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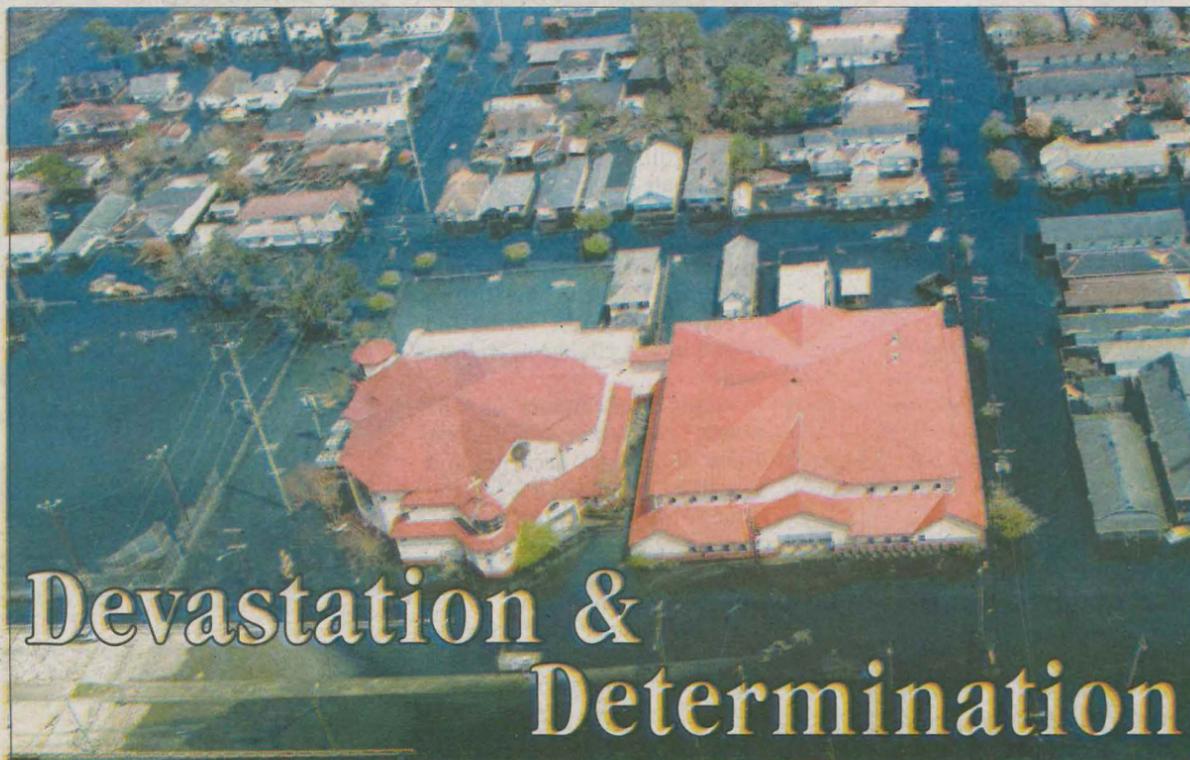
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Devastation & Determination

Hurricane Katrina: Five Years After

By Karen Willoughby
Louisiana Baptist Message

Five years have passed since Hurricane Katrina hurtled its way across southeastern Louisiana and the rest of the central Gulf Coast.

More than 1,800 deaths were recorded. Thousands upon thousands of people were displaced; in New Orleans, the U.S. Census Bureau reported a 53.9 percent drop in population between April 2000 and July 2006. (The city's 485,000 population recorded by the Census Bureau in 2000 was estimated at 352,000 by the mayor's office in mid-2009.) More than \$81 billion in property damage makes Katrina the costliest of all American disasters.

The emotional toll of the storm on area residents also remains high.

"I talked with a friend in Florida after Katrina who had gone through (Hurricane) Andrew in 1992," noted Lonnie Wascom, director of missions for the three North Shore Baptist associations that plan to merge later this year, largely because of Katrina. "He told me it would be 10 years before most people really would get over it, and looking at it from the five-year mark, I'd say he was right on the money."

Dennis Watson, pastor of what now is the multi-campus Celebration Church centered in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie on the east bank of the Mississippi River, noted a tangible effect of the stress still hov-

ering over Greater New Orleans.

"Prior to Katrina we had a small counseling ministry in our church," Watson said. "Following Katrina, however, we became convinced that more than anything else—besides a relationship with Jesus—people needed trauma counseling. We re-launched the Celebration Hope Center which now has more than 25 counselors on staff and ministers to hundreds of people on a weekly basis."

Two weeks before Katrina, the church, located in what had been an oversized strip mall on busy Airline Drive, had acquired a second location on Transcontinental Drive in Metairie by merging with the for-

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Katrina's Fury, God's Mercies: A seminary's rise from the floodwaters

By Gary Myers
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Many of the visible marks left by Hurricane Katrina have been washed away by time and hard work. But the impact of the storm still affects New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Despite deep pain and challenging circumstances, the seminary community overcame. NOBTS President Chuck Kelley said he has seen those who went through the storm emerge with a deeper faith in God and an unflinching, stubborn commitment to be witnesses in the city and region.

On Aug. 29, 2005, Katrina slammed ashore just east of New Orleans, leaving a path of destruction stretching from New Orleans to Mobile, Ala., and as far north as Meridian, Miss. Initially it seemed New Orleans escaped the worst of the storm, but multiple levee failures left 70 percent of the city underwater.

The seminary was not spared. Sixty percent of campus housing received significant damage. Only two weeks into a new semester, the seminary's primary task of training ministers was put on hold. Main campus students fled to 29 different states; the faculty was scattered about nine states.

The healing process began quickly. Southern Baptists showered the displaced seminary community with financial assistance and places to stay. The Southern Baptist Convention gave the seminary a \$6 million gift from its Cooperative Program overage.

"This was the greatest outpouring of grace in the history of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary," Kelley said. "At every level of Southern Baptist life, the individual Southern Baptist church, the association, the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and all of its entities, ... everybody participated in helping NOBTS recover. This was one of the things that meant so much."

Kelley said he hesitates to call out any specific gift, because every SBC entity and every state convention made sacrifices to help the seminary community in the immediate aftermath of Katrina. Even the conventions hit hardest by Katrina—Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi—gave to the cause. The gifts—

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Louisville church plant helps job seekers

By Drew Nichter
News Director

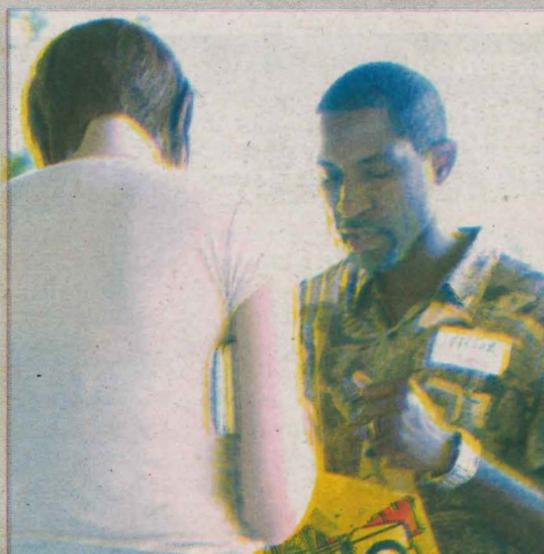
Louisville—Since its launch in April 2009, The LifeSong has sought to answer one fundamental question in its ministry: "How do we meet the needs?"

"We've got to understand that people have basic needs, ... and that basic need is Jesus Christ," worship leader John Mackey said.

The church plant in Louisville's South End reached out Aug. 23 to those in its community searching for what many in Kentucky need: jobs.

The LifeSong hosted a job fair at a local community center not far from Valley High School, where the church meets on Sunday mornings.

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MEETING NEEDS

Victor Vincent, a volunteer with The LifeSong, a south Louisville church plant, prays with a job seeker before she heads into a job fair hosted by the church. The event connected nearly 70 Louisville employers with almost 400 job seekers, all of whom were prayed with beforehand. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

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Louisville missionaries: Muslims living in the U.S., Kentucky is a 'God thing'

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Lexington—While many Americans are upset about the proposed mosque near Ground Zero, the leaders of a ministry to Muslims caution against getting swept up in the controversy.

The reason: They think this is the best time ever to reach Muslims with the gospel.

"I think it's a God thing that Muslims are coming to the U.S.," said Jim Hudson,* a North American Mission Board missionary working in Louisville. "We can share Christ with them and we won't be locked up."

"They live in a lot of fear and uncertainty," added Annie Taylor,* a NAMB missionary who joined Hudson Aug. 21 for the "Sharing Christ With Muslims" workshop at Super Saturday in Lexington. "We can share with them that we don't have to be afraid."

Despite their optimism, Hudson acknowledged that the Islamic presence is expanding rapidly in Kentucky.

Over the past 15 years, the number of mosques in Louisville alone has grown from 2 to 13. There are six in Lexington and several others across Kentucky.

Establishing mosques is part of an agenda that makes a public statement, Hudson said.

"This is much more than a building," the missionary said. "Mosques are things that say, 'Islam is here, it's healthy, it's growing.' There are 7 million Muslims (in the U.S.) and that's a low estimate."

However, both warned against getting caught up in media-driven hysteria that focuses on a tiny, radical element within the Muslim community.

The best way to overcome an irrational fear of Muslims is to get to know some, Hudson encouraged. "When you see that many of them are peaceful, a lot of these fears go away."

Nor should Christians think that political solutions are the answer to turning back Muslim influence in America, he said.

Noting a push among evangelical Christians to favor political solutions, Hudson remarked, "I dare say we're not going to see these people come to Jesus through legal and political means. A friend says the best way to reach Muslims is to love people and share Jesus."

To witness to Muslims, one doesn't have to come from the Middle East or speak Arabic, Hudson pointed out. A native of south Georgia, he now works in a Bosnian refugee community, the majority of which is Muslim.

The only qualifications are loving Christ, the ability to share your testimony, and relate the gospel, he said.

"There is no 'silver bullet,'" Hudson noted. "Muslims are too diverse."

He said it does help to understand the basic tenets of their faith. Those include worshipping Allah, praying five times a day, fasting during Ramadan, giving alms (gifts to the poor), and making a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Yet, while it is good to understand Muslims, Christians should be aware that they do not worship the same God, Hudson explained.

According to Islamic teachings, Allah is a deceiver, vengeful and unpredictable, prone to decide at any moment not to admit someone to heaven.

But the God who sent His Son to earth is holy, just, loving and bound by His character, Hudson said.

"Jesus lived among us," he noted. "We believe God is love. There is eternal security and love. The God of Allah is not the same as the God of Christianity."

However, Hudson said it is important that Christians not attack Allah or the Quran, which Muslims consider a sacred book. A Florida church has made headlines for its plans to burn the Muslim holy book on the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Kentuckians also need to understand some cultural differences between Western and Eastern society, he said.

Among those he listed: Westerners value punctuality, change and individual rights. To Muslims, being on time is no big deal, change often is shunned, and society's rights take precedence over a person.

"There's a strong feeling of community," Taylor said of the group orientation in Muslim culture. "A lot of people are drawn to that."

In addition, she said Kentucky Baptists should be aware of gender distinctions among Muslims. Men always should witness to men and women to women because Muslims are suspicious of cross-gender relationships.

Hudson said the most important attitudes in sharing one's faith are being loving, friendly, building bridges and maintaining a biblical outlook.

"We have to find a way to love them," he stressed. "Don't insult their prophet (Mohammed). Don't insult the Quran. They have many misconceptions that can be overcome by being a friend."

The two-hour "Sharing Christ with Muslims" workshop also will be offered at two remaining Super Saturday events, Sept. 11 in Williamsburg and Sept. 18 in Bowling Green.

*Names changed for security reasons

Additional Resources

On the Web:

CrescentProject.org
BridgesStudy.org
MuslimJourneytoHope.com
30DaysPrayer.com
AnsweringIslam.org
4Truth.net
IslamicFinder.org

In print:

- "Hummus, Haircuts, and Henna Parties" by Fouad Masri
- "A Muslim's Heart" by Ed Hoskins
- "From the Straight Path to the Narrow Way" by David Greenlee
- "Answering Islam" by Norman Geisler and Abdul Salbeeb
- "Encountering the World of Islam" by Keith Swartley
- "Bridges," a six-week study by LifeWay Christian Resources

Ky. Baptists' gifts to CP continue slow July trend

Louisville—Repeating the summertime trend of previous years, Kentucky Baptists' gifts to the Cooperative Program took a dip in July.

According to Lowell Ashby, Kentucky Baptist Convention's business services team leader, gifts last month to the Cooperative Program totaled \$1,885,127, a drop from June's CP total of \$2.07 million.

Despite ongoing concerns about the economy, Kentucky Baptists' Cooperative Program support this fiscal year is only 1.2 percent behind last year's total for the same time period, Ashby said.

With the 2009-10 fiscal year winding down, Kentucky Baptists have given \$21,041,827 to the Cooperative Program. The total workable budget for the year was \$23 million, trimmed from \$24.48 million in response to the global economic downturn.

"While the economic circumstances continue to be increasingly difficult, we express appreciation to all of our churches for financial commitment to ministries and missions through CP," said Billy Compton, KBC's executive associate for Cooperative Program and Resources.

Kentucky Baptist CP gifts at a glance



Giving for July 1-31, 2010 & Year-to-Date

Monthly budget* goal:	\$1,916,667
Actual giving:	\$1,885,127
Under budget:	\$31,540
Year-to-Date budget* goal:	\$23,000,000
Year-to-Date actual giving:	\$21,041,827
Under budget:	\$1,958,173

*Reduced from approved FY 09-10 budget in response to economic downturn.



Cumberlands' gets \$1 million gift for health, wellness center

Williamsburg—Christian philanthropist Ward Correll of Somerset has committed a gift in the amount of \$1 million to University of the Cumberlands toward the \$6.5 million cost of constructing a new health and wellness center on campus, according to school President Jim Taylor.

The Ward Correll Health, Wellness and Exercise Center will include the student center; the intramural recreational program; general exercise and aerobic exercise areas; a test and measurement laboratory; a community outreach room; and a counseling area for nutrition, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stress management, emotional health and smoking cessation.

The facility and its programs will be made available to residents in the surrounding area, thus promoting better health maintenance and improving the quality of life for those who remain underserved.

"We are committed to addressing the serious health issues in our area by providing greater opportunities for health maintenance through education and to encourage a healthier lifestyle by promoting proper nutrition and physical activity," Taylor said.

Mayfield zoning board rejects mosque proposal

Mayfield—With the religious and political battle growing over the proposed mosque in New York, one Kentucky town has waded into the controversy.

Last week, a Mayfield board denied a petition to build a mosque in the city's downtown business district, a move which brought cheers from more than 250 residents who had gathered to hear the decision.

According to a report in the Paducah Sun, the petition was brought by a Muslim Somali group who live in Mayfield.

The city's Board of Zoning Adjustment said the decision to deny the building proposal because of a lack of parking spaces near the proposed site.

Board member Don Simpkins was quoted as saying that building permits had been issued to churches

in that same area. However, they offered their services outside of regular business hours, whereas Muslims typically pray during business hours.

The Paducah newspaper reported that several nearby business owners argued there would not be enough parking space for their businesses and those who would visit the mosque.

The Louisville Courier-Journal also reported last week that the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky is investigating the Mayfield board's rejection.

The group is looking into how procedures were followed at the board's meeting, since no one speaking on behalf of the mosque was in the meeting at the time. The Paducah Sun reported a mosque representative was mistakenly denied entrance to the meeting.

Ky. Baptist pastor says SBC attendance is his 'responsibility'

By Erin Roach

Farmington—For 65 consecutive years, pastor Bill Dodson attended the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his streak only came to an end this year because a brief illness kept him from traveling.

"I thought it was my responsibility as a pastor and as somewhat of a leader in the state convention and association," said Dodson, pastor of Bell City Baptist Church in Farmington. "I went as a college sophomore and enjoyed it, and I've been going ever since."

Dodson, 84, grew up in the Great Smoky Mountains and began preaching on the streets of Knoxville, Tenn., when he was saved at age 14. It was as a student at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., that he was sent by his church as a messenger to his first SBC annual meeting in 1945.

A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas, Dodson's 67 years as a pastor have included churches in five states and denominational service with the Annuity Board (now GuideStone Financial Resources).

While serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Martin, Tenn., Dodson was an

Annuity Board trustee and later served as its chairman from 1979-81. He later took a position at the Annuity Board and established the Adopt an Annuitant (now Mission:Dignity) program in 1981, traveling the country raising funds for retired pastors and their widows.

"In 1987 we left Dallas and I went to First Baptist Church of Benton, and I was there five years and I retired in 1992," Dodson said. "Two weeks later I went to Bell City Baptist Church in Graves County, and I'm still there after 18 years and three months."

He credited his wife, Janelle, with faithfully serving alongside him.

"She has an earned Ph.D. and was a college professor from the early '70s until she retired about seven or eight years ago," he said.

Regarding his convention attendance, Dodson reiterated that he simply saw it as his duty.

"I've always felt that a pastor ought to

be involved in the association, the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. If you're going to serve a church, they need to be represented in all of these

areas," he stressed. "I think we have so many pastors that have never attended the Southern Baptist Convention, but I've always gone and represented my church."

Both rural and city pastors should be involved in the decisions the convention makes, Dodson said, adding that 70 percent of SBC churches average fewer than 100 people in Sunday school.

"I think even the rural pastors when they can, their churches ought to send them," Dodson told Baptist Press. "Of course it's getting

so expensive now. It's difficult for people to go. We plan to go to Phoenix (in 2011), but that's about a \$2,000 trip. I just think every pastor ought to be interested in what the convention is doing. You don't have a voice if you don't attend."

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Campbellsville students 'experience' Native Americans in South Dakota

By Christina Miller
Campbellsville University

Campbellsville—Campbellsville University students traveled to South Dakota to learn about the culture of the Native Americans by visiting the Lakota Sioux tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The Native American Experience is a social work/sociology special topics class where students were able to learn by experience. The class was taught by Debbie Carter, assistant professor of social work, and Jackie Sandifer, assistant professor of criminal justice.

Sandifer and her husband, David, have been connected to the reservation through ministry to the Lakota since 1988, in what she calls "a continuation of the Lord's work."

"The class was in many ways the fruition of a long-held dream of getting Campbellsville University involved with this people group and continuing efforts to build bridges of understanding, friendship and relationships," Sandifer said.

"The most exciting part of the trip for me was seeing and talking with young adult Native Americans who, as children, had come to vacation Bible schools and had accepted Christ through ministry efforts over the years."

Eleven Campbellsville University stu-

dents visited agencies, schools, a jail, hospital and a mission for people in need.

"We visited social-service agencies to learn the differences between their agencies and ours in rural Kentucky," Carter noted.

Before leaving for the trip, students studied the culture so they would be prepared to serve in a place of cultural and social problems, such as extreme poverty, alcoholism, child abuse, social service and criminal justice, a troubled tribal government system and the historical trauma the people group has experienced.

"The trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation was a very broadening experience. It really helped me better understand the culture, history and oppression of the Native Americans," said Juliana Brown, a graduate student in the social-work program. "Because of this trip, I am a more culturally diverse social worker."

While in South Dakota, the class provided worship activities for neighborhood children and served lunch at a rescue mission for the homeless.

"The folks from Pine Ridge made a huge impact on our students, and I think they came home with Pine Ridge a part of their heart," Linda Trollinger, associate professor of sociology and family studies, who also went on the trip.



The Native American Experience group from Campbellsville University poses for a picture at the entrance to Wounded Knee Cemetery, the burial site for Lakota Sioux killed by the U.S. Cavalry at the Wounded Knee Massacre.



MAKING CONNECTIONS Louisville employers and job seekers connect at the Aug. 23 job fair sponsored by The LifeSong, a south Louisville church plant. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

Louisville church plant sponsors job fair, aims to meet community needs

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Joined by the Louisville Office of Employment and Training, the Louisville Urban League and Job News Louisville, the fair attracted nearly 400 job seekers who had an opportunity to connect with almost 70 employers.

"Unemployment continues to be a major problem in Louisville," LifeSong Pastor James Gribbins wrote in a news release about the event.

"Many companies have positions open for employment, but are having a hard time connecting with the right candidate for the position," noted Gribbins, who also is marketing coordinator for Campbellsville University's Louisville campus, another co-sponsor of the job fair.

The July unemployment rate for Jefferson County, announced last week, was 9.8 percent. While that is down from 10.4 percent last year, it remains higher than the national rate of 9.5 percent. In Kentucky, 9.9 percent of the population is out of work.

Mackey said hosting a job fair is at the heart of the church's mission of meeting people's basic needs. "They need to pay for their utilities. They need to pay for their housing," he explained.

Having lived through a significant portion of SBC history, Dodson expressed approval of the "conservative resurgence."

"I believe the Bible is the authoritative word of God, I believe it is God-inspired, and I believe in the integrity of the Bible and the inspiration of the Bible," Dodson said. "I've never had a problem with that. I grew up in a little mountain church of 50 or 60 in Sunday school, and the theology I have today is the same I had at age 14 when I was converted. And I don't plan to change."

When asked his thoughts on the Great Commission Resurgence, Dodson replied, "If I had been there, I would have voted against it all the way. I believe that the Great Commission begins at home. You begin in your state, you begin in your nation and around the world."

"When I was with the Annuity Board, I traveled to 38 states," he recalled. "A lot of the money that I raised for the Annuity Board to help old preachers and widows came from the minority states across the Northwest and in the central United States."

"The money needs to be supplied to the pioneer conventions for them to reach people. That would be my take." (BP)

While the church ultimately wants to lead people to a relationship with Jesus Christ, Mackey said that only happens by caring for them first, something Jesus modeled in His own ministry.

"He attempted to meet a person's physical needs before He ever revealed who He was," Mackey pointed out. "And in meeting their physical needs, whatever it was, He gained the right with that individual to say, 'This is who I am.'"

"And that's what speaks to people more than trying to say, 'You've got to have Jesus.' You've just really got to meet them ... right where they are."

Meeting each job seeker who arrived at the fair was a representative from The LifeSong, who prayed with each individual before he or she went into the community center. Even though it likely was an unusual experience for some to be prayed for at a job fair, no one refused the intercession, Mackey said.

Mackey said a job fair is simply one medium with which LifeSong is trying to share Christ with others, even if it may seem a little unconventional.

"We're going to stretch it," he said, "but the actual meaning of the message is never going to be compromised."

Thoughts on the GCTF Report

I want to express gratitude to the members of Kentucky Great Commission Task Force who have served over the past eight months and to all Kentucky Baptists who have prayed for the committee members. I am grateful for the work of Dr. Hershael York in leading the committee, writing much of the report, and giving generously of his time in sharing the report personally with KBC entity heads, KBC staff and directors of missions.

I also want to thank Charles Barnes, chairman of the Mission Board's business and finance committee, for his days of work on the financial plan of the report. Once the task force had voted on the goal of moving to a 50/50 division of Cooperative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention and certain reductions, it became his task to work with me and KBC Business Team Leader Lowell Ashby to come up with a financial plan that would move KBC toward the goals.

Given the recommendations, I think it is an equitable plan for absorbing the loss of funds from the anticipated phase-out of our cooperative agreement with the North American Mission Board (\$1,017,000), managing reductions in CP allocations for Kentucky missions and ministries, and challenging everyone to do and give "more for Christ."

The focus of the report is on the Great Commission and getting the gospel to the unreached people groups of the world through the Cooperative Program. We all know that more resources are needed to fulfill the Great Commission, and I think this was a prime motivation for committee members.

A key element and the first recommendation of the report is a call for spiritual repentance and renewal that results in renewed commitment to the Great Commission. If the report is approved by messengers this November, we will have an emphasis called "More for Christ" that I hope will permeate the soul of every Kentucky Baptist and every church. Each individual and church will be encouraged to seek the Lord on how they can do more for Christ in reaching people, increasing baptisms, developing disciples and supporting missions through CP.

The report's second recommendation calls for the KBC to move to a 50/50 split with SBC of CP receipts within seven years after taking out 4 percent in shared expenses. This will mean increased allocations for the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, the six seminaries and other SBC ministries. At the same time it will mean reduced allocations for KBC missions and ministries.

The report's third recommendation is to call on churches to increase the percentage of their giving to missions through CP so that we see a convention-wide increase of 3 percent each year for seven years. The report notes that this can be accomplished if each KBC church will increase its percentage by just one-quarter of a percent each year.

In these challenging economic times, the question has been raised about what will happen if the growth in CP does not come at this level. In such a scenario, the task force and business and finance committee would need to consider a recommendation to either extend the time for reaching the even 50/50 split or further reduce the missions and ministries of KBC, or both. This is my biggest concern about the future and KBC missions and ministries.

The report's final recommendation is to allow the task force to stay in place for the duration of the seven-year plan to enable it to monitor progress and report annually to Kentucky Baptists. I think the intent is for the task force to be actively involved in encouraging individuals and churches to take on the CP missions challenge to do more for Christ.

It is the hope of the task force that young leaders and others will be encouraged by this aggressive plan to shift significant funds to world missions and that they will respond to this opportunity to support missions through the Cooperative Program.

Obviously, the report calls for Kentucky Baptists to conduct a spiritual inventory to discover under God how we can all do more for Christ. If every church member and church will do more, implementing the plan will not be a burden on any one individual or church and it will be amazing to see how God uses us.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

'Though I may speak with bravest fire ...'

Mr. Chairman, what have I to compromise? If freely to forgive those who have so greatly injured me, if to pray for their temporal and eternal happiness, if still to wish for the prosperity of your city and state—not withstanding all the indignities I have suffered in it—if this be the compromise intended, then do I willingly make it. My rights have been shamefully, wickedly outraged; this I know, and feel, and can never forget. But I can and do freely forgive those who have done it.

"But if by a compromise is meant that I should cease from doing that which duty requires of me, I cannot make it. And the reason is that I fear God more than I fear man. Think not that I would lightly go contrary to public sentiment around me. The good opinion of my fellow men is dear to me, and I would sacrifice anything but principle to obtain their good wishes; but when they ask me to surrender this, they ask for more than I can—(more) than I dare give."

Elijah Lovejoy was addressing a seven-member committee formed purportedly to seek a compromise to restore harmony and good fellowship in the troubled community of Alton, Ill. But from his perspective—and as the horrifying events that soon unfolded attest—the group had "come together for the purpose of driving out a confessedly innocent man, for no cause but that he dares to think and speak as his conscience and his God dictate."

Lovejoy, a Presbyterian minister and newspaper editor, was America's first martyr for freedom of the press. Recently a fellow Baptist journalist sent to me a copy of "Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy," in which former U.S. Senator Paul Simon recounts events that led to Lovejoy's murder. Facing mounting opposition for his increasingly stronger anti-slavery views as editor of the St. Louis Observer, Lovejoy moved his paper across the Mississippi River to Alton. Pro-slavery mobs there continued to harass and dismantled his printing presses—even tossing them into the river.

Lovejoy's defiant stance, Simon explains, was due to deeply-held convictions. "Lovejoy's fight was a struggle to make his faith something more than a repetition of words," he maintains. "Religion to him was more than well-placed bricks and stained-glass windows. Conven-

tional Christianity ... which hears comforting sermons but does not wish to disturb, would have no ally in Elijah Lovejoy." In his last speech, Lovejoy resolutely accepted his fate: "Think not that I regret the choice I have made. While all around me is violence and tumult, all is peace within. ... No, sir, I am not unhappy. I have counted the cost, and stand prepared freely to offer up all in the service of God."

In the early hours of Nov. 7, 1837—two days shy of his 35th birthday—Lovejoy and a small band of supporters unsuccessfully attempted to guard a fourth press. An angry mob, which included many of the town's leading citizens, attacked a warehouse where the press was stored. Lovejoy was shot five times.

Lest we dismiss Lovejoy as an argumentative, crusader sort, Simon quotes Samuel Willard: "Mr. Lovejoy was a gentle man always. His firmness was not that of passion and obstinacy, but the gentle persistence of one who felt that he was right. There was no bitterness in his heart, no venom in his tongue, no sound of fury in his voice." Rev. Edward Beecher, who prayed with Lovejoy four days before his death, recalled, "How he prayed especially for the best good of the community in which he dwelt!"

Simon charges: "The people who really killed Lovejoy were not those who fired the bullets but 'middle of the road' straddlers, most of them honorable people in the community. They were all the clean, decent, honest people who stayed neutral between the two opposing forces and who were too timid to stand and be counted. They were the people who said they 'could see both sides to the question,' who did nothing ... They made it possible for others to aim the guns and pull the triggers."

Standing at Lovejoy's graveside, an unsettling query arose: At what length would we have the same courage to resolutely express our convictions, even though they may be unpopular? At what peril would we, as Baptists, defend another's right to express differing viewpoints or religious perspectives? Today, Alton is perhaps better known as the birthplace of another gentle giant, Robert Wadlow, who grew to be 8'11" by age 22. As I later stood beside his statue, I contemplated if one's stature is best measured not in inches of height but in the depth of one's faith and fortitude.

After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Struck a chord

Amen, Brother Todd! You struck a chord with me in your recent editorial: "Certainly, the messengers who will raise their ballots in support of the Great Commission Task Force's ambitious call and the ensuing stringent cuts required of the KBC's agencies and institutions should also willingly commit themselves to lead their churches to incrementally increase their CP support." I commit, both to raise my ballot in support and to lead my church to increase our Cooperative Program support. In fact, the church I serve as pastor, First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington, has already made the commitment

to reach a 10 percent level.

We are heartbroken that the International Mission Board is drawing down the numbers of missionaries on the field due to a lack of financial support while more and more young people are ready to take the gospel to the nations. Making the necessary sacrifices at home so more of what we give gets to the places where there is no gospel witness makes sense to us.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with approximately 2,400 KBC churches targeting our state and shoulder to shoulder with 40,000 SBC churches targeting 5 percent of the world's population here in America. That same 5 percent is where 1,200 associations, 42 state

conventions and the NAMB are working with our churches to reach our towns and cities. America is where Southern Baptists are already investing almost \$12 billion while making available just over \$300 million to reach the other 95 percent of the world. We have over 100,000 pastors, church staff, and denominational employees working in America but are sending only 5,000 missionaries to reach the world.

The report of the task force will help Kentucky Baptists accomplish our goal of fulfilling the Great Commission in a number of ways—not the least of which is by providing funds to get more missionaries among the nations. I'll be there to raise my ballot, and I invite my fellow Kentucky Baptists to raise their ballots with me.

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

—Romans 14:19

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After Katrina: 'The Lord's promise is faithful and true'

By David Hankins

The promise of the Lord is that good comes from tragedy. When we saw the broken levees, the flooded homes and churches, the devastation at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Super Dome refugees and the broken lives, we believed the Lord's promise, but we struggled with the immensity of the problems.

Even before the assessments could be properly made, Southern Baptists from across the nation poured out their generosity in time and resources to help Louisiana Baptists coordinate the relief work for New Orleans and its surrounding parishes. Before people started returning home, New Orleans director of missions Joe McKeever called his pastors together to pray and communicate with one another. Sometimes, as many as 120 would meet to encourage one another and to learn the latest information about needs and resources.

As Louisiana Baptists from New Orleans returned home to the devastation, Southern Baptists were there with hot meals, prayer, counsel and their own sweat to start the processes of rebuilding. While we helped those in need, opportunity after opportunity occurred and Southern Baptists were ready to share the transforming gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The pastors and people on the ground know how the combined strength of Southern Baptists made a difference. Here is the testimony of Dennis Watson of Celebration Church: "Two weeks after Hurricane Katrina, the Celebration Church Relief Center served over 117,000 families. This was for a period of nine months and with the help of

over 20,000 volunteers (most were Southern Baptists). To date, we have served over 140,000 families.

"Volunteers also helped us gut out over 2,000 homes and churches and have also helped us rebuild a number of homes," Pastor Watson reports.

FIRST PERSON



"Our God is greater than all of our challenges ... He is able to turn around every tragedy and utilize it for our good, for others' good and for His glory"

—David Hankins

Through all of the disaster relief, recovery and rebuilding ministry, he notes, thousands of people have come to faith in Christ and many have come into Celebration church family. He says the church reaches more people now than it did before the storm.

'Washed into the streets'

David Crosby, pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans, relays a similar report: "Our local association, state convention and national entities were very important in the immediate aftermath of the storm and through these five years of rebuilding.

"Katrina washed our people out of the building and into the streets of our city," Crosby says. "This may be the reason God allowed the storm to come—to change the way we do church."

Crosby and his church continue to experience a growing relationship with Pastor Fred Luter and the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church. "Our partnership with Franklin Avenue Baptist Church was probably the most significant spiritual event for our church," Crosby says. "They worshiped in our building for two and a half years. We did men's and women's ministries together. Our people learned to love each other because of the storm. Dr. Luter is preaching the fifth-year anniversary celebration at First Baptist."

Reengaging our community

The testimony of New Orleans churches continues to demonstrate that God is working good toward His people. Since Katrina, churches like Celebration and First Baptist are experiencing the phenomenon of members engaging the community in multiple and creative ways. New churches have started in the New Orleans area that reflect a passion to reach various people groups that live in the heart of the city and surrounding areas.

From across the country, hundreds of volunteers from churches and schools have come to help with the recovery in New Orleans. One such project was First Baptist Church in Chalmette. Over 3,500 volunteers from 404 churches, 34 state conventions and multiple associations assisted with the rebuilding of the facility. They have now been in their building just nine short months. Pastor John Jeffries says the people are keenly aware of their personal losses, but the storm has refocused their evangelistic endeavors.

"The early indications are that the church is even more evangelistic than before," Pastor Jeffries says. "In the last nine months since coming back into existence, we have baptized more than 90. We are now utilizing SBC partnerships to assist us in evangelism."

When we couldn't ... Baptists did

Just down the road from Chalmette is a community called Poydras. John Galey is the pastor of Poydras Baptist Church. Many Southern Baptists first saw John on a video by the North American Mission Board. He was wearing a mask and talking about the devastation of the church.

"We had five feet of water throughout all three of our buildings (auditorium, educational building and fellowship hall). Almost all of St. Bernard Parish was under water," Galey recounts. "We had no ministries from Aug. 29, 2005, to Feb. 2006. No one came back to the community until January 2006. NO ministries took place. Everyone was evacuated to other parts of the country."

Pastor Galey returned on Oct. 1, 2005. He was the first Southern Baptist pastor in the parish. The Missouri Baptist Convention adopted the St. Bernard parish. As volunteers from Missouri poured into the area, their focus was on rebuilding the church buildings. Then they began to send teams that helped homeowners. "Missouri Baptists helped us when we could not even help ourselves," Galey says.

This church has become fully engaged in the Sharing the Peace of Jesus evangelism initiative of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. This spring they prayed over and hung doorknockers on thousands of homes. The storm has taken the church's ministry to the streets through prayer and personal outreach.

Preparing for happy marriage

By Valerie Vincent

Q: My daughter is planning her wedding for this fall. What topics should be covered in their pre-marital counseling?

A: Some ministers and counselors will use an inventory to help assess the level of communication and agreement on certain important marital topics. These tools can be helpful guides for deciding where a couple needs to focus their attention.

The goal of pre-marital counseling is education. Helping couples become aware of their strengths as a couple as well as areas that will most challenge them in marriage is a first step.

Next is helping couples talk about these areas, giving them an opportunity to share their thoughts or feelings as well as listen. Assumptions and unspoken or unclear expectations can cause newlyweds some unsettling conversations. Couples need to identify potential issues and concerns for their marriage and learn to talk about them.

Pre-marital counseling is also a skill-building time. There are specific skills in effective communication, active listening, and conflict management. Skills are learned and sharpened through practice.

One pre-marital inventory called "Prepare" helps couples explore the following areas: spiritual beliefs, relationship roles, family and friends, sexual expectations, leisure activities, financial management, partner style and habits, children and parenting, conflict resolution, and communication.

Using an inventory, books, or a collection of resources to cover these areas will help a couple develop needed skills and grow their awareness of strengths they bring to the relationship and the challenges they will need to manage.

Valerie Vincent is a Christian counselor with Hardy Associates in Louisville.

Rebuilding churches, renewing hope

There are new things God is doing for our churches in New Orleans. At Celebration Church, Pastor Watson says that the Adopt-A-Church program really helped the congregation. He also notes that the Louisiana Baptist Convention helped with the construction of a new church campus in St. Bernard Parish. Prior to Katrina, this parish was the least evangelized in Louisiana. Pastor Watson believes the Lord is doing such a great work in St. Bernard Parish that "we believe it will one day be the most evangelized parish in all of Louisiana."

"In the initial days following Katrina, we were very discouraged," Watson says. "Both of our campuses at that time had been flooded and our largest campus was almost completely destroyed by Katrina's waters. With very limited flood insurance coverage, there was no hope for rebuilding our campuses. And to compound that problem, we lost 60 percent of our members who were permanently displaced to other cities and states."

However, though the cooperative efforts of Southern Baptists, Celebration has rebuilt both of its Metairie campuses, a new campus in St. Bernard Parish and renovated a campus in St. John Parish. Pastor Watson believes the Lord has used the witness of believers during the relief and rebuilding to create a much larger congregation and a church with a much stronger spiritual dimension.

Transforming tragedy

"Hurricane Katrina was a great tragedy for our church, as well as for our city and region," he says. "However, we've discovered that our God is greater than all of our challenges and that He is able to turn around every tragedy and utilize it for our good, for others' good and for His glory."

I could not agree more. Our faithful God has transformed tragedy into good. Today we are better prepared for a disaster. We know more about mobilizing people and resources for relief and rebuilding. We've learned the value of communicating and networking together. For Louisiana Baptists, we've learned afresh the importance of Southern Baptists cooperating together with the goal of permeating one of our nation's great cities with the gospel. It's all because our faithful God brought good out of tragedy.

David Hankins is executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Charitable giving ideas

By Laurie Valentine

Many people would like to make gifts beyond their tithes and offerings to their church and other charitable causes, but they don't know how to do it and are concerned such giving could affect their financial security and that of their family.

There are a variety of charitable gift planning options that permit you not only to fulfill your charitable giving objectives, but also provide for the future financial security of your family. Many do not require a lot of complicated documentation and some are revocable (you can make changes in the future).

Beneficiary Designations. You can designate your church or other charity as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan survivor benefit or IRA.

Bequests. You can include a gift to your church or other charitable cause through a bequest in your Will or revocable Living Trust. Bequests can be in the form of a gift of a specific amount, specific asset or a percentage of your entire estate. Bequest gifts can be outright or can be used to establish, or add to, an endowment fund.

Endowment Funds. An endowment fund is a permanent, perpetual fund created during your lifetime or at your death for the support of one or more charitable causes. Only the earnings of the endowment fund are paid to the causes you designate; the original value of your gift is never distributed. Gifts made to an endowment fund during life are charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

Life Income Gifts. Charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts are plans that allow you to make gifts during life for the ultimate benefit of one or more charitable causes, while retaining the right for you and/or others to receive payments for life. Making a life income gift can provide current income tax savings, capital gains tax savings (if you use appreciated assets) and provides the joy of knowing that the causes you have designated will receive a significant gift at your death.

Charitable gift planning provides an opportunity to help make a lasting difference for the cause of Christ in our world and ... it's not hard to do.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



Reflecting
on Katrina

"Going through Hurricane Katrina was one of the most trying times in my life as a believer. It also was a time when I learned the true meaning of 'waiting on the Lord.' Tribulation worketh patience."

Fred Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church

"Chaos is a rich seedbed for new ideas. People in crisis seek God's help. Recovery from disaster is largely dependent upon prior character development."

David Crosby, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans

"Storms ... are a part of life. God is all-powerful and can circumvent the impact of storms. The Lord will be with us through the storms of life. God speaks to us through the storms of life. The Lord uses storms to make us more like Jesus."

Dennis Watson, pastor of Celebration Church

New Orleans: Five years after Hurricane Katrina

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mer Crescent City Baptist Church. Celebration's main campus received more than six feet of water in the storm, while the second site received 18 inches. After repairing the Transcontinental site, the congregation moved there.

The acquisition, intended at the time to be a satellite congregation, was a God-sent way Celebration managed to hold its devastated congregation together, as well as minister throughout the community, Watson said.

The Airline Drive parking lot was in a great location for Celebration to mount its massive disaster relief effort. The church estimated it served 140,000 families in post-Katrina outreach, providing such necessities as food, water, clothing and baby supplies, while also gutting and rebuilding homes.

The church lost 60 percent of its members due to displacement to other cities, yet "we are much larger than we were pre-Katrina," Watson said, particularly noting "people who have been won to Christ" through the church's ministries.

Celebration finally moved back to its Airline Drive location in June.

David Crosby, in retrospect, said he sees God's hand at work in preparing the church he leads, First Baptist of New Orleans, for post-Katrina ministry. The church had dedicated its new facilities on 17 acres in the Lakeside district of New Orleans in August 2004.

Lakeside flooded as a result of a broken levee, but the church didn't because the building committee had made a pre-construction decision for the foundation to be 18 inches higher than city codes required. Floodwaters stopped at the threshold of the doors.

First Baptist then, was able to host Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, which sat in 13 feet of floodwater in the Ninth Ward for three weeks.

Franklin Avenue, where Fred Luter is pastor, had been the largest Southern Baptist church in Louisiana prior to Katrina. Its members began meeting in three groups after the storm: in Houston, Baton



HEARTBREAKING Fred Luter, aboard a helicopter just days after Hurricane Katrina, weeps while surveying the flood-ravaged Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans where he is pastor. (Photo by Norm Miller/BP)

Rouge and at First Baptist, New Orleans. The other two groups became stand-alone churches with pastors mentored by Luter. After two and a half years of meeting at First Baptist, Franklin Avenue reopened its doors in April 2008.

Also in 2004, Crosby implemented a building campaign to construct 40 new homes in a blighted area of the central city he named Baptist Crossroads. The church was ready, then, to work with Habitat for Humanity after Katrina in the construction of homes—65 have been built to date.

Baptist Crossroads, now a consortium of Baptists and Habitat for Humanity, recently announced a five-year plan broadening its scope to a 185-block area in the Upper Ninth Ward.

"Our goal is that in five years all lots in the target neighborhood will be 'improved,'" according to the Baptist Crossroads website. "Improved" may be a new home, a renovated home or a well-maintained vacant lot void of a decaying structure."

First Baptist, New Orleans also provided worship space for other Southern Baptists not able to use their buildings after Katrina. Its large worship center became a convenient meeting/staging area for a variety of efforts to aid the stricken city, including the Southern Baptist Convention's Disaster Relief, the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Several other Southern Baptist churches in Greater New Orleans—including the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain—have similar stories of God's "pre-K" provision. The common denominator, spoken of with great fervor, is Southern Baptists' disaster relief organization.

"Because Southern Baptists had already done their homework and created a lattice of effective ministry outlets, our denomination responded quickly and effectively to the needs of people," said Tobey Pitman, a national missionary with the North American Mission Board.

Pitman was director of the Brantley Center for the homeless near downtown New Orleans which was damaged beyond repair by the storm. After serving through NAMB's Operation NOAH Rebuild, he relocated to the North Shore where he leads a community ministry.

"Katrina served to refocus denominational thought on New Orleans," Pitman said. "This is demonstrated in the huge number of volunteers who came immediately and have continued to leave footprints and heart prints here for five years."

"The incredible amount of money given for Katrina relief through

NAMB disaster relief is a reliable barometer of how Southern Baptist people felt about New Orleans," he continued. "In a sense, Katrina reminded Southern Baptists about our roots, our heart for people and the value of the gospel investment into the lives of people—both lost and saved—who are suffering pain and loss."

Among the strengths of Southern Baptists are a readiness to volunteer, to give until it hurts to meet needs, to share the gospel, and to stay for the long haul, said Freddie Arnold, who led disaster relief efforts through New Orleans Baptist Association (which now includes Plaquemines Baptist Association, another effect of the storm).

"The devastation of the storm created such need that the people were open to any type of help," Arnold said. "To get this help they were willing to hear the gospel presentations with a greater attention to what was being said than ever before, and there was a greater openness to the gospel than ever before."

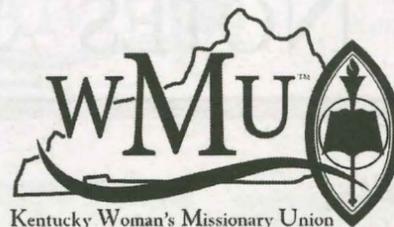
North Shore DOM Wascom spoke of Southern Baptists coming together and putting their needs aside in order to be the hands and feet and arms of Jesus to a storm-stricken people.

"Things changed exponentially for the southeast Louisiana region, and I think that had an effect that covers the entire scope" of the SBC, Wascom said. "The fact is, the eastern portion of my region received damages just as severe as those in some parts of New Orleans. But our churches immediately laid aside their needs and began to partner with churches in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes to assist in relief and recovery efforts there. This selfless cooperation is the most lasting memory for me."



IN THE AFTERMATH After the floodwaters receded, the sanctuary at Gentilly Baptist Church in New Orleans, like so many other parts of the hurricane-ravaged city, provided silent but graphic testimony of Hurricane Katrina's sorrowful legacy. (Photo by Keith Manuel/Louisiana Baptist Convention)

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A Personal Word

Why do we care about state missions? Why do we learn? Why do we pray? Why do we give? Why do we go? A county-by-county look at the lostness indicators in our state tells the story. On any given Sunday in Kentucky, only 12 percent of the population attends church – any church.

As you watch the opening of the 2010 state missions video and hear people share their views of God, faith and the church, the lostness will grab you. I urge you to use the 2010 state missions materials. The video may be shown in its entirety or in segments. There are enough short segments to show every Sunday and Wednesday in September. Use them in worship, missions groups, Sunday school and other settings. Locate the computer files on the DVD and print the Lostness Indicators for Kentucky. Find your county on the list and get with your church leaders to discuss what the indicators tell you about lostness in your area. Use the teaching plans for preschoolers, children, youth and adults to help your church grasp the "why" of state missions. Take note of the prayer requests on the bulletin insert/prayer guide. Based on Romans 10:5-15, every request deals with the need for evangelism.



Joy Bolton
Executive
Director-Treasurer

With the new church year, we are starting a new Project HELP focus on human exploitation. This may well be the most challenging Project HELP ever. Through "Project HELP: Human Exploitation," we will address human trafficking; bullying; pornography; and media, labor, and land exploitation. Any one of these by itself is a major issue impacting our society today. Taken together, the issues are overwhelming but need our attention. We must take a stand against those who are hurting and destroying lives. We must intervene on behalf of those being exploited. We must teach our churches how we can respond and take action.

Every day children are bullied in school and in the community. Every day a family is destroyed by pornography. Every day a runaway is lured into prostitution and exploited for profit. Every day our land is destroyed in some way because of greed and waste. Every day workers are treated unfairly. Do we care? What will we do? Through Project HELP, we will learn ways to make an impact. Small steps might not seem like much, but they add up and have the potential for a domino effect.

Pray for AIM ministries during the World Equestrian Games. Over 1000 More Than Gold hospitality bags are being distributed to grooms. More Than Gold pins and bags are being used by AIM volunteers for witnessing during the games. They are also available for purchase from Kentucky WMU for your use in sharing the gospel during this time of special interest in the games and everything equestrian.

Thank you for your gifts to the 2009-10 Eliza Broadus Offering. We have far exceeded the goal, and the overage will be used for evangelism in Kentucky. We will report on the specific ways that the overage will be used in the coming year, including Find It Here 2011. Materials for the continuation of Find It Here will be out soon. The momentum of prayerwalking will continue along with a special plan for scripture distribution. Your gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering are making a difference!

Churchwide

As the leader for churchwide WMU or as the WMU Director, you have been called to serve in an extraordinary capacity in your church. You have accepted the challenge to be the guide, the leader and the inspiration for missions and missions education for your church.



Remember to include the following in your plans for this fall:

The State Missions Emphasis can be observed anytime in September, however, it is recommended to have it the week of Sept. 12-19. You should have received information and already ordered your Eliza Broadus offering materials. Want a speaker to help you out? Anyone in the Kentucky WMU office will be glad to help you find a speaker.

The **World Hunger Emphasis** will be held Oct. 10. This is an ideal time to emphasize hunger aspects of poverty. There are numerous resources available. Have a World Hunger Dinner by serving those who attend the common foods that those in impoverished areas eat. You can get a copy of this plan in our office.

Encourage the nurses or other health professionals to attend the first annual **Baptist Nursing Fellowship Fall Retreat**. This retreat will include Bible study, continuing education and fellowship. The retreat is Oct. 15-16 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Nov. 2 is the **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**. Join with the women of your church and/or association to pray for the needs of women throughout the world. Check with your association WMU director about plans in your area.

If you have a WMU leadership team, make sure you meet regularly to keep each other informed about the goals and plans for each age level organization and collaborate to encourage missions and missions education in your church. Meet with your pastor and/or staff on a regular basis. Church staff and leadership are essential for mission education and promotion in the church, so keep them informed.

If you do not have a team, organize one by having all age level leaders on the team as well as women's ministry and a representative from Baptist Men on Mission. If you are the only person doing missions education, meet with your pastor or staff.

God's blessings are being prayed for you as you lead.

Blessings!
Wanda Walker

Adults

During the early part of summer, I did some work for Stacy Nall who was leading our summer camp at Cedar Crest.

As calls and emails came into the office requesting information about starting new children missions organizations, I was astounded with the excitement of those who called. See, most



of these were adult leaders who were raised with Mission Friends, GA or RA and wanted the children in their church to have that same experience. That is exciting!

What happened to that same excitement for adults to want to learn about missions, the Cooperative Program and missionary experiences? Have we grown up so much that we don't think we need it anymore?

Adults need to know. We don't want to become so far removed to believe that

if we give an offering and go on a mission trip that is all there is to learning about missions and even doing missions.

This is a challenge to all adults to say missions is not a child thing, it is for everyone.

Adults, come back to the heart of the Great Commission and get as excited as a child to learn about missions! May we never grow too old to learn about, pray for and support missions.

Eager to learn,
Wanda Walker

Youth

It's been an exciting summer! Two Acteens represented Kentucky at the national WMU Missions Celebration in Orlando. Brandie Hagerman of Hartford and Savannah Hines of Sonora served as National Acteens Panelists at the event and lead in several worship services.

We held the first Acteens Overnight at Cedar Crest in June, and the next weekend Acteens Splash was at Jonathan Creek. More than 80 attended the two weekend retreats, which focused on Living Love in our daily lives. They were inspired by missionaries and enjoyed the time to reflect on God's love for them.

At the beginning of July, approximately 43 students and their leaders served on a mission trip at the Kentucky Horse Park.

They worked in the hot summer sun pulling weeds, painting fences, cleaning arenas, cleaning barns and anything else that they were asked to do. This work was done in preparation for the World Equestrian Games. The goal was to build a bridge for other volunteers to walk across



during the games as they shared Christ. The team also assembled the toiletry bags for the grooms. The team worked hard and lived out the verse that whatever you do (even if it is picking up cigarette butts), you should do it all for God.

This fall brings changes to the Acteens curriculum.



The Mag will now be delivered bi-monthly and the Acteens Leader magazine will come three times a year. There is a new look to the magazines and they are more user friendly.

Be sure to use the state missions emphasis material for youth this September to help students grasp the need for evangelism in Kentucky. It will help them see why we all need to be involved in the mission of God.

LaRaine Rice

Preschool & Children

Mission Friends Leaders

Get ready for some exciting changes in the Mission Friends curriculum! *Start* is now *Mission Friends Leader*. It's filled with ideas for babies through kindergarten, leadership articles, more choices and suggestions for web extras. *Share*, the take-home piece for parents, is now *Mission Friends at Home*. This colorful leaflet informs parents of missions topics and includes activities for families to do together. Also available from national WMU are *Mission Friends Leader Kit* and *Picture Set*.

In September, Mission Friends will be learning during their meetings about maritime ministries in Pennsylvania. This month you will also want to involve preschoolers in the Season of Prayer for State Missions. Preschoolers will learn about Baptist Campus Ministries in Kentucky. The material for the Season of Prayer is available from your WMU director or the Kentucky WMU office.



The International Missions Study is coming up in December. Make plans now to introduce preschoolers to missions in Thailand. This study coordinates with the December unit in *Mission Friends Leader* as well as the children's International Mission Study.

Girls in Action & Children in Action Leaders

"Anchors Aweigh" is this year's mission theme for GA and CiA. Ship captains (GA and CiA leaders) will want to prepare for the voyage!

- Read *How to Involve Children in Children in Missions*.
- Use the *2010-2011 WMU Year Book* to plan month-by-month activities.
- Study the curriculum for GA (*GA Leader*) and CiA (*Children in Action Leader*).
- Make plans now for the International Missions Emphasis in December. Children will study missions in Thailand.

You can learn more about Girls in Action and Children in Action from Kentucky WMU, (866) 489-3534, or www.kywmu.org.



2 exciting children's events!

GA Jam: Missions Cruise

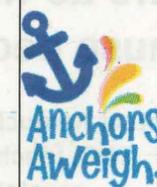
Girls in grades 1-6 are invited to cruise around the world as they discover missions. We embark at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington on Nov. 13. The fare, including lunch, is \$10. Get your tickets now through Kentucky WMU!

Registration deadline: Nov. 5

Children in Action Day Camp

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to set sail for mission adventure on Sept. 18. We set sail at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Waynesburg. The fare, including lunch, is \$10. Get your tickets now through Kentucky WMU!

Registration deadline: Sept. 10



[kywmu.org](http://www.kywmu.org). Resources can be purchased from national WMU, (800) 968-7301, www.gapassport.com or www.childrensmissions.com.

Stacey Nall

President's Perspective

Since 1888, WMU's purpose has remained the same, to equip preschoolers, children, youth and adults with an understanding of the mission of God and engage them in hands-on missions opportunities that share our only one true source of hope, Jesus Christ. Missions education in our churches is vital.

A local pastor and some of his members realized just that as he called me this week to say they are interested in starting all age levels of WMU, from Mission Friends to Adults on Mission and asked if I would help. I had a halleluiah experience in my family room as I couldn't say "Yes!"



Linda Cooper
Kentucky WMU
President

fast enough. I could only envision how many lives could be changed for Christ with that decision. He shared how Christ was working in his church, how he had baptized more people in the past two months than the entire two years before. We praised God together. Please pray for me and their church as we get them started in missions education through WMU.

Summer means training—state led and by local associations. With World Missions Unlimited under our belt, I hope you as leaders have been "Unhindered" and have or will attend training for the new missions year.

"Unhindered" is the new theme, and our watchword comes from Hebrews 12:1-2, which reminds us to throw off things that would hinder us from being and doing all that God intends for us. As we run the race with perseverance we are to keep our eyes focused on Jesus. When we do this, we experience His joy and we experience His freedom. Freedom to minister, give, serve, go, teach, lead, care and love those we come in contact with daily on the mission field where God has placed us.

Sometimes we feel that it's not a mission trip unless we go overseas or across America. But the world is coming to us! Please pray for the Kentucky WMU Mission Team to the World Equestrian Games, Sept. 27-Oct. 1. On our vacation, my husband and I met a couple from Australia who hope to come to the games!

The Kentucky WMU Executive Board will meet at the end of October. Please contact the state office or myself with concerns you may have. Please pray for me as I preside, and pray that we will be "unhindered" and the decisions we make will be in the center of God's will.

May you be unhindered because you have fixed your eyes on Jesus as you serve Him daily.

Linda Cooper

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September

- 11 Super Saturday, Williamsburg
Super Saturday, Paducah
- 12-19 Season of Prayer for State Missions & Eliza Broadus Offering
- 18 Super Saturday, Bowling Green
Super Saturday, Ashland
- 19 Children in Action Missions Day Camp, Pleasant View Baptist Church, Waynesburg
- 25-Oct. 10 World Equestrian Games and AIM Ministries, Lexington

October

- 11 World Hunger Sunday
- 15-16 Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship Retreat, Cedarmore

November

- 1 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 13 GA JAM, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington
- 16 Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
- 28-Dec. 5 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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Monday, November 1

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Nov. 16, Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington

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Massive donations make grooms bag ministry a success

Thank you to the more than 130 churches and associations throughout the state who contributed to the 1,000 gift bags for the grooms coming to care for the horses during the World Equestrian Games. We received far more than we imagined and were able to give extras to the grooms.

You gave (this is full-size items only):

- 3,064 wash clothes
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- 2,169 razors
- 1,306 containers of deodorant
- 2,301 toothbrushes
- 1,033 shampoo
- 1,502 tubes of toothpaste
- 321 cans of shaving crème

There were actually more donations than this but, to be honest, we literally lost count!

The items were placed in custom designed More than Gold bags which can be

Please pray for the ministries that will take place during the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Sept. 25- Oct. 10.

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reused. The hope is that everyone who receives a bag will wonder what More than Gold means. Then they will be told that a relationship with Jesus Christ is worth More than Gold.

The donations have already ministered to the people who work for the World Equestrian Games. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of Kentucky Baptists and took note that Baptists were a caring people.

Thank you for your involvement and continue to pray for the grooms who will receive these bags.



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'Live Love!'

Campers at Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest learned how to "Live Love!" in their own home state of Kentucky!

Campers learned how missionaries use horses to share the love of Jesus. Half of the camp offering was given to "Happy Trails Ministry." The other half was given to the Cooperative Program. Campers were encouraged to use their gifts and interests to share the love of Jesus in their communities. Girls in Action campers made pillow covers for visitors at Haven of Rest, a ministry for families of inmates in eastern Kentucky.

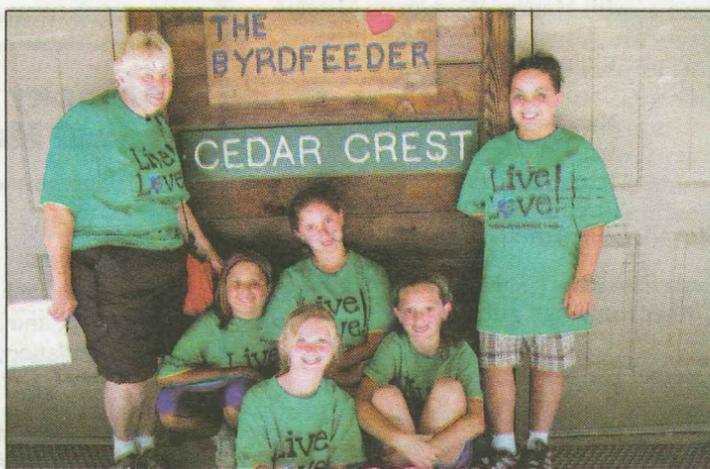
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Children in grades 1-10 and their church leaders are invited to Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest next year as we "Set Sail for Missions." Contact Kentucky WMU for 2011 dates and prices.

Make your plans now to be a part of Mission Adventure Camp next summer!



Christians should be on lookout for signs of children being bullied

We are challenged as WMU missions leaders to concentrate on a timely and intricate issue in Human Exploitation, "Bullying." We must pray and commit ourselves to stop bullying.

If we all know the Golden Rule, "Treat others the way you want to be treated," why are we allowing bullying to become such a social and moral issue?

Bullying has many definitions. In the simplest sense, bullying is a behavior that is aggressive, intentional both physical and psychological, and persistent.

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Children are not likely to tell someone they are being picked on or that they have watched someone else be picked on. Yet, articles on bullying say half of all children are bullied during the school years.

Bullying can be direct, indirect, or through other means. Direct bullying can be physical (hitting or name calling). Indirect bullying can be gossiping or a nasty note. Bullying by other means can be e-mailing hurtful messages or cell phone texting.

Bullying starts at preschool, increases at elementary age, and continues through middle and high school, sometimes becoming more physical and persistent. A bully in school enjoys conflict. This person blames others instead of taking responsibility for his or her actions.

Watch for red flags that a child could be bullied. There are often changes in friends, moods, loss of self-confidence, and loss of interest in favorite activities that he/she used to love participating in. Boys and girls react differently to bullying. Communication with a child is of utmost importance. Do something about the situation. Be a good listener. Discuss the issue. Talk to other parents to see if its happening to their children. Contact teachers and school administrators. Encourage a child by giving him or her hope.

Children want to know someone cares about them and loves them. It is a Christian's responsibility to get involved. Show them in scripture how God wants to release hindrances in their lives. Show them that God loves them and that every person created in His image is a person of worth.

Joy Roberts,

Associational WMU Director, Owen Association
Director of the Freshman Center, Owen County HS

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Seminary rises from floodwaters to reach city in need

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clothing, food and money—allowed NOBTS to provide immediate assistance for students, professors and staffers.

The seminary also soon returned to its theological training mission. Just days after the storm, Kelley, Provost Steve Lemke and other faculty members formulated an innovative plan to relaunch fall classes for students wanting to continue their studies. Faculty members gathered to reformulate their courses into an online discussion-oriented format. Eighty-five percent of the students who had enrolled at the main campus before the storm opted to resume their studies online or at one of the seminary's extension centers.

The storm provided a powerful affirmation of the educational strategy the seminary had put in place decades earlier, Kelley noted. The extension center system, begun under Kelley's predecessor, the late Landrum Leavell, played a key role in continuing classes that semester, and the philosophy behind the extension centers—accessibility—made the online courses possible.

Just as in the immediate aftermath, SBC volunteers played a key role in the restoration of the broken campus. Churches, conventions and individuals sent money to help begin the cleanup and renovation of campus housing. Volunteers came by the hundreds to help clean and paint campus buildings. The volunteer labor alone saved the seminary \$2 million in reconstruction costs, the total cost of which swelled to \$75 million.

Kelley said Katrina illustrated the beauty of Southern Baptist cooperation.



BEACON OF HOPE The new Leavell Chapel steeple stands as a witness of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's ongoing commitment to be witness of Jesus Christ in the struggling city. (Photo by Gary Myers/NOBTS)

"If we were an individual school, I just don't know what we would have done. This marvelous, cooperative relationship of local churches, of associations, of state conventions and the national convention, each doing what they are best suited to do is an unbelievably powerful force," he said. "It is a powerful force in girding up the church for its witness to the world."

While some main campus offices reopened in early January 2006, the entire administrative staff did not move back to campus until April 2006. By that August, the campus was fully operational and students and professors were back in the class-

room for a new semester.

However, the campus was not the same. The beautiful restoration could not hide the fact that NOBTS lost 92 apartments during the storm. Only 16 new apartments have been constructed since Katrina. Kelley identified student housing as the greatest need facing the school, requiring between \$15-17 million to replace the lost units.

Administrators also noted a shift in main campus enrollment. Before the storm, 55 percent of students attended classes on the main campus, while 45 percent attended an extension center. Today the numbers are reversed, with fewer than half of stu-

dents attending the main NOBTS campus.

Many of the lessons learned by the seminary community, however, center around the seminary's place in the city of New Orleans. Kelley said he sees renewed gospel vigor among students, professors and staff. More often students are looking for ways to stay and serve in New Orleans after finishing their degrees.

"We really learned the role that our seminary plays as a 'lighthouse' in New Orleans—as an illustration of the presence of God," he said.

A few weeks after the storm, the contractor was able to get enough power to light a few large spotlights. By shining them on the Leavell Chapel steeple, workers on campus provided the city with one of the few points of light in a sea of darkness. The lighted steeple, visible from miles away, offered a testimony of the hope of Christ to the hurting city.

Though the seminary campus is restored and enrollment is making a comeback, much work remains to be done in the city. As many as 50,000 homes still are unoccupied. In some areas, entire neighborhoods have not returned. Water marks left by the flooding still stain some buildings. Many members of the seminary family are engaged in the ongoing recovery efforts throughout the city.

"The storm created a great awareness of the fragility of life in New Orleans, but it also created a sense of opportunity," Kelley said. "Here we had this broken city, let's be a part of putting it back together. Let's weave Jesus in the fabric of the new New Orleans."

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Pakistan crisis grows, straining relief funds

By Mark Kelly

Islamabad, Pakistan—The scope of human suffering in Pakistan is staggering—and only expected to worsen, Southern Baptist relief workers reported last week.

More than 17 million people have been driven from their homes because of widespread flooding, and the Southern Baptist response may require \$1 million in hunger and relief funds—but total donations so far have barely topped \$31,000.

It could be two weeks before the Indus River returns to normal levels because high tides in the Arabian Sea are slowing drainage of floodwater, Pakistan's chief meteorologist told reporters Aug. 24. Millions of people have lost homes, possessions, crops and livestock, and the United Nations has estimated up to 3.5 million children are at high risk of deadly water-borne diseases.

Even in desperate straits, however, some Pakistani flood survivors have demonstrated generosity toward others in need, said Francis Horton, who with his wife, Angie, directs work in southern Asia for Baptist Global Response.

"There are some people in desperate

"The scope of this response could put a strain on the hunger and relief funds to the point that we may not be able to adequately respond to a hurricane in the Americas or another major crisis like an earthquake in East Asia."

—Jim Brown, U.S. director for Baptist Global Response

conditions here in Pakistan," Horton said. "We saw people who had lost most of what they own, living in makeshift tent camps. We saw trucks loaded with entire villages of people and their few belongings. And this group of people, as desperate as their need was, wanted to help others."

With monsoon season far from over and a second flood crest moving down the Indus River, the disaster in Pakistan will continue to grow, Horton said.

"The mass of humanity this flood has moved is astounding," Horton noted. "The breadth of this disaster is staggering—and it continues. The second crest of the river is

supposed to arrive in lower Sindh this week, which will cause even more flooding."

Pakistan's army and humanitarian organizations have set up tent camps to receive internally displaced people, but many families simply are living on the roadside, under trees on a flat piece of ground that looks like it will remain dry, Horton said. He has conducted disaster relief workshops with Pakistani believers, and BGR partners in the country are discussing the possibility of going with villagers when they return to their homes to help with longer-term rehabilitation efforts.

The immense scope of the disaster means Southern Baptist relief efforts could cost as much as \$1 million, but donations are lagging far behind the \$446,706 that already has been disbursed from existing hunger and relief funds, said Jim Brown, U.S. director for Baptist Global Response.

"The scope of this response could put a strain on the hunger and relief funds to the point that we may not be able to adequately respond to a hurricane in the Americas or another major crisis like an earthquake in East Asia," Brown added. (BP)

Alabama Baptist church calls wreck survival 'victory'

Montgomery, Ala.—An Alabama Baptist church gathered Aug. 22 to praise God for something that didn't happen. A day earlier, 14 church members survived a frightening accident when a church van blew a tire and overturned several times on an interstate highway.

"By all practical rights, we should be meeting here today to mourn because of a great tragedy," Pastor Jay Wolf told the congregation of First Baptist Church of Montgomery. "But instead we meet here to praise God for immeasurable victory."

The van was part of a caravan of teenagers and adult sponsors on the way to a

retreat for students in the coming school year.

Several passengers were ejected from the vehicle, and the driver, First Baptist Minister to Students Stuart Davidson, had to be extricated using the "jaws of life." Despite that, seven of the 14 walked away either without a scratch or with minor injuries. The rest suffered injuries, including concussions and broken bones, but none were considered life-threatening.

The accident took place on Interstate 85 near Shorter, Ala., about 25 miles east of Montgomery.

Wolf described it as miraculous that no

one was killed.

"Beyond explanation, defying the physical laws that should have been enacted, everybody survived," he said. "Fourteen people on the van, and seven walked away, not hospitalized, cradled in the hand of God. The devil meant evil, and the jaws of death were wide open, and the hand of God intercepted."

"In the microsecond of that accident, as the van was tumbling and those kids were being thrown out, God caught them," Wolf explained. "He intervened. He suspended the natural laws that should have occurred." (ABP)

Wright urges churches to up Lottie Moon goals

Marietta, Ga.—Southern Baptist Convention President Bryant Wright is challenging individual churches around the convention to set record goals for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Wright, pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., was elected SBC president in June and launched a website, Pray4SBC.com, where he is posting monthly videos directed at SBC pastors and church leaders.

"There's no doubt when we give more to missions we have a greater heart for going on missions," Wright said in his August video.

"No matter what size church you pastor, think of what it will do for the kingdom of Christ for us to exceed the Lottie Moon offerings that we've had in our churches in the past," he added. "It will allow us to do more for international missions, as well as more for missions, than perhaps in the history of the convention."

Wright read from a letter from Kyle Waddell, pastor of Pine Level Baptist Church in Early Branch, S.C. Several years ago Waddell's church had a Lottie Moon goal of \$2,500, but Waddell challenged the church "to think about the money they spent around Christmas" and to give a special gift to missions. That year the church gave more than \$10,000, an amount it has exceeded twice in the past three years. Waddell said he hopes the church can give \$20,000 this year.

In addition to the video, the Pray4SBC.com website features a daily devotion written by Wright, as well as the opportunity for church leaders to join Wright's prayer team. (BP)

It hurts ... Can you help?

Much like a doctor, Oneida prescribes 'medicine' for students to find success

I have been blessed with good health most of my life. I visit the doctor once a year for my annual physical and some blood work. There have been only a few occasions when I've needed to see the doctor for an ailment.

At those times I have had some anxieties that he would be uncertain about the cause of my discomfort and order additional tests. It's a great relief when he tells me after just a minute or two of examination that my ailment can easily be cured. I'm amazed that he can be so confident about his diagnosis, never mind he has been a medical doctor for decades and I've been his patient for years.

That's the way I believe many parents feel during our orientation process. When it's time for the interview, I think parents often feel uncertainty, like I do, when I'm waiting for the doctor.

During the interview, we spend time with each student talking about many aspects of their lives, including how they are doing in school. The most common reason students come to OBI is that they are not doing well academically.

Like the doctor, I hear many of the same things over and over. And, like the doctor who has successfully prescribed a medicine to cure an ailment, I usually know what's needed to solve many of the problems the parents have described to us about their children.

Recently we interviewed 11 potential new students. One, who had far more problems than any youth should have, did not do well

during the interview. His attitude was a clear indication of why he had so many problems. While we are willing and eager to help, we cannot make a student do anything. We chose not to enroll this young man. We were concerned about whether or not he would put forth any real effort to improve, and equally concerned that his attitude would have a negative impact on some of our other students.

During the rest of the interviews, things were pretty normal. The discussion usually began by asking the student: "Can you tell me why you have come to Oneida today?" They confessed to low grades, some family conflicts (often due to low grades), allowing friends to have a negative influence on them, and not being focused on the really important things in life.

As the doctor cannot guarantee results from his treatment, we cannot guarantee the students will overcome the obstacles with which they have been struggling. We can, however—with a high level of confidence—assure families that if the students will take advantage of the opportunities we have to offer, they can find success.

We encourage the students to take advantage of our smaller classes where there are fewer distractions and more opportunities to ask questions. We tell them about the importance of using their time in required study hall to do homework. And we tell them to consider the value of chapel and other worship opportunities to seek help from Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

God-made lessons

Campus natural landscape is constant teaching tool

Richard Witherite, Clear Creek's director of college relations, painted a beautiful picture as he spoke to students during orientation. He encouraged them to observe the physical landscape in and around the Clear Creek campus. "Either way you look," he told them, "there's a mountain."

He was right of course. If you want to see daylight, you have to look up. Richard thinks—and I agree—that God included that detail of our campus to remind students always to look up to Him.

There are many God-made lessons to be learned on the campus of Clear Creek. One former professor used to point out the two creeks on campus to young married couples and to those considering marriage.

Clear Creek and Little Clear Creek literally come together as one on our campus. Sometimes one creek will be muddy because of turmoil upstream and the other will be clear. They come together as two different entities, and then run alongside each other in the same channel for a short distance. The waters are rougher where they mesh. The end result is one stream, never to be sep-

arated into two again. Not as clear as the one source, not as muddy as the other, the new stream is a true combination of the two. It is like that when two lives come together: some turmoil as they blend their lives, and they can never be completely unassociated or unaffected by each other again.

The trees around campus stand in testimony of God and teach His people. They stand strongest when they stand together as they lean on each other for support. Lone trees fall easily in a storm. The ones rooted more deeply are more likely to remain in place through years of storms. Pastors who train on this campus can take the les-

son God illustrates and use it to strengthen churches.

God placed Clear Creek here for a reason. He is in the business of training ministers. We believe there also is a reason for the location where God placed His school. There are lessons He personally teaches 24 hours a day outside the classroom. Thanks for your support that helps provide these God-made lessons.

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Advancing Christ's Kingdom in the future

All Ky. Baptists should make legacy gifts for God's work

The title of this column could be the theme for any church, association or church-related ministry, such as an educational institution, a children's home, a hospital, a newspaper, a foundation, a camp, a conference center, a mission board or mission-support organization. It could be the theme for every generation of Christians.

Through the ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, it is my privilege and joy to assist, on a regular basis, individuals and families who have been grasped by God's call in their lives to use some of the financial resources He has entrusted to them "to advance His kingdom in the future" through the mission of one or more of the church-related ministries with which they are affiliated, including their churches.

They are men and women of a variety of stations in life—affluent and not so affluent. They are dedicated to Christ and His mission in this world through their churches and other ministries.

Regardless of your station in life, you, too, should consider some kind of legacy gift "to advance

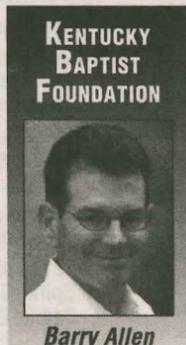
Christ's kingdom in the future." Give Laurie Valentine and me the privilege of assisting you to determine the legacy giving method, or methods, most appropriate for your circumstances and to accomplish your wishes.

Perhaps the simplest and most appropriate method for you is a bequest provision in your will or revocable living trust. You may own a cash value life insurance policy, and the purpose for which you purchased it years ago no longer exists. There are several ways in which such a policy could be used to make a legacy gift.

The giving of appreciated real estate, stocks, bonds or mutual funds constitutes a possible tax-advantaged method of making a legacy gift. Charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities offer you both tax advantages and life income opportunities. Finally, a charitable lead trust offers you a way "to advance the kingdom" now and provide for your family later.

These "advancing the kingdom" ideas deserve your prayerful consideration—call us toll free.

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Barry Allen

Christian counselors claim discrimination over beliefs

By Maggie Hyde

Augusta, Ga.—It's a question being raised by counselors and educators across the country: When are religious views on homosexuality an issue of religious and academic freedom, and when are they discrimination?

On Aug. 20, a federal judge ruled against Jennifer Keeton, a student at Augusta State University in Georgia who was ordered to either undergo "diversity sensitivity" training after she expressed conservative Christian views on the issue of homosexuality, or leave the school's counseling program. Her attorneys announced last week they are appealing the case.

In March, a federal judge supported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in its dismissal of a Georgia counselor who ended a session with a lesbian client and referred her to another counselor because of her religious views. And in Maine last year, a school counselor received complaints for appearing in a TV ad that opposed the state's gay marriage law.

As homosexuality becomes more acceptable in American society, some Christian counselors say they are being persecuted for their views as the pendulum swings too far toward political correctness.

Professional groups, meanwhile, say counselors are duty-bound to be able to handle any number of cases, including those that present situations that might conflict with the counselor's personal religious beliefs.

Julea Ward, a conservative Christian student at Eastern Michigan University, was a few credits away from finishing her master's degree in counseling in 2009 when she was assigned a student who had previously been counseled about a homosexual relationship.

"She went to her supervisor and said, 'I may not be the best person for this particular client,'" said Jeremy Tedesco, Ward's attorney, who has advised his client not to speak publicly about the case.

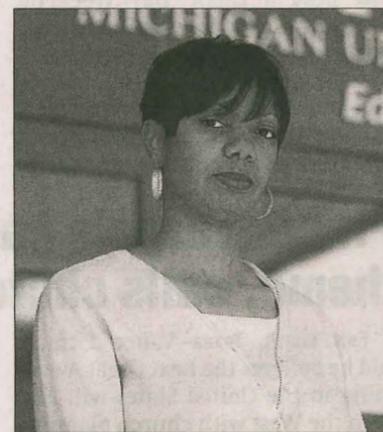
Ward later was brought up on disciplinary charges, and eventually dismissed from Eastern Michigan for violating the American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics and demonstrating an unwillingness to change her behavior.

On July 26, a federal judge upheld the school's dismissal of Ward. Her case will be appealed, said Tedesco, an attorney with the conservative legal firm Alliance Defense Fund, which has taken up at least four similar cases in the last year alone.

Tedesco said he thinks the appeal could take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, bringing the issue to further prominence.

Ward's and other cases have left some professionals wondering whether Christian views opposing homosexuality are compatible with the counseling profession, and whether such views are protected under the auspices of religious freedom.

The question of how much students and professors should be allowed to express religious views



DISCRIMINATION Julea Ward was dismissed from Eastern Michigan University after she declined to counsel a patient in a homosexual relationship as part of her counseling degree program. (Photo courtesy of Gene Parunak/Alliance Defense Fund)

that frown on homosexual behavior remains unresolved, but cases like Ward's and others seem to indicate little tolerance for personal religious views within academia.

Students in psychology and counseling programs are subject to the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics instead of university rules that may allow greater room for academic freedom.

Ward's legal team claims the codes are unconstitutional and should not be a basis for discipline, especially at public universities.

"It's a big difference between teaching a code of ethics and enforcing them," Tedesco noted. "Those kind of policies can't withstand constitutional scrutiny."

University administrators disagree, saying they have to abide by professional standards if they want their students' degrees to be taken seriously in the workforce.

Psychology and counseling professionals say it sometimes is appropriate for them to deny their services—as Ward did—when there is a conflict of interest, a close relationship or unchangeable bias. In practice, they say counselors and psychologists need to be as open-minded as possible, given the myriad of personalities they encounter.

"A professional needs to be able to work with a wide range of populations," said Clinton Anderson, director of the office on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender concerns at the American Psychological Association. "That's a necessary thing when you're talking about competence."

Anderson said Ward's actions were inappropriate given her chosen specialty in school counseling. He said school counselors, like those working in rural or poor communities, often don't have another provider to whom they can refer a student.

He and others say Christian counselors shouldn't be surprised by the rules—a sexual orientation anti-discrimination clause has been in the American Psychological Association's ethics code for more than 20 years.

"What may be new about it," he said, "is that there are very active law firms who are prepared to file suits." (RNS)

Conservative groups want religious hiring rules protected

Washington—Kentucky Baptist-affiliated Campbellsville University is among a coalition of mostly conservative religious organizations urging Congress to amend a proposed bill that would bar them from making personnel decisions based on religion if they receive government funds to treat mental illness and substance abuse.

In a letter sent Aug. 25 to every member of Congress, evangelical charities, the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the U.S. Catholic Bishops and Orthodox Jews say the bill "would be catastrophic" to their religious freedom and to their mission to serve the needy.

The bill would reauthorize federal funding to treat substance abuse and mental illness, and was introduced in May by Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., who has battled addiction and bipolar disorder.

The bill would outlaw any government funds or contracts with religious organizations that do not agree to "refrain from considering religion or any profession of faith" when making employment decisions.

"Stripping away the religious hiring rights of religious service providers violates the principle of religious freedom, and represents bad practice in the delivery of social services," said Anthony Picarello Jr., general counsel of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

World Vision, the Christian humanitarian agency, also protested the proposed bill. On Aug. 24, a federal appeals court ruled that World Vision can fire employees who do not share its theological tenets.

But government funding for religious charities that make personnel decisions based on religion is far trickier. The Obama administration has said it is weighing the issue and will make decisions on a case-by-case basis until a final decision is rendered. (RNS)

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Stetzer, Rainer to host 'The Exchange' one-day conference Sept. 7

Nashville, Tenn.—Ed Stetzer, LifeWay Research director and "The Exchange" host, and LifeWay President Thom Rainer will host free live webcast next week devoted to "Transformational Small Churches."

The special, extended edition of "The Exchange" will take place Sept. 7 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pastors and church staff are invited to participate via computer or to be part of the studio audience as Ed Stetzer and Thom Rainer discuss how small churches can apply elements revealed through LifeWay's "Transformational Church" initiative. Topics include vibrant leadership, relational intentionality, worship, and mission.

In addition to Stetzer and Rainer, an interdenominational panel of experts will discuss how small churches are making a biblical impact in the lives of their members and in their communities.

The panelists include David Gould, pastor of First Wesleyan Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Jason Whitehurst, pastor of Music City Assembly of God, Nashville, Tenn.; German Castro, pastor of El Shaddai Christian Church, Brentwood, Tenn.; John Racioppa, pastor of First Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.; Brian Bullard, pastor of Community Fellowship Baptist Church, Covington, Ga.; and Lynn Harper, pastor of Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas.

To register, visit www.LifeWay.com/TheExchange and click the "Register online" button. There is no charge or pre-registration necessary for webcast participants. The event will be available live at LifeWay.com/TheExchange at 10 a.m. on Sept. 7.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

- **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Saloma Church will host a Labor Day Weekend Singspiration service Sept. 5, 6 p.m. featuring special music from guest singers and congregational singing. **John Chowning** is pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Walnut Street Church recently called **Rochell Goff** as min-

ister to children. She previously was a program director with Crossings Ministries. **Rusty Ellison** is pastor.

■ **WARFIELD**—Warfield Church recently called **Jennings West** as pastor. He previously served the church as pastor from 2005 to May 2010.

Pitman reveals Pastors' Conference theme, calls church planters West

Fort Worth, Texas—Vance Pitman said he believes the next Great Awakening in the United States will rise from the West with church planting at the epicenter of the movement—and he hopes the 2011 Pastors' Conference in Phoenix will serve as a catalyst toward that end.



Vance Pitman, pastor of Hope Baptist Church in Las Vegas, speaks to students during a chapel service at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Aug. 24

In an interview with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pitman, pastor of Hope Baptist Church in Las Vegas and Pastors' Conference president, shared his vision for the conference and for a church planting movement in America.

"We are theming the conference out of Romans 15:20, where Paul said, 'I aspire to preach Christ where he's not been named,'" Pitman said. "We're calling the conference 'Aspire: Yearning to Join God's Kingdom Activity.'"

Pitman's goal for the conference—scheduled for June 14-15, 2011, in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Phoenix—is to unite older and younger pastors with a vision for church planting and reaching the nations. He said he hopes to assemble the most diverse speaker lineup in the history of the pastors' conference, including international pastors and small church pastors. He also wants to leverage the confer-



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 4-6 Wrangler Trail Ride, Land Between the Lakes.
- 11 Super Saturday, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah; University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg.
- 18 Children in Action Missions Day Camp, Pleasant View Baptist Church, Waynesburg.
- 18 Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; First Baptist Church, Russell.
- 20-21 Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament, Cherry Blossom Golf & Country Club, Georgetown.
- 21 Understanding Other Beliefs, Unity Baptist Church, Richmond.
- 23-24 Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorale Fall Retreat, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

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

October

- 1-3 FOCUS 2010, Cedarmore Camp & Conference Center, Bagdad.
- 7-9 Ministers in Transition, Louisville.
- 8-9 A Parent Privilege Conference, Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 15-16 Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship Retreat, Cedarmore Camp & Conference Center, Bagdad.
- 20-22 Joshua Project Event, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green.
- 21-22 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
- 23 Disaster Relief Blue Hat Training, Baptist Building, Louisville.

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ence offering as a conduit for reaching the ends of the earth.

"Typically at the conference," Pitman said, "there's always an appeal for an offering to help cover the expenses. Our prayer is to come up with a way to completely cover the cost of the conference. We're going to ask for an offering, but we're going to ask for the largest offering that's ever been given, and we're going to target an unreached people group through the International Mission Board, and we're going to give 100 percent of the offering away to hopefully make a major impact in targeting an unreached people group so we can say, 'Just because we

had the conference, the gospel has been taken to a people group that has never heard it before.'"

Additionally, Pitman appealed for seminary students to ask God if He would have them give their lives to church planting in the Western United States.

"I personally believe the last great hope for America to experience a sweeping movement of God will come" out West, Pitman said. "I believe if it's going to happen in America again—and there's no guarantee it will—I believe it will come from the West, because the West is the last hope for the church to look different."

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SEEKING: Western Recorder is currently receiving resum s for the position of partnership editions editor, which provides editing and layout services to assist our six partnering conventions in producing state Baptist newspapers. Resumes may be sent to Western Recorder, PO Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253; or e-mail to Todd.Deaton@WesternRecorder.org. Resumes will be accepted through Aug. 31.

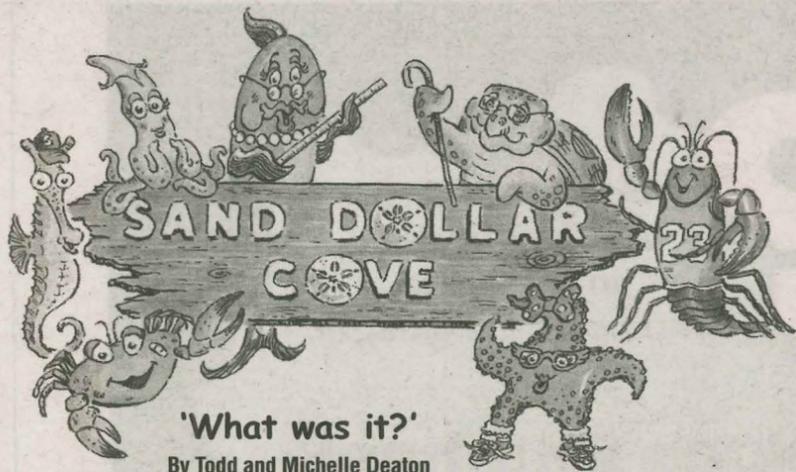
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'What was it?'

By Todd and Michelle Deaton

One dark night, Lenny Lobster, Sunny Starfish and Craig Crab saw it swimming next to Floyd Flounder's Flashlights store.

"Run for your life!" Sunny screamed. But Lenny and Craig didn't hear her. They were already running away.

"It's coming this way! Lenny yelled to Seamore Seahorse.

"What's coming?" Seamore asked.

"I don't know what it is, but it's really scary," Craig said.

"Quick! Hide behind this conch shell," Lenny directed.

"We saw something in the kelp behind Floyd Flounder's store. It was huge," Lenny said. "Its face glowed in the dark. It had gigantic eyes, and bubbles spewed out of its mouth."

"What was it?" asked Seamore.

"An alien from outer space," Lenny answered.

"Was not," Sunny interrupted.

"Was too. It had a space helmet on, a tank on its back, and a long, black tube that shot out a laser beam," Lenny replied.

"But it had webbed feet. It's probably one of those animals—oh, what do you call them—they live on land and in the sea," Sunny said.

"An adlibian," Craig said.

"You mean amphibian," Seamore corrected.

"Whatever," Sunny continued. "It had thick, black, rubbery skin, and it made a wheezing sound, just before it spewed out bubbles."

"I think it was a pirate," Craig disagreed. "There was a shadowy outline of a ship above it," he added. "They probably made him walk the plank. Then he swam down here looking for treasure."

"What do you think it was, Seamore?" Sunny asked.

"I think you are making all this up," Seamore replied.

"We are not," Sunny insisted. "Let's ask Solomon the wise sea turtle. He'll know," she suggested.

"Sure, but I don't need to go see it," Solomon laughed.

"Don't you believe us?" asked Craig.

"Yes, I do, Craig," Solomon answered.

"Then who's right?" asked Lenny.

"You all are," Solomon said.

"How can they all be right?" Seamore asked.

"Well, each of you saw something. Lenny, you're correct that it wasn't from around here, and it had a lighted mask, air tanks and a bright flashlight. Sunny, it's not an amphibian, but this land creature had a rubber suit, fins and a snorkel to help it breathe underwater. Craig, it wasn't a pirate, but it did dive from a ship above, and it was looking for something," Solomon explained.

"Treasure?" Craig asked.

"No, it wanted to see you," Solomon explained.



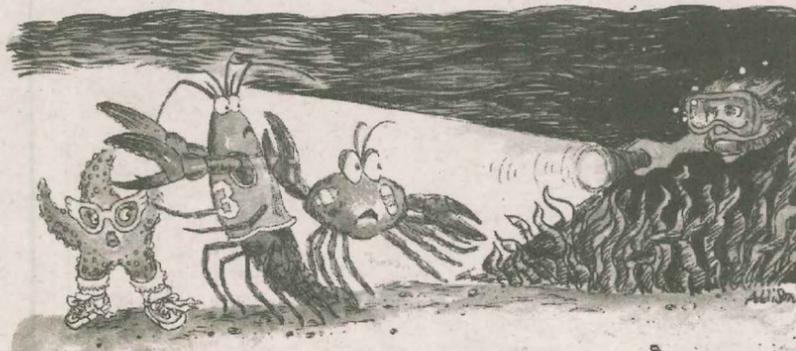
Treasure Hunt

What did the Cove Kids see swimming in the kelp?
 What did each think it was?
 How were they all right?
 Why did Solomon believe them?
 Read Hebrews 11:1 together.

"Well, it should have seen itself. It certainly was funny looking," Sunny laughed.

"How did you know you could believe their story?" Seamore asked.

"Well, I know the Cove Kids, and I believe in each of them," Solomon answered. "Besides, I could tell that whatever it was, they really believed that they saw it."



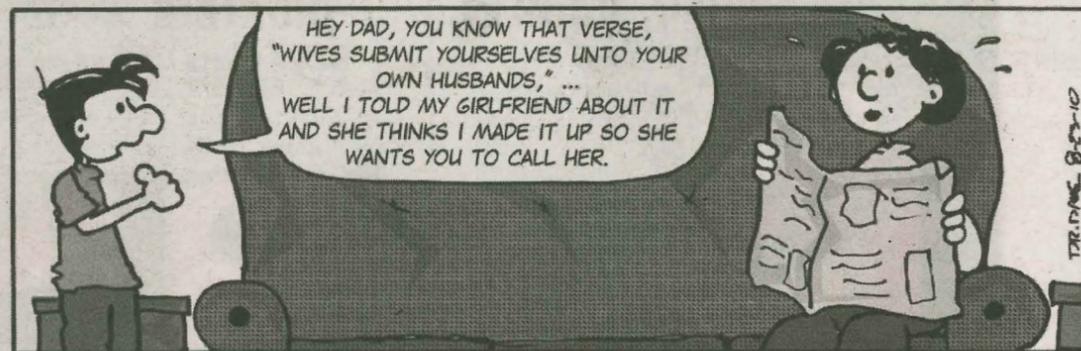
For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

By Elaine Okupski

Across

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

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

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- 3 Son of Aram (Matthew 1:4)
- 4 Son of Obed (Matthew 1:5)
- 5 "And ___ astonished until the evening sacrifice" (Ezra 9:4) (2 words)
- 6 "Let them shut the doors, and ___ them" (Nehemiah 7:3)
- 7 Purchase
- 8 "As ___ before her shearers is dumb" (Isaiah 53:7) (2 words)
- 9 "And thou shalt make a veil of ____, and purple, and scarlet" (Exodus 26:31)
- 10 Swedish man's name
- 11 Diminutive suffix
- 16 Stitches
- 19 "I was ___ when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms 122:1)
- 20 False god
- 21 Grandmother
- 22 Drills
- 23 Anna's tribe (Luke 2:36)
- 25 Containers
- 26 Herod's wife (Mark 6:19)
- 27 Operatic solo
- 28 Armored vehicle
- 30 Song for two voices
- 33 "If ___ be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather?" (1 Corinthians 9:12)

- 34 "And they came to ____, where were twelve wells of water" (Exodus 15:27)
- 36 "Create in me a ___ heart, O God" (Psalms 51:10)
- 37 Greek letters
- 38 An infinitesimal amount, a jot
- 39 "The beauty of old men is the ___ head" (Proverbs 20:29)
- 40 "I will ___ thee the bride" (Revelation 21:9)
- 42 Nope
- 43 Before
- 44 Boxer Mohammed ___
- 45 "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider ___ ways" (Proverbs 6:6)

Last week's solution

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