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# Reviving the Traveling Revival

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

**Berea**—After seeing one church baptize two converts, several people rededicate their lives to Christ, and a 17 year old announce a call to ministry, Tony Shelton said he believes a recent “traveling revival” is bearing fruit.

The pastor of Valley Baptist Church east of Berea noted that one pastor whose church participated told him the results would stretch well into the future.

“I’ve seen more people stand up who are willing to serve,” Shelton said of the impact at Valley Baptist. “There’s a humbleness and a servant mentality.”

“Some of the people who were on the edge of the core group—I’ve seen more of them come into the inner circle. Some people who were Sunday morning only (participants) are stepping up.”

These churches in central Kentucky aren’t alone. Other Baptists who have participated in revivals lately believe God is stirring spiritual awakening across the commonwealth.

“I’m hoping it is warming up and that we are moving in that direction,” said Max Cooper, pastor of Columbus Baptist Church, one of eight churches that sponsored a tent revival in Columbus Sept. 27-Oct. 2. “I think maybe the condition of our country and our world has put a lit-

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## Churches say Upward Sports one of their ‘best things’

By Ken Walker & Dannah Prather  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

**Kevil**—Every Saturday in the winter, Spring Bayou Baptist Church in Kevil turns its small gym into a first-class venue for Upward Basketball.

The church dims the lights as players and cheerleaders run through a tunnel to the strains of pulsating music, clouds from a fog machine and Pastor Terry Tipton’s NBA-style introductions.

“We’ve had kids too sick to play who have called and asked if they could still be announced to the crowd,” Tipton said. “This is one of the best things we’ve ever done.”

About 250 miles away, David Garrard, minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, shared a similar story of ministry success.

“God gave us a chance to get out in our community,” he said. After 13 years providing the Christ-centered sports league, “people just beat down your door” to participate.

Founded in 1995 by a Southern Baptist recreation pastor, Caz McCaslin, Upward Sports has 3,200 church partners in 46 states offering basketball, flag football, soccer and cheerleading. Upward teaches

boys and girls skills and good sportsmanship, but the most important aspect of the program is that it introduces them to Jesus.

Upward is so intentional about sharing the gospel, there is no way people can come through the league without hearing about Christ, Garrard said.

An average of 22 people, mostly children, accept Christ as Savior at each Upward Sports venue annually. That’s approximately 77,000 new Christians each year.

Some of the 204 Kentucky Baptist churches using Upward as a

way to minister to their communities will be represented Nov. 16 at the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. Children, coaches and parents are invited to



Upward Family Fun Night prior to the evening session when they will join messengers and guests in welcoming McCaslin as the speaker (see re-

lated story on page 3).

“It’s not about what I’ve done, but what God has done,” McCaslin said. “He planned it a long time ago.”

Spring Bayou Baptist leaders said God has been implementing big plans at their church through the Upward program.

Preparing for its sixth season in January, Upward has been such a hit that the McCracken County congre-

gation has embarked on a \$400,000 building program to construct a regulation-size gym and two classrooms.

From an initial league of 76 players, Spring Bayou welcomed 135 players and cheerleaders last winter. In the current facility, game days can last up to 10 hours, Tipton said. A new gym would permit two games to run simultaneously.

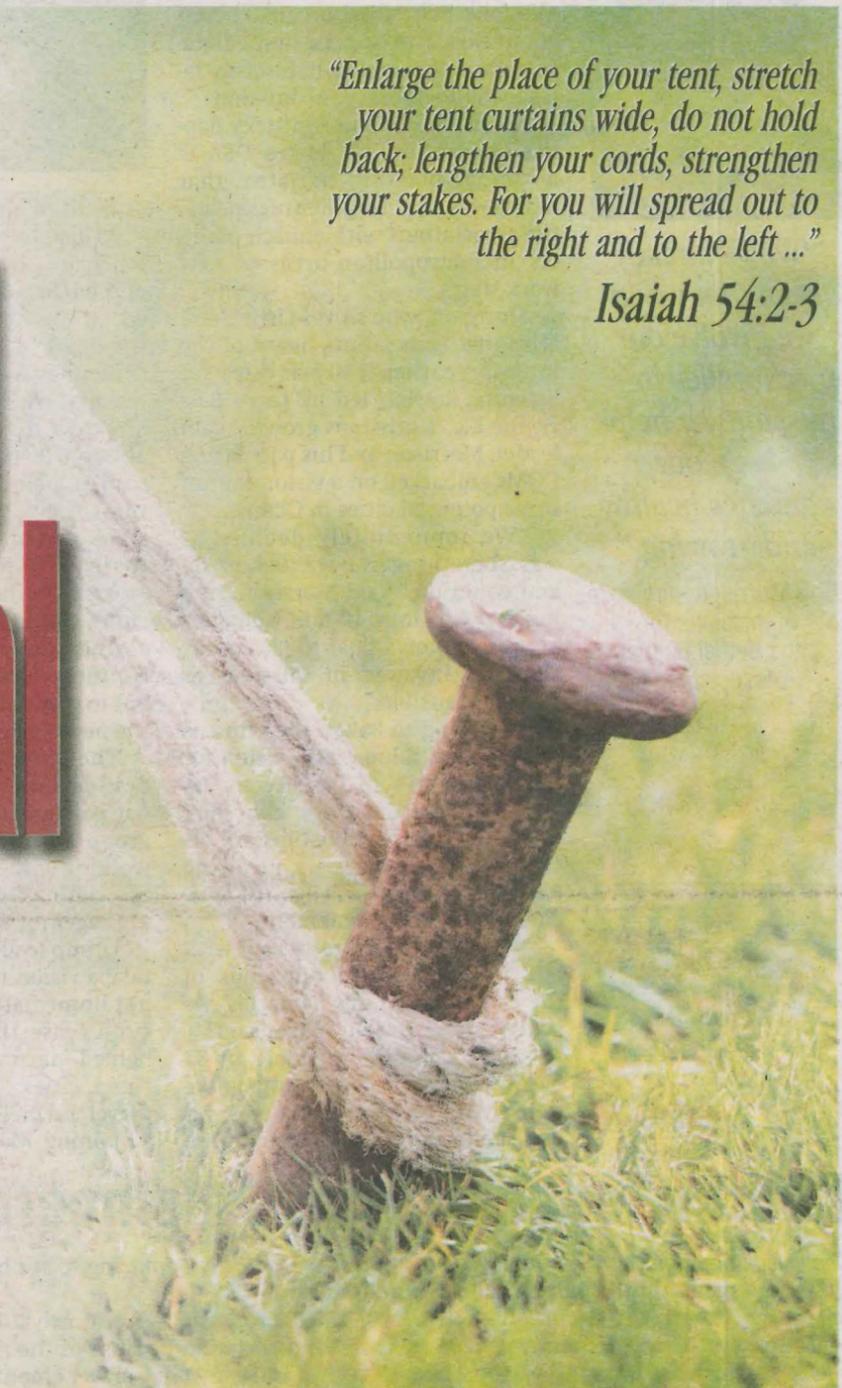
“Upward has become such a big part of our church, it’s a big head of steam behind the building program,” the pastor said. “We’ve got a lot of other ideas about how we’re going to use the gym. The Lord’s been blessing our church.”

The long Saturdays have not diminished church members’ enthusiasm, Tipton assured. “We sell concessions at our games and do so well (that) the ministry is self-sufficient. God blessed us so much when our last season was over, we had about \$2,500 left over.”

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“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left ...”

Isaiah 54:2-3



# Beyond the Bible Belt

## Kentucky Baptist associations team up to support metropolitan church plants



*"We've already seen that when we involve our churches in missions, it helps keep our churches healthy and growing."*

Bob Morrison, director of missions for Little Bethel Baptist Association

By Kristie Randolph  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

**Madisonville**—When Director of Missions Bob Morrison first heard about Go Metro USA, he immediately knew the churches in his association would embrace the mission.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Go Metro USA is a church planting initiative that matches partnering Kentucky Baptist associations with church planters in metropolitan areas of new work states.

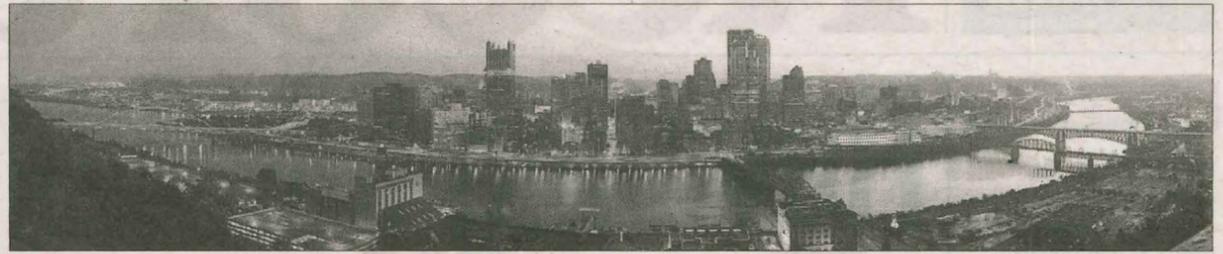
Morrison, who serves Little Bethel Baptist Association, heard of the initiative earlier this year during a listening session led by Larry Baker, the KBC's missions growth team leader. Morrison and his partnering DOMs embarked on a vision tour of three potential cities in October.

"We immediately decided it was something we wanted to do and could do," said Morrison, noting that Go Metro USA fit well with his association's goal to "keep our churches involved in missions as much as possible."

According to Baker, the effort is the result of a long-term vision for more churches to be directly involved in starting new churches. Go Metro USA partnerships are designed to last three years, involving four to seven Kentucky Baptist associations in each partnership.

"We seem to do pretty well with our Jerusalems and our ends of the earth, but in our Samarias, we haven't done as well," Baker said.

About 250 million people, or 83 percent of the United States population, live in metropolitan areas, yet Bible-believing churches usually are



difficult to find there, Baker said.

"This gives us an opportunity to impact the metro areas where most of the U.S. population lives," he noted. "It was obvious that this was in the heart of our DOMs as well, because they were immediately receptive to the idea."

While Kentucky Baptist associations will provide support to the church plant and be included in the strategy, Baker said the principle drivers of the vision will be the church planter and his team, along with the primary sponsoring church or churches.

The goal is not to transplant a Kentucky church into these cities, but to come alongside the vision for the new work, he pointed out.

The target location ultimately is decided by the Kentucky Baptist partners, but Baker helps each group narrow their search by networking with state conventions and associations in new work areas that are eager for assistance.

Group leaders are encouraged to take a vision tour if a target area is not immediately identified. In Morrison's case, the October vision tour helped narrow their target from three cities: Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio.

Joining Morrison on the vision

tour were the DOMs of his partnering associations: Jerry Tooley of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, Bill Patterson of Green Valley Baptist Association, and John East of Ohio Valley Baptist Association.

When a city is selected and the group is matched with a church planter, efforts turn toward supporting the new work in a variety of ways, including prayer, encouragement and projects.

Morrison's enthusiasm for the project also stems from his experience working on a similar project with Baker. While Baker was serving as DOM in Christian County, the two developed a strategy to help strengthen existing churches and start new ones in Kentucky's Red River Baptist Association.

"Red River was the least church area in the United States, so we worked together to make a difference in a way that is very much like Go Metro," Morrison recalled. "When Go Metro was introduced, we knew our churches were used to this type of partnership. We've already seen that when we involve our churches in missions, it helps keep our churches healthy and growing."

Much like Morrison, Nelson Baptist Association DOM Stan Lowery

was drawn to the idea when he first heard of it. Lowery is part of the second group of Go Metro partners which also includes Gordon McDowell of Lynn Baptist Association, Gerald Murphy of Severns Valley Baptist Association, and Randy Jones of Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association.

While Lowery's group is not as far along in the process as Morrison's, churches in the four associations have embraced the opportunity, and Lowery said he expects the process to move along quickly.

"The beauty of Go Metro is that it expands to bring associations together to plant a church in an underserved area," Lowery said. "I'm beginning to find there is great value in our churches networking together to do this."

Morrison and Lowery said they are hopeful Go Metro USA will become a long-term commitment for their associations.

"My dream would be to see our associations do more than one church plant," Lowery said. "It's pretty exciting—this is Kingdom work."

Those interested in learning more about Go Metro USA should visit [www.KyBaptist.org/GoMetro](http://www.KyBaptist.org/GoMetro) or contact their local association's director of missions.

## Church leaders witness 'sincere revival' breaking out in Ky. churches

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tle bit of urgency in the pulpit that can be felt."

The revival that Shelton organized involved six churches from three Baptist associations. Each took a turn hosting meetings in September.

The pastors of five of the churches each spoke, with Randy McPheron—director of missions for Rockcastle Baptist Association—filling the sixth spot.

Shelton got the idea for the event during planning for Rockcastle's 21-day-long prayer emphasis in August that culminated with a mass worship service at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

In addition to the spiritual rewards, churches discovered they enjoyed fellowship and working together, he said.

"One pastor said, 'What took us so long to do this?'" Shelton recalled. "Meeting new brothers and sisters in Christ was awesome."

The traveling revival sparked strong turnouts, with churches putting chairs in the aisles to accommodate overflow crowds.

A popular joke that week was asking, "Are the windows ready?" That was a reference to old-time revivals where churches had to open their windows so those forced to stand outside could hear the evangelist.

"I believe sincere revival is breaking out at our church," said Shelton, who has heard similar reports from others involved

in the event. "It's amazing to see how God is at work."

McPheron said he sees revival brewing in his association because of the traveling revival and the 21-day prayer emphasis.

"Churches all seemed to comment on how significant it was for them to get together," the DOM said. "It creates a greater sense of unity among the churches. Our church (First Baptist of Mount Vernon) seems to have a sense of renewal."

A part-time DOM, McPheron also leads Touch of Hope Evangelistic Ministries, traveling to various locations to preach. This fall he is speaking in Princeton, Danville and Lancaster.

### National movement

In his travels, McPheron said he senses a budding prayer movement. In addition to Rockcastle County, he is aware of three nationwide efforts formed by various Christian agencies and pastors.

This activity prompted him to start a devotional on prayer for spiritual awakening. McPheron has solicited contributions from numerous KBC pastors and hopes to publish it by Jan. 1.

"I think God's people are beginning to see more clearly what pastors and spiritual leaders have been telling us for a long time," McPheron said.

"We are in a moral and spiritual decline in our nation. It's becoming more obvious. Politicians have not been able to provide

what people are searching for. They've put their hope in election of leaders and nothing has changed. They sense it. There's an emptiness."

An organizer of outdoor preaching services in the western Kentucky community of La Center said they didn't see any conversions, but the turnouts were 50 percent higher than last year.

Many of the 60 to 70 who attended the weeklong event in late August came to the altar for prayer.

"There were a couple nights where some people had to wait before they could go up there," said Bill Graves, a member of New Life Baptist Church in Paducah. "Some rededicated their lives, some said they needed to get some things straightened out."

Coordinated by two Baptist pastors and one from a non-denominational church, Graves said the event grew out of an interdenominational Bible study he and his wife started five years ago.

He said God provided the resources they needed, such as music groups performing for free. A restaurant, convenience store and grocery store donated the food served on "Youth Night."

"I feel like they are," Graves said of revivals making a comeback. "Most of our churches today want to talk about two or three days and be gone. I had people tell me they wish we had gone for another week."

The turnout for the tent revival in Columbus declined from more than 100

the first three nights to about 75 the last three meetings.

However, all five conversions and one rededication to Christ recorded that week occurred during the latter half.

"We found it was a good experience and hope to build on this," Cooper said. We felt it was a blessed experience and are thankful for it."

The cooperative effort with congregations from three counties—three of them African-American churches—also instilled a sense of encouragement and hope, said Columbus Baptist's pastor.

One thing churches in the area are hoping for is a sense of revival, Cooper said, noting there are some things happening that have spread a sense that old-time revival is coming.

The stirring includes a women's prayer group at one of West Kentucky Baptist Association's largest churches, which has attracted some Columbus Baptist members.

The pastor said he hopes that will spark creation of a similar group at his church and a resurgence of Woman's Missionary Union, which Columbus Baptist and many other area churches have disbanded.

Shelton also said he hopes the beginnings of revival prompt greater unity among all Kentucky Baptists.

"Sometimes we're all on our own little island," said the pastor of Valley Baptist. "I hope we see unity grow out of this and fellowship growing stronger."

## Haitian student adjusting to life on Ky. college campus

By Laura Silvers  
University of the Cumberlands

Williamsburg—On Jan. 12, Obed Pierre experienced something that did not seem real.

"I cannot believe that it was an earthquake. The earth was shaking," Pierre said as he recalled the catastrophic 7.0-magnitude earthquake that shook his homeland of Haiti.

"When I came out it was like foggy—it was dust off all the houses that were broken," he remembered. "All over Haiti, you could hear people crying, shouting, crying for Jesus. Some were crying, 'Where is my Mom? Where is my Dad?'"

Pierre was a medical student at Quisqueya University in Port-au-Prince. He was supposed to be at school that morning, but he had stayed home to prepare for an anatomy test. The university was destroyed in the quake.

"If I did go to school, surely I would not be Obed today, ... that's for sure," he said.

Little did Pierre know God would use the tragedy to do something many in his country only dream of: attend school in the United States. The 22 year old now is a pre-med student at University of the Cumberlands.

Prior to the earthquake, Pierre served as a translator with several international organizations including the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the Southern Baptist Convention. After the earthquake struck, Pierre said he felt compelled to continue translating for the disaster relief teams coming in, including volunteers from the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"My job was to go and get the folks from the airboat and take them to the guest house," he said. Pierre then would make sure the volunteers had whatever resources they needed to help those who were suffering.

Pierre became the personal translator for Coy Webb, the KBC's disaster relief associate.

Webb said Pierre played a vital role in the relief team's ability to serve. "Any time you are serving on the international field, communication is critical," he noted.

Pierre assisted not only with translation, but in familiarity with the culture, helping make decisions and sharing the gospel with individuals.

Webb and Pierre spent many days together. "One day I took him to ... the medical school where I went," Pierre recalled. "I took him there, and he saw the damage, and he said, 'There is something I can do for you.'"

Because of his close relationship with University of the Cumberlands over the years, Webb said he felt the school would be a good fit for Pierre. Webb contacted UC shortly afterward and "the Lord sort of took care of it," he said.

Pierre was granted a student visa and by July 19 was on a flight to the United States. Once in Ken-



**STUDENT'S JOURNEY** Obed Pierre, a Haitian student now studying at University of the Cumberlands, visits with KBC disaster relief volunteer Paul Dunnington at Lake Cumberland.

tucky, Pierre visited with friends he made during the relief efforts, including KBC volunteers Paul and Katherine Dunnington and Joel Catron, who took Pierre under his wing, supplying him with everything he needed for school.

In turn, Catron said he feels very blessed to have Pierre in his life. "Arriving in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, we were greeted with the biggest smile one could imagine: it was Obed. Each morning when we rose for the day's tasks, Obed's Catron was already hard at work," Catron recalled.

"Even though he came from a place and time that gave no reason to smile, he chose to show God's love. ... We thank God for bringing him to Kentucky and becoming a part of our family."

Pierre said he is adjusting to life at Cumberlands, though it is not as easy as he had expected.

"It is no longer about Creole and French, it is about English. All your thoughts, all your feelings have to be expressed in English," he explained.

Each day Pierre said he records class lectures and later translates them in order to understand them better.

After completing his undergraduate studies at UC, Pierre said he plans to further his education in medical school and eventually become a heart surgeon. He said he wants to return to Haiti to serve as the country's minister of public health. It is his desire, he said, to increase the number of doctors in Haiti, so Haitians can receive better health care.

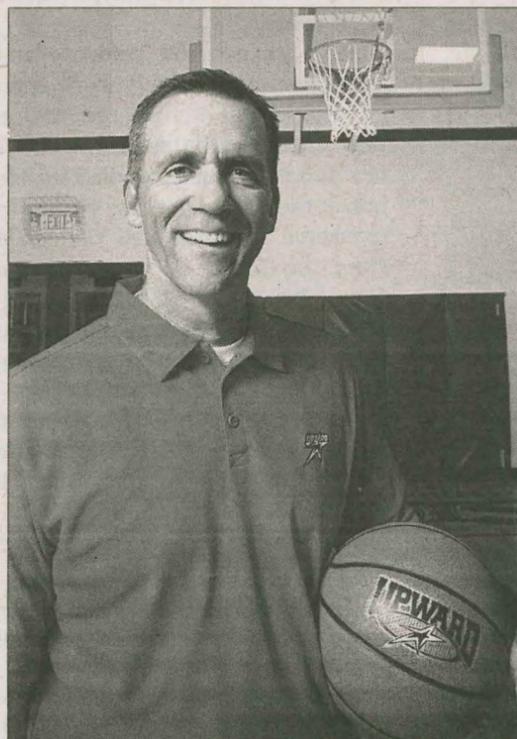
"I know that is a long way (off), but since I have the objective, I've got the goal, I'm sure I will achieve the goal," he said.

"We hope the education will help him be able to go back and serve his country," Webb said. "God has used the earthquake in a miraculous way."

"The only thing that I want to say to the Kentucky Baptist Convention is me, by myself, I couldn't work it out to come over here," Pierre noted. "My life is just a purpose for God. I'm sure them willing to help me is not something coming from them, it is something coming from God."

"I'm sure God put them in my way ... so that they can help me. I am sure they are some place in my heart and in my mind. I will never forget about them being willing to help."

## Upward Sports 'opens doors' to share gospel with kids, parents



**'UPWARD' TO CHRIST** Caz McCaslin, who founded the Upward Sports ministry in 1995, will be the featured speaker during the evening session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting. He will be escorted in by Upward children and coaches from Kentucky Baptist churches. (Photos courtesy of Upward Sports)

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The surplus allowed the church to decrease by \$10 per person the fee for joining the league. The congregation also provides scholarships for boys and girls whose families cannot afford the charge.

Mickey Childers coaches Upward Basketball at Spring Bayou. A new deacon when the church began the league, Childers said when he, Tipton and another member first attended a training session on the ministry "it felt like the right fit" for him.

"It's a very rewarding time to help kids and see them having so much fun," Childers said. "It's all about the kids, making sure they have a good time and making sure they hear something about Jesus."

Similarly, Garrard said he has seen church members at St. Matthews find their ministry niche through Upward Sports.

"I have people tell me they know they should share their faith, and Upward is a way they can do it," he said. "One coach told me, 'I'm not comfortable knocking on doors, but I can (share the gospel) with the kids on my team.'"

Such stories thrill McCaslin, who said God has placed on the hearts of everyone in the Upward Sports organization a desire to reach masses of unchurched children.

"I believe that's the good soil that Jesus talk-

### KBC to host Upward families

Lexington—The Kentucky Baptist Convention is sponsoring an Upward Family Fun Night Nov. 16 for players, coaches and parents who are involved in Upward Sports. It will be held during the dinner break of the KBC annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

The event, to be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at The ROC on the church campus, will feature music, inflatable games, carnival games and pizza.

Children and coaches also will be part of the evening session of the convention when they escort Caz McCaslin, Upward Sports founder and president, to the platform at 7:15 p.m. McCaslin will be the featured speaker for the evening session.

McCaslin was serving as a recreation minister in a Southern Baptist church in 1995 when he launched the Upward Sports ministry with seven churches. Today, Upward equips some 3,200 churches in 46 states in offering basketball, flag football, soccer and cheerleading leagues to children as a way to share the gospel in their communities.

Upward Family Fun Night is free but churches need to RSVP to ensure that enough pizza is on hand. Please contact Sharlena Ralph by e-mail at SharlenaR@IBC-Lex.org or by phone at (859) 685-3305 to register your group by Nov. 12.

For more information, visit [KyBaptist.org/AnnualMeeting](http://KyBaptist.org/AnnualMeeting).

ed about in (the Gospel of) Mark," McCaslin noted. "Sports are such an equalizer as far as knocking down walls and being able to share with people regardless of race, color or natural origin. It's a wonderful way to share Christ."

Newcomers to church often are more comfortable in a setting away from the sanctuary, choir loft and pulpit, McCaslin pointed out.

"I think the toughest thing in today's time in reaching people is getting them to come through the door for the first time," he said. Upward provides a "non-threatening" environment for people unfamiliar with church or those who perhaps went to church earlier in life but stopped going.

"It's done in the context of a basketball league that is second to none," Garrard said. "You earn the right to be heard."

In addition to the gospel presentations and devotions, Upward provides children the opportunity to experience competition without the "win-at-all-costs" mentality prevalent in many youth sports leagues.

"Conflict has a way of bringing out the real person," McCaslin explained. "When others see church members dealing differently with conflict, in a Christ-like fashion, it opens doors."



**GOING NATIONWIDE** Upward Sports has 3,200 church partners in 46 states offering basketball, flag football, soccer and cheerleading, while teaching boys and girls skills and good sportsmanship. There are 204 Kentucky Baptist churches that utilize Upward Sports as a community outreach tool. An average of 22 people, mostly children, accept Christ as Savior at each Upward venue annually, totaling about 77,000 new Christians.

## Why KBC should be priority

Kentucky Baptists are busy people. With so many worthy pursuits vying for our attention, why should the 173rd Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention be a priority?

Our gathering Nov. 16 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington will make history. Our theme, "Connecting Generations in Christ," is particularly appropriate. As messengers consider the recommendations of the Kentucky Great Commission Task Force, they will chart a course for the future of Baptist work in the commonwealth. These decisions will reach all the way to eternity. We need as many Kentucky Baptists as possible to participate in this process and to understand the course that is being considered.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

Choosing leaders for the coming year also is important in the ongoing work of the convention. This year we anticipate two candidates will be nominated as the next KBC president: Butch Tanner, pastor of Red House Baptist Church in Richmond, and Floyd Paris, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland.

Come to Lexington early for two great opportunities, also held at Immanuel Baptist. At 6 p.m. on Nov. 14, there will be a Great Commission Celebration led by "No Other Name," a Christian vocal group with a heart for missions. The annual pastors' conference begins at 2 p.m. Nov. 15. You will be inspired by the preaching of God's word from Kentucky and Southern Baptist pastors and leaders.

The Nov. 16 annual meeting provides an important opportunity for education and encouragement. We learn about how fellow Baptists are sharing the gospel and ministering in Christ's name in Kentucky and beyond. As we hear reports from local, national and international mission fields, once again we grasp the enormity of the task to which God has called us, and we rededicate ourselves to that effort.

This year we will focus on a ministry dear to many Kentucky Baptists, Upward Sports. We will hear testimonies about how God has used these Christ-centered basketball, flag football, soccer and cheerleading leagues to draw people to Himself. Founder and president Caz McCaslin will address the convention at the evening session. You will not want to miss hearing him.

This annual meeting will hold special meaning for me because it will be my final KBC Annual Meeting as executive director. In times of prayer, preaching, worship and fellowship, we celebrate the gospel message of salvation for all people, and we join together as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is an experience like no other, and Kay and I want to share it with you.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Intriguing question prompts call to excellence in serving

"Can I be a journalist and a Christian, too?"  
"Absolutely!"

That was the encouraging word that a room full of college journalists from across the nation was eager to hear.

More than 2,200 students and journalism faculty members from universities all across the nation were in Louisville this past week for the National College Media Convention at the Galt House. The event was sponsored by Associated Collegiate Press, the oldest and largest national membership organization for college student journalists, and College Media Advisers Inc., an organization devoted to helping student media advisors develop professionally. As part of a panel of Christian journalists, our assignment was to encourage a group of about 45 students from church-related schools to consider their future profession as more than just a job and to assure them they can be true to the journalist profession and still be committed to their Christian ideals.

One of my fellow panelists was Michael Smith, professor of mass communication at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., whom I had met in the pressroom when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Louisville. Smith reminded students that the press has an implicit contract with its audience to discover and convey truth and that Christian journalists can glorify God by pursuing excellence in their craft. He had delivered a similar challenge to about 100 students at the 10th annual Baptist Press Collegiate Journalism Conference in Nashville, Tenn., only a few weeks earlier. Both there and here, Smith urged students to make their stories as good as they can be, assuring them, "Your colleagues will notice; your readers, your viewers and your listeners will notice." In doing so, they may gain an opportunity to lead their colleagues to Jesus, he emphasized. "Be reporters who can look at your face in the morning every day without regret and do the hard work of being reform-minded," Smith urged both groups. "Enjoy the restlessness of finding solutions, and be aware that your example may be the model that leads others to redemption." His advice to work as though one is doing it for the Lord is certainly sound, biblical advice, regardless of one's vocation.

But, what was most refreshing for me was see so many bright, Christian minds heading into print and broadcast journalism as well as into emerging electronic news formats—which my clever colleague referred to as "backpack journalism," where all that one needs is a digital camera, video recorder, cell phone,

tape recorder and computer. Just as exhilarating, though, was that these students were beginning to formulate an understanding of themselves as servant leaders. By discovering their God-given talents, they are seeing how workplaces can become settings for ministry—as much as any of the places that have words such as "church," "fellowship," "mission" or "convention" in their names. Imagine what a revolutionary effect it would have on the world if, like these students, all Christians began to view their work not as ordinary jobs but as blessed places of service to God and their communities.

For instance, only a few weeks ago now, we were enthralled in the drama of 33 trapped miners in Chile who were heroically delivered from the depths of the earth. We were deeply moved by heart-wrenching reunions with spouses, children and parents. We rejoiced with the miners as they danced about the crowd, leading onlookers in jubilant cheers and giving praise to God for their rescue after 69 days of angst and desperation. Since then, several Christian columnists have drawn parallels between those who dwell in the spiritual darkness of sin and our joyous, enlightened and enlivened spiritual life made possible through Christ.

Several stories that have surfaced since the miners were rescued, though, offer poignant illustrations of how ordinary people are able to use their abilities in extraordinary ways to minister to others—even though their positions do not have words such as "pastor," "minister," "missionary" or "evangelist" in their titles. An engineer on a work crew that drilled the hole for the rescue capsule realized the miners had spiritual needs that were not being met. He arranged for sermon tapes, music and Bibles to be sent down to the miners, and he encouraged a local pastor to counsel with family members who were anxiously waiting at the makeshift campground on site (see story on page 7). And, as we reported in an earlier issue, a Campus Crusade for Christ leader in Chile used his talents to make T-shirts with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:4 on them. The shirts reminded not only the miners, who wore them as they surfaced, but also a watching world to give thanks to God for their deliverance.

In 1 Peter, believers are instructed to always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks the reason for the hope that we have, but to do it with gentleness and respect. Likewise, in 2 Corinthians we are called to be the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. That's fuel for ministry in any marketplace!

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



## Thank you, Kentucky Baptists!

The 2009-2010 Eliza Broadus Offering exceeded the \$1.1 million goal for a total of \$1,268,410.32. This is the largest state missions offering ever given.

The overage of \$168,410.32 has been rounded up by the Kentucky WMU Executive Board to \$168,500 and will be allocated as follows:

- \$100,000 for scripture portions and media expenses for Find It Here 2011. Booklets with John and Romans will be distributed in places not reached in 2010, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, jails and college campuses. Media such as billboards and radio ads will be utilized in the spring of 2011 during the Find It Here emphasis across Kentucky.
- \$35,000 for special student evangelism events in 2011-12 called MAZE, which uses astonishing illusion, multi-media, relational campaigns and apologetics to illum-

nate the truth of Christ to university students and the unchurched.

- \$15,000 for a new Shower Unit to be used in disaster relief and associational ministries. The total cost of this unit is \$22,000, and the Kentucky directors of missions are providing \$7,000.

- \$12,000 for new computer software, vehicle maintenance and other response expenses for disaster relief.

- \$4,500 for a church plant in South Union/Mount Zion Association. This church plant is reaching out to Canadatown in Whitley County.

- \$2,000 for the R/6 ministry to released offenders. Funds will be used for needs at the transitional house in Mayfield.

These ministries are made possible by your generous giving during 2009-2010 for the Eliza Broadus Offering. This is a remarkable re-

port and is the third year in a row we have exceeded the state offering goal. This in the midst of difficult economic times is cause for great rejoicing. Thank you!

As we receive the 2010 Eliza Broadus Offering, the state missions materials are focused on the loss of Kentucky. The 2010-2011 EBO will be received through through Aug. 31, 2011. It is our prayer to exceed the goal again and provide resources for ministry/evangelism in Kentucky.

Joy Bolton  
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## The tyranny of the 'to do' list

By Erich Bridges

I love "to do" lists.

I've got a pocket calendar for home and personal reminders, a desk calendar for work-related tasks and several notebooks for longer-range stuff. I employ the prehistoric pen-to-paper variety, but I'm sure all the digital gizmos on the market help their forgetful users, too.

To be honest, I'd get little accomplished without "to do" lists. My brain no longer seems to retain or organize practical information, although I can recite the roster of the 1982-83 Los Angeles Lakers on command. They had the greatest fast break ever, by the way: Magic Johnson racing down the middle, whipping no-look passes to James Worthy or Michael Cooper, who levitated to the hoop for vicious dunks over the hated Celtics. If the break wasn't available, Magic tossed the ball to the big guy, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who casually launched his unblockable "skyhook" from almost anywhere on the court.

Wait ... I'm getting off task again. Got to focus. That's why I need "to do" lists. They bring order to the chaos of life—or at least create the illusion of doing so.

But "to do" lists have a dark side. Getting things done doesn't mean you are living a productive life. Marking items off the list feels great. Failing to mark them off, however, induces frustration, guilt, a sense of failure—almost as if you are still living under the law.

The list grants no grace, no mercy. If you allow it to take over, it becomes a little tyrant, taking the joy and spontaneity out of your life. It can even become an idol, taking the place of God's daily direction.

I imagine the priest who hurried by the wounded man on the side of the road (Luke 10:30-37) had an early version of the "to do" list. The Good Samaritan might have had one, too, but he didn't let it keep him from stopping to minister to an injured stranger.

### FIRST PERSON

The digital zombies who walk down the street these days, slavishly reading their text messages, wouldn't notice the stranger if they tripped over him.

The challenge of daily life for a follower of Christ is balancing the legitimate demands of your "to do" list—written or mental—with His divine "to do" list. If you don't pay spiritual attention, you won't even notice His list, much less make yourself available to respond to it.

I find it comforting that a wiser servant encounters the same struggle I do with conflicting lists.

"The past two weeks have been frustrating," writes Guy Muse, a Southern Baptist missionary to Ecuador for more than 20 years, in his Oct. 17 blog post (see <http://guymuse.blogspot.com/2010/10/interruptions-are-my-ministry.html>).

"For every item I am able to cross off on my 'to do' list, two or three more are added. Calls needing to be made, reports overdue, projects waiting attention, documents needing translation, individuals needing counseling .... Why am I getting so little accomplished these days? One word. Interruptions! People dropping by the house, calls, meetings, requests from individuals.... Night and day, it never lets up ....

"But what if God also has 'to do' lists? What if God has on His list for Juan to call me and see about our getting together for coffee at 2:15 today and talk about his problems? When I seriously pray, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ...' am I not in effect saying, 'Lord, your list has priority. Your agenda is more important than my own?'

"(P)eople often hide behind the excuse of thinking, 'I am too busy with real ministry. I simply do not have time for unplanned, spontaneous ministry from people interrupting my busy schedule.' ... Was that Christ's attitude, who left the crowds and made time to go eat at Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10)? To heal blind beggar Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35-43)? Stopping in His tracks ... when an unknown woman touched the hem of His robe (Luke 8:43-48)? Taking time for children while leaving the crowds to wait?

"Ninety percent of ministry happens when we seize those spontaneous opportunities that come disguised as detours or interruptions."

Missionary surgeon Martha Myers, who died at the hands of a disturbed gunman in Yemen in 2002, had a similar perspective. Her motto: "Things don't matter, people do."

For Myers, "things" included not only possessions but schedules—the stuff, in other words, on her "to do" list (if she had one). She alternated marathon days and nights treating patients with unscheduled "house calls," extended excursions into far-flung mountain villages to visit Yemeni families no one else cared about. The long talks around teacups, the love she expressed, were even more important than the medical care she provided or the new surgical procedures she pioneered.

If Jesus had the time, we have the time. Don't submit to the tyranny of your "to do" list. He has a more important one. (BP)

Erich Bridges is global correspondent for the International Mission Board.

## The words we use every day

By Fermin Whittaker

"I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37 HCSB).

Lately I've come to realize how careless many are with the words they use daily. At times I am saddened by the vocabulary of some of my fellow brothers and sisters who oftentimes use fiery, loud and angry statements from a faith which honors "a soft answer."

As I came to this realization, I knew I had to examine my own personal life and my speech.

"Am I honoring God with my speech?" and "Do I hurt others with my speech?" were two key questions I had to answer for myself.

We should never create an environment where truth is shaded in any way. We must be careful not to misinform or make conflicting statements. We always must remember that what we say has the ability to tear down others, causing deep and sometimes lasting pain. We also have the opportunity to use our speech to build up those around us.

### FIRST PERSON

Let us never forget the passage in the Gospel of Matthew which reminds us that one day we will give an account for what we say.

At times I have been the object of "careless speech" when refusing to speak out on political issues facing our state and nation. I believe my comments on those issues have the potential to polarize our churches and those whom we are attempting

to reach.

Do I believe Christians should take an active part in the political process? Absolutely! However, my passion is for the lost of our state and seeing every man, woman, boy and girl come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That is where I believe attitudes and opinions change—when the truth of God's Word indwells hearts and minds.

There is too much good news taking place in our churches and through our state conventions for me to speak careless words. I'm encouraged with our church planting and evangelism efforts. I rejoice with the power and presence of the Lord on all our ministries and celebrate with my words what He is doing among and through His people. (BP)

Fermin Whittaker is executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention.

## Lessons learned hiking a canyon

By Scott Wigginton

**Q: The first of our two children is getting ready to become a teenager. We hear horror stories! What can you tell us about parenting a teenage boy?**

**A:** Several weeks ago my 15-year-old son, Caleb, and I took a walk together ... across the Grand Canyon. We

donned our headlamps in the pre-dawn darkness that first morning as a van dropped us at the North Rim trailhead in a thunderstorm. With our rain and cold weather gear in place, we descended on a slippery trail and hiked about 14 miles to Phantom Ranch, where we spent the night. Early the next morning, we flicked on our halogen beams and headed out again, crossing the Colorado River, and steadily climbing over the next 10 miles on the Bright Angel Trail to reach the top of South Rim.

Reflecting on my hike with Caleb, here are some thoughts about walking through the canyon of adolescence:

**Thunder occurs, but deadly lightning strikes are rare.** While it is important to pay attention to warnings of other parents, the vast majority of horror stories are the exception, not the rule. God made you to parent, just as he made hikers to walk the trail.

**Spending time together enjoying the beauty of the trail makes the inevitable uphill climbs more of a partnership.** Spending lots of enjoyable time together with teens has a way of making them want to walk with you when the going gets tougher. Our Heavenly Father models His willingness to spend time with us; when we do, we want to follow his rules for life.

**Neither the leader nor the follower has it all together.** Parents do well to remember that is easier to see the leader of the hike stumble over rocks. The grace of God gives the leader the freedom to be a learner.

**Lessons of humility are usually learned where the glory of the canyon resides, below the rim.** If parents will dare to engage their teenagers and risk themselves, they will take in experiences that risk dwellers miss. The Wonderful Counselor made you to be a committed listener.

**What you see on the trail largely depends on that for which you look.** Look for the best on the trail; don't miss the rainbow after the downpour. Remember that even Jesus had to catch his disciples doing something right.

**Nutrition matters.** Long walks require the right mix of trail food for the body and trail maps for the mind. Soul food is found for parents in the proper mix of Scripture and prayer, godly counsel, and a heart focused on "walking worthy."

In the end, remember this. Your call is to help your teenage son walk well on a Great Adventure, to choose carefully a bridge to cross a Great Divide, and to strive daily in the pursuit of a Great End.

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

## Year-end tax planning

By Laurie Valentine

With Dec. 31 fast approaching, now is a good time to review tax planning actions that you have taken already this year and to discuss with your tax adviser other things you may be able to do before year-end to further reduce your 2010 income taxes.

If you will be in a lower tax bracket in 2011, it may be prudent to defer some of this year's income until next year and to pay deductible items that you would normally pay in early 2011 before Dec. 31, 2010.

Business and professional people who use the cash accounting method may be able to defer the receipt of income by not billing until year-end for services rendered in 2010. The receipt of a bonus that your employer is free to give or not give can be deferred into next year to lower your 2010 compensation income.

Pay real estate taxes and the Jan. 15 installment of state and local income taxes before Dec. 31 to accelerate these deductible items into the 2010 tax year. If possible, pay all medical bills, if the total will exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income, before year-end to be able to use that expense as a deduction, if you itemize.

Another income tax deduction that is very easy to accelerate is the charitable deduction. You have total control on when this deduction will be available; all you have to do is complete your charitable gifts before Dec. 31.

Your tithes and offerings are "charitable gifts" that can be deducted on your income tax return, if you itemize. You can also deduct gifts of appreciated securities, mutual fund shares, real estate, business interests, and life insurance policies to your church, Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist causes or other qualified charities.

Charitable income tax deductions are available for both outright gifts to charity and life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

Make time for year-end tax planning with your advisers; it can be beneficial to you and to the charitable causes you wish to support.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



Two key questions: "Am I honoring God with my speech?" and "Do I hurt others with my speech?"

## Missouri Baptists change college's name, opt to keep historic reference

Springfield, Mo.—The Missouri Baptist Convention re-named Hannibal-LaGrange College Oct. 26 to Hannibal-LaGrange University after alumni campaigned to retain the "LaGrange" part of the moniker.

Messengers to the convention's annual meeting, gathering in Springfield, voted 593-360 to amend a motion presented on behalf of the school's trustees. The trustees had proposed changing the name of the four-year, liberal arts college with about 1,150 students to the University of Hannibal. The amendment re-inserted the historic "LaGrange" reference into the name of the school, based in Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal, Mo.

After the ballot the school's president and trustee chairman stepped forward to tell messengers they also would accept the amendment. A second public vote passed nearly unanimously, according to a report in the Quincy (Ill.) Herald-Whig newspaper.

"We are pleased to move forward as HLGU," Woodrow Burt, a 31-year administrator at Hannibal-LaGrange who has served as the school's president since 1995, said in a statement following the second vote.

College trustees voted three times in favor of the University of Hannibal name to ensure the two-thirds majority of the entire board required to change the school's charter. While preferred by the administration and trustee board, the proposed name was unpopular with many alumni.

A Facebook group titled "Hannibal LaGrange College Name Change" supporting the use of "university" while opposed to dropping the "LaGrange" portion of the name grew to 339 members. "Please don't let our establishment lose its roots by naming it University of Hannibal," group administrator Melissa Hawker, a 1990 graduate, implored. "Please make the name Hannibal LaGrange University."

Hannibal-LaGrange is one of four colleges historically affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention. (ABP)



## Housing reservations open for 2011 SBC meeting in Phoenix

Phoenix—Housing reservations have opened for the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, set to meet June 14-15, 2011, in Phoenix.

Hotel reservations can be made in several ways:

- Via the Internet at [www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net](http://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net); select the "Online Hotel Reservations" link.

- Clicking the "2011 SBC Housing Reservation Form" link at [www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net](http://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net); mail the completed form to SBC Housing Bureau, c/o Experient, 568 Atrium Drive, Vernon Hills, IL, or fax it to (847) 996-5401.

- Calling toll free (800) 974-3084.

- Using the housing form in the September/October edition of SBC Life, the journal of the SBC Executive Committee.

- Obtaining a housing form from state Baptist convention offices.

The official housing deadline is May 23, 2011, in order to guarantee convention rates.

Other housing reservation details include:

- Reservation requests for 25 or more rooms should be made in writing to the SBC Housing Coordinator at the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, TN 37203, or by e-mail to [LRichmond@SBC.net](mailto:LRichmond@SBC.net).

- Disabled persons or those with special needs in reserving a room may contact the SBC housing coordinator at (615) 782-8612 or [LRichmond@SBC.net](mailto:LRichmond@SBC.net).

- Complete information about the annual meeting and related activities, as well as local attractions in Phoenix and special offers, is available at the website for the 2011 annual meeting, [www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net](http://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net). (BP)

## Southwestern Seminary celebrates 100 years at Fort Worth campus

By Bob Allen

Fort Worth, Texas—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated a milestone of 100 years at its current location with a chapel service Oct. 19 focusing on its founder, B.H. Carroll, and his successor L.R. Scarborough, who led the seminary from 1915 to 1942.

"The institution that does not revisit the principles of its founder and the commitments of its founder has made the most absurd mistake of any that you can find anywhere," current seminary President Paige Patterson said in a chapel address specifically targeted to the seminary's board of trustees and faculty.

Patterson, Southwestern's eighth president, said he spent the previous two weeks rereading the writings of Carroll and Scarborough to "find exactly what it was that most motivated them."

Patterson said he came up with "a list a mile long" but focused his remarks on five commitments.

Patterson described the "first stone mined out of the quarry" of the two men's writings as the incarnation and atonement of Christ.

"The incarnation and the substitutionary atonement of Christ is the most fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith," Patterson said. "That's why we're here. That's why we hold forth hope to the nations."

The second founding principle of the seminary, Patterson said, was dedication to "the Bible as God's revelation." He noted that Carroll affirmed the New Hampshire Baptist Confession of 1833 that described Scripture as "truth without any mixture of error" and ruled that "no man can obtain a position on the teaching force" without signing his name to that article.

"Trustees, there comes a day



when you will replace the president of this institution," Patterson said. "I want to challenge you today before God that you not make the mistake of getting anyone as president who cannot fully and absolutely conform to that statement of faith."

Third on Patterson's list was "the preaching of the Bible."

"I don't care whether you call it exposition or not. That's immaterial to me," he said. "But friend, if you do anything other than preach the Bible and make its message clear and expound its truth, that's not preaching, that's the sharing of political opinion."

Patterson said the seminary's fourth task is "the teaching of the Bible," but that he and Craig Blasing often lament "we still do not do it here."

"You say, 'Well, I ought to go to a seminary that does.' Good luck," Patterson said. "The tragedy is that for all of the putting together of our seminaries, we still don't teach the biblical revelation. We teach everything in the world about it, but we don't teach the Bible. If God will give me the grace to figure out how to do

it, that's going to change."

Patterson's final hallmark was "personal soul winning." One of Carroll's actions was to establish a chair of evangelism and choose Scarborough as its professor.

"Trustees, I want to say a shocking thing to you today," Patterson said. "It would be in the realm of possibility for you to get a person who would know how to raise a ton of money and put the seminary on financial footing so that it would never have a need in the world. But if you do all of that and you fail to get a man who is a personal soul winner, you have failed in your duty."

Southwestern Seminary began as an outgrowth of Baylor University in 1905. It separated from Baylor and was rechartered in 1908 as Southwestern with a separate board of trustees. The seminary operated two years on Baylor's Waco, Texas, campus before moving to a section of Fort Worth today known as "Seminary Hill."

In 1925 the Baptist General Convention of Texas turned control of the seminary over to the Southern Baptist Convention. (ABP)

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# Miracle in Chile

*Rescued Chilean miners heard gospel through music, Bible studies, sermons*

Copiapo, Chile—Bible studies, Christian music and Adrian Rogers sermons were part of the Chilean miners' remaining days below the earth as they awaited rescue.

God moved in the heart of one of the miners to request spiritual assistance and spurred an engineer working to free the men to provide not just physical aid but spiritual nourishment.

Though the Chilean culture typically could be characterized as secular and humanistic, people openly expressed gratitude to God as the 69-day ordeal came to an astounding

end last month with the rescue of all 33 men.

The miners had spent more than two months 2,300 feet below the earth's surface in a chamber the size of a living room after a partial collapse Aug. 5 blocked the mine exit.

Jose Henriquez, one of three evangelical Christians among the trapped miners, sent up a request in September that an evangelical pastor be enlisted to minister to the miners and their families, according to an International Mission Board worker serving in Vallenar, Chile, about two hours from the mine in Copiapo.

Igor Bravo, a rescue engineer and a member of First Baptist Church of Santiago, heard the request and contacted the Chilean Baptist Union.

Marcelo Leiva, pastor of Vallenar Baptist Church, was called in to provide spiritual counseling at Camp Esperanza (Hope), where the families had gathered and where communication with the miners was ongoing.

Leiva was permitted to speak through a telephone to Henriquez, to pray for him and encourage him, and the pastor sent letters of encouragement down to the trapped men. He also shared the gospel with their families, and one of the miners' wives accepted Christ as Savior.

Also as he mingled around Camp Hope, Leiva witnessed to Chilean policemen and foreign press who had convened at the site, including a Japanese reporter.

Bravo, meanwhile, had called on his pastor, Luis Cortez, for help in meeting the spiritual needs of the miners as they awaited rescue.

"I had to help in some Christian way," Bravo said. "If there is an opportunity to share the gospel—even if we're extremely occupied—and to contribute to the Christian cause and evangelism, it's something that's in (my) blood."

Cortez contacted Radio Harmonia, a Christian broadcasting station in Santiago, which provided MP3 files of Adrian Rogers' sermons in Spanish, as well as Christian music. Rogers, the late pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., was a former Southern Baptist Convention president who had an extensive television and radio ministry.

In another effort to get the word of God to the men, Bravo located 33 New Testaments and two entire Bibles that could fit down the small corridor to the miners. Henriquez led in Bible study each evening and encouraged his co-workers to stay positive. Two of the miners even accepted Christ while they were trapped in the chamber. (BP)



**FREE AT LAST** Mario Gomez, 59, the oldest of 33 miners freed Oct. 13 from the collapsed San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, raises his arms in triumph after stepping out of the rescue capsule (Photo by Hugo Infante/Government of Chile)

## So. Baptist gifts help build 'houses of peace' in India

By Caroline Anderson  
Baptist Global Response

Orissa, India—Christians in the Kandhamal district of India's Orissa state will not soon forget the atrocities of August 2008 when angry Hindu mobs made a bloodbath of their people and destroyed their homes. But today, thanks to Southern Baptist giving, those Christians are looking toward their future with hope.

Hindu extremists blamed Christians for the assassination of a Hindu leader Aug. 23, 2008, in Orissa. Although Maoist rebels, an extreme Marxist political group, claimed responsibility for the assassination, the Hindu extremists killed about 70 Christians and destroyed 4,640 houses, 252 churches and 13 educational institutions, according to several media reports.

Christians fled from their villages, seeking refuge first in the jungle and then in displaced-person camps the government opened for them. For a long time, Christians would not return to their homes because they feared further backlash from Hindu extremists.

"Some of the Kandhamal victims of the religious violence have enough courage that they are returning home," Southern Baptist humanitarian worker Cole Elbridge said. "But their ravaged homes cannot be lived in and the money they received in compensation from the government has been used up over the two years they were in relief camps, so they are back in their villages but still without permanent shelter."

Soon, however, Christians in Kandhamal will have new homes—after two years of staying in camps and living in makeshift tents, mud huts or on the verandas of relatives' homes.

Southern Baptist humanitarian workers, national partners and the

Kandhamal Baptist Convention are partnering with Kandhamal Christians to rebuild the community. They plan to build homes for 180 families in the area using \$170,696 from the Southern Baptist General Relief Fund, which Baptist Global Response administers.

"Field personnel are able to rebuild homes because of Southern Baptists' faithful giving to the General Relief Fund over the years," said Francis Horton, who with his wife, Angie, directs work in Central and South Asia for BGR International.

The general relief funds are providing bricks, tin, cement, doors and windows for the Christians to rebuild their homes on the original foundations, Elbridge said. The average household size ranges from six to eight people, so as many as 1,440 people will benefit.

"We hope to achieve the building of 'houses of peace,' which will offer peace and hope to communities divided by religious strife," Elbridge noted.

"Our goal is to also encourage these refugees to reach out with the hope of the gospel to the Hindu communities who attacked them, destroyed their homes and even killed many of them two years earlier," he said.

Building began Oct. 1 and will take about one year to complete, Elbridge said. Southern Baptist humanitarian worker Adrien Telford\* and Indian partners recently surveyed the land, and together they are supervising the project.

Last year, \$120,000 from the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund provided relief to 8,000 families in the Kandhamal area. Dwight Mabury\*, an international Christian, said he and a team of Indian partners distributed cooking utensils, rice, lentils, blankets and clothing.

## Assessment underway in wake of Indonesian tsunami

Jakarta, Indonesia—Southern Baptist relief workers are assessing needs in the wake of a tsunami that struck remote island villages in western Indonesia Oct. 26.

The 10-foot wave that swept over the villages was created by a 7.7-magnitude earthquake on the same fault line that spawned the 2004 monster wave that killed 230,000 people in countries all around the Indian Ocean.

Reports indicate at least 350 people were killed and many more still are missing.

Humanitarian teams already on the ground in that area are assessing the damage and will report back on how Southern Baptists can respond, said Ben Wolf, who with his wife, Pam, directs work in the Asia Rim for Baptist Global Response.

Indonesia constantly is affected by natural disasters—from floods and typhoons to earthquakes and tsunamis—though none in recent years has been as bad as the 2004 earthquake and tsunami.

Whether Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers will be needed remains to be seen until the assessment is complete and a relief strategy has been defined, said Jeff Palmer, BGR's executive director.

If disaster relief specialists are needed, Baptist Global Response will mobilize teams from the Baptist state conventions on call. The Kentucky Baptist Convention is not one of the state conventions on call this month, according to KBC disaster relief associate Coy Webb.

With the disaster happening so close to the end of the month, any Southern Baptist call-out likely would affect those state disaster relief teams on call in October and November. They include the Oklahoma and California conventions (October) and the Georgia and Southern Baptists of Texas convention (November). (BP)

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## Author tackles depression, anxiety at women's forum

Louisville—Martha Peace, author of "The Excellent Wife" and "Attitudes of a Transformed Heart," was the featured speaker at the recent Women's Conference on Anxiety, Depression and Discipleship hosted by the Center for Biblical Counseling at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Peace, a nurse turned biblical counselor, conducted sessions on anxiety, depression and compassionate truth. Not long after becoming a believer, she began focusing on women's Bible studies at her church. She later received National Association of Nouthetic Counselors training.

"Depression is as old as the fall of man. Adam had a lot to be depressed about," Peace said as she launched into staggering statistics regarding depression.

Women experience depression at roughly twice the rate of men, Peace pointed out, and 1 in 8 women can expect to develop clinical depression in their lifetimes. She described how depression can result from sleep loss, reactions to medication, poor diet, vitamin deficiency, anemia and hypoglycemia. Depression also is often associated with trauma, the death of a loved one and financial difficulties, she noted.

Peace provided biblical examples of people who suffered from depression, including David, Elijah and Jonah. Each of these men turned their focus from God to what they wanted. Only through confession and repentance were they able to receive forgiveness from God and overcome their depression, Peace explained. When their focus turned from self to Christ, their lives changed as well.

Psalm 42 describes the writer's depression and how he could remember a more joyful time, Peace said. While he struggled, he turned his focus to God, began thinking rightly and was lifted out of his depression. In Lamentations 3, Peace said, Jeremiah is in the pit of depression, but in verse 21 he recognizes his hope is in the Lord as he writes, "Great is your faithfulness."

"Anxiety and depression sometimes go hand in hand. Either way there are biblical antidotes to the painful emotions. To overcome the emotions, your mind has to be renewed to think right, you have to do what is right and fulfill your responsibilities whether you feel like it or not.

"It takes work, but I have seen the Lord pull so many women out of the pit," Peace noted. "Even when they have had hard circumstances, they are grateful to the Lord." (BP)

## LifeWay's background-check service returns hundreds of felony results

By Bob Allen

Nashville, Tenn.—Discounted criminal background checks offered by LifeWay Christian Resources found more than 600 felony offenses in checks for the 900-plus churches and organizations that have purchased the service in its first two years.

Since contracting with BackgroundChecks.com in 2008, the Southern Baptist Convention's publishing arm has sold 11,277 background checks that start at \$10 for a base-level check of a national criminal and sex-offender search.

About 40 percent returned a "hit" for criminal activity, but most of those were for minor traffic and non-traffic infractions such as jaywalking. One in five, however, returned records of a misdemeanor or felony (2,320 searches) and one-fourth of those were felonies.

"Churches need to exercise due diligence by running background checks," said Jennie Taylor, marketing coordinator in LifeWay's direct-

marketing department.

While necessary in today's world, Taylor said, background checks have limits.

"Background checks do not predict the future or expose harmful behaviors from individuals who have never been caught," she said. "But checks can help organizations learn of volunteers or employees who have documented criminal pasts."

A document on preventing child sexual abuse from the Centers for Disease Control calls criminal background checks "an important tool in screening and selection" of employees and volunteers, but says they are only one component in creating a safe environment for organizations working with youth.

The CDC suggests written applications, personal interviews and reference checks for adults seeking access to young people. They also rec-

ommend letting applicants know up front that the organization is serious about protecting youth in order to deter individuals at risk of abusing youth from applying for staff or volunteer positions.

Other CDC safeguards include establishing guidelines to distinguish appropriate from inappropriate behaviors and maintaining proper ratios of employees and volunteers to youth to minimize one-on-one interaction, such as having at least two adults present at all times.

LifeWay said that the statistics reported in the press release are not derived from a representative sample, but reflect more than 900 clients who purchased background checks without regard to organizational type, denomination, region, demographic make-up or other factors. That means all the customers are not SBC churches. (ABP)



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## A job well done

### Farm on Oneida's campus has been, still is important part of school legacy

It would be hard to know much about the Oneida ministry and not be aware of our agriculture program. The farm has been a vital part of our overall program for decades. One of the first large gifts made to this school was from a friend in New York nearly 100 years ago.

Our founder, James Anderson Burns, was in New York trying to raise funds to keep his struggling school alive. A wealthy lady heard him speak and became interested in possibly offering some help. She asked Burns exactly what he wanted. He replied, "I want a farm for our boys." She asked Burns how much a farm would cost, to which he replied: \$5,300. The next day he was given a check for \$5,300; the rest, as they say, is history.

One hundred years ago the farm provided a significant amount of our food. A good harvest meant there would be sufficient food for the winter months. A poor harvest meant our students and staff would have to get by with much less. We do not depend on our farm for most of our food today, but the farm program still is very important.

When I was a student here in the early '60s, we had our own dairy cattle. I was one of four boys who got up every school-day morning at 4:30 to get the milking done. We raised chickens then, too, mostly for the eggs, but they also provided a tasty Sunday meal.

We don't have dairy cattle or chickens anymore. We do, however, have between 175-200 cattle to provide beef for our meals, and we sell some each year to raise a little extra money for our

school. We also have about 60 sows which provide several hundred pigs yearly. Most are sold as feeder pigs, but about 300 are used to provide pork for our kitchen and to sell to people in the area who still follow the age-old tradition of butchering a hog each fall.

Over the years the acreage of corn planted each spring has continued to grow. When harvested, the corn provides feed for our cattle and hogs. The past few years we even have had a little surplus to sell. While it has not been a bonanza, recent higher corn prices have provided some extra income for our school.

Just as most of our friends know about our farm program, they likely know, too, about our volunteers. Two wonderful families, both volunteers, help with our corn harvest each fall. Even though we would like to have had more rain this fall, the dry conditions have been great for harvesting our corn. During the three weeks it took to harvest the corn, we only lost one day due to rain.

Our friends from California came again this fall to help us harvest our corn. Though our California friends are only here for a month, they come at a very critical time for our farm. Our other volunteer friends are from Ohio. They spend most of the spring, summer and fall with us and stay until the corn is in.

The last load of corn was put in the grain bins last Saturday. Our friends from California already have returned home and our Ohio friends will be leaving in a week or two.

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### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## Affirmed calling

### Mission trip offers Johnson new perspective on serving

For many of our students, their first mission trip takes place while they are here at Clear Creek. Online student Steven Johnson said he is thankful his first mission trip took place before he ever started at Clear Creek. His initial trip literally defined his call to ministry.

"A few years ago I sensed God beginning to lead me in a new direction," Johnson recalled. "Our church was sending a missions group to Africa on an evangelistic mission effort. I felt God strongly leading me to go on the trip, so when He provided financially, I committed to go.

"It was while I was in Africa that God revealed to me that His plan for my life was to serve Him and His people as a pastor," Johnson said. "For a long time I had run from God because I was attached to the good secular career I had. It was very difficult for me to let go of what I was familiar with, but God continued to work on me.

"As I watched those African pastors have such a passion for God and their churches, I was moved by God. He truly showed me through those pastors that serving God in the way they did made them rich in ways

that things like career security could not match.

"When I came home from the mission trip, I shared with my family and church that God had called me to make this major change in my life," Johnson recalled. "Everyone was so supportive and encouraging. My calling has been confirmed over and over again by God in many ways.

"In the years since, I have served as associate pastor in my home church and God has blessed," Johnson said. "I serve under a great man of God who believes in me and my ministry. He is a wonderful mentor who has much knowledge and wisdom from years of ministry that he desires to share with me.

"For now, God has me in this capacity so that I can prepare for the next step. I don't know what lies ahead but I know I can trust God whatever it is, knowing that He has begun a good work and will see it through."

### Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

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## Smart giving

### Consider Paul's words when contemplating stewardship

Between now and the end of the year, you very likely will be bombarded with appeals for financial assistance from the various worthy charitable organizations with which you are affiliated, as well as from others seeking your affiliation and support.

As you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do during this season of giving, let me commend to you the reminders of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15:

■ Giving is like planting seeds: "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (verse 6).

■ Giving should be thoughtful, cheerful and with conviction: "each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (verse 7).

■ Giving is motivated by our thanksgiving to God: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (verse 15).

If you conclude the Lord is leading you to make a gift(s) out of your assets in addition to gifts out of

your income, and you would like assistance in understanding the various charitable giving options available to you, please contact Laurie Valentine or me.

Perhaps a life income gift would be of interest to you. Such a gift provides you an opportunity to establish now a future, irrevocable gift for your favorite charitable organization(s) and the potential to increase cash flow to you and/or others for life or for a term of years. If you itemize deductions, you may deduct, in the year you establish the life income gift, the present value of the charity's interest.

Or you may prefer to establish an endowment fund to provide perpetual support to your favorite charitable organization(s). You could establish it with a year-end gift and add to it in the future, including a bequest in your estate plan.

Whatever smart giving ideas you may be considering prayerfully, please give us the privilege of assisting you with information and consultation. Call us toll free.

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### KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION



Barry Allen

## Americans give ... just not to churches

By Whitney Jones

Champaign, Ill.—Americans are being more generous to religious charities, but why are they skimping on their giving to churches?

A new report from Empty Tomb Inc., an Illinois-based Christian research organization, contains an analysis that found from 2007 to 2008, Protestant churches saw a decrease of \$20.02 in per-member annual charitable gifts.

Meanwhile, Empty Tomb's analysis of federal data found that annual average contributions to the category of "church, religious organizations," which includes charities like World Vision and Salvation Army, increased by \$41.59.

Sylvia Ronsvalle, executive vice president of Empty Tomb, said the good news/bad news difference is stark: giving to religious charities is up, while giving to churches is down.

One reason? Churches spend more money on congregational finances and less on missions beyond the church walls, which is unappealing to people who want to support specific causes with a tangible, visible benefit.

"People overall give to vision, and this is just what we've observed, that you see that kind of outpouring when there is a specific need," said Ronsvalle, who co-wrote the 20th edition of the "State of Church Giving through 2008" with her husband, John.

For example, The Salvation Army's iconic Red Kettle Campaign, which provides food, toys and clothing to those in need during Christmas, reached a new record in charitable gifts in 2008

that was up 10 percent from the year before.

Israel Gaither, the national commander of The Salvation Army, attributed the increase in charity to Americans' willingness to serve during a time of great need, aided by increased use of user-friendly technology like cashless kettles, the iPhone and the Online Red Kettle.

According to the Empty Tomb report, U.S. churches devote more than 85 percent of their spending on "congregational finances" such as salaries, utility bills and brick-and-mortar maintenance. Religious charities, meanwhile, can focus on serving people outside their institutions.

The report's hefty subtitle calls out churches on their lack of charity: "Kudos to Wycliffe Bible Translators and World Vision for Global At-Scale Goals, but Will Denominations Resist Jesus Christ and Not Spend \$1 to \$26 Per Member to Reach the Unreached When Jesus Says 'You Feed Them?'"

Christian Smith, the director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame, said the main reasons Christians hold back on their generosity are bad personal financial habits, distrust of where the money is going and a lack of teaching from the pulpit.

Churches trying to serve and survive in difficult economic times should not obsess about finances, Smith said, but conceded that the financial bottom line is a daily reality for congregations.

"Obviously, churches are more than financial," he said. "They are more than about just money, but it takes resources to hire people and put programs into action and to serve the community." (RNS)

## Court strikes down pastor's 'birther' case

Sacramento, Calif.—A state appellate court in California has dismissed a lawsuit filed by plaintiffs including a former Southern Baptist Convention officer claiming that Barack Obama is not a natural-born citizen of the United States and therefore is not eligible to occupy the White House.

California's Third District Court of Appeals threw the lawsuit out Oct. 25, ruling that election officials are not required to erase doubts about Obama's eligibility. Some individuals around the country—who have come to be known as "birthers"—continue to harbor doubts about whether Obama qualifies as a natural-born citizen.

The court said the plaintiffs, including Wiley Drake, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Buena Park, Calif., who served as second vice presi-

dent of the SBC in 2006-2007, failed to prove that a lower court erred in finding that Secretary of State Debra Bowen had a duty to administer a legal election but not to investigate whether nominees of political parties are eligible.

The trio had asked the appeals court to order the secretary of state to verify the "constitutionally required qualifications of Obama, and any and all future candidates" for president. To do otherwise, they argued, "not only allows, but promotes, an overwhelming degree of disrespect for our Constitution and for our electoral process, and creates such a lack of confidence of voters in the primary and electoral process itself, that it would confirm a common belief that no politician has to obey the laws of this country, respect our election process, or follow the United States Constitution." (ABP)

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## ERLC's Land calls for political responsibility

Fort Worth, Texas—With the 2010 midterm elections upon us, Richard Land recently reminded students and faculty members at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary that the United States faces problems that transcend economics or politics.

"Would to God that an American president could stand before the American people today and say, 'Our problems are merely economic, and they can be solved?'" asked Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. "Our problems are problems of the soul. They're problems of the heart. They're problems of the spirit."

As a boy, Land said, he never imagined that the womb would one day be "the most dangerous place that an American has ever been." Yet such has become the case: "Over the past 37 years, we have killed over 55 million babies."

Astonishingly, this tremendous threat to babies in the womb exists "in the midst of an unprecedented evangelical revival," in which nearly 45 percent of U.S. citizens now claim to be born-again Christians, Land noted. Although Christ called His disciples to be "salt and light" to preserve and impact society with the gospel, it seems society instead has shaped Christianity.

"Our only hope is a revival that starts with conversion, continues with conviction of our own sin and our need to repent of our sin individually and collectively, for not speaking up and not defending the children who are being led to destruction," Land said.

"And we need to consecrate ourselves to turning this around. ... I'm talking about one person, one family, one church, one community at a time. We have to let God change us, let God talk to us and our families."

**MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI**  
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■ **CADIZ**—East Cadiz Church will hold revival services Nov. 7-10 with **Doug Anderson**, pastor of Park Avenue Church in Madisonville, as evangelist. **Lester Watson** is pastor.

■ **GILBERTSVILLE**—Bethel Church recently called **Kyle Reeder** as pastor. He is the son of **Rick Reeder**, director of missions for Caldwell-Lyon Association.

■ **LEXINGTON**—**Jim McKenzie** retired as pastor of Journey Fellowship Oct. 3. He founded the church in 2007.

■ **PRINCETON**—First Church will host a women's conference Nov. 5, 7 p.m.; Nov. 6, 9 a.m., featuring women's Bible study author **Kelly Minter** as guest speaker. The cost is \$20. For more information, call (270) 365-5591.

**Kentucky Baptist junior high vocalists to perform Nov. 14 at Southern Seminary**

Louisville—The Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir will perform Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

This year's group is comprised of 75 students in grades 7, 8 and 9, from 29 Kentucky Baptist churches who auditioned to be part of the group. The choir will rehearse two days prior to the concert. The location of the concerts moves from region to region each year.

Through the choir, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's worship and music department strives to keep musically talented youth involved and challenged in church music by addressing the social, spiritual and musical needs unique to this age group.

Additionally, the KBC also coordinates choirs for youth and children. For details, visit [www.KyBaptist.org](http://www.KyBaptist.org) or contact the department by e-mail at [Worship@KyBaptist.org](mailto:Worship@KyBaptist.org), or call (502) 489-3524 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3524.

Members of this year's Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir are:

- Audrey Adams**, Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Danielle Armstrong**, Immanuel Baptist Church, Danville.
- Matthew Baillie**, Versailles Baptist Church.
- Matthew Bain**, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.
- Joshua Baldauff**, Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- Rachel Been**, Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Michaela Bowman**, First Baptist Church, London.
- Andrus Boyd**, Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Lucas Butler**, First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.
- Ashley Chandler**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Kira Clayton**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Niki Clayton**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Emma Corner**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Emily Couch**, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.
- Sarahbeth Cox**, First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.
- Hannah Deaton**, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.
- DeeDee Early**, First Baptist Church, Kuttawa.
- Bryce Elliott**, First Baptist Church, Richmond.
- Jenny Fackler**, First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.
- Mary-Margaret Gamblin**, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- Ragan Glover**, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- Kathryn Green**, Versailles Baptist Church.
- Shelby Handley**, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- Cady Holbrook**, Grace Baptist Church, Winchester.
- Matthew Howerton**, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- Christopher Hughes**, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Samatha Isbell**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Sydney Isbell**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Natalie Joseph**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Olivia Kessinger**, First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.
- Paige Kinman**, Versailles Baptist Church.

- Danielle Lanham**, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- Drew Layman**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- McKenna Lewis**, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.
- Hallee Mason**, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Marjorie Mason**, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Tyler Masters**, First Baptist Church, Richmond.
- Jordan McCay**, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- Jessica McCoy**, Rock Haven Baptist Church, Brandenburg.
- Rachel McDonald**, First Baptist Church, London.
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- Kasey Miracle**, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
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- Rebecca Sams**, Millville Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Robbie Sams**, Millville Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Olivia Schmitt**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Anna Shelby**, Versailles Baptist Church.
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- Micah Steele**, Harrodsburg Baptist Church.
- Olivia Swadley**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Brianna Taylor**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Kaitlyn Taylor**, Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg.
- Sadie Theodore-Powell**, First Baptist Church, Richmond.
- Courtney Thompson**, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Brooke Thornsberry**, Valley View Church, Louisville.
- Brad Walker**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Jeff Walker**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Grant Wallace**, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- Sami Weathersby**, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Kathryn Weeks**, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Margaret Whitworth**, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.
- Erin Woggon**, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Hannah Woggon**, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.
- Abigail Wright**, First Baptist Church, Kuttawa.
- Madeline Yankey**, Harrodsburg Baptist Church.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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.

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**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of education for Horse Cave Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Ky. See job description on Website: [www.horsecavebaptistchurch.com](http://www.horsecavebaptistchurch.com). Send resumé to Minister of Education Search Committee, Horse Cave Baptist Church, 301 E Main St., Horse Cave, KY 42749; or e-mail [hcbc@scrctc.com](mailto:hcbc@scrctc.com) no later than Nov. 30, 2010.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth/student minister for Buckner Baptist Church. Individual will have the opportunity to put "fingerprints" on the lives of young people and make a difference for Christ. Please send resumé with cover letter to Buckner Baptist Church via e-mail: [bucknerbaptistchurch@insightbb.com](mailto:bucknerbaptistchurch@insightbb.com); or mail: PO Box 85, Buckner, KY 40010.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of worship/music. Send resumé to: Lakewood Baptist Church, 13803 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40245, Attn: Personnel Committee.

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**SEEKING:** Full-time worship pastor for Beacon Hill Baptist Church. We are looking for someone called of God who can supervise a full church music program, including leading weekly worship for two blended worship services on Sunday morning with an average attendance of 600, a traditional service on Sunday evenings, praise team and band, choir, bells, drama, seasonal and special worship events. The candidate needs a knowledge of the technical aspects of a cutting-edge worship service. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, 4705 South Hwy. 27, Somerset, KY 42503.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music who will be responsible for planning weekly worship services and oversee the music ministry of the church. Contact Pastor Rodney Bice at Bardwell Baptist Church at (270) 628-3645; or e-mail [bbcpastor1@windstream.net](mailto:bbcpastor1@windstream.net).

**SEEKING:** Full-time youth minister/pastor assistant for rural church. Some experience required. Send resumé to Mexico Baptist Church, 175 Mexico Road, Marion, KY 42064.

**WANTED:** Used choir robes for church choir of less than 25 members. Color doesn't matter. If you have robes you would like to sell or give away, please e-mail us at [dbowles78@hotmail.com](mailto:dbowles78@hotmail.com); or call the choir director at (270) 427-4387.



## Jiggling Jake

By Todd and Michelle Deaton

On a piece of driftwood that was floating aimlessly on the waves, Jake the jellyfish sat crying.  
 "Where are you going?" asked Sunny Starfish.  
 "Nowhere," Jake replied.  
 "Where are you from?" Sunny asked.  
 "Nowhere," Jake cried. "I did live in Jellyland, but I don't anymore," Jake said.  
 "Why not?" Sunny asked.  
 "I jiggle when I giggle," he replied.  
 "What?" Sunny asked, trying not to laugh.  
 "I'm Jiggling Jake," he said. "The other jellyfish don't want my family hanging around anymore. We're not like them. We like to tell jokes, and we giggle."

"What's wrong with giggling?" Sunny asked.  
 "When I giggle, I jiggle," Jake explained. "Jellyfish aren't supposed to jiggle. Someone might think we are soft and spineless."  
 "You're not giggling now," Sunny observed.  
 "There's nothing to giggle about," Jake said.  
 "Then, why don't you tell a joke?" Sunny suggested, trying to cheer him up.

"O.K.," he agreed. "What kind of cereal does a blue whale eat for breakfast?"

"I don't know," Sunny shrugged.  
 "Cheers!" Jake exclaimed, starting to giggle.  
 Sunny couldn't help but giggle, too.



Jake told more jokes, and it wasn't long before he was giggling. "It sure feels good to jiggle again," he smiled.  
 Sunny took Jake to meet Pastor Porpoise.

"Well, I like a good joke," Pastor Porpoise smiled. "Do you know any, Jake?"

"Do I!" he exclaimed. "What happened when Moses tossed a green rock into the Red Sea?" he began.

"I don't know," Pastor Porpoise shrugged.  
 "It got wet!" Jake exclaimed with a giggle.  
 As Jake giggled, he jiggled. Pastor Porpoise giggled, too.

"I haven't laughed this much in a long time!" Pastor Porpoise exclaimed. "Hey, I know a place where your family can live," he added. "I'll send Deacon Sawyer Swordfish by later with some clothes and food."

That afternoon, Mrs. Tuna Tidewater visited Jake at his new home. She told Jake that she would be his teacher.

"Do you know why fish are so smart?" Jake asked.  
 "No, I don't," Mrs. Tidewater smiled.  
 "They swim in schools," Jake giggled and, of course, he jiggled.  
 Mrs. Tidewater giggled. "I'm looking forward to having you in my class," she said.

The next day, she introduced Jake to his new classmates.  
 "Why do they call you 'Jiggling Jake?'" Craig Crab asked.

That was all the encouragement Jake needed. "What did the ocean say to the beach?" he asked.

The Cove Kids all shrugged.  
 "Nothing. It just waved!" Jake exclaimed, giggling.  
 "Look at him jiggle! Hey, he's funny!" Craig Crab giggled. The others couldn't help but giggle, too.

That night, when Jiggling Jake said his prayers at bedtime, he thanked God for his new home, where it was okay to jiggle when he giggled.

## Treasure Hunt

Why was Jake calling the Jiggling Jellyfish?  
 How did the characters in Sand Dollar Cove help his family?  
 Why do you think Jake felt so welcome in Sand Dollar Cove?  
 Read Matthew 25:34-40 together.

## For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



## Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



## Bible Crosswords

### Across

- 1 Person who makes perfume
- 8 "Ten women shall \_\_\_\_ your bread in one oven" (Leviticus 26:26)
- 11 Any person
- 12 "The noise of the stamping of the \_\_\_\_ of his strong horses" (Jeremiah 47:3)
- 14 Inspector General, abbr.
- 15 Edible Japanese plant
- 16 Eggs
- 18 Near, abbr.
- 19 "No man putteth a piece of \_\_\_\_ cloth unto an old garment" (Matthew 9:16)
- 20 Temporary route
- 23 Teacher's helper, abbr.
- 24 Physician, abbr.
- 25 "Take thee a \_\_\_\_ razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head" (Ezekiel 5:1)
- 26 Four, Romans num.
- 27 South Vietnamese coin
- 28 Short for potassium nitrate, Br.
- 31 "He shall sit as a \_\_\_\_ and purifier of silver" (Malachi 3:3)
- 35 "There shall be weeping and \_\_\_\_ of teeth" (Matthew 8:12)
- 36 "This do ye; \_\_\_\_ your beasts, and go" (Genesis 45:17)
- 37 Island nation, abbr.
- 38 Too much of a drug, abbr.
- 40 Therefore
- 41 Putting threads together to make fabric
- 45 Impersonal pronoun
- 47 Current of warm water that affects the weather (2 words)
- 49 Paul's occupation

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- 53 Peach state, abbr.
- 54 Dorcas's occupation (Acts 9:39)
- 55 "Come unto \_\_\_\_, all ye that labour" (Matthew 11:28)
- 56 "In the beginning \_\_\_\_ created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)
- 22 "Take I pray thee ... And he \_\_\_\_ him, and he took it" (Genesis 33:11)
- 25 Overheat
- 29 Flaps
- 30 Extremely high frequency, abbr.
- 32 For example, Lat. abbr.
- 33 Northern continent, abbr.
- 34 "Though they be \_\_\_\_ like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18)

### Down

- 1 Coloring with a brush
- 2 "Grave upon it, like the \_\_\_\_ of a signet" (Exodus 28:36)
- 3 Track transportation, abbr.
- 4 Sinks below surface of water
- 5 "Is a candle brought to be put \_\_\_\_ a bushel?" (Mark 4:21)
- 6 Cat's cry
- 7 "Peter knocked ... a damsel came to hearken, named \_\_\_\_" (Acts 12:13)
- 8 Noah's occupation (2 words)
- 9 Flying soldiers, abbr.
- 10 Dorothy's state, abbr.
- 13 "Shepherds ... keeping watch \_\_\_\_ their flock by night" (Luke 2:8)
- 17 Tax enforcement organization, abbr.
- 21 Old English, abbr.
- 38 Like a sheep
- 39 Glove
- 41 "We will eat our own bread, and \_\_\_\_ our own apparel" (Isaiah 4:1)
- 42 Antlered animal
- 43 Musical term to indicate "animated," abbr.
- 44 "There was \_\_\_\_ room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7)
- 46 Hot or cold beverage
- 48 A son of Zilpah (Genesis 35:26)
- 50 Nickel, chem. symbol
- 51 Total loss, abbr.
- 52 Southwestern state whose capital is Jefferson City, abbr.
- 53 "\_\_\_\_ ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19)

## Last week's solution

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*This summer Cumberland students were involved in carrying out the Great Commission at home and around the world*

## United States Missions

Through Baptist Campus Ministries' 1:8 Leadership Experience, 5 UC students served with other BCM students to share the gospel with FBC Shelbyville and FBC Salyersville; with the Jeff Street Mission in Louisville; with multi-housing ministry in Colorado; and among the homeless and hurting in San Francisco.



Other students served with Chick-fil-A Camp in Georgia and in a variety of local church ministries.



## Local Missions

Students in UC's Appalachian Ministries summer program worked with children in local communities throughout Whitley County.



Through the Mountain Outreach program, UC students worked with churches and other volunteer groups to construct three homes this summer, bringing the total number of complete homes constructed for needy families to 135.



Over an eight-week period, Appalachian Ministries and Mountain Outreach students also provided leadership for 3,300 M-Fuge camp participants who ministered on 40 different sites to more than 3,700 people.



## International Missions

Baptist Campus Ministries' 1:8 Leadership Experience took UC students to Haiti to bring clean water and eyeglasses as well as disaster relief among the Haitians.



Members of the UC volleyball team traveled to Kenya to offer assistance to a local orphanage.



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