing what is different. Has she changed schools? Is she having problems with friends? Is her anxiety related to something happening in the family? Could her anxiety be related to pressure she is getting regarding performance or fitting in?

Remember that pre-teens and adolescents have massive hormonal and physical changes going on. Some of her anxiety may be biologically based. Perhaps a physical exam would be a way to help identify if there are any health concerns. Be cautious, however, about giving premature assent to anti-anxiety medications unless the concerns are 1) debilitating; 2) create a danger for her or others; or 3) are unresponsive to conversation, reasonable management strategies and counseling. Overmedication in our society is rampant and too often sacrifices a healthy soul at the altar of a quick fix.

II Timothy 1:7 reminds us, "But God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love and sound judgment." Begin with power. What choices can you help your daughter make over which she has control? How might exercising her God-given options empower her to face her fear? Move next to love. In what ways does she need to be reminded of the Father's love and care for her in her school day? What teachers, for example, are believers who could check in with her throughout the day? What friends at school will love and pray for her? Finally, what truths does she need to hear as she allows the Holy Spirit to give her a "sound mind," the mind of Christ? While embracing the truth will not eliminate all anxiety, it will almost always make it more tolerable.

Scott Wigginton is associate professor of pastoral ministries and counseling at Campbellsville University and minister of counseling at Campbellsville Baptist Church.



## Flexible perpetual support

By Laurie Valentine

Is there a particular program or ministry at your church or at a KBC- or SBC-related agency or institution that you would like to support on an ongoing basis? Would you like to provide that support through an endowment fund, but are hesitant to make a single large gift to fund such an endowment in these days of uncertainty in the financial markets? A "flexible endowment fund" may be the answer.

A flexible endowment fund is an arrangement under which you agree to establish an endowment fund that will, once fully funded, generate sufficient earnings to support the program or ministry in perpetuity. The total principal gift amount will depend on the financial support needed to run the program or ministry and how much of that support you wish to provide through the endowment fund. A timetable for completing the funding of the principal is agreed upon, but there is no actual schedule of payments.

In addition to your agreement to make principal gifts, you also agree to provide annual "spendable" gifts to the program or ministry so that it will have the funds to operate while you complete the principal funding. The amount of your spendable gift each year is the difference between the earnings generated by the partially-funded endowment and the amount needed to cover the annual cost of the program or ministry.

Here's an example: One of our Baptist colleges sponsors an annual creative ministry workshop. The cost to run the workshop is \$2,500 per year. You agree to make principal gifts over the next 10 years totaling \$55,500 (the amount needed to produce \$2,500 annually, assuming a 4.5 percent earnings rate) to an endowment fund. You also agree to make spendable gifts directly to the college each year in an amount equal to the difference between the endowment fund earnings and the \$2,500 workshop cost. The result: You've set up a 10-year plan to create a significant endowment fund that will provide perpetual support for this program, while assuring the college has the current financial resources it needs to run the workshop until the endowment is fully funded.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



## And the truth will set you free: A revolutionary act

By Dick Staub

Judging from a recent Gallup Poll, politicians, corporations, the entertainment media and religious institutions are in a close competition to prove which is least trustworthy. A jaded public has come to expect the worst, and regularly receives it.

Headlines about politicians' lies hardly warrant attention anymore. We've gone from George Washington, who could not tell a lie, to an elected elite who appear incapable of telling the truth.

In corporate America, big tobacco stonewalled and suppressed the facts when they knew nicotine was an addictive carcinogen. BP doctored photos of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and for weeks understated the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf.

MTV's reality show "The Hills" was supposed to be filmed in and around Los Angeles, but in last week's series finale, the camera pulls back to reveal cast member Brody Jenner standing in a studio back lot. Maybe reality wasn't as real as it seemed. "As you saw in the end: what's real and what's fake?" Jenner said later. "You don't know!"

Indeed. Given the public proclivity for lying on a regular basis, the rank-and-file appear genuinely betrayed, and even occasionally outraged, by these public prevaricators in this post-truth era. Yet perhaps we're the ones to blame.

In "The Day America Told the Truth," researchers James Patterson and Peter Kim found that the vast majority of Americans lie on a regular basis, in matters both large and small.

The Leo Burnett ad agency conducted a study and found that 91 percent of us confess to lying regularly, and one in five say they lie every day. Lying is such an accepted and expected way of life that it should be no surprise that 50 percent of those surveyed said they believe that lying is NOT wrong!

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Ancient civilizations universally viewed lying as an unequivocal threat to a stable, orderly and just society. There is a reason that "Thou shalt not lie" made Hammurabi's code, Moses' 10 Commandments and the moral code of virtually every religion on earth.

Truth lies at the heart of healthy relationships, both personal and societal. "I'm not upset that you lied to me," Friedrich Nietzsche said. "I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you."

Jesus, too, reserved special scorn for hypocrites who live lies and tell them. "Woe to you, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth."

Repeated lies dull our ability to discern the truth. This is not a new problem, although it is a serious one. What 17th-century mathematician and philosopher Blaise Pascal observed in his age remains true of ours: "Truth is so obscure in these times, and lying so established, that unless we love the truth, we cannot know it."

The flip side of the not-lying coin

is the positive commitment to know and tell the truth. Can this even be done anymore in this day of deceit?

Restoring truth in culture begins with one individual at a time making a personal commitment to stop lying and to begin consistently telling the truth.

Jesus said that loving God and neighbor is the basis for fulfilling all the commandments. This means truth-telling is an act of love. St. Paul added that we should not only tell the truth, but should "speak the truth in love."

To be sure, a lot of truth-telling is done unlovingly. After a night of revelry, Lady Nancy Astor said disgustedly to Winston Churchill, "Mr. Churchill you are drunk." Churchill replied, "Yes, Madam, and you are ugly, but tomorrow I shall be sober!" A witty way of telling the truth, perhaps, but not a loving one.

The promise that we could become an honest society of individuals who require truth from our elected officials and business leaders may seem a pipedream, but it is a battle worth fighting.

Revolutionaries whose ideas once seemed impossible nonetheless founded our nation; George Orwell called the restoration of truth our most challenging but valiant and supremely important of crusades. "In a time of universal deceit," he said, "telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

Let the revolution begin. (RNS)

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## Virginia exec is new BWA president

By Marv Knox  
Texas Baptist Standard

Honolulu—The Baptist World Alliance has elected John Upton, a denominational executive with experience on the mission field and in the pastorate, as its new president.

Upton will continue as executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, a post he has held since 2001. Previously, he was a missionary to Taiwan and a pastor in Virginia.

The BWA General Council nominated Upton for the presidency a year ago, when the group held its annual meeting in the Netherlands. Delegates to the 20th Baptist World Congress confirmed that nomination July 31 in Honolulu. His term will last until the summer of 2015.

"I believe in the Baptist World Alliance," Upton told BWA delegates moments after his election.

"I believe in the way we elevate the name of Christ, serve in the name of Christ, listen to the Spirit of God and build up the body of Christ in all its many languages, cultures and customs. I believe in who we are."

The best symbol for the BWA is "the way we praise God together," Upton said. "It's what captures who we are."

That symbol may seem too ordinary and too benign, but it is powerful, he contended. He cited a litany of other ministries, activities and projects BWA members undertake together, but the symbol of praise rises above the rest.

"We spend so much time in praise when we're together," he observed. "Why do we do this? Does God need it? It's in our DNA. When we praise God, we touch the heart of God."

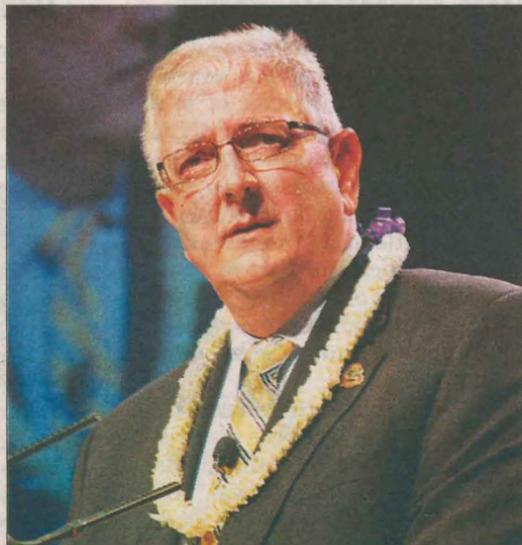
Praise symbolizes the BWA because it is subversive, he maintained. "It is a cry for radical freedom under God. To live in praise is to say those (worldly) powers are limited" in their control over God's work among God's people all over the world. That's why Baptists stand for justice and redemption—because they believe it will only come through the power of God.

"Gathering to praise God is not just a nice thing to do. It's the only thing to do," Upton stressed.

The new president pledged to the delegates: "I will commit to serve you with dignity, respect, inclusiveness and, yes, praise these next five years as we are in step with the Spirit."

In a news conference after the election, BWA General Secretary Neville Callam endorsed Upton's election "without any doubt."

"He's eminently suited to be the president of



**NEW LEADERSHIP** Newly elected Baptist World Alliance president John Upton addressed the 20th Baptist World Congress in Honolulu. He has served as executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia since 2001. (BWA photo)

BWA," Callam said of Upton, noting the staff at BWA headquarters in Falls Church, Va., is joyful because of the election.

Upton has led Virginia Baptists to the "cutting edge of mission and witness," and Upton likewise succeeded as a missionary and pastor, Callam noted. He also praised Upton's involvement in BWA across many years.

Upton has served on the BWA's Executive Committee and General Council and Program Committee this year, as well as on other BWA groups and the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Fellowship, BWA's regional affiliate in Canada and the United States.

Upton is an excellent cross-cultural communicator, Callam added, noting he will represent the BWA well before governments and other religious bodies, will provide clear vision and will help unite the worldwide Baptist organization.

"The search committee found its ideal candidate" in Upton, he said.

Upton succeeded David Coffey of the United Kingdom, who had served as BWA president since the 19th Baptist World Congress in Birmingham, England, in 2005.

BWA delegates also elected Daniel Carro of Argentina as first vice president. (ABP)

## BWAid leader reflects on his 20 years with relief agency

By David Wilkinson

Honolulu—Standing in the exhibit hall during the Baptist World Congress in Honolulu, Paul Montacute surveyed the array of displays and smiles with delight.

"Just look at that," said the director of Baptist World Aid, the relief and development arm of the Baptist World Alliance.

"Twenty years ago this room would have been dominated by vendors selling their wares. Now, look at the number of organizations that are committed to responding to global needs—from hunger and homelessness to HIV/AIDS to human trafficking to disaster relief."

Montacute emphasized that he is no way discounting the important role of organizations that provide resources to Baptist churches around the world. But the presence of multiple organizations involved in Christian social ministries is, for Montacute, a microcosm of change he has witnessed over two decades.

"I think Baptists today are more holistic, not only in our thinking but in our actions, and I see that the world over," he said. The BWA's member bodies and their congregations have increasingly embraced Jesus' call to meet the needs of the world's poor, oppressed and marginalized people "without compromising in any way our commitment to evangelism and discipleship," he added.

Aug. 2 marked 20 years to the day since Montacute and his family fled from their home in the United Kingdom to the Washington suburbs to join the BWA staff. He had made a commitment to

Denton Lotz, BWA's general secretary at the time, to give five years to leading the work of BWAid.

Two decades later, Montacute has lost track of the number of countries he has visited to assess the needs of communities ravaged by the atrocities of genocide, the violence of war or the devastation

of natural disasters.

"One needs a good constitution for traveling, lots of faith and a good sense of humor" to do his job, he said.

More than any other single factor, improved communication technologies have dramatically changed the way BWAid does its work,

Montacute noted, especially in responding to natural disasters such as this year's earthquake in Haiti. Critical information can be gathered in hours and distributed immediately to BWA member bodies, churches and other organizations. Decision makers can be convened via the Internet. Relief and development efforts can be coordinated quickly and then adjusted to meet changing circumstances.

Another deeply gratifying change, Montacute said, is the increased level of trust and cooperation among Baptist organizations. "There are fewer concerns about control and turf protection, and I am profoundly grateful for that," he noted. "There's a realization that it's all God's business, and we can all work together."

After 20 years, one thing about his work remains unchanged. "It's still as difficult as ever to say no to a request for help due to a lack of resources," he said. "That part never gets easier." (ABP)



Paul Montacute

## Criswell College officially separates from First Dallas

Dallas—Criswell College marked the beginning of a new era Aug. 1 as the school officially separated from First Baptist Church of Dallas.

"This new structure enables the college to expand into new opportunities under an independent board and leadership," leaders said in a joint release issued July 29.

The school was founded in 1970 by W.A. Criswell, then pastor of First Baptist, Dallas.

Emphasizing the shared past and future vision, the release stated: "Both institutions hold steadfastly to the core values on which both were established and built. Both institutions will continue to apply these critical values, the college in the development and training of the next generation of pastors and ministry leaders—the church in sharing the gospel with the city of Dallas."

Criswell College expects to gain several benefits from the separation without losing the legacy that W.A. Criswell established, according to its interim president.

"There will be no change in our commitment to the Bible as God's infallible and inerrant Word, nor to any other doctrinal position," Lamar Cooper emphasized.

Cooper also said the separation would give the school a new identity, no longer viewed as a church school that is an appendage of the historic downtown church.

Under terms of the separation, the school immediately operates under the authority of a new board that includes members elected from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the W.A. Criswell Foundation. (BP)



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## Faith & Fitness: Exercise good until it becomes **false god**

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"A lot of my marathon training was motivated out of the fear of dropping out of a race, and so I found myself overdoing it and only by God's grace not seriously injuring myself," he recalled. "I still work out consistently; however, as a result of understanding how my heart functions, I am not controlled by physical fitness—although it is very tempting."

M.S. Bhatia, a psychiatrist in India, said about 1 percent of the population suffers from what he calls "exercise addiction." Among athletes like elite runners, competitive weightlifters, endurance athletes and obsessive gym-goers, he said he believes the percentage is even higher.

In an article in the Delhi Psychiatry Journal, Bhatia described the compulsion as physical activity that "significantly interferes with important activities, occurs at inappropriate times or in inappropriate settings or when the individual continues to exercise despite injury or other medical complications."

Scientific studies have shown that when taken to extremes, physical activity can develop into addiction-like behavior. Committed runners often report feelings of euphoria, nicknamed the "runner's high." Over time they increase the distance to achieve feelings of wellbeing, similar to increasing levels of tolerance to the addictive agents in substance abuse. Like addiction, exercise compulsion can cause difficulties in social interaction and when suppressed, elicit feelings like depression, irritability and anxiety.

In a study published last August in the



American Psychological Association journal Behavioral Neuroscience, Tufts University professor Robin Kanarek found similarities in rat studies between withdrawal from excessive running and morphine.

Doctors in recent years have recognized a new eating disorder called "exercise bulimia." Bulimia nervosa is an illness where individuals binge by eating very large amounts of food and then use inappropriate means to rid their bodies of the food by vomiting, laxatives or water pills in order to prevent gaining weight.

"Individuals are overly concerned with weight and body image," Debra Wood, a registered nurse with Baptist Health Sys-

tems in Jackson, Miss., wrote in an article on the group's website. "In some, excessive exercise or fasting may replace or supplement purging."

Experts say exercise bulimia particularly is threatening because it is so hard to diagnose.

"You can't tell from the behavior necessarily whether this is an exercise bulimic or a regular exerciser," Charles Murkoffsky with the Program for Managing Eating Disorders told CNN in 1996. "You really need to know what a person is thinking and what is motivating them."

One problem is that doctors constantly preach exercise is good, because it lowers

the risk of certain diseases and improves cardiovascular health. "They've been told all their lives that exercise is good for them, and they're doing a lot of it, so that must be even better," nutritionist Sondra Kronberg told CNN.

Heidi Fingar, a former fitness instructor turned wellness-and-lifestyle coach in Hilton Head, S.C., describes her own struggle with exercise bulimia in a new book, "God Is in Your Full-Length Mirror."

In a recent story in the Beaufort (S.C.) Gazette, Fingar recalled binging on gallons of ice cream, and then exercising up to 15 hours a week to compensate. At the height of her addiction, she was up and running at 5 a.m., teaching two to three exercise classes a day and running triathlons and half marathons.

That was until she decided to turn her desire for a Hollywood figure over to God. By cutting back to moderate exercise and improving her diet, she said she now is smaller than when she constantly dieted, fasted and over-trained.

"My message is that God has the answers for every struggle that life throws us, including the struggle with food," Fingar said of the book.

The key is getting into a relationship with God and learning what causes you to overeat, she emphasized.

"If you don't change a person's attitudes and beliefs, you won't change for good," Fingar said. "The last thing we have got to triumph over in order to lead clean lives, to live before God, is overeating. I look at overeating as the final frontier." (ABP)

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## Prop 8 ruling could affect all 50 states

### Decision deals significant blow to traditional marriage proponents

By Michael Foust

San Francisco—A federal judge last week handed down a landmark decision that could lead to the reversal of traditional marriage laws nationwide, striking down California's voter-approved constitutional amendment that banned same-sex marriage, ruling it violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection and due process clauses.

It is the first ruling of its kind and is certain to be appealed to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. From there, the Supreme Court would be the next stop.

If the nation's highest court upholds the decision, it likely would result in the reversal of constitutional amendments and statutes in 45 states that define marriage as between one man and one woman. Five states and the District of Columbia currently recognize marriage between homosexuals.

Already, some are warning the decision, if upheld, could become the *Roe v. Wade* of gay marriage.

The ruling by Judge Vaughn Walker was a victory for homosexual activists who want to legalize same-sex marriage nationally. The decision overturned what is known as Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment passed in 2008 defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Prop 8 reversed a ruling by the state's highest court that legalized gay marriage.

"Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license," Walker wrote in his ruling. "Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples."

It is the second time courts have overturned California voters on the issue of marriage. The 2008 California Supreme Court decision temporarily legalizing gay marriage reversed Proposition 22, an initiative that passed at the ballot in 2000 defining marriage in the traditional sense.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, called the ruling a "grievously serious crisis" regarding "how the American people will chose to be governed." The ruling, Land added, should

lead to a movement to pass a traditional marriage amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"Our forefathers have given us a method to express our ultimate will," Land told Baptist Press. "If the Supreme Court fails to uphold the will of the people of California—if we are going to have our form of government altered by judicial fiat—then the only alternative left to us is to pass a constitutional amendment defining marriage as being between one man and one woman."

Walker's ruling came less than a month after a federal judge in Massachusetts reversed part of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, ruling that the government cannot constitutionally distinguish between traditional marriage and same-sex marriage. That decision, too, likely will be appealed.

California is among 29 states to define marriage as between one man and one woman in their state constitutions. Another 16 states define it in state statutes. California already has a domestic partnerships law granting same-sex couples all the legal benefits of marriage, but Walker said that is insufficient.

"What's at stake here is bigger than California," said Andrew Pugno, an attorney affiliated with the Alliance Defense Fund and the general counsel for ProtectMarriage.com,

the group behind Proposition 8. "Americans in numerous states have affirmed—and should be allowed to continue to affirm—a natural and historic public policy position like this. We are prepared to fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary."

"Marriage is recognized as a public institution, rather than a purely private one," noted Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, "because of its role in bringing together men and women for the reproduction of the human race and keeping them together to raise the children produced by their union. The fact that homosexuals prefer not to enter into marriages as historically defined does not give them a right to change the definition of what a 'marriage' is."

Religious liberties will take a hit if the ruling is upheld, conservative groups have warned, pointing several legal cases in recent years. (BP)

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Andrew Pugno, attorney and general counsel for ProtectMarriage.com

## Just a few more days and they will be back

### Summer is a time of rest, transition for OBI's faculty, staff and also its students

For the past several weeks the columns that have appeared in this space have been written by some of my faculty and staff. I confess that each summer I enjoy a little respite from my weekly Western Recorder articles by asking some of them to share a few of their thoughts about Oneida and how we meet the needs of our students. I never know what they are going to write about, and I admit that I often am surprised by the topics they choose.

This has been a busy summer with a host of volunteers that are such a critical part of this ministry. Most of the groups who helped have been here many times before and choose to spend part of their summers each year helping with a multitude of projects. Some groups have as few as five or six volunteers, while others have as many as 20 to 25.

Each group brings with them a variety of skills and talents. Our volunteer coordinator, George, usually calls each group a few weeks before they are due to arrive. He tries to find out what they want to do and who may have special skills we can put to good use. It has been hot this summer, as you know—very hot—which has put more than a little stress on the volunteers and has limited some of their outside activities.

Our students also have been very busy. Each summer, several dozen students who receive additional scholarship funds are asked to help with chores on campus that cannot be done when all of our students are here. With only a handful of staff in the various buildings, this is the best time to wax the floors before our students return Aug. 15.

New students likely will think the janitor has done a good job cleaning our buildings. Returning students, however, know it was not a custodian who made things look spic and span. Our returning students also know they soon will be shouldering responsibilities to keep our buildings and grounds clean.

Each summer, like most ministries, we lose some staff. The summer usually is the time when staff who are going to leave make that decision known. Some of our exiting staff are retiring, some leave for health reasons and others just feel led to move on.

A good part of my summer is spent talking to people who are interested in serving in a full-time ministry. Most of the new staff who come to serve at Oneida have never been in full-time ministry before. Often people who are considering serving in such a way are not prepared for many of the hardships they will experience.

During the interview with prospective staff, I spend a good deal of time trying to explain and prepare them for some of the frustrations they will encounter. Ministry is very rewarding, and working with young people is especially rewarding—but it also is demanding. While all of my teaching positions are filled, I still have a few unfilled positions with my support staff.

Indeed, it has been a very busy summer. Now with the return of our students, all of those weeks of labor and toil will be rewarded. Few students actually are happy about going back to school, but I can say that most of our Oneida students will be happy to be back with their friends.

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### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## 'Where did this summer go?'

### The start of a new academic year already is upon us

By the time you read this, classes already will have started here on our campus. Around here we are asking each other that question we seem to ask every year about this time: "Where did this summer go?" It does seem as though I was just writing an article the first week of May rejoicing with our latest graduating class about the great accomplishment of finishing their studies.

We are thankful this summer for the many volunteer work groups that traveled to our campus to help with the many projects we have to prepare for the new academic year. This summer we had work groups come from Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee. These volunteers give up a week or two of their time to travel many miles to help us out.

Many of them provided much-needed repairs in our student housing units to get them ready for incoming students. The skilled labor these groups brought to campus was a blessing to us. They provided many hours of volunteer labor on the current major project on campus, renovating one of our student apartment buildings.

Many of our students took advantage of summer school opportunities during the first weeks of May. Summer school enables them to complete the coursework they normally would have to take during the semester. This allows them an opportunity to take a lighter load during the semester so they can work part-time jobs.

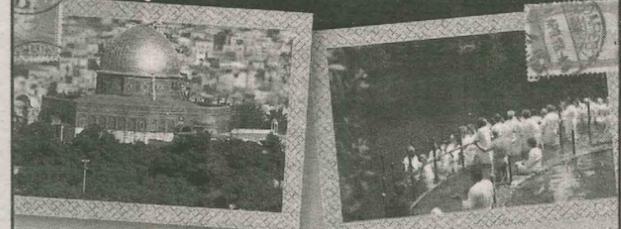
We also have had faculty, staff and students who have participated in mission trips to Turkey, Guatemala, Japan, Michigan, Alaska and Florida. They were able to partner with many churches in doing ministry while also being involved in seeing people trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Yes, it has been a busy summer, but we are thankful for the blessings God has given us even during this busy time. We look forward to what He has in store for us during this new academic year.

Thanks for your support that enables us to equip those called of God to do ministry.

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## 'What have you learned?'

### Camp summer staffer learns body of Christ is 'beautiful'

By Spencer Harmon  
Cedarmore summer staff

Silverware clanged in a stainless steel sink. Choruses called out in rehearsal before worship. Laughter erupted as staffers played games with students to pass the time.

I heard this in a matter of five minutes walking from one task to another at camp. So much went on behind the scenes that students did not know about: How much time was put into one worship set. How much preparation went into one meal. How much

cleaning was involved in preparing for their arrival.

Staffers frequently would ask each other one particular question on weekends off: "What have you learned since you've been here?" I would answer that I've learned some stunning and beautiful things about the body of Christ.

You see, my time at camp was clothed in brevity. However, I linked up for a season with my brothers and sisters to accomplish a task. We joined together in fellowship for a common end: to love God, love others and be servants. This was—and for most of us, still

is—how we lived our lives. This is expressed and manifested in many different ways: through picking chords on a guitar, cleaning soggy food off a tray, or simply listening to a student tell you about his or her life. It's all working toward one end: to make Christ known among students.

So, every day of camp, we dispersed. We intentionally neglected spending time with each other during the days so we could build relationships with students. We were functional missionaries with very intentional purposes. We ate on mission, we played on mission, we talked on mission, and we served on mission. And

thus the body of Christ unfurled over the campgrounds. All parts served in very different arenas, yet worked toward His renown.

So, when we passed each other on hot days, walking over hot blacktop cloaked in a layer of blurry smog, we smiled. Whether it was conscious in our minds or not, there was something bigger than us happening there. And so we were His hands, His feet, His eyes, His ears—His heart.

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## Funeral-protesting church will have case heard by U.S. Supreme Court

By Bob Allen

Washington—The Supreme Court has set a date to hear arguments that a controversial church's street protests at military funerals are protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Attorneys for Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., will go to the high court Oct. 6 to argue the case weighing the limits of free speech and assembly against an individual's right to privacy.

In 2007, a federal jury in Baltimore awarded nearly \$11 million to the father of a fallen Marine who alleged intrusion upon seclusion and infliction of emotional distress after members of the church protested near his son's funeral in 2006.

Last fall the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voided that judgment. The appellate court said signs carried by the protesters were "distasteful and repugnant" but are protected as free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Lawyers for Westboro Baptist—a small congregation not affiliated with any national denomination and composed mostly of members of Pastor Fred Phelps' family—will argue that their protest signs are "imaginative and hyperbolic rhetoric intended to spark debate" and not "objectively verifiable facts" subject to damages.

The church, which claims to have conducted more than 43,000 peaceful demonstrations against homosexuality since 1991, said America "crossed the line" in 2003 when the Supreme Court found sodomy laws unconstitutional and that God is using war to punish the nation for condoning sin.

Groups ranging from the American Civil Lib-

erties Union on the left to the Rutherford Institute and Liberty Counsel on the right have filed friend-of-the-court briefs supporting Westboro's free-speech argument.

Lawyers for Albert Snyder of York, Pa.—whose son, Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, died in a non-combat-related vehicle accident March 3, 2006, in Iraq—will contend the church's free-speech rights do not trump the family's right to mourn in private. They say the appellate court's broad ruling undermines state laws that allow private citizens to receive damages for emotional distress.

Attorneys general of 48 states and the District of Columbia signed on to a brief supporting Snyder. Since Westboro Baptist Church began targeting military funerals for protest in 2005, 40 states have enacted laws regulating protests around funerals. The brief argued that the states "have a compelling interest in protecting the sanctity and privacy of funerals, both to honor deceased citizens and to support and comfort grieving families."

The Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal reported that while lawyers are inside the Supreme Court building arguing the case Oct. 6, other members of Westboro Baptist Church will be outside, picketing with signs.

The church, which has picketed the Supreme Court twice before, also plans to demonstrate at the White House, the Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery, Shirley Phelps-Roper, one of the congregation's lawyers, told the newspaper.

"Why would we drive to that city without going to those seats of government?" Phelps-Roper asked. (ABP)

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These persons would be Kentucky Baptist ministers, missionaries, educators, laypersons, institutional leaders and staff and others whose Christian service has significantly benefited our state convention fellowship and mission programs.

These obituary entries will be reported to the 2010 KBC annual meeting in Lexington. You are an important part of our network to gather information on those servants who deserve to be remembered among Kentucky Baptists.

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- Service or ministry worthy of recognition (briefly stated)

### NATIONAL NOTES

**NAE condemns planned Quran burning**—The National Association of Evangelicals has condemned plans by a Florida church to burn copies of the Quran on the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "The proposed burning of Qurans would be profoundly offensive to Muslims worldwide, just as Christians would be insulted by the burning of Bibles," the NAE said in a July 29 statement. "Such an act would escalate tensions between members of the two faiths in the United States and around the world." The Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., announced its plans on a Facebook page. The event is planned "in remembrance of the fallen victims of 9/11 and to stand against the evil of Islam," according to the announcement. Evangelical leaders said the plans should be canceled. "The most powerful statement by the organizers of the planned Sept. 11th bonfire would be to call it off in the name and love of Jesus Christ," NAE President Leith Anderson urged.

**Family group launches Home Depot boycott**—The American Family Association is warning consumers against shopping at The Home Depot, a popular home improvement store, because the company gives financial and corporate support to open displays of homosexual activism. "Rather than remain neutral in the culture war, The Home Depot has chosen to sponsor and participate in numerous gay pride parades and festivals," the group said last month. AFA emphasized that the goal of every homosexual organization supported by The Home Depot is the legalization of same-sex marriage. Among the examples cited by the AFA, The Home Depot gave more than \$5,000 to sponsor the Nashville Gay Pride Festival in Tennessee, and the company also sponsored pro-homosexual parades in Atlanta, Kansas City, Mo., Portland, Ore., and San Diego. The company also offers insurance benefits that cover sex-change operations for employees. The insurance extends to same-sex partners of employees.

**Focus on the Family announces job cuts**—Focus on the Family has announced 110 job cuts in the latest round of layoffs that the ministry attributes to the departure of founder James Dobson and the reduced financial support from donors. Dobson departed the Colorado-based ministry in February after hosting its flagship radio program for more than 30 years. "Business analysts say it's not unusual to see organizations transitioning from a founder's leadership lose 50 percent or more of their support," ministry spokesman Gary Schneeberger said. "We feel blessed that even though the pain of these reductions is very real, we have not been affected to that degree." Dobson, 74, started a new program, "Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson," in May. The cuts, the result of a \$27 million budget reduction, bring Focus' staff total to 750.

**Most, least religious campuses named**—Brigham Young University was named the nation's most religious campus, and Sarah Lawrence College the least religious, in new rankings released Aug. 3. The Princeton Review released the 2011 edition of their yearly assessment of "The Best 373 Colleges," which included rankings of the most and least religious students. Mormon-owned BYU rose from second place in last year's rankings; it also ranked first in the list of "Stone-Cold Sober Schools," an honor which the school has held for 13 consecutive years. All of the schools with the most religious student bodies hold some kind of church affiliation, other than the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colo.), which came in 14th. Two Baptist-affiliated schools made the most religious top 10 list—Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and Baylor University in Waco, Texas. On the other side of the spectrum, Sarah Lawrence College in New York took the lead as having the least religious students, up from the No. 9 spot last year. Also in the top 10, in the No. 8 spot, is Presbyterian-affiliated Macalester College in Minnesota.

**VBS kids tell Haitian orphans, 'Jesus loves you'**

Houston—As a group of kindergarteners sat coloring, one small boy began to sing "Jesus loves me." Soon all the children joined in. The coloring pages bear a note that reads "Jesus loves you" in Creole—the common language of Haiti. It's a personalized message the children included in kits of school supplies that were sent to orphans in Haiti.

Westbury Baptist Church in Houston used its vacation Bible school this year to partner with Baptist Global Response in a project that raised funds and assembled approximately 100 of the school-supply kits, which consisted of pencils, erasers and crayons.

The children wanted to include something personal in the kits and decided to include the decorated "Jesus loves you" notes. At first, they only had the French translation of the phrase, until one of the day-camp workers mentioned he had family members who spoke Creole.

As the children colored the notes and sang "Jesus Loves Me," it "was a moment I'll never forget," said Beverly McDaniel, a church member who has helped with VBS for the past three years.

The idea for a project focused on Haiti came about as Hope McNeil, Westbury Baptist's children's minister decided to do a mission project for VBS through Baptist Global Response.

Each day at VBS, the children attended a worship rally and then rotated through crafts, recreation, snack time, Bible study and either a music or missions group. As the children in the missions group put together the school-supply kits, they learned about Haiti and the earthquake that ravaged the country.

"The entire project certainly touched the hearts of those involved," McDaniel said. The children "were mesmerized by the scenes they saw. Each day as we reviewed countries we had 'visited' as a part of our mission stories, they always mentioned Haiti."

**MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI**

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **EDDYVILLE**—New Bethel Church recently called **Carlton Binkley** as interim pastor.

■ **HARDIN**—Aurora Church will hold revival and homecoming services Aug. 15, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Aug. 16-20, 7 p.m., with **Brad Burns**, pastor of Elm Grove Church in Murray, as evangelist. **Richard Edmiston** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—St. Matthews Church recently called **Greg Barr** as pastor. He previously was pastor of St. Andrews Church in Columbia, S.C.

■ **MAYFIELD**—**Scott Wilkins** recently resigned as pastor of First Church.

■ **PAINT LICK**—Faith Decision Church recently called **Tony Horn** as pastor.

■ **PRINCETON**—Calvary Church recent-

**Spotlight on ...**

**Walton**



First Church recently named former pastor **Kenneth Cole** its pastor emeritus. He served the church as pastor from 1979-93.

ly called **Garvin Keen** as minister of music. **Darrick Holloman** is pastor.

First Church recently called **Kent Workman** as interim pastor.



**Centrifuge Korea reaches out to 'trans-culture' teenagers**

By **Tess Rivers**  
*International Mission Board*

**Taejon, South Korea**—Loud music, welcome cheers and high-fives greeted 166 middle and high school students to Centrifuge Korea, which for nearly 20 years has ministered to students from U.S. military bases and international schools in South Korea, Japan, Australia and the Philippines.

Because children of military and expatriate families live outside their "home" country, they often struggle with different issues than kids in the United States, said Holt Rivers\*, an International Mission Board worker who has served as camp director for the past four years. The needs of such "trans-culture kids" must be addressed in specific ways.

"By the time these kids are 15, most have lived in three or four different countries," Rivers said. "They have a global worldview. They've been exposed to things most U.S. kids will never understand."

Military families in particular deal with different struggles than their counterparts living on American soil. One or both parents may currently be deployed or may have recently served in Iraq or Afghanistan. When parents exhibit symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, their teens often struggle to cope. The Centrifuge Korea staff listen and refer kids to those who can help. They also show campers how a relationship with Jesus can provide spiritual stability in an uncertain world.

"We tend to see a large number of kids come to faith in Jesus at this camp," Rivers said.

The Centrifuge Korea differs in other ways from the U.S. Centrifuge experience, Rivers pointed out.

While most U.S. students attend Centrifuge camps as part of a church youth group, many Centrifuge Korea campers may not be affiliated with a church, he said.

As in past years, the bulk of the students at this year's camp in late June came from Yongsan military base in Seoul, South Korea. Most are students at Seoul American High School and a few are homeschooled. The Yongsan chaplain's office subsidizes the cost for students who wish to attend camp.

In spite of the differences, however, the tried-and-true elements that make "Fuge" special are the same across continents.

Like their U.S. counterparts, campers at Centrifuge Korea experienced all the traditional fun and craziness characteristic of Centrifuge during recreation, track times, the A.M. show and Night Life, including the ever-popular "Mega Relay."

Next year, Rivers said he plans to take Centrifuge deeper into Asia by offering a Centrifuge Thailand to English-speaking students attending international schools in Chiang Mai, a city in Northern Thailand popular with Western expatriates.

"Centrifuge is a great way to share the gospel with expatriate kids in any country," Rivers said. (BP)

\*Name changed for security reasons

**KBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

**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.

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**Mid-Continent launches new website**

Mayfield—Mid-Continent University has launched its new website.

The site includes a new layout, interface, contact tools and organization for current and prospective students for both traditional and adult Advantage programs, online programs, athletics, alumni information and up-to-date school news.

The new website can be found at [www.MidContinent.edu](http://www.MidContinent.edu).

"Often, this is the front door to our university. We want people to be able to get all the information they need from our website," MCU President Robert Imhoff said.

The new website was designed by Horizon Media Group of Paducah.

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**SEEKING:** Director of facilities (custodian), 32-hour/week position with Fern Creek Baptist Church. Mail resumé by Aug. 13 to Fern Creek Baptist Church, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, Attn: Personnel Committee.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor of students for Zion Baptist Church in Henderson. Candidate must have 5 years leadership experience, be visionary in student ministries, a team player, highly relational with students and families, and passionate about reaching youth and families for Christ. Responsible for development and leadership of all student ministries, middle school through collegiate. Resúmes should be sent to Zion Baptist Church, 8158 Hwy. 351, Henderson, KY 42420.

**SEEKING:** Bivocational minister of music and worship (up to 18-25 hours/week) for Friendship Baptist Church in Paducah, Ky. Friendship is a mission-oriented church averaging 225-250 in two blended morning services. For more information, visit our website at [friendshiponthenet.org](http://friendshiponthenet.org). Resúmes to Music Search Team, 146 South Friendship Road, Paducah, KY 42003; or info [@friendshiponthenet.org](mailto:@friendshiponthenet.org) no later than Sept. 30, 2010.

**SEEKING:** Bivocational pastor for Oneida Baptist Church. Send resumé to Ruth Ann Powell, 578 Newfound Road, Oneida, KY 40972.

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## Syd's specks

By Todd and Michelle Deaton

"Other kids can be so messy," Syd Squid complained at lunch one day.

"Look at that mustard all over Lenny's shirt!" she exclaimed. "He can't even eat a hot dog without getting something on himself."

This struck Sunny Starfish as funny, since Syd had a glob of ketchup on her cheek. "Sounds like someone with a log in her eye is trying to remove a speck from someone else's," Sunny smiled.

"I don't have anything in my eye," Syd argued.

"It's just an expression," Sunny said.

Syd didn't understand what Sunny meant, so she continued to fuss at Lenny Lobster. "S-L-O-B!" she chided.

Craig Crab sat down next to Lenny, directly across the table from Syd. After taking several bites of his hot dog, which was dripping chili all over the table, he took a big gulp of soda.

"Burrp!" went Craig.

"Good one," Lenny chuckled.

Craig beamed with pride. "Listen to this one," he boasted, gulping down more soda.

"Don't even think about it!" Syd yelled, spraying the potato chips that she was munching on.

"At least I don't talk with my mouth full," Lenny replied, wiping his shirt off in jest.

Craig, who was almost out of drink, couldn't resist slurping through his straw just to irritate Syd.

"Boys are so C-R-U-D-E!" she said, rolling her eyes in disgust.

While eating apple sauce, Sunny reached for her napkin, which fell to the floor. "Oh well," she said as she wiped her face with her arm.

"Use a napkin, not your sleeve," Syd scolded. "That's just



N-A-S-T-Y," she said, leaning over Sunny to grab a peppershaker.

"You could have asked Sunny to pass it," Lenny snapped.

"Don't you have any M-A-N-N-E-R-S?" he teased.

"Very F-U-N-N-Y!" Syd smirked.

As Syd sprinkled pepper, Lenny got a whiff up his nose and it started twitching.

"Duck! He's going to blow!" yelled Craig, diving under the table.

"Aaaaachoooo!" Lenny sneezed loudly.

"G-R-O-S-S!" Syd screamed. "I'm going to another table," she said, jumping up from her seat.

Syd pushed her way past Seamore Seahorse, almost knocking over the milk on his tray. "What's wrong with Syd?" he asked.

"She has a log in her eye," Sunny replied.

"A log?" Seamore asked.

"Not a real one," Sunny explained. "She was complaining about the specks in our eyes, but couldn't see her own."

"I don't have anything in my eye," Seamore said, puzzled.

"She was criticizing us, when she's not so perfect herself," Sunny laughed.

"Oh, like when she didn't say excuse me?" asked Seamore.

"Exactly," Sunny nodded.

"That was so R-U-D-E," Lenny laughed.



## Treasure Hunt

What were some of the rude actions of the Cove kids?  
 Why did Syd Squid not realize that her actions were just as bad?  
 How could Syd have handled this situation better?  
 Read Matthew 7:3-5 together.

## For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



## Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



## Bible Crosswords

Janet Adkins

### Across

- 1 Fellow
- 5 Halfway, prefix
- 8 Charles, for short
- 12 Aircraft, prefix
- 13 Summer, Fr.
- 14 Alley Oop's girlfriend
- 15 "And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and \_\_\_\_\_ the men of the city" (Judges 8:17)
- 16 Resident, abbr.
- 17 "Shall \_\_\_\_\_ words have an end?" (Job 16:3)
- 18 "We are troubled on every \_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Corinthians 4:8) (2 words)
- 21 To make free of
- 22 Boy's name
- 23 "The \_\_\_\_\_ and flags shall wither" (Isaiah 19:6)
- 26 Belonging to the author of much of the New Testament (2 words)
- 30 Referring to the nose, prefix
- 31 "Let me \_\_\_\_\_ the death of the righteous" (Numbers 23:10)
- 32 Belonging to the National Security Agency, abbr.
- 33 Stutter
- 35 Sticks with a knife
- 36 Adjective suffix
- 37 Weep
- 38 "That the \_\_\_\_\_ might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:15)
- 45 Elbow-shaped pasta, for short
- 46 "But let your communication be, \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 5:37)
- 47 "\_\_\_\_\_ that great city, that was clothed in fine linen" (Revelation 18:16)
- 48 \_\_\_\_\_ Domini
- 49 "Of \_\_\_\_\_, the family of the Erites" (Numbers 26:16)

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- 50 "But this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to \_\_\_\_\_ my feet" (Luke 7:45)
- 51 Chinese food
- 52 Noise
- 53 Feminine name ending

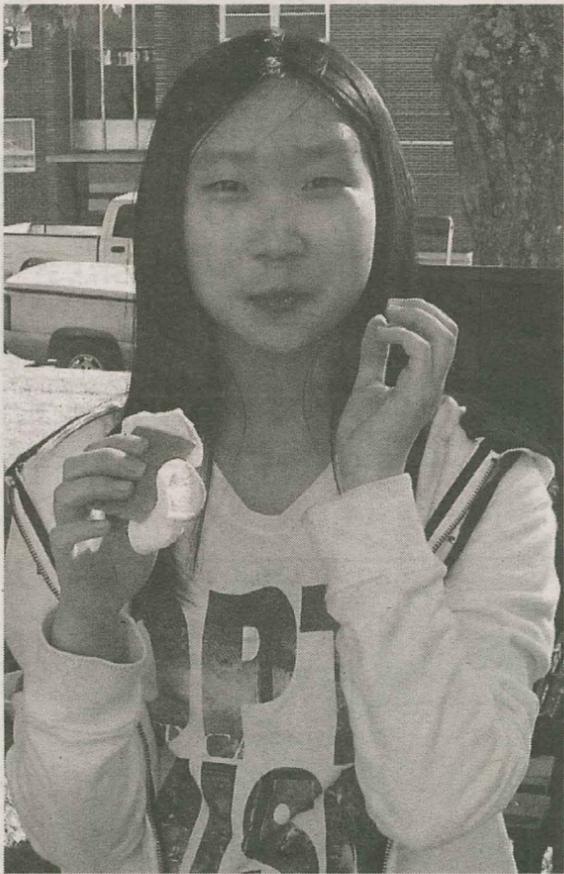
- 20 What you lose when you stand 23 Drs. ' assistants
- 24 "Therefore, the children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ not of the sinew which shrank" (Genesis 32:32)
- 25 That, Sp.
- 26 "And he answered ... I go, \_\_\_\_\_ and went not" (Matthew 21:30)
- 27 Abbreviation for America
- 28 Where scientists work
- 29 Selective Service System, abbr.
- 31 "I made haste, and \_\_\_\_\_ not to keep thy commandments" (Psalms 119:60)
- 34 "I said of laughter, it is \_\_\_\_\_" (Ecclesiastes 2:2)
- 35 Soak
- 37 "I will \_\_\_\_\_ all my raiment" (Isaiah 63:3)
- 38 "Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from \_\_\_\_\_" (Numbers 23:7)
- 39 "Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalms 3:7)
- 40 "Bakbukiah and \_\_\_\_\_ were over against them in the watches" (Nehemiah 12:9)
- 41 Salathiel, the son of \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 3:27)
- 42 Got down from
- 43 "Have ye not \_\_\_\_\_ out the priests of the Lord" (2 Chronicles 13:9)
- 44 To be, Lat.

### Down

- 1 One of the Mamas and the Papas
- 2 Sun, prefix
- 3 "They bring thee \_\_\_\_\_ heifer without spot" (Numbers 19:2) (2 words)
- 4 "Far above all principality, and \_\_\_\_\_, and might, and \_\_\_\_\_" (Ephesians 1:21) (2 words)
- 5 "The sons of Ezra were, Jether, and \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Chronicles 4:17)
- 6 Roman road
- 7 "Hath done \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Spirit of grace" (Hebrews 10:29)
- 8 "My \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_, although I was an husband unto them" (Jeremiah 31:32)
- 9 Deception
- 10 "A strong delusion, that they should believe \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Thessalonians 2:11)
- 11 "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea" (Romans 9:27)
- 19 Greek letters used for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter

### Last week's solution

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# There's a first time for everything...

## ...even a s'more.

Jenny came to Oneida Baptist Institute this summer from South Korea. At our Memorial Day picnic she tasted her first s'more. We hope it won't be the last "first" she experiences with us.

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Our international students go through many first experiences as they adapt to our culture.

Yet all students find "firsts" at OBI. It may be their first time to get themselves up in the morning, to have a daily chore or to make an "A." Some are even introduced to the gospel for the first time on our campus.

Have you ever visited us? Call ext. 248 to schedule a tour. There's a first time for everything.

Would you like to learn more about Oneida? Contact us!

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