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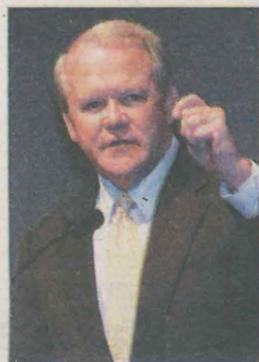
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**By Charles Braddix**  
*International Mission Board*

**Sweetwaters, South Africa**—Hlengiwe is but 14 years old, yet she is the head of her household, taking care of her seven younger brothers, sisters and cousins. Her parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles all have died from AIDS.

Weekly food parcels provided by Southern Baptists through the World Hunger Fund help feed Hlengiwe and her family.

Nearby, Sibosial refuses to admit he has AIDS, even though his

body is rapidly wasting away. He can barely care for himself and soon will die. Weekly Hunger Fund food parcels also are helping to keep Sibosial alive.

The devastating effects of HIV/AIDS have hit more than half of the population of Sweetwaters, South Africa, where Hlengiwe and Sibosial live. The town is located in Kwa-Zulu-Natal province, which has the country's highest HIV infection rate, according to the South African Department of Health.

The powerful forces of famine,

earthquake and flooding leave hundreds of thousands—even millions—of people hungry, said Mark Hatfield, who with his wife, Susan, directs work in Sub-Saharan Africa for Baptist Global Response, an international relief and development organization that helps administer the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund throughout the globe.

"Attention is not often focused, however, on small communities like Sweetwaters, where, because of the HIV crisis, hunger is felt just as deeply," Hatfield noted.

**Above:** Stephen, a Tabitha Ministries worker in Sweetwaters, South Africa, picks spinach grown in greenhouses provided by Southern Baptists' World Hunger Fund for distribution to 6,000 individuals in the community who are affected by HIV/AIDS. (Photo by Charles Braddix/IMB)

As part of Southern Baptists' response to the HIV/AIDS crisis, BGR works alongside Tabitha Ministries. **□ See Southern Baptists' ... Page 6**

## U.S. Millennials concerned, but not fanatical about environment

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Nearly 9 in 10 American Millennials—those born between 1980 and 1991—say it's up to their generation to clean up the environment, but a majority also believes that many Millennials go overboard when it comes to environmental issues.

Those are the findings from a LifeWay Research study for an upcoming book by Thom Rainer and his son Jess titled "The Millennials: Connecting to America's Largest Generation."

Eighty-seven percent of Millennials agree—41 percent strongly—with the statement: "It is up to my generation to clean up the environment." Most Millennials feel "previous generations did great harm to the envi-

ronment," but just 25 percent agree strongly with this assessment.

"Millennials show an acute awareness of the issues surrounding the environment," said Thom Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources. "Any outright dismissal of environmental issues will be seen as crass ignorance regarding both the people and the planet."

Millennials are split as to whether they see their peers going too far on environmental issues. A slim majority (54 percent) agrees with the statement, "Many people in my generation go overboard on environmental issues," and only 18 percent agree strongly. Thirty-six percent disagree somewhat, and 10 percent disagree strongly.

## Renfro Valley Welcomes the World



The Blue Flamingo Jazz band from England performs at last week's "Renfro Valley Welcomes the World" show. The event, sponsored by Affiliated International Ministries, brought together performers from five countries. **See story and more photos on page 3.** (Photo by Larry Brannin/KBC)

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## Creative ministries workshop coming Nov. 6 to Corbin

Corbin—Church leaders interested in getting their creative juices flowing are invited to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Creative Ministries 101 Workshop Nov. 6 at Central Baptist Church in Corbin.

Participants will learn how to incorporate drama, puppets, clowning, creative signing, interpretive movement and other activities in worship and other ministry efforts.

One of this year's presenters is Eugenio Adorno, also known as Chagy the Clown, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and co-founder of Circus of the King.

The Creative Ministries 101 Workshop is designed for beginners, and is ideal for church leaders who are just beginning to consider creative ministries.

Online registration is available at [www.KyBaptist.org/101Workshop](http://www.KyBaptist.org/101Workshop). The cost is \$10 per person until Oct. 18 when the rate increases to \$15 per person. Group rates are available.

For additional information, contact the KBC's creative ministries department by e-mail at [Creative@KyBaptist.org](mailto:Creative@KyBaptist.org) or by phone at (502) 489-3574 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3574.

# Hart County church sees growth after using 'Toolbox'

By Ken Walker  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Horse Cave—When the ministers of youth and music left Horse Cave Baptist Church within less than a year of one another, the pastor and church leaders did more than just dust off job descriptions and start placing ads.

The congregation took time to ask itself tough questions, assess its strengths and weaknesses, and then move forward with a new plan for ministering to the community. As a result, the church has seen "an immediate jump in Sunday school" attendance, a 30 percent increase in worship attendance, and is seeking to hire its first-ever minister of education, according to Kevin Denton, pastor of the Hart County congregation for 14 years.

Key to this process, Denton said, was the Ministry Toolbox, a resource provided by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"We're in a big transition in our church," he said. "We needed someone to help us make the next, good step."

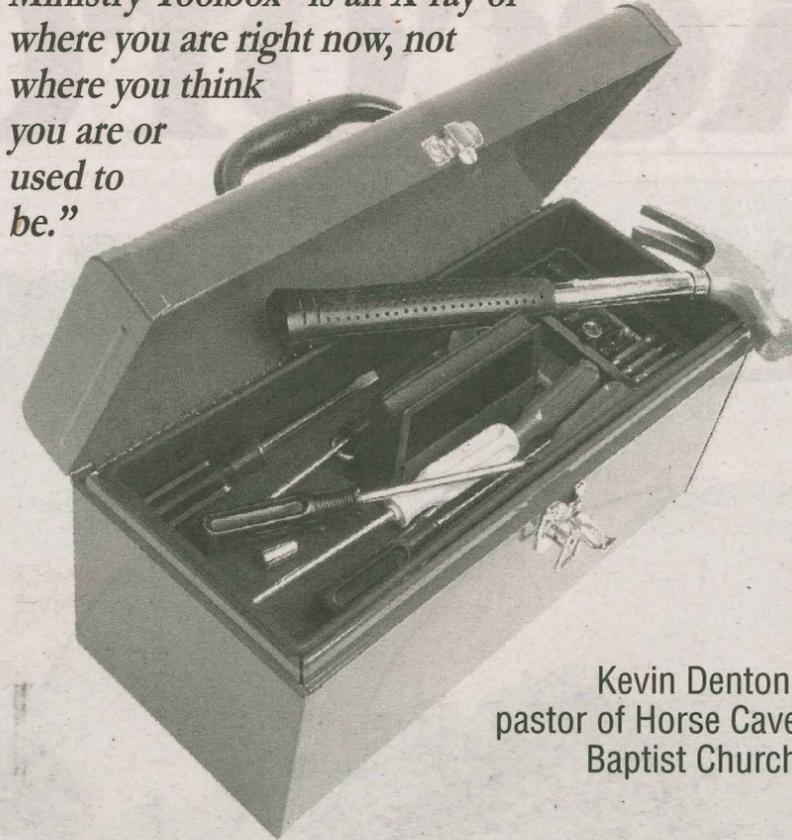
After the departure of the part-time youth minister, who accepted a full-time ministry position elsewhere, and the music minister, who had served the church for more than 11 years, Denton told his deacons about Ministry Toolbox. He recommended that the church use the resource to find out what the congregation's needs were and then use that information to guide them in hiring new staff members.

That approach is exactly why the KBC developed the Toolbox, said Alan Witham, church development team leader.

"The best indicator of church health is not perceptions but behavior," he explained. "It measures what a church thinks they're doing versus how they're behaving. This gives them the ability to see the difference between the two."

Patterned after such tools as the Healthy Church Survey, the Ministry Toolbox measures 12 different characteristics such as worship, dis-

*Ministry Toolbox "is an X-ray of where you are right now, not where you think you are or used to be."*



Kevin Denton,  
pastor of Horse Cave  
Baptist Church

cipliship, evangelism, stewardship and missions.

The evaluation begins with a 46-question survey that reviews general perceptions, personal perceptions and behavior in each area. The congregation administers the survey, then KBC consultants are available to help interpret the results and advise churches on what actions to take in light of those results.

Denton said church members completed the survey during Sunday school classes in mid-May. Those who weren't present were invited to pick up a survey and complete it within the week.

### What it revealed

Among the surprises the questionnaires revealed: the high number of church members 75 and older, and the low number of members in their 20s or 30s.

It also uncovered, Denton said, the most essential element on which everything else revolved: Sunday school.

"If we had taken this survey five or 10 years ago, we would have had much different results," he noted. "It is an X-ray of where you are right now, not where you think you are or used to be."

The recognition of Sunday school's importance led church leaders to seek a minister of education. A search team was formed and a job description drawn up this summer.

The Ministry Toolbox also helped Horse Cave Baptist promote Sunday school more actively, Denton said. One step was to print a list of "10 recommended class behaviors" on bookmarks and distribute them to all classes. In addition, Denton met with teachers from different depart-

ments to encourage them. He said he also apologized to the group for not meeting with them sooner.

After those meetings, average Sunday school attendance jumped from 112 in July to 146 in August. Worship attendance also is up for the year by nearly 30 percent.

"This demonstrates the value of a church taking time to evaluate where they are," Witham said of Horse Cave's experience. "It benefits them by being able to see where they are and (then) do something to address it."

The software, which costs \$200 (an expanded edition is available for \$500), includes a series of projects that churches can implement in each area. The projects are designed to help congregations that are aware that change is needed but perhaps are unsure about how to achieve it, Witham explained.

More than a dozen other Kentucky Baptist churches and some directors of missions have purchased the Ministry Toolbox and are in the process of administering or evaluating surveys, Witham said.

Denton heartily recommended the Ministry Toolbox to other Kentucky Baptists, noting that the resource also sheds light on aspects of ministry where a congregation is doing well. In Horse Cave Baptist's case, the survey affirmed their efforts in discipleship, giving and evangelistic prayer.

"The worst thing we can do as leaders is get all excited thinking about what one program did for a church and thinking it will do the same for us," Denton said. "That's not true." By using a resource such as the Toolbox, "you will get a picture of yourself individually and your church in general," he added. "If you want to know where your church is, this is a good tool."

For details on the Ministry Toolbox, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church development team by e-mail at [ChurchDevelopment@KyBaptist.org](mailto:ChurchDevelopment@KyBaptist.org) or by phone at (502) 489-3335 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3335.

## 'Horse Whisperer' brings training demonstration to Rockcastle County

By Shirley Cox  
State Correspondent

Brodhead—Approximately 1,000 people gathered at the Brodhead Fairgrounds in Rockcastle County Sept. 23 to watch Paul Daily train a six-year-old horse that had never been ridden. As a result, a dozen people accepted Christ and at least 20 dedicated their lives to His service after the demonstration, which was sponsored by Affiliated International Ministries, in conjunction with Rockcastle Baptist Association.

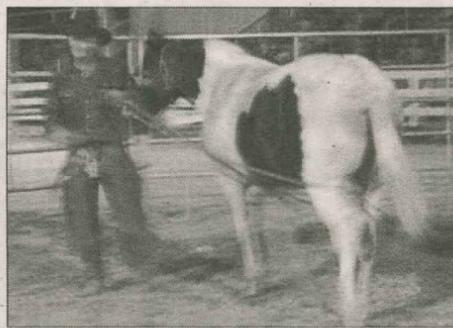
A horse trainer and founder of Wild Horse Ministries, Daily has held the shows since 1997 to explain the "Round Pen of Life." As he trains horses, he points out similarities between man's relationship with God and a horse's relationship with its trainer. Last year, Daily held 147 demonstrations in 23 states for 30,000 people.

Daily said he began holding the demonstrations after God spoke to him one day while training a horse.

"Do you see what this horse is doing?" God asked.

"Running," Daily answered.

"That's what you're doing—running



**HORSE WHISPERER** Paul Daily uses horse training as a way to share the gospel at Brodhead Fairgrounds in Rockcastle County Sept. 23. (Photo by Shirley Cox)

from Me," God told him.

God then asked, "What is your purpose with this horse?"

"I want to train him and make something valuable," Daily replied.

"That's what I want to do with you."

For the next three years, Daily presented his training techniques to nearly 15,000 people in Louisiana and Texas. He would later quit his job after working more than

20 years in the Louisiana oil fields. In 2000, he and his wife, Joana, began traveling the country to present horse-training demonstrations.

Daily is not a licensed preacher, yet he and Joana have traveled more than 500,000 miles to share the demonstrations at fairs, rodeos, festivals, prisons and nursing homes. His techniques in training horses have earned him the title of the "Horse Whisperer." The horses he uses are completely untrained and often are provided by local residents.

Daily explained that he does not break horses, but "gentles them" with words and pats until they let him bridle, saddle and ride them—all within two hours.

"During the training, the horse is exposed to all kinds of new things like ropes, blankets and saddles to help him learn to cope and work things out," Daily pointed out. "God prepares us for our tomorrows by helping us through our trials and troubles today."

As Daily trains the horses, his black lab, "Who," darts in and out of the round pen. "We call him 'Satan,'" Daily said, "because

he runs around, barking and nipping at the horses—exactly how the devil tries to distract us."

Daily said about 95 percent of the time, after a horse has been bridled, saddled and ridden, he will totally submit by lying down during the demonstration.

"As the horse submits to the trainer, people must submit to God," he explained. "We must release all—our life of sin—and accept God as our guiding hand and take God's free gift of eternal life with Him."

Admission to the demonstrations always is free, yet last year Wild Horse Ministries gave away \$18,000 worth of Bibles and spent more than \$33,000 on fuel. "God provides for us through donation buckets, free-will offerings and T-shirt and cap sales," Daily said. "I'd rather have your prayers than anything."

"I was proud of how our churches worked together to bring this demonstration to our people," said Randy McPherson, director of missions for Rockcastle Association. "This was the greatest illustration of the gospel I have witnessed during my ministry."

## 'Renfro Valley Welcomes the World'

### AIM-sponsored concert brings together Christian performers from around the globe

By Shirley Cox  
State Correspondent

**Mount Vernon**—The Renfro Valley stage that has hosted many country music and bluegrass legends over the years got a visit from a group of international artists at the "Renfro Valley Welcomes the World" concert Sept. 30. The event drew about 900 people and was sponsored by Affiliated International Ministries, the organization hosting such events during the ongoing World Equestrian Games in Lexington.

Jack Fox of Louisville, for his work with WHAS Radio and as the public-address announcer for approximately 100 airports in North America, served as emcee for the event.

Each person who attended the performance received a "More Than Gold" pin, the horseshoe-shaped souvenir with colors representing the plan of salvation. Rockcastle Baptist Association Director of Missions Randy McPherson explained the meaning of each color to the audience and invited them to accept Christ.

Throughout the evening, the gospel message was told through several performances ranging from the music of The Pareli Pederson Band from Norway to illusions by Kentucky Baptist magician David Garrard.

The show also included the personal testimony of Manoj Chopra, who is dubbed the "Strongest Man in Asia." He shared about a pastor who visited him while he was in prison in India, gave him a Bible and led him to Christ.

"We are not here to tell you how strong we are," Chopra said after ripping a phone book in half. "We are here to tell you about Jesus."

Backed by the Gunnpoint Band from Colorado, Randy Gunn sang "Jimmy Got Saved," a song about a motorcyclist who was transformed after he accepted Christ. Randy and his wife, Heidi, each hold world and national titles in cowboy-mounted shooting events and have received awards from the Country Music Association as top inspirational musicians.

Another Renfro Valley performer was Australian didgeridoo player Adrian Ross. His dramatic performance included long, low jungle sounds on the instrument and a native aboriginal dance.

"In Australia, my message is one of encouraging young adults and youth to never give up and include God in everything you do, whether you are a doctor, musician or a plumber," he told the crowd.

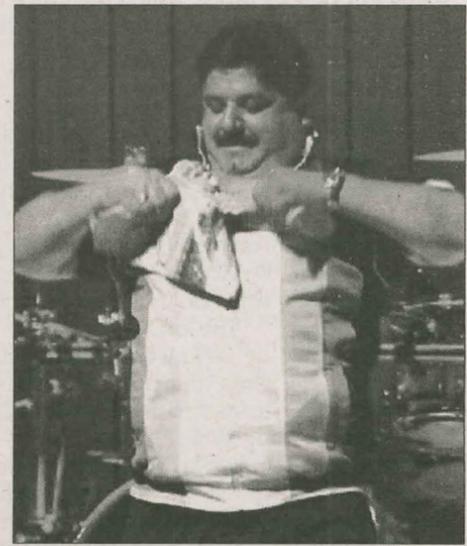
A member of the Whimba-Whimba aboriginal tribe, Ross has played the didgeridoo for 30 years. "Having an indigenous background, my message is also that no one is excluded from God's creation," he

said. "God loves us no matter who we are or where we came from."

"We are musicians who are Christians," said Leah Thomas, leader of the Blue Flamingo Jazz band from England. "Renfro Valley is a special place because we were inspired by the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville."

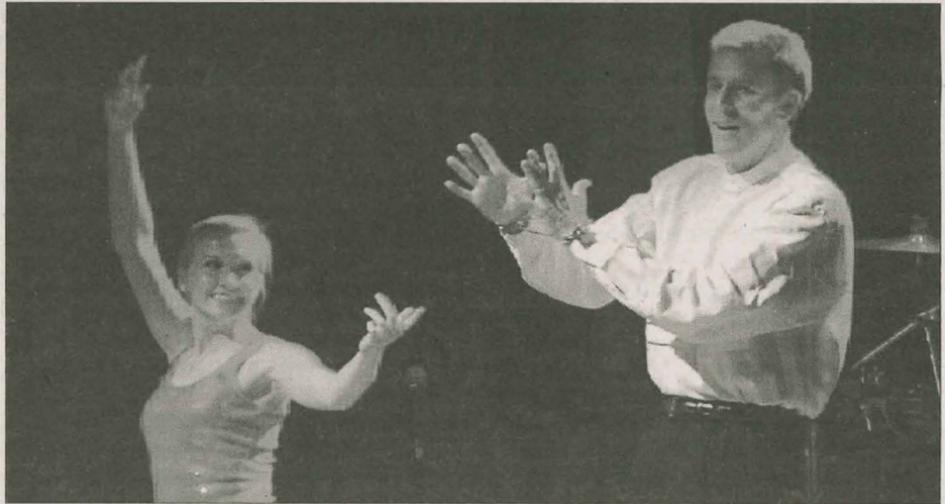
To close out the evening, Blue Flamingo Jazz was joined on stage by the other artists for performances of "We are Marching" and "My Old Kentucky Home," both of which were greeted with a standing ovation.

"The incredible diversity and quality of the entertainment made an unforgettable memory for everyone," said AIM Director Larry Martin. "Renfro Valley Welcomes the World' represented the spirit of AIM. Young adults from five countries (and) four continents shared their God-given talents in the spirit of Christ's love."



■ **Top:** India native Manoj Chopra, known as the "Strongest Man in Asia," rips a phone book in half. Chopra uses similar feats of strength to share his personal testimony of how God has moved in his life. ■ **Above:** The Parelli Pederson Band from Norway takes the Renfro Valley stage for a few numbers. The group consists of several Christian young adult instrumentalists and vocalists. ■ **Below:** Well-known magician David Garrard pops out of a box at the end of his magic act. Garrard has been performing magic as a way of sharing the gospel for more than 40 years. He also serves as the children's minister at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville. (Photos by Larry Brannin/KBC)

■ **Above:** Adrian Ross, an aboriginal didgeridoo player from Australia, performs at last week's "Renfro Valley Welcomes the World" event in Mount Vernon. Ross is a world-renowned musician who performed at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. ■ **Below:** All of the musical acts take the Renfro Valley stage for one final performance. The event, sponsored by Affiliated International Ministries, brought together performers from five countries and four continents.



## Hardinsburg Baptist 'moving forward'

Hardinsburg Baptist Church recently celebrated the dedication of new facilities, which include a large welcoming area, sanctuary, spacious fellowship hall, library, abundant parking and classrooms.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

The theme for the dedication was "Moving Forward for the Glory of God."

The day started with a worship service and door closing at the downtown property and a car caravan to the new facilities on the U.S. 60 Bypass. The door opening ceremony was followed by a dedication service and lunch in the spacious fellowship hall that doubles as a gym.

The final service at the downtown facility included special music by the church choir and children's choir, testimonies by former pastors, a video history and a message by Pastor Doug Miller.

The new sanctuary was filled with members and guests who were led in upbeat worship music by Minister of Music Brad Krigbaum and soloists Joe Miller, the building committee chairman, shared the history of the relocation and recognized committees and church trustees who assisted with the move.

Pastor Miller presented a wonderful message on moving in response to God's leadership. He admonished the congregation to view the new facilities as a base of operation and not as a place for roots and entrenchment.

He emphasized that because "movement is inevitable, it is foolish to put stakes too deep." A young boy responded by profession of faith and two other children were recognized for their baptisms.

All were captured by the testimony of Robert Wayne, who served as pastor from 1957-1961. He shared that in a major vote by the church during his tenure, 12 people voted against the particular recommendation. After the decision was made, however, one of the key leaders who voted "no" asked to speak. This leader said that he felt the majority should rule and that he wanted to change his vote. All the others who had voted against the measure then did the same in a demonstration of unity. Former pastor Harry Dooley also gave testimony to unity in the church.

It is believed that Hardinsburg Baptist Church dates back to the launch of a congregation in 1841. It is definite that in 1887 a "re-organized group of Baptists built a framed church on the same property." The church relocated to 115 E. Third St. in 1926 where it has continued to meet until this year.

In 2006, the church built a pavilion on the new property where numerous church activities have been conducted. Playground equipment and a walking track added attraction to the property.

Hardinsburg Baptist Church is a great partner in missions support through the Cooperative Program and missions offerings. Since 1925, the church has given \$1.3 million to missions through the Cooperative Program.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Martin 'energizing' Kentucky's equine ministries

It's hard not to hear the excitement in Larry Martin's voice these days. For the past few years, the Louisville has been preparing for the World Equestrian Games as though he were a top athlete pursuing a

medal—perhaps harder. When others described WEG as the largest equine event in the Western Hemisphere, Martin didn't just see the hundreds of teams from around the globe that would be coming to the Bluegrass State to compete. He saw an incredible arena for ministry, and like that supercharged bunny beating its drum, Martin has kept going and going and going, energizing Kentucky Baptists and other believers to seize an opportunity to share their Christian faith with the world.

If Martin was overwhelmed in the least, he certainly wasn't stymied by it all. Many of the ministry components planned by Affiliated International Ministries quickly expanded into greater, unanticipated opportunities. "One of the biggest surprises is how the doors have opened wider than we expected," Martin said. "We are now partnering with the Kentucky Horse Park's staff in ways we couldn't have envisioned. Because of serving faithfully in a few capacities, we've been invited to serve in many unexpected ways."

Consider, for example, the gift bags containing personal hygiene items with a gospel presentation. Not only were the bags very much appreciated by the grooms, but they also became strategic tools for volunteers in initiating conversations with a group that oftentimes goes overlooked by the throngs of spectators who stream through the park's gates each day. "Providing gift bags for the grooms—something no one had ever done before—was very well received and that allowed us to meet grooms from all over the world," explained Martin. In fact, Kentucky Baptist churches and others gave so many supplies that enough bags were created to distribute them also to media representatives—a gesture of Christian hospitality to many from other countries.

Even before the Games, many were involved in prayerwalks or requested prayer guides for the athletes, teams, venue employees and equestrian ministry leaders. Church youth groups helped clean the arenas and stadium, spruced up horse stalls, and planted flow-

er beds. The relationships fostered and appreciation for their service have afforded AIM with other ministry opportunities, such as providing shuttles to transport spectators from parking lots to various game venues.

Roger Bartley, a member of First Baptist Church, Richmond, has coordinated more than 50 drivers and bus hosts from area churches, including Kirksville, Eubank, St. Paul at Shively Heights, Dry Run and others. Last week, they were requested to operate two shuttles to transport the teams of para-athletes to dressage events.

"Another pleasant surprise is how volunteer greeters at AIM booths have connected with many believers on the participating teams," said Martin, recalling a woman from Australia whose father is a Baptist pastor and a couple from a Texas church, Mike and Jerry McLennan, who were competing in carriage-driving events. "They were very excited about what AIM is doing, and they took many of the 'More than Gold' pins to share with others," Martin said. Jerry McLennan, who volunteers with the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Brenham, Texas, spoke to a group of directors of area crises pregnancy centers.

Of course, community festivals and expos, such as those in Georgetown, Lexington, Mount Vernon, Shelbyville, Paris and Lynch, and horse-themed worship services helped strengthen some 25 regional equestrian ministries and may lead to a network of horse trainers and other horse enthusiasts. Many Kentucky Baptists are familiar with Jockey Pat Day, but through these AIM events they were introduced to the ministries of John Lyons, Lew Sterrett, Maureen Gallatin and even Molly, a pony from New Orleans with a prosthetic leg.

When WEG draws to a close soon, Martin likely will take a well-deserved breather, but he won't be horsing around long. He and other AIM leaders already are anticipating being involved in the 2014 World Equestrian Games in France, and perhaps with equine events at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. And, with its new 8,000-seat stadium, the Kentucky Horse Park is sure to attract more equestrian events, providing AIM—and Kentucky Baptists—with new opportunities to encourage believers in the horse industry and cultivate relationships with horse lovers everywhere.

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



## No discernment

Regarding the "Honoring Sacred Texts" service, it is disturbing to see those who call themselves Christians, aligning themselves with pagan religions and calling them brothers and sisters. God doesn't share His glory, and He doesn't approve of spiritual idolatry.

The religious practice of any other "god" than the God revealed in the Bible is rendered to demons (Deut 32:17). Islam does not have our God, nor does Hinduism, Bahai, Buddhism, Universalism, Spiritism/Paganism, or New Age beliefs.

Where is the discernment? (See 1 Corinthians 10:19-21, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, Psalm 16:4, Joshua 23:7, Hosea 2:17, 1 Timothy 4:16 and 1 John 5:21.)

Tammy Jo Hill  
Jamestown

## 'Honoring' unacceptable

In the Western Recorder of Sept. 21 was the account of a Louisville church that hosted a service entitled "Honoring Sacred Texts," held as a "peaceful, positive alternative" to the Koran-burning threat by a preacher in Florida.

By definition, every religion has a text that can be classified as sacred

to that religion. However, honoring any text other than the Holy Bible should be anathema to a Christian—actually a heresy, since the "honoring" service put every text on the same level, making Almighty God no better than Allah or the Buddha.

Teaching about other religions and their holy texts is routine in churches, but placing them on the same level with Judeo-Christianity through honoring them is unacceptable.

Jim Clark  
Lexington

## Eroding cooperation

The recent action by the board of the North American Mission Board has been viewed by some as the call of a pastor who has a passion for new churches. A second view suggests that this is another example of a mega-church pastor eroding the cooperative spirit of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Highview Baptist Church's participation in the Cooperative Program ceased when the Kentucky Baptist Convention chose not to elect its pastor as president and when the KBC Nominating Committee refused to be subservient.

The greatest expansion of the mission work of NAMB occurred when it used cooperative agree-

ments to lure state conventions into support of its mission endeavors. The election of Highview's pastor seems to advance the Great Commission Report's effort to destroy that strategy. Moreover, the Home Mission Board, precursor of NAMB, expanded its mission work by supporting the 1,200 associations affiliated with SBC churches.

When the NAMB trustees formerly elected another mega-church pastor as president, he initiated a new approach to mission work through "flagship churches," an approach that failed miserably, as did his leadership. Now NAMB has called another mega-church pastor who has demonstrated disdain for the Baptist association. The future of NAMB's effectiveness in mission work and SBC cooperation does not look good from this perspective.

Russell Bennett  
Executive director emeritus  
Long Run Baptist Association

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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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## Dangerous direction: Heading down the 'money trail'

By Chuck Bentley

In the process of trying to get a handle on their finances, people often ask me, "What role should money play in our lives?" That's really a good question to consider—and it's one that the Bible answers. Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money" (Luke 16:13).

Jesus was describing the tremendous danger of allowing money to become our master instead of Him. When that happens, we allow the entire course of our lives to be controlled by the wrong master, which is akin to despising God.

Many times, the clearest indicator of the direction a person is moving comes from following the "money trail." Just a glance at their use of money can reveal the direction they are headed. While this is true for individuals, it also holds true for businesses and governments.

Yin-Kann Wen has a distinguished career as an economic scholar, including 20 years serving as a senior economist at the World Bank. I recently had the privilege of interviewing him as a guest on our MoneyLife radio program, and I want you to hear and heed his strong words of wisdom.

By following the money trail, Wen can clearly see the "dangerous direction" in which America is headed. He believes our current course began with the rejection of God's financial principles that warn against debt and overconsumption.

This economic scholar and committed Christian ties America's financial crisis to failure to meet the conditions set forth for Israel (or any God-honoring nation) in Deuteronomy 28—conditions that require obeying God.

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

What are the economic rewards for the nation that obeys the Lord?

"You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail" (vs. 12-13).

Notice the economic consequences are inverted to those nations that disobey the Lord's commands:

"The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail" (vs. 43-44).

In view of these conditional promises of God, Wen comments, "Observed from the statistics, the United States up to the 1970s was the world's largest net creditor country." In other words, we were lending to many nations out of our incredible abundance, blessed by God. However, "in 1985, the United States had turned into a net debtor nation, and by 2004 the U.S. became the largest debtor nation in the world."

The dangerous path we are on is a result of our disobedience to the Lord. Even more dangerous is the "solution" for economic recovery—more federal debt borrowed from foreign nations. Wen says that while increased federal debt to stimulate the economy is helpful in the short term, in the long term it is "like quenching thirst with poison."

In addition to his concerns with the excessive debt and overspending by the government, Wen notes how individual Americans are in a similar situation. The average American family has high debt and low savings. Fourteen percent of after-tax income is consumed for debt service alone, and the savings rate is less than five percent of gross annual income.

What should Christians do?

The noted scholar gives this straightforward advice:

1. We should pray to God for the United States and Europe—nations who have historically enjoyed God's economic blessing—that they would return to God and not continue moving away from Him. We should ask the Lord to grant mercy and a spirit of repentance to reject sin and degeneration and to embrace God's Word once more.

2. We should use our influence and exercise our civic responsibilities to elect leaders who will rein in government overspending and the sustained accumulation of debt.

3. As individuals, we should return to the teachings of the Bible. Because we belong to God, our resources also belong to Him—we are stewards, not owners. We must remain faithful and obedient stewards of God. In practice, we should increase savings and work to retire every debt, including home mortgages. Finally, we need to live a contented life, free from the love of money (see Hebrews 13:5). (BP)

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### FIRST PERSON

## Make your tithe last forever

By Laurie Valentine

Tithing is part of our Christian stewardship responsibilities. It is a discipline practiced by many all of their lives, and it is vital to the continued viability of the programs and ministries of our churches.

When you die, will there be someone to "step into your shoes" to provide the funds your tithe has been providing to your church?

To assure your church will have the financial resources it needs until the Lord returns, consider including in your estate plan a provision for the creation, at your death, of an endowment fund for the benefit of your church. Or, establish an endowment fund now to which you can make modest gifts at regular intervals with provision in your estate plan for a final gift to the fund at your death.

An endowment fund is a permanent, perpetual fund that distributes only the earnings to the church; the original gift amount is never distributed. An endowment fund can be established through a bequest in your Will or Trust, or a life insurance or IRA beneficiary designation. The bequest or beneficiary designation can be directly to the church or to a third-party fiduciary.

To assure the funds will be used as an endowment, you must specify that in the bequest or beneficiary designation.

To create an endowment fund large enough to have sufficient earnings to fund your tithe in perpetuity requires a gift at your death (or a combination of gifts during life and at your death) equal to approximately 25 times your current annual tithe. This assumes an annual return of 4 percent.

For example, if the current amount you tithe each year is \$2,000, the endowment would need to have \$50,000 in it (\$2,000 x 25). Assuming the endowment is invested to grow its value over time, the amount it will distribute to your church will also grow over time.

Assure your church will have the financial resources in the future to minister to needs in your community by setting up an endowment fund. The result? Your tithe will last forever.

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## Improving social skills

By Scott Wigginton

**Q: My teenager is a fine Christian young man who is committed to Christ and His Word, but his social skills are very poor. How can I help him in this area?**

**A:** The only "social security" plan that will never need to be rescued or revised is found in the Bible. The Old Testament is replete with reminders that life is all about relationships. The Ten Commandments are clearly focused around our relationship with God (Exodus 20:1-11) and our relationships with others (Exodus 20:12-17).

Throughout Proverbs one finds specific instructions regarding social skills, including how to handle anger. In a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the New Testament reveals the ultimate remedy for "social insecurity." When a person knows Christ and "walks in the Spirit," the Scripture says that they demonstrate "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Let me encourage you to point your son to personal reflection upon Scripture to begin to understand God's principles for relationships. Help him carefully think through how to apply certain micro-skills. For example, how could you model for him what kindness would look like? In what ways might you demonstrate joy or self control? Consider just a few "micro skills" that you might demonstrate and challenge him to work on one per week, praising him when he "gets it right." Here's a list for the next 12 weeks:

- Meeting/greeting skills
- Appropriate eye contact
- Strong handshake
- Appropriate hugs
- Phone etiquette
- Making requests
- Response to criticism
- How to make a complaint and ask for change
- Expressing gratitude
- Appropriate tone
- Speaking clearly without mumbling
- Extending or responding to an invitation

Remember to continue to "catch him doing it right," even after the week for a particular skill comes to an end. Help your son build his social skills even as the Spirit of Christ continues to mold his character.

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## Course correction offers hopeful outlook for the future

By David Jeremiah

While many look to the government, material possessions, drugs or pleasure, they quickly find that these only lead to temporary distractions on a lifelong quest for happiness.

Never have so many people been so unhappy, as they are today. Perhaps the true source of despair and hopelessness among many people today is simply the recognition that life isn't what it ought to be. Some of the things that promised them satisfaction and joy have not delivered on the promise.

One thing I can tell you for certain is you can't live very long without hope. Hope is a main ingredient in life. It is the very core of who you are and your existence as a person.

Psalm 146 is called one of the hallelujah psalms, meaning they "praise the Lord." And the hallelujah psalm in Psalm 146 portrays a wonderful picture of hope. It is an invitation to those who know despair all too well. It presents an opportunity to take another look at the hope that can only be found in God.

Let's work through this psalm together on three key points, all of them leading to the One who can and will provide.

### 1. There is a strong resolution to find hope in God.

In verses two and three the psalmist writes, "Praise the Lord, oh my soul, while I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being." Hope in God is a decision that we make. Sooner or later in our life we come to a fork in the road where we have to make a choice. Either we will put our faith in our own strength or we will make our journey toward God. The psalmist here, with great resolution, says, "I will praise and sing unto my God."

**2. There is a strong resolution to reject placing hope in man.**

The psalmist writes, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing."

It is a very interesting day for us at this particular juncture in history. If you examine the lives of our leaders, you will discover they have glaring flaws. The psalmist challenges us not to put our hope in these mortal men or women, but rather we should put our hope in God who lives forever and reigns throughout all generations.

### 3. There is a strong resolution that

### man's plans will end, but God's truth lasts forever.

The last part of the psalm contains some of the most encouraging truth I have read on this subject of hope. The question is, "What can God do for those who look to Him for help?" The description given for those whom God helps makes room for all of us.

The psalmist writes, "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the right and sustains the fatherless and the widow." God allows hope to spring out of hopelessness for all people.

Life has a way of setting us on the course of hopelessness unless we have God at the center of our lives to hold us steady. I want to challenge you that if you don't have hope in your life, begin to cultivate it by looking to God as your source of strength. When you feel you are sinking into despair, ask yourself the question of the Psalmist in Psalm 42, "Why art thou cast down O my soul? Hope thou in God." (BP)

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**A WARM MEAL** Winnie, a cook at Tabitha Ministries, prepares 40 liters of soup—using ingredients provided through Southern Baptists' World Hunger Fund—for distribution to people affected by HIV/AIDS in Sweetwaters, South Africa. (Photo by Charles Braddix/IMB)

## Southern Baptists' Hunger Fund serves AIDS victims

Continued from page 1

a local Christian organization, to provide food to more than 6,000 individuals affected by the disease.

"BGR has been able to partner with organizations like Tabitha Ministries to provide food parcels that supplement the nutrition levels of child-headed households, those on anti-retroviral treatments and those suffering with full-blown AIDS," Hatfield said. "We are able to supply these nutritional food parcels because of the generous and sacrificial donations of Southern Baptists," he added. "All the food products in the parcels are purchased with funds provided through the World Hunger Fund."

The fund is mainly supported by an annual offering in Southern Baptist churches each October. This year World Hunger Sunday is Oct. 10.

People in southern Africa, one of the regions hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, do not talk about the disease, they talk about hunger, noted James Morris, former director of the United Nations World Food Programme, in a report on the relationship between hunger and AIDS.

Morris said food plays a critical role in providing people with nutrition that can help them "fight off the infection, regain strength and live productively." Malnutrition breaks down an individual's immune system and makes one more prone to disease, including AIDS.

"Ending AIDS is not a battle we will win with medicine alone. We need proper nutrition, education and clean water," Morris stressed.

"One of the things that you see in areas of poverty is that there is no margin in anyone's life to be able to survive a crisis," Hatfield said. "HIV is a huge crisis that is magnified in areas already dealing with poverty, where it turns into this miserable experience that many times leads to a very painful and horrible death."

In Sweetwaters, the World Hunger Fund provides eight tons of food per month to "desperate people, most of whom need the sustenance merely to survive," Hatfield said.

"The food parcels are a supplemental amount of food going into a home," he added. "It is not everything that they need—there is no way we could provide all that right now—but it is a supplement and it is a help."

The parcels contain basic foodstuffs like corn meal, rice, beans, canned fish, salt, sugar and tea. Each household also is given fresh produce grown in greenhouses supplied by BGR. As they distribute food, volunteers with Tabitha Ministries tell members of each household about God's love for them and the full, meaningful life He created for them.

"This is truly a biblical ministry, feeding the widows and orphans and assisting the sick and destitute who are in need," Hatfield said. (BP)

## stepping out on faith

### Church's food pantry brings hope to desperate families

By JoAnn Bradberry  
International Mission Board

Memphis, Tenn.—Less than a decade ago, Sheri Shockey was living the American dream—a nice house in the suburbs, a family and a successful nursing job in Memphis, Tenn.

At that same time, James Erwin and some families at Brinkley Heights Baptist Church were holding a prayer meeting on the other side of town. The small congregation was struggling to keep the lights on in their building. They'd heard the call of God to reach out to their neighbors. The idea of a food pantry ignited their excitement.

The pastor met the idea with some skepticism. The church's closest neighbors were several crack houses, where gang violence and drug-related shootings were not uncommon. "How are we going to do this?" the pastor asked. "We don't have any money."

During a pause in the discussion, one man stood up. "God's got everything," he said. "God's got all the money. He's given us the plans and if He plans it He's going to supply whatever we need. All He wants us to do is be willing."

They didn't have much food to share, but they had faith and love enough for the whole neighborhood. Families began bringing a few cans of food to a closet in the church and inviting their neighbors to come on Monday nights to receive groceries and the good news.

Good news was in short supply for Sheri. Her husband, Ron, lost his successful roofing business. Sheri herself was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and found herself without health insurance.

In the following months, their house was foreclosed on and their son was sent to live with relatives. Ron found a job working as a main-



**PACKED WITH LOVE** Carol Densford, a volunteer at Brinkley Heights Baptist Church's food pantry in Memphis, Tenn., packs a bag with a supply of food for a neighborhood family. The food pantry is supported by the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund as well as individual donations. (Photo by JoAnn Bradberry/IMB)

tenance man in exchange for lodging—a small room at a cheap motel—while Sheri underwent treatment for cancer. She later quit treatment and doctors gave her only 18 months to live.

"I had gotten really, really thin and I just figured I was going to die any day," she recalled. "My husband had been taking care of everything. When he was diagnosed with diabetes, I just lost my will to live."

Stories similar to the Shockeys are being played out across North America. Last month, the U.S. Census Bureau announced a 14.3 percent poverty rate for 2009. The number of people living below the poverty rate is at its highest level since 1959, according to various news sources.

Weary and hopeless, Sheri showed up at Brinkley Heights. "It was like coming home," she said. "I discovered a whole new family."

A family that, as Sheri described it, has taught her what it means to be a Christian. "The faith that these

people have is remarkable," she said. "I didn't know that as a child. I didn't understand the faith that is necessary. And being here in Brinkley has brought me closer to God."

The food pantry and clothes closet at Brinkley Heights have evolved into a full-scale nonprofit organization. It meets the needs of more than 1,500 neighbors each year with assistance from the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund and the generosity of church members.

In 2009, the World Hunger Fund provided 4.6 million meals in North America through churches and hunger relief ministries, through which more than 36,000 professions of faith were reported.

This year, \$1.2 million is needed for requests already expressed for 2011, and only \$500,000 is on hand for the rest of 2010. World Hunger Sunday is Oct. 10, when churches often take up a special offering—100 percent of which goes to providing food for the underserved. (BP)

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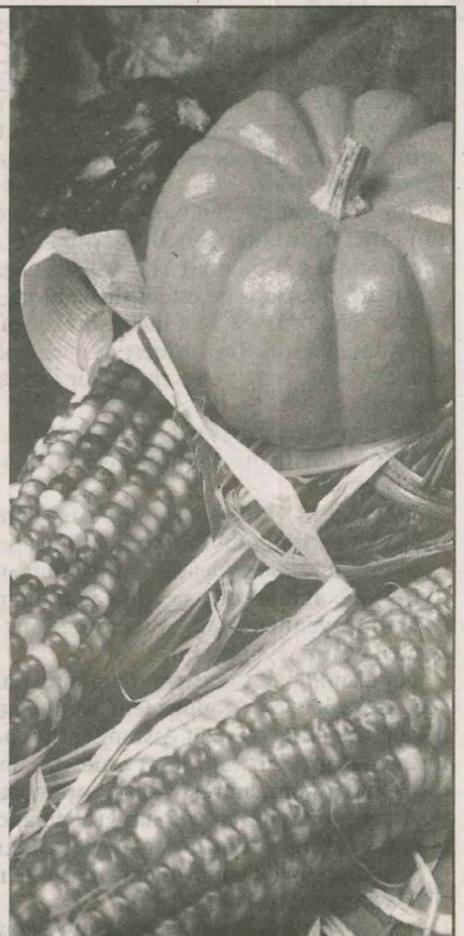
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## Florida, Nevada messengers to weigh CP allocation bumps

Leesburg, Fla.—Messengers from a pair of state Baptist conventions will vote on changing their Cooperative Program allocations when their annual meetings convene.

A 30-member task force with the Florida Baptist Convention released a report Sept. 23-24 that recommends a 50/50 allocation split between state and Southern Baptist Convention missions causes in the next four years.

A final draft of the recommendations—which includes four proposals in all—by the Imagine If Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report will be voted on by messengers at the Florida Baptist State Convention's Nov. 8-9 annual meeting in Brandon.

The Florida task force cited "the vast lostness of the state" and "economic and budgetary realities" as requiring "difficult decisions" on the group's part.

"Good programs must give way to programs that are essential for effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling the Great Commission," the task force stated.

Nevada Southern Baptists, meanwhile, will vote this month on a proposal to increase their Cooperative Program giving by two-thirds over the next five years and merge the state convention and four associations into one entity.

The chairman of the task force bringing the recommendations said it is an "out of the box" response to "stark choices" facing

the state's 179 churches and mission congregations.

The Nevada Baptist Convention's executive board voted unanimously Sept. 21 to send the plan to messengers at the Oct. 18-19 annual meeting in Reno, said Hoyt Savage, pastor of Foothills Baptist Church in Las Vegas and chairman of the 14-member task force.

The report calls for the division of Cooperative Program missions receipts to move to a 70/30 split in 2011, from the current 70.5/29.5 formula. The allocation then would increase the percentage to national and international causes by 5 percent a year until a 50/50 division is reached in 2015.

As Florida and Nevada weigh an increase in CP giving to the SBC, the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists has reduced its percentage of CP receipts forwarded to the SBC from 32 percent to 22 percent, according to the Baptist Digest, the convention's newspaper.

Two factors prompted the decision, said convention President Ron Pracht: the impact of the economic recession on churches and the diversion of cooperative missions funds into direct missions causes.

The action is retroactive to the first of the year and will remain in place through at least the end of the year. The reduction was approved by 40 members of the convention's mission board. (BP)

## FRANK PAGE STEPS IN AT EXEC. COMM. New president says Cooperative Program still important

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Tennessee Baptist & Reflector

Newport, Tenn.—In 2006, the election of Frank Page as president of the Southern Baptist Convention sent a signal that the Cooperative Program is still important to Southern Baptists.

Page, who by his own admission thought he never stood a chance of being elected, defeated two more widely known Southern Baptist leaders who were pastors of churches that gave a relatively low percentage of undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist national and international missions and ministries. On the other hand, First Baptist Church of Taylors, S.C., where Page served at the time, gave 12.4 percent through the CP giving channel the year prior to his election.

Fast forward four years to this year's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Southern Baptists elected a pastor (Bryant Wright of Georgia) who had led his church to cut back its gifts through the Cooperative Program.

It would appear Southern Baptists now have sent a message that CP is not as important as it once was. But Page, the new president of the SBC Executive Committee, doesn't believe that's the case.

He said his election as SBC president "told me that the Cooperative Program does matter and that many people think it is 'the glue that holds us together.'"

Page observed that the Cooperative Program, in the last four years, has "received more scrutiny than at any given point in time. I believe that is positive."

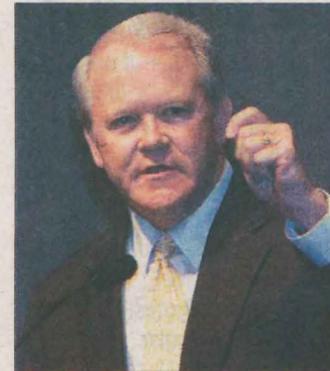
Page, who assumed his new role Oct. 1, cited another action taken at the meeting in Orlando to support his belief that CP remains important to Southern Baptists.

Page was a member of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force that brought a report to the convention. He acknowledged that he struggled with the initial report and was viewed by

some on the task force as being negative.

"Between that initial report and the final report, the task force listened to Southern Baptists and to some on the committee. That made it a far more palatable document for Southern Baptists," he said.

Page noted the Cooperative Program "came out as greatly affirmed as the method" of funding Southern Baptist missions and ministry efforts.



**TURNING THE PAGE** Frank Page, new president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, addresses committee members at a recent meeting. (Photo by Morris Abernathy)

Because of the changes that were made, "I could stand with the committee at the end," he said.

When the GCR Task Force first presented its report, Page was serving as the North American Mission Board's vice president of evangelization, a position he expected to hold for some time.

Prior to the start of the SBC annual meeting, however, Page was elected to lead the SBC Executive Committee, succeeding Morris Chapman who retired Sept. 30.

Although the EC vote was not unanimous, Page said he is confident the Executive Committee will work with him in the years to come.

Working together will be imperative as the Executive Committee faces its own challenges as a result of the GCR Task Force report adopted by SBC messengers in June.

One result of the report will be the reduction of 1 percent of the Executive Committee's Cooperative Program allocation in order for the International Mission Board to receive 51 percent of all CP receipts.

The 1 point reduction represents about \$2 million, or roughly one-third of the Executive Committee's budget.

Page acknowledged that the budget reduction will be "extremely tough" for the committee.

But what is needed more than anything for a Great Commission resurgence, Page said, is a "Cooperative Program resurgence."

"The truth is that the pie has to get bigger," Page said. In order for that to happen, he said the Executive Committee will work in conjunction with Baptist state conventions to promote CP. (BP)



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## BGCT board opts not to alter messenger-challenge process

Dallas—Procedural and constitutional concerns prompted the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board to reject a study committee's proposal to change how the BGCT handles messenger-seating challenges at its annual meeting.

At the 2009 BGCT meeting, Kyle Henderson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens, Texas, recommended a process to deal with messenger-seating challenges in advance of convention meetings.

His proposal would have amended the BGCT bylaws to require any messenger challenging the seating of another messenger to contact that messenger's church at least 18 days before the annual meeting. He also proposed that a statement of intent to challenge the seating be presented to the BGCT credentials committee at least one week prior to the meeting.

Henderson's proposal was referred to the BGCT Executive Board, and the board created an ad hoc study committee.

That committee felt the proposal would be inappropriate, said chairman Bob Fowler, because it also mandated a church respond to allegations made by any messenger. However, he noted, the committee saw merit in providing some advance notice of a messenger-seating challenge.

The proposal grew out of concerns related to an anticipated challenge at the 2009 BGCT meeting involving messengers from Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. The Southern Baptist Convention had cut ties with the church earlier in the year on the basis of its perceived acceptance of homosexual members.

The anticipated challenge was defused last year when Broadway Baptist decided at the last minute not to send messengers to the BGCT annual meeting. The congregation recently voted to sever its historic relationship with the convention. (ABP)

## Pop Quiz: Poll finds nonbelievers know most about religious beliefs

By Adelle Banks

Washington—Who can best answer questions about religion in America?

Based on a new survey released last week by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, it's your atheist or agnostic neighbor, followed by the Jew or Mormon down the street.

A significant percentage—four in 10—of Roman Catholics did know that their church teaches that the bread and wine used at Communion become the body and blood of Jesus during Mass.

The survey also found that graduates of private schools did better than students in public schools, but religious school graduates didn't fare any better in their ability to answer questions about the Bible, world religions or the role of religion in public life.

"Our survey certainly shows that there are lots of things that Americans do know about religion—most Americans have a certain familiarity with the Bible for instance," said Greg Smith, a senior researcher at the Pew Forum. "But, at the same time, there are important things that people don't know as well."

Overall, agnostics and atheists, Jews and Mormons scored the best on a quiz of 32 questions—from citing the first book of the Bible (Genesis) to naming a preacher from the First Great Awakening (Jonathan Edwards).

David Silverman, president of the group American Atheists, said he wasn't surprised that atheists answered more questions correctly than others, and hopes the findings will help people realize that atheists understand the religious beliefs they reject. "It certainly underscores the fact that atheists are not atheists due to ignorance," he said.

In fact, Smith said, eight in 10 of the atheists and agnostics polled were raised in a faith, including three-quarters who were raised as Christians.

Mormons' high levels of religious knowledge can be credited to four years of early-morning classes in the Bible, the Book of Mormon and Mormon church history during high school, said Terry Givens, a professor of literature and religion at the University of Richmond.

Jews, also, have a strong emphasis on education, he noted.

Most Americans are somewhat familiar with the Bible, Smith said, but responses to non-biblical questions reveal a lack of knowledge on certain beliefs. For example, just 16 percent correctly said that Protestants—not Catholics—have taught that salvation comes through faith alone.

Stephen Prothero, author of "Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know—And Doesn't," said the findings reflect Americans' tenuous grasp on the world's religions, preventing them from having significant interfaith conversations.

"Yes, there is a kind of 'Jeopardy' quality to this," said Prothero, a religion professor at Boston University who consulted on the survey. "But I think these kinds of simple questions indicate the deficit that we have as a country in understanding the religions of the world and our own religions."

Although the average respondent answered just half of the answers correctly, researchers opted not to give anyone an "F" or an "A."

"It's not as if the American public has taken a semester-long religion course and are now being tested on topics with which they should be familiar," Smith said. "That's why we don't assign grades." (RNS)

### How'd They Do?

The average number of questions answered correctly by different groups (out of 32 total):

Atheist/agnostic: 20.9  
Jewish: 20.5  
Mormon: 20.3  
White evangelical Protestant: 17.6  
White Catholic: 16.0  
White mainline Protestant: 15.8  
"Nothing in particular": 15.2  
Black Protestant: 13.4  
Hispanic Catholic: 11.6

## Everybody needs a break

### Periodic breaks allow time away from school for both students and faculty

I suspect many of Oneida's friends think that caring for our boys and girls is similar to having students in college. While there certainly are some similarities, there also are many differences. For example, many freshman boys and girls who go off to college for the first time likely have no idea how homesick they may become. I suspect a college freshman does a much better job of dealing with those emotions than an 11-year-old sixth grader who comes to OBI.

Most of our friends have no idea how challenging it can be to care for our youngest students. And it isn't only the middle school students; our high school students often struggle with many of the same emotions. While some of the adjustment issues we experience each year are similar to those of previous years, every school year is made up of different emotions and reactions to homesickness.

Oneida is blessed to have a dedicated faculty and staff who spend a lot of personal unpaid time working with our boys and girls. For a staff family that has children still living at home, those additional hours spent with our students understandably can put a bit of a strain on them.

While most of our staff children understand why their parents are willing to spend the extra time with our students, the kids know that when the various scheduled school breaks take place, the family will get to spend some much-needed time together.

I can tell you from firsthand experience that back in the '80s and early '90s, our two youngest children had to understand and respect the fact

that their Mom and Dad had to share our time—often an unfair amount of time—meeting the needs of our dormitory students. But when the breaks came, we looked forward to spending a week camping. No phones, no interruptions—just sleeping, hiking and cooking. Boy, did we ever enjoy camp cooking!

On Sept. 24, our students went home for fall break. Ask any of our students and they will tell you those breaks are scheduled so they can spend some time at home.

While that is true, it also is a fact that our faculty and staff need a rest. Our staff look forward to the breaks just as much as our students. While the staff's dedication cannot be questioned, the 10- and 12-hour days take a toll on their energy and emotions. Many of my staff have weekend responsibilities, too.

So, why do we have the scheduled breaks? Well, it's fine with me that our students think it's something we do just for them, but from experience we know just about how long our staff can go before they need a break. The fall break is the first of three scheduled breaks each academic year.

Some of our staff will spend part or all of the break right here at Oneida. They may take a day trip or two and maybe spend two or three days doing something special as a family. But like our students, most of our staff will spend the break camping, visiting loved ones, traveling or doing some other special activity. Most of our staff will return in six or seven days to get a day or two of rest—you do know how vacations go, don't you?—before our students return.

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### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## 'God has done some amazing things'

### Roberts thankful for what God has brought her through

One of our new students, Thecla Roberts from Mountain City, Tenn., said she is constantly amazed at how God's grace literally has transformed her life in recent years.

"I was saved at age 40," Roberts recalled. "I lived in North Carolina at the time. I moved to Mountain City, Tenn., five years ago."

"Shortly after I moved to Tennessee, I attended a women's retreat. It was there at the retreat where God spoke to me very clearly and told me that I needed to change some things in my life."

"I was not serving the Lord like I should have been serving Him. I made the commitment at that time to make some changes in my life."

"God has really done some amazing things in my life since that time," Roberts said. "To think of where God has brought me from to where I am now is simply attributed to His amazing grace in my life."

"After I made that commitment at the women's retreat, there were some devastating things that took place in my life. I was even homeless at one point."

"But as I look back, I see how

God used that time to prepare me for my time at Clear Creek and for His calling on my life," Roberts continued. "I know that God has called me to counsel and minister to other women who are going through some of the same struggles I went through. I know

God can use my experiences to help others who are hurting."

"I am thankful for a place like Clear Creek that God uses to equip those He calls to ministry," Roberts said. "My pastor graduated from Clear Creek. I came for a visit to see if this was where God wanted me to get some training for His calling on my life."

"During my visit, I found this college to be a very welcoming place, even to a student who is older than the traditional college student. When I came back as a student, I found that it was still the same. I am thankful for the opportunity to receive training so I can minister to other women in the future."

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Barry Allen

## PBS series 'God in America' explores intersection of religion and politics

By Sara Shereen Bakhshian

Arlington, Va.—PBS' American Experience and Frontline explore the role of religion in American life across more than 400 years in the six-hour series "God in America," which will air over three consecutive nights starting Oct. 11.

The journey interweaves historical dramatizations, interviews with scholars and documentary footage, covering themes such as the complexities of religious liberty, competition in America's religious marketplace and religion as a source of social reform.

Series Producer Marilyn Mellowes talked about developing the series, its timely relevance and what she hopes audiences will take away. (Some answers have been edited for length and clarity.)

### How did you get involved with the series?

Around 2004, I became worried about the ways religion and politics were intersecting in this country. I felt that the nature of that engagement had changed and it had become somewhat toxic in ways that I felt endangered our political process, (and) our belief in conducting intelligent national discourse.

So I started to think of ways public television could help address that. It wasn't one-blinding moment of the road; it evolved slowly and over time.

One thing I hope this series does is show that religion and politics—and political life more broadly—have always been engaged.

### How do you fit 400 years of American religious history into a six-hour documentary series?

It's very daunting. I did have my moments when I thought, "How am I ever going to figure this out?" But I'm lucky. I'm sort of naturally a curious person and so I started reading and I started scribbling and talking to people. And as I read and listened to scholars, there were a number of themes that really started to come to the core. And they did ultimately become the scenes that have structured the series—the intellectual architect as it were.

### Why is it important to have the series air now?

The issues around religion and politics will ebb and flow but they're never going to go away. We had an idea that we thought was important and had an evergreen quality to it, as we sometimes say in this business. It's always been with us, and it always will be with us.

### What do you believe is the ultimate takeaway from this series?

I hope there's an understanding that religion has shaped our history. I want people to be more informed. I would love to see a whole array of conversation happening across the country about the intersection of politics and religion.

We also hope to give a historical perspective and framework, so that when we're reading or hearing about the controversy over the Islamic center in New York City, we understand that questions of religious freedom and liberty have a very long history. (RNS)

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## The Mayberry Gospel

### Bible study asks the question: 'What Would Andy Do?'

By Kay Campbell  
Huntsville (Ala.) Times

Huntsville, Ala.—Say a group of immigrants wants to build a mosque in Mayberry, right next to All Saints Church.

WWAD: What Would Andy Do?

The question, of course, never surfaced in the beloved "Andy Griffith Show" that chronicled life in the bucolic town of Mayberry, untouched by the battles of civil rights and war that festered in the 1960s.

Tucked somewhere into the cool green hills of North Carolina, Sheriff Andy Taylor mediated minor feuds in the largely homogeneous hamlet, guided his son, reined in the excitable Deputy Barney Fife, and set an example for common sense leadership that still inspires today.

Joey Fann, a software engineer from Huntsville, Ala., who has written "The Way Back to Mayberry," a popular study guide for small groups in churches, wonders what the calm lawman of Mayberry would make of America's current collective agitation.

"What impressed me first about the series is the friendships between the characters and the compassion Andy has for everyone," Fann said. "There are a lot of values in that, even 50 years later."

Fann's book has been reissued in time for the show's 50th anniversary. Fans gathered in Mount Airy, N.C., Andy Griffith's real-life hometown, for the annual Mayberry Days Sept. 23-26 where Fann signed copies of his book.



**LIFE LESSONS** Deputy Sheriff Barney Fife (Don Knotts) joins Opie Taylor (Ron Howard) and his dad, Sheriff Andy Taylor (Andy Griffith), in an iconic scene from the 1960s "Andy Griffith Show." The friendship and compassion among characters of the beloved sitcom offer enduring lessons for Christians, according to a newly reissued book by author Joey Fann. (Photo courtesy of the Huntsville (Ala.) Times)

Fann, at 44, is too young to have seen the show until it went into reruns. The show lived on long past its run from 1960 to 1968, and Fann thinks the gentle unfolding of those basic values—which he said he also finds in his Christian faith—are why.

"Andy Griffith insisted that each show have a moral," Fann said. "And religion is portrayed the way it fits into the life of people of faith: Just as part of everyday affairs and conversation. It's a secular show, but you know these are church-going, God-fearing people."

Fann began to analyze Barney's antics and Andy's tender shepherding of Mayberry while he was a student at David Lipscomb University in Nash-

ville, Tenn. It's also when he fell in love with Mayberry.

Those conversations grew into a mid-week small-group class he taught and still leads from time to time at a Huntsville church.

The class received national attention and spawned a website, Barney Fife.com, where Fann and others share ideas and conversations about the show.

In 1999, an editor from B&H Publishing in Nashville contacted Fann to see if he'd consider writing a book—and he said he felt as dumbfounded as Gomer would have before a date. "I'm a software engineer, not a writer," Fann told the editor.

But he picked out 30 of the episodes that had stuck with him and wrote essays on each, much as he would start a discussion for one of his group meetings at church. Each short essay begins with a Bible verse that he sees illustrated by the episode.

The show is reaching a new generation in his home. Fann's 4-year-old daughter, Josey, loves to watch the episodes with her father. Fann encourages other families to discover—or rediscover—the show to learn from the time-tested example of a town where everything was, in a loving kind of way, black and white.

"Any time you are talking about 'The Andy Griffith Show,' you are going to have a good time," Fann said. "Being a friend, being compassionate to people not like you, taking responsibility, being a good dad—I think we all need a little Mayberry in our hearts." (RNS)

## Disgraced coach shares story of his redemption

Abilene, Texas—"I cheated," Dave Bliss told students at Hardin-Simmons University Sept. 28.

"I allowed the competitive world of college athletics to compromise my moral compass," said Bliss, former Baylor University men's basketball coach who was fired in 2002 because of NCAA violations from what he called his "dream job."

"But my story is one of encouragement," he said. "It gives reason to believe."

In a chapel service at the Baptist university in Abilene, Texas, Bliss said, "I am the headlights flashing on the country road, warning you of something ahead."

A student of legendary coach Bobby Knight, Bliss recalled that his violations were exposed after one of his basketball players was murdered.

"I cheated on something I didn't need to cheat on," Bliss said. "I was afraid of not having enough basketball players, so I paid for two of my players to continue going to school after their scholarship money ran out."

Bliss said his "darkest moment (was) broadcast on ESPN. I embarrassed my family and the people whom I loved around me." At the time, "I didn't think I would smile again."

It was then that Bliss said he asked God, "Can I have a do-over?" and realized he had to put Jesus on a pedestal.

"I learned the difference between being saved and surrendering," he said. "God can repair anything if you give Him all the pieces."

Bliss acknowledged it was hard to forgive himself but said he is comforted that he always can accept God's forgiveness.

The former coach closed by telling Hardin-Simmons student that "Jesus Christ is our safety net. Every day we have opportunities to increase Christ in us." (BP)

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **EAST BERNSTADT**—First Church recently called **Norm Brock** as pastor. He previously was pastor of South Fork Church in Hodgenville.

■ **FULTON**—First Church recently honored member **Corelle Wade** on her 100th birthday.

■ **HENDERSON**—**Mike Irby** recently resigned as minister of youth at Zion Church to work with church plants in the Cayman Islands.

■ **LEBANON**—Woodlawn Church recently called **Michael Hockensmith** as youth minister. **Greg Haynes** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Hunsinger Lane Church ordained **Tom Colwell, Josh Frankel, Jerome Horn, Gary Milby** and **Kip Selby** as deacons Sept. 26. **Charlie Davis** is pastor.

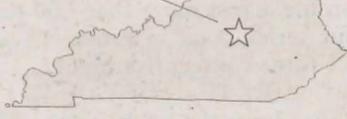
■ **MAYSVILLE**—Calvary Church recently called **Gary Ralls** as pastor.

■ **SALYERSVILLE**—First Church will hold revival services Oct. 10-14, 7 p.m., with **Richard Gaines**, pastor of Consolidated Church in Lexington, as evangelist. **Matthew Gullion** is pastor.

■ **SEBREE**—First Church recently ordained **David Eblen** and **Ozzie O'Nan**

### Spotlight on ...

#### Lexington



Boone's Creek Church will celebrate its 225th anniversary with homecoming services Oct. 10. **Roddie Taylor**, pastor of Mount Beulah Evangelical Church in Point Fortin, Trinidad, with which Boone's Creek has a ministry partnership, will serve as guest speaker. The reunion choir will provide special music. **Matthew Perry** is pastor.

as deacons. **Bob Hardison** is pastor.

■ **VERSAILLES**—**Douglas Simpson** recently resigned as pastor of Pinckard Church. He served the church for 24 years.

■ **WINGO**—Wingo Church recently called **Chris Clark** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Springhills Church in Clinton.

## Astronaut shares importance of faith with CU community

By Joan McKinney  
Campbellsville University

**Campbellsville**—When the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded in 2003, NASA astronaut Leland Melvin rushed to the home of his friend David Brown, who was killed in the disaster.

He talked with Brown's wheelchair-bound father who told Melvin he had to carry on his son's legacy of flying in space. Melvin has done so, but not without obstacles and God's help in making it happen.

"When you see your astronaut friends perish, it changes you. It makes you resolve to do things differently and to make a difference in the world," Melvin said in an interview at Campbellsville University last week.

"My flying in space was my mission—to be a testimony to the world and an assignment from the Divine," he said.

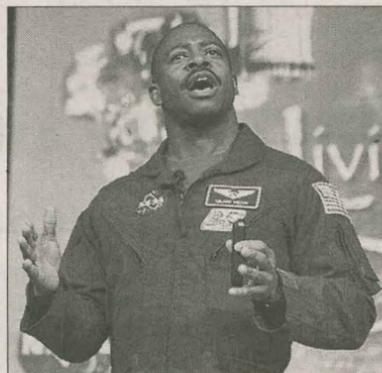
Melvin spent an entire day speaking with faculty, staff, students and donors at Campbellsville.

Melvin said everyone needs a personal relationship with Christ, and that an individual "can be a person of faith and science."

Melvin is a graduate of the University of Richmond in Virginia where he played football. He was drafted into the National Football League but injuries forced him out of the pros. He said he didn't know what he wanted to do in life, but a friend suggested he apply to be an astronaut. He did and was accepted into the program.

During his training, Melvin was in a 5-million-gallon pool of water. A Styrofoam pad that is used to clear a person's ears was left out of his suit, causing his right ear to bleed and only hear static in his left ear.

Earlier that week, Melvin had attended an event honoring his parents and a woman told him some-



Leland Melvin

thing was going to happen to him that no one could explain. Three days later he was deaf—a condition that remained for more than two months.

While he was recuperating from surgery to restore his hearing, Melvin had time to minister to others and to "be still and be quiet" with God and himself.

Melvin recalled another astronaut friend who had an accident and was burned across more than 90 percent of her body. Before she died, her husband asked Melvin to pray with them.

"Sometimes you don't understand what God has for you and what you need to do in life," Melvin said, "but God allows opportunities for us if we listen."

Melvin also described a time during one of his two space flights when the shuttle docked with the international space station, and they "broke bread going 17,500 miles per hour." He said there were astronauts from France, Germany and Russia on the flight, and they shared a meal together.

"If more people broke bread together, we could change civilization," he suggested. "We could change the 'isms' in life—such as racism, terrorism, etc."

## KBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

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.

### November

5-6 ENGAGE International Student Conference, Cave City Convention Center.

6 Creative Ministries 101 Workshop, Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

12-14 All-State Junior High Choir, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

13 GA Jam, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.

15 KBC Mission Board Meeting, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

15 Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Versailles Baptist Church.

15 Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

15 Youth Ministers' Fall Meeting, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

16 KBC Annual Meeting, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

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**The Pet Show**  
By Todd and Michelle Deaton

Only five dogfish were left in the Sand Dollar Cove Pet Show's obstacle race. Three of the dogfish belonged to the Cove Kids. Sunny Starfish had brought her orange-and-brown Collie dogfish, Coral. Lenny Lobster had entered his favorite brown Beagle, Hoops, which had three white rings on its tailfin. But Seamore was very proud of his black-and-white spotted Dalmatian dogfish, Prince.

"Prince will take home the trophy," Seamore told the other Cove Kids. "He is the fastest swimmer in the whole bunch."

The other Cove Kids thought their dogfish were just as quick and smart, but they didn't like to brag.

"You might as well take your dogfish home. There's no way they will beat Prince," Seamore gushed.

"Get your dogfish ready for the obstacle course race," Mayor Mahi Mahi, who was a judge for the pet show, announced.

Coral went first. Sunny watched nervously as Coral jumped through the three lifesaving rings and dashed through the two wooden barrels. Then she made her way through a maze of kelp that was wrapped around an old sea captain's steering wheel and rang the ship's golden bell at the finish line.

Mayor Mahi Mahi shouted, "Two minutes and three seconds! That's very good!"

Sunny beamed proudly, hugged Coral, and gave her a treat.

"Prince can beat that time," Seamore boasted.

"Maybe," Sunny replied, a little annoyed.

Lenny's beagle dogfish was next. "Go, boy, go!" Lenny exclaimed as Hoops jumped through the rings. Hoops did great until he got tangled up in the kelp maze.

"Come on, Hoops. You can do it!" Lenny cheered. When Hoops rang the bell, Mayor Mahi Mahi yelled, "Two minutes, 45 seconds."

"That's OK, Hoops," Lenny said as he gave his dogfish a big treat. "Tough luck, Lenny," Seamore said. "Now watch how a real dogfish handles this course."

Lenny rolled his eyes. "Sure, Seamore," he said.

"Show 'em what you can do, champ," Seamore urged Prince.

Prince darted toward the rings, but just before he reached the first one, he sat down and started scratching. He wouldn't budge.

"Let's go, Prince!" Seamore panicked. "I don't understand. He's practiced this course 100 times," Seamore said.

"Maybe he's bored with it," Lenny laughed.

Seamore slumped into the sand, watching the second hand on the clock ticking. Disappointed and embarrassed, he looked as though he would cry.

"I have to do something," Sunny thought.

"Here, boy!" Sunny called, picking up a dogfish treat and throwing it toward the last ring. Prince leaped through the rings to get the treat. She threw another treat toward the last barrel, and Prince darted through. Then, she placed one at the finish line.

"Four minutes and 16 seconds," Mayor Mahi Mahi announced when Prince finally crossed the finish line.

Without looking up, Seamore said softly, "Thanks, Sunny, for helping Prince — especially after the way I acted."

"That's OK," Sunny replied.

"Prince is a good dogfish. He's just having a bad day."

Lenny put his claw on Seamore's shoulder. "Let's go get some coconut milkshakes."



What was Seamore Seahorse bragging about?  
What happened when it was Prince's turn to race?  
How did Sunny and Lenny show undeserved kindness to Seamore?  
Read 1 Peter 3:8-9 together.

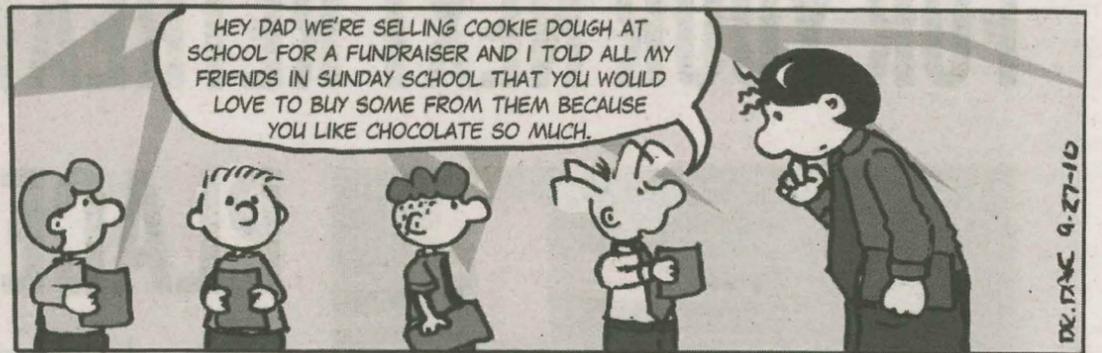
## For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



## Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



## Bible Crosswords

### Across

- 1 Division of opposing parties
- 5 "\_\_\_ thy way unto the Lord" (Psalms 37:5)
- 8 Exclamation
- 9 Small amount
- 10 "\_\_\_ my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:2)
- 11 "Jesus saith unto them, Come and \_\_\_" (John 21:12)
- 12 Nativity set
- 15 Indianapolis's state, abbr.
- 16 Where Goliath was from (2 Samuel 21:22)
- 17 Social equal
- 19 Overdose, abbr.
- 20 New Testament book that follows Galatians, abbr.
- 21 Isaiah's father (Isaiah 1:1)
- 23 Exclamation of satisfaction
- 25 Sound used to attract attention
- 27 Rachel's handmaid given to Jacob to bear a son (Genesis 30:3)
- 29 "\_\_\_ is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6)
- 30 "\_\_\_ ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19)
- 31 Lower limb
- 33 Legendary bird of prey
- 36 Line, abbr.
- 37 Time past
- 38 Office of Technology Assessment
- 39 Cow's noise
- 40 Dover's state, abbr.

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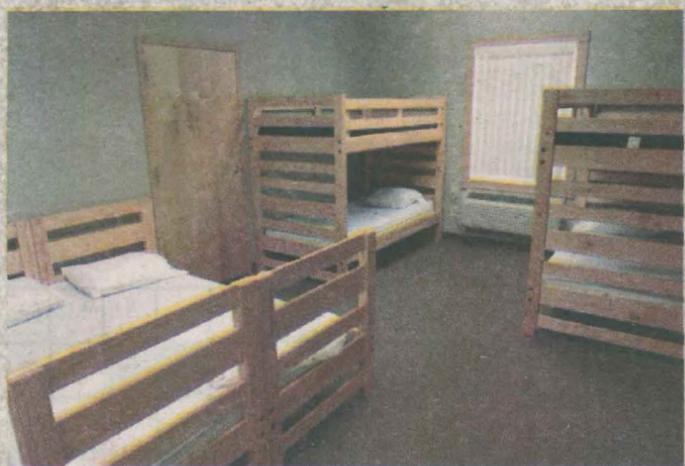
- 41 "Thy word have I \_\_\_ in mine heart" (Psalms 119:11)
- 43 "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh \_\_\_" (Revelation 21:27)
- 47 "Why beholdest thou the \_\_\_ that is in thy brother's eye?" (Luke 6:41)
- 49 Where Job lived (Job 1:1)
- 50 High ranking Turkish official
- 51 "He planteth an \_\_\_, and the rain doth nourish it" (Isaiah 44:14)
- 52 Man who died after he had deceived the apostles (Acts 5:1-5)
- 7 To stick, adhere
- 13 Hebrew unit of measure (Exodus 16:36)
- 14 More, suffix
- 16 Leave
- 18 Steal
- 21 Solomon planted these trees in terraces up to the temple (2 Chronicles 9:11)
- 22 City of David (2 Chronicles 5:2)
- 24 Circle of light
- 26 Herod's wife and sister-in-law (Luke 3:19)
- 28 Not him
- 32 Elisha's servant (2 Kings 4:12)
- 34 Begins with Genesis and ends with Malachi, abbr.
- 35 Pertaining to the body
- 36 Unwilling
- 37 Arab country
- 40 "My meat is to \_\_\_ the will of him that sent me" (John 4:34)
- 42 Pronoun for a thing
- 44 "\_\_\_ still, and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10)
- 45 Joshua's father (Joshua 1:1)
- 46 King of Bashan (1 Kings 4:19)
- 47 Mother
- 48 Old style, abbr.

## Last week's solution

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