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# The Holy Land



## Trips to sacred region make Bible 'more real' for Kentucky Baptists

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

Louisville—Although James Cahoe had visited Israel four times on business, he had a life-changing experience two years ago when he traveled there with a tour group.

Led by Les Hollon, then pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, several days after the group's arrival, Cahoe had a dream.

He said he doesn't remember what it was about, but he awoke with Ezekiel 37:45 on his lips: "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of

the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.'"

"That put flesh on the dry bones of scripture for me," said the retired engineer and former Sunday school teacher at St. Matthews Baptist.

"The trip made everything a little more real to me. When you read scripture and have images in your mind, a lot of times when you see it in person, it's a totally different idea."

Such vivid encounters help explain an increasing interest in Holy Land travel among Kentucky Bap-

tists and Christians nationwide, according to Kathy Evitts, president of Dehoney Travel in New Albany, Ind.

Statistics from the Israel Ministry of Tourism showed an overall 19 percent increase in visitors during the first 11 months of 2010, compared to the previous year. Tour groups from the U.S. increased by 13 percent, with 2011 projected to be even better.

Arising out of annual post-Christmas visits arranged by her father,

Wayne Dehoney—pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church from 1967-85 and a former Southern Baptist Convention president—Dehoney Travel originally was known as BibleLand Travel.

A decade ago, a Palestinian uprising, fears of a Y2K calamity and the terrorist attacks of 2001 put a damper on travel to Israel. However, a lessening of concern over terrorism has coincided with increased travel.  See Postcards ... *Page 2*

## Southern Baptist worker in Haiti: 'The crisis isn't over'

By Alan James  
International Mission Board

Port-au-Prince, Haiti—Carved into the concrete floor of a one-room house in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, are the words "With God all things are possible."

The family living there lost their home Jan. 12, 2010, when the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti claimed 230,000 lives and left more than 1.5 million people without homes.

Now this family has a home to call their own again. It's a simple 12-by-16-foot house made of cinder blocks and wood with a tin roof.

But those words—written in the local Creole language—are a power-

ful reminder of how God has blessed them.

"Every time they step on that doorstep, there it is at their feet," said Mark Rutledge, an International Mission Board missionary assisting with Haiti relief efforts. In recent months, Rutledge has visited more than 100 families that now have new homes.

"It's hard to describe the thankfulness people have for what has been done for them," added Rutledge, a Tennessee native who cur-

rently is stateside but will soon return to Haiti with his family.

Through a collaborative effort called "Rebuild Haiti," the IMB, Baptist Global Response, the Florida Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and Haitian Baptists plan to build 3,200 houses by the end of 2013. And that number could rise to as many

as 6,200 houses, said Jeff Palmer, executive director of BGR.

Since the disaster, Southern Baptists have given more than \$13 mil-

lion to relief efforts.

In addition to building homes, these funds have helped provide temporary shelters, medical care, food, supplies and clean water to desperate Haitians. Now, the main focus is building homes at a cost of about \$2,500 each.

"We like this transitional house we're working with," Palmer said. "It's just one room, but it's expandable. They can put another room on—or two rooms. It gives them something to start with that they can build on."

A drive through the capital city of Port-au-Prince today continues to reveal the magnitude of the damage  See Southern Baptist ... *Page 6*

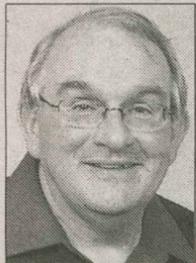
**NEXT WEEK**  
Check out the Western Recorder for coverage on the work Kentucky Baptists have done in Haiti since last year's earthquake and what the future holds for rebuilding efforts in the still-devastated country.

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## Daviess-McLean's Tooley honored as top DOM in '10

Owensboro—Just last month, a letter of appreciation made its way to the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association office.

The letter's author thanked all the people from area churches who worked to provide Christmas gifts for children whose mothers and fathers were incarcerated at the Daviess County Detention Center. Owensboro-area churches provided gifts and Bibles to more than 500 children last month.



Jerry Tooley

After reading the gracious letter, Daviess-McLean Director of Missions Jerry Tooley remarked: "That's why we do this."

Tooley's efforts were not only noticed by a family helped by his association, but also by his peers. The Kentucky Baptist Fellowship of Directors of Missions recently named Tooley its DOM of the Year for 2010.

The 11-year leader of the association is "well deserving of this honor," according to friend Paul Strahan, pastor of First Baptist Church of Owensboro, where Tooley is a member.

Describing Tooley as a "pastor to the pastors" in Daviess and McLean counties, Strahan said the DOM is "very conscientious about working with the churches and trying to get involved with them on a personal basis."

"He understands what it's like to be a pastor."

That experience comes from more than 20 years in Kentucky Baptist pulpits. He served four churches, most notably Bellfield Baptist Church in Henderson for more than 11 years and Millville Baptist in Frankfort for about six and a half years.

"It's always extremely nice for your peers to recognize what you're doing," Tooley said of the honor. "That's always a very affirming, encouraging kind of thing."

Tooley's ministry received further affirmation last October when he was asked to be one of 15 people to find the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive director. Bill Mackey will end his KBC tenure on May 31.

Tooley is the lone DOM on the search team. "I'm really pleased that there was a representative from our group that was asked to serve on the committee, whether it would have been me or someone else," he said.

When asked about the importance of having a director of missions on the committee, Tooley said he and his fellow DOMs play significant roles in the ministries of local churches and state convention work as a whole.

For example, Tooley attributed the overwhelming success of last year's Find It Here state evangelistic campaign to the enthusiasm that was stirred up by associational DOMs.

"The DOMs bought in to it and they put the legs to it," he said. "We helped get it to the people and to the churches. Not to downplay what the KBC did in any kind of way, but I believe that (Find It Here's success) happened because the DOMs were plugged in to it."

Tooley declined to share specifically what he would look for in an executive director, but did say each member of the search team understands the significance of the task at hand. "We realize it's a huge opportunity as far as the kingdom is concerned and the work of Kentucky Baptists in the future," he noted.

And when receiving the 2010 DOM of the Year award, maybe it shouldn't include just the name "Jerry Tooley."

"I don't see it as an award just for me; I see it as an award for the association, the churches, the people and the pastors," the DOM insisted. "I'm thankful to God for who they are and what they've done."



**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE** Jerry Tooley (second from right) prays with fellow members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director search team and outgoing exec Bill Mackey at the KBC annual meeting last November. The Daviess-McLean Association director of missions is the lone DOM representative on the 15-member search committee. (Photo by John Foster)

## Postcards from the Holy Land

### Kentucky Baptists among those traveling to Israel

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ing interest in the historic nation.

"The numbers are up over the last couple of years," said Evitts, who has been to Israel nearly 40 times. "We've got pastors calling us, asking for material."

For evangelical churches the Holy Land always is a destination because as people study the Bible they want to learn more about the geographic locations behind it, Evitts said.

#### 'Strong' interest

Craig Loscalzo knew something was stirring when he hosted a pre-view meeting last spring in Lexington for the trip to Israel he led that returned Jan. 9. Seventy-five people showed up, far more than he expected.

"Interest was strong," said Loscalzo, who retired last October as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. "We had a couple people sign up and back out because of job or health issues, but about half of them went on the trip."

In addition, two-thirds chose an optional, five-day extension to Egypt, compared to an average of one-third in the past.

After his first visit as a tourist in 1992, the latest was Localzo's fifth trip as a bus pastor. In that role, he delivered daily scriptural interpretations and led worship times as part of the Dehoney Travel tour.

The former professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary called the visits a good refresher course in biblical theology.

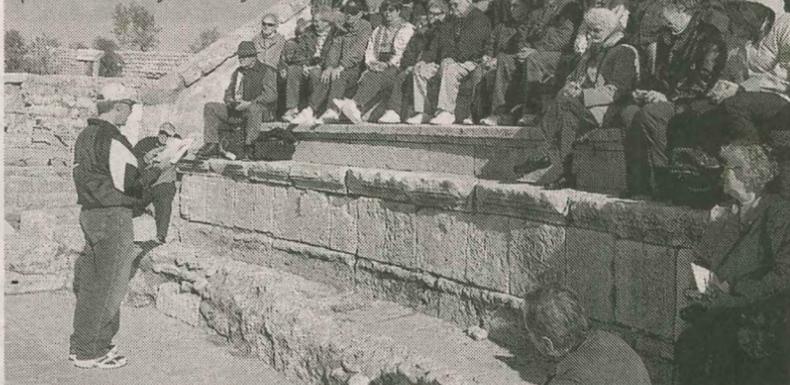
He said he also enjoys observing reactions from first-time visitors.

"When you drive up to the Sea of Galilee and watch their awe it's a real blessing," Loscalzo said. "To their faces when they drive over a hill and look down on Jerusalem for the first time is another."

Many tour participants are Sunday school teachers and church leaders; the visits give them new resources for teaching and leading their congregations to a new appreciation of Christ, he added.

It also has changed Loscalzo's preaching. It is one thing to preach from Matthew 4 and another when

**HISTORY LESSON** A pastor leads a tourist group Bible study in the town of Caesarea. According to the Israel Ministry of Tourism, tour groups increased 13 percent last year. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Evitts)



you have seen the temple where Christ resisted Satan's temptation to throw Himself down, Loscalzo explained.

Jim Cobban has a similar fascination for the Holy Land after five visits. The pastor of First Baptist Church of Middletown said seeing the Sea of Galilee and looking over the hills at Capernaum brings everything together.

"I had been teaching the Bible since I was 16 years old," said Cobban, who has a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary. "To be in the place you've taught about for so long, everything makes sense. It's like a pop-up Bible, where the stories of scripture pop up."

"For Bible students, for the rest of their life the maps in the back of their Bible make sense. It's very moving when you know that something happened on (certain spots) and what it means to us today."

#### Worth the cost

While the \$3,300-plus cost (depending on the city of departure) can cause some to question the value, Cobban said every person he has encouraged to go has come back later to thank him.

Other Kentucky Baptists who have taken the trip agree that it is exhilarating.

Joyce Holmes of Walnut Street Baptist said her first reaction to seeing the Holy Land two years ago was

awe that turned into tears of gratefulness and gratitude.

"It really did seem as if our group was privileged to relive history," she said. "Having a historian with us explaining and reviewing time periods was invaluable. The older hymn, 'I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked,' has come back into my memory with a new emphasis."

St. Matthews Baptist member Darlys Harmon-Vaught said it was important for her to walk the same roads while experiencing and visualizing the places that are mentioned in the Bible.

The experience helped "me gain a better understanding and perspective of the theology of Jesus," Harmon-Vaught said. "I was not baptized again in Israel but seeing others experience this was very important for me."

Visiting Israel also has an impact on church life once the tourists return home.

Holmes said she wanted to do a better job of sharing her beliefs and experiences, including the reality of God's love and example behind good works.

"The clothing ministry of my church has been part of my volunteer life for over 25 years," the Walnut Street member said. "I know for sure we have seen things 'work out,' not because the workers are good at what we do, but because we are there to pass on God's love."

## E-town pastor Phillips, 44, was 'gifted' preacher

Elizabethtown—Bill Phillips, pastor of Younger's Creek Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, died at his home Jan. 9. He was 44.

Phillips had served as the pastor at Younger's Creek Baptist since December 2006. He previously served at a church in Florida, according to Gerald Murphy, director of missions for Severns Valley Baptist Association in Elizabethtown.

Phillips' death was sudden and unexpected, Murphy said, adding that the both the church and the community are grieving the loss.

The DOM described Phillips as a "gifted communicator and preacher of the gospel" as Murphy got to know Phillips during his four-plus years in Elizabethtown.

"First and foremost, he loved the Lord and the people of Younger's Creek Baptist Church," Murphy said of Phillips. "He was very dedicated; he was energetic (and) personable. He knew how to bring about positive change in the church."

Murphy said Phillips was pursuing a counseling degree online from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va.

At a Sunday evening service at Younger's Creek Baptist Jan. 9, Murphy said he did his best to console the hurting congregation, describing the service as "simply a time of praying and crying and grieving."

"I simply shared with the church that we had no answers and that we were simply grieving with them, and

that we miss Brother Bill as well," Murphy recalled.

A native of Alabama, Phillips graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, and three sons, Matthew, Jonathan and Nathan.

A memorial service was held at Younger's Creek Baptist Church last Thursday. Funeral services were held last weekend at Northbrook Baptist Church in Phillips' hometown of Cullman, Ala., where he was laid to rest.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Phillips' Family Benefit Fund through Kentucky Neighborhood Bank in Elizabethtown or Younger's Creek Baptist Church.

# Land: Ariz. tragedy shows need for mental health reform

By Michael Foust

Nashville, Tenn.—The Arizona shooting tragedy that targeted a congresswoman, left six dead and injured another 14 should lead the nation to examine its mental health system, Southern Baptist ethicist Richard Land insisted.

In the months leading up to the Jan. 8 event at a Tucson constituent meeting, the alleged shooter, Jared Loughner, was viewed by some as a mentally unstable person who could be dangerous.

Lynda Sorenson, who attended classes with Loughner at Pima County Community College, sent e-mails to friends in June describing him as “disruptive” and “disturbed” and saying he’s “one of those whose picture you see on the news, after he

has come into class with an automatic weapon.”

Loughner, 22, eventually was kicked out of the college and also was rejected by the military, reportedly because of drug use.

The representative he allegedly targeted, Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., remains in critical condition after being shot in the head. Among those Loughner allegedly killed were federal Judge John McCarthy Roll and a 9-year-old girl who was brought to the event by a neighbor.

“This is a sad, tragic event, and it really calls for a better mental health system that can identify and deal with these human ticking time bombs before they go off,” said Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. “Why do we

have to wait until after they cause mayhem to deal with the problem when they are readily identifiable to anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear?”

Land isn’t the only one calling for a better mental health system. Conservative columnist Mona Charen argued that the “legal framework for handling those who resist treatment” needs to be changed.

“Widespread deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill, along with laws that require proof of dangerousness before a person can be involuntarily subjected to treatment, make it exceedingly difficult to stop a crazed gunman before his murderous spree,” Charen wrote. “In the Tucson case, as in the Virginia Tech case, others noticed the gunman’s oddity in advance but were unable to force him to get treatment.”

The Virginia-based Treatment Advocacy Center, an organization that supports reforming mental health laws, released a statement saying that while enough isn’t yet known about Loughner’s past, “we do know that existing treatment laws are overlooked, ignored or underused.” Violence, the organization said, is “linked to untreated severe mental illness” and state laws need “to permit intervention” well before the person is declared dangerous.

Land called it “unfortunate” the tragedy happened at a meeting for constituents and expressed hope that the nation won’t let the tragedy “impede representatives’ access to the people.”

Steve Bass, state missionary for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, noted that while Tucson’s metro population recently passed 1 million, the tragedy has made the large city seem like “a small community.”

“Quite frankly, I am proud of our people because often Christianity shines brightest when trage-



**RECOVERING** Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is recovering at a Tucson, Ariz., hospital after being shot in the head at a meet-and-greet event Jan. 8. Accused gunman Jared Loughner is charged with five federal crimes, including the murder of two federal employees and the attempted murder of three other people.

dy comes,” Bass told Baptist Press. “Truth is, our God shows up for work on the toughest of days, and we continue to pray for the victims and their families and for the believers who minister during this time of hurt and tragedy.” (BP)

## Congress urged to unite for civility

Washington—A coalition of more than 50 Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders sent an open letter to Congress last week urging a “time of soul searching” and national dialogue about “violent and vitriolic political rhetoric.”

The letter was released Jan. 13, a day after President Obama led a memorial service for the six people killed and nearly two dozen wounded by a gunman at a Tucson, Ariz., meet-and-greet for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Some commentators have linked the shooting to America’s heated political climate, though accused shooter Jared Lee Loughner’s motivations remain unclear.

The clergy statement, printed in a full-page ad in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call, was signed by megachurch pastors T.D. Jakes and Joel Hunter, Sojourners founder Jim Wallis, Nathàn Diament of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Sayy-

id Syeed of the Islamic Society of North America, and other religious leaders from Arizona.

“In our churches, mosques and synagogues, we come together not as members of a certain political ideology or party, but as children of God and citizens called to build a more perfect union,” the letter said. “We pray that you do the same.”

A November poll by Public Religion Research Institute and Religion News Service found that four out of five Americans think the lack of respectful discourse in our political system is a serious problem.

Faith-related calls for civility, however, have met with limited success thus far. The Civility Project, a Christian-based effort launched in 2009 and sent to all 585 members of Congress and sitting governors, shut down Jan. 3 after only three lawmakers had signed on. (RNS)

## Texas church arsonists get life sentences

Tyler, Texas—The two men who were charged in a string of East Texas church arsons were given life sentences plus additional 20-year sentences, according to the Tyler (Texas) Morning Telegraph.

Judge Christi Kennedy announced the sentences Jan. 10 for Jason Robert Bourque, 20, and Daniel George McAllister, 22, after the two pled guilty Dec. 14 in connection with the 10 church arsons in early 2010.

Four of the burned churches were Southern Baptist: Lake Athens Baptist Church in Athens; Little Hope Baptist Church in Canton; Tyland Baptist Church in Tyler; and Dover Baptist Church in rural Smith County.

As teens, both attended First Baptist Church of Ben Wheeler, according to news reports.

The fires occurred in Henderson, Smith and Van Zandt counties in Texas. The pair was arrested last February on a tip to agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

David Mahfood, pastor of Tyland Baptist, told the Southern Baptist Texan in an e-mail: “This should not be construed as a joyous day for anyone—not for us, nor our community and certainly not for these two young men and their families. This is a day of closure; and, believing as we do that our God is sovereign and benevolent, we look forward to the future He has graciously set before us.” (BP)

## Southern Baptist pastor calls for imprecatory prayer for Westboro

Buena Park, Calif.—A Southern Baptist pastor who called for prayers for the death of President Obama now is planning prayers against anti-gay protesters from Westboro Baptist Church.

The Topeka, Kan., church led by Pastor Fred Phelps protests prominent funerals, and was planning to protest services for victims of the recent massacre in Tucson, Ariz., until it opted for radio time instead.

“He’s embarrassing the Christian community,” Pastor Wiley Drake of Buena Park, Calif., said last Thursday of Phelps. “He’s also embarrassing those of us who are proud to be called Baptist, and what he is doing is very un-Christian and very un-Baptist.”

Drake, once a second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, held a conference call to discuss whether imprecatory prayers—which seek God’s punishment—are appropriate for Phelps and his church, which is not affiliated with any mainstream Baptist group.

But the California pastor already had decided that if general agreement couldn’t be reached, he would send a personal letter asking the church to “cease and desist” from its protests or he will start the prayers daily on Feb. 1.

Drake, who has targeted church-state separationists in the past, said he currently has no one on his imprecatory prayer list.

Shirley Phelps-Roper, a spokeswoman for the Kansas church, said its members remain undeterred. “God does not hear the prayers of those wicked,” she said. “They’re wasting their time.”

She said the church had canceled protest plans and opted for interviews with New York-based broadcaster Mike Gallagher on two other occasions—after the killing of Amish schoolgirls in 2006 and the massacre at Virginia Tech the following year. (RNS)



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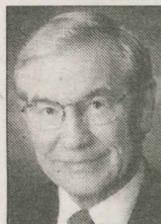
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## Preparing for Find It Here 2011

Find It Here 2011 is a targeted statewide effort to pray for the lost and witness with scripture distribution leading up to Easter, April 24.

### Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

The key component is a 21-day period of praying and fasting by Kentucky Baptists. Each participating believer will focus on praying for the salvation of three lost people by name in their geographic area. During the 21 days, believers will also be challenged to read consecutively through the 21 chapters of the Gospel of John (one chapter per day).

Fasting would be centered on giving up something significant that the person values highly. This does not have to be a food fast. For example, a believer who is a big sports fan may decide to give up one hour of TV or sports each day to spend more time reading God's word and praying.

After 21 days of fasting and praying, each believer will deliver a marked edition of a scripture portion with the books of John and Romans to each of the three unbelievers for whom they have been praying. The marked edition will enable the believer to guide the unbeliever through the plan of salvation.

Each church is being encouraged to include a card or brochure with the scripture portion that will invite the lost person to the church on Easter Sunday, the focus for harvest time.

Special editions of the scripture portion have also been prepared for youth and college students, Spanish language speakers, those in jails and prisons, and individuals in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Thanks to a special grant from the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, there will also be a statewide radio campaign for Find it Here in the two weeks leading up to Easter.

Prayerwalking is already underway in communities all over Kentucky with associations leading the way in mobilizing local believers to participate in prayerwalking every facility in their association. This will not only include praying down every road and street, but also prayerwalking around schools, nursing facilities, college campuses, prisons and jails.

It is our prayer that every person who participated in Find It Here in 2010 (about 42,000) will also participate in this 2011 Find it Here emphasis. Even more believers will be needed for prayerwalking and witnessing to inmates at 16 state and 10 federal prisons and 130 jails. There are 287 nursing facilities plus assisted living facilities.

Your prayers, witness and commitment are needed in order to help reach Kentucky for Christ.

Contact your church and association about plans for ordering, distribution schedules and assignments for prayerwalking schools and other facilities. You can find additional resources online at [www.kybaptist.org/findithere](http://www.kybaptist.org/findithere).

We look forward with great excitement to the harvest!  
Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## A new year, a new life ... through God's grace

For Rory Davis, 2011 isn't just a new year. It marks the start of a new life—in Kentucky and in Christ.

For the past four years, Olivet Baptist Church in Herndon—just south of Hopkinsville near the Tennessee line—has partnered with Crossings Church in Utah. Through several mission trips, Pastor Brandt Lyon and Olivet's members have grown to love the people of a fledgling congregation in the very heart of Latter Day Saint country.

"People think you are crazy to come here—not only the Christians, but the people in the community—to try to start a church. This is the hub for Mormons," said Mickie Kelly, a church planter with the North American Mission Board. In fact, Brigham Young University, where many LDS missionaries are trained, is only 20 minutes away, he noted. Still, Kelly has managed to birth a church from a Bible study in his basement that has grown from his family of four to around 70 members in four years. About three weeks ago, Crossings moved to a renovated storefront in Spanish Fork. "We're seeing people come to Christ, be baptized and be disciplined," he rejoiced. "It's been a real 'God-thing,' to say the least."

About a year and a half ago, Kelly began telling Lyon about how God had saved Davis and delivered him from drug and alcohol addictions stemming from the murder of his sister, Kiplyn, in 1995. But even after Davis had broken the addictions, his Mormon family was still disappointed to see him join a Christian church. "Rory came to us through a drug rehabilitation center," Kelly recalled. "At first glance, he reminded me of a bouncer—not that he is a big guy, but he had on a black coat and hat. He didn't have any hair. He wore big, gauged earrings and had a tattoo on his chest," Kelly added. "He was a very unique character."

At the time Kelly thought, "We'll see how this goes." But Davis was struck by the gospel message and the friendliness of the Crossings congregation. "The sermon just really fit where I was," Davis said. "It was like the service was perfectly orchestrated for me." He gave his life to Christ the next Sunday. "God met him head on and totally changed his life," Kelly said. "He is no longer the son of a Mormon bishop and the brother of a murder victim, he is Rory Davis, the man who has come to Christ, and Christ is changing his world."

When members from Olivet traveled to Utah on a mission trip last summer, Lyon met Davis. "He had a real passion for Christ and a love for His word," Lyon said. "We quickly became friends." During the next

few months, Davis continued to grow spiritually. But because of his past addiction problem and his conversion to Christ, he soon found it tough to make ends meet in a predominantly Mormon town where everyone knew his story. When Davis called in early December, Lyon told him that if he could make it to Kentucky, he would help put a roof over his head and food on his table. When he agreed, they quickly began to see what God could do. Members of Olivet and Hillcrest Baptist churches and the community paid for a plane ticket, found a construction job, provided a used car, and even loaned a recreational vehicle for a place to stay.

For Lyon, it is just a great example of "the church being the church." But one thing that has stood out to Davis is the unconditional love its members are demonstrating. "For a recovering addict from a Mormon background, it's overwhelming. I can't put it into words what it means to me," he said. While it has been hard to say goodbye to friends at Crossings, Olivet's members have offered encouragement, assuring that there would be something waiting here for him.

Lyon said he would love to see Davis continue to grow spiritually and see him glorifying God through his story. "Rory is someone whose life has been completely turned around by the work of the Holy Spirit in His life," he said. "I can see Him being in ministry somewhere down the road, especially in reference to drug addiction." Davis has become a trophy of God's grace, according to Lyon. "It is obvious that Rory went through some really rough times and his life was a wreck at one point due to his sin. But then, God saved Rory and turned him completely around," he explained. "You cannot look at Rory without seeing what God's grace can do."

His former pastor, Kelly, also marvels: "To see what God has done in his life blows me away and gives me even more confidence. I say, 'Lord, do in others what you have done in Rory's life!'"

As we head toward Easter Sunday and the launch of Find It Here 2011, Rory's story underscores for us 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." And, it demonstrates the importance of partnering with fellow believers—in this instance, a church plant in Utah and an established congregation in Western Kentucky—in being vessels of God's redeeming grace.

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



## Spotlight church with 'cookie extravaganza'

Invite your community to stop by your church this Valentine's Day to receive two dozen free homemade heart cookies. This fresh ministry project, a true labor of love, is a sweet and personal way to say "God loves you" and "we care."

**Step 1: Set a big goal.** A few weeks ahead, challenge individual church members to sign up to bake several dozen homemade heart-shaped cookies. They can vary in size, and may be plain, simply frosted or elegantly decorated. Remind volunteers to pray as they bake. If 20 members of a small church bake five dozen cookies, those 100 dozen cookies can touch 50 new families for Christ. A larger church's goal could be several hundred dozen.

**Step 2: Invite the town.** Post an exterior sign: "Free homemade Val-

entine cookies. Please stop by Feb. 14 between noon and 2 p.m. to receive our gift of love: two dozen heart cookies." Print business-card-size invitations for members to distribute. Deliver door hanger invitations to the neighborhood around the church. Submit a newspaper story or news tip about the project, with a quality photo of a member baking cookies.

**Step 3: Prepare well.** Set beautiful tables of cookies in a convenient foyer and plan a simple pick-up process. The gift will include a church brochure, newsletter, note from the pastor, and Valentine-themed evangelism tract.

**Step 4: Joyfully give.** On the day of the event, folks come in and choose two dozen cookies, which are packaged for them by friendly church members. Each person is

treated as an important guest, and hot cider and cocoa are served to those who want to relax and visit. A "decoration station" would allow kids to frost and sprinkle a large heart cookie, and every person is verbally invited to Sunday worship. Absolutely no donations are accepted. This is a gift.

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## What do the Millennials want in their leaders?

By Thom Rainer

The Millennial generation is the generation that has grabbed my heart. I know that my preference is largely related to having and loving three Millennial sons and their friends. But I know that my favoritism also stems from the attitude of hope that this generation brings.

As I have shared in other writings, my son Jess Rainer and I just concluded writing a book about this generation with the basic title, "The Millennials." Our work was based on a massive research project led by LifeWay Research, where that team asked 1,200 older Millennials dozens of questions in multiple categories. The responses were fascinating.

### Who are the millennials?

As a reminder, the Millennials are America's largest generation, more than 78 million in number. They are slightly larger in number than the well-documented Baby Boomer generation.

The Millennials were born between 1980 and 2000, though our research included only the older portion of this generation, those born between 1980 and 1991. The study included demographic sampling that well represents the generation in total.

### The leadership factor

Though we asked relatively few questions about leadership in our study, the intensity of their responses provided clear indication that this subject was one of great interest to many in this generation. At the conclusion of our study, we found four major leadership foci among the Millennials. We dubbed them simply "What Millennials Want in Leaders."

**1. Mentoring.** This generation has great respect for those older than they are. Most of them have good rela-

tionships with their parents. They have learned from older people all their lives, and they don't want to stop now. They want to be led and taught in their places of work, in their churches and in their families. They particularly want to learn from couples who have had long and successful marriages. Many Millennials see such examples as heroes to emulate.

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**2. Gentle spirit.** This category is easier to describe by what Millennials do not want in leaders. Divisive, loud and acrimonious persons turn them off. They loathe politicians and political pundits who scream at each other. They are leaving churches to some extent because they see many Christian leaders as negative and prone to divisiveness. They are repulsed by business leaders with harsh and autocratic spirits.

**3. Transparency and authenticity.** I wish Jess and I had counted the number of times that Millennials used the word "real" to describe leaders they want to follow. As one Millennial told us, her generation "can smell phony and pretentiousness a mile away." They don't want phony; they want authentic. They don't want pretentious; they want transparent.

**4. Integrity.** The Millennials are weary of politicians who don't keep promises. They are tired of Christian leaders who fail basic moral standards. They are fed up with business leaders who are more concerned about personal gain than serving others. They want leaders with integrity.

### Looking for a few good leaders

The Millennial generation has much to offer. As a whole, they desire to serve others. Most of them are very family-oriented. And they really want to listen and learn from others. Indeed they are looking for a few good leaders to follow. When they find them, they will follow with commitment and enthusiasm.

Our study of this generation was one of the most encouraging research projects in which I have been involved. I found great hope in the Millennials. I see great promise in many of them. And I found among them a hunger to learn from leaders they respect.

May we who have come before them be that type of leader.

The largest generation in America is watching us closely. (BP)

Thom Rainer is president of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Six stages of a man's life

By Scott Wigginton

**Q: My husband is in his early 30s, and we have two young sons. Living in this world of men is sometimes a little confusing. Frankly, I'm trying to understand my guys so that I can anticipate what my boys will experience and need as they grow up. Can you help?**



**A:** In his book, "The Journey of the Wild Heart," John Eldredge puts forth an interesting map of the masculine journey in which he uses biblical imagery to explore six stages of a man's life. Each stage brings new

challenges, opportunities and temptations.

The first stage of boyhood that Eldredge suggests is a time of wonder and exploration in which the greatest need is to experience oneself as "beloved son." Once affirmed and validated, the son emerges from this stage with a sense of deep worth.

Around the time of adolescence, guys enter the "cowboy" stage, where they learn lessons related to adventure and testing, attempting to begin to answer the question, "Do I have what it takes?"

Stage three, from the late teens until well into the 30s, finds the emergence of the "warrior." It is here that the young man commits himself to a cause that is worthy of battle, learns the rigors of discipline, and "sets his face like a flint" (Isa. 50:7) in pursuit of a mission that stands against the kingdom of darkness.

Just about this time he also moves into the "lover" stage, where he comes to offer his strength to a woman and learns to appreciate beauty and intimacy in life and with God.

The fifth stage is that of the "king," where a man comes into authority and is ready to lead and wield influence in ways that transcend his own comfort. Having made an authentic difference in the working world, the wise old man does not give himself to a self-focused retirement, but to the final role of "sage," where his wealth of knowledge and experience benefits others.

As his physical strength wanes, ironically his influence may increase.

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## Tax savings provide opportunity

By Laurie Valentine

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, signed into law on Dec. 17, 2010, extended many prior-year tax provisions and made significant, although temporary, changes in the estate and gift tax laws. All are designed to keep more money in our pockets and could provide opportunities for additional charitable giving in 2011 and 2012.



Extensions in the income tax area include extension of the current income tax brackets and the current capital gains tax and dividend rates through 2012. Those extensions, coupled with the "payroll/self-employment tax holiday" that reduces Social Security wage and self-employment taxes by 2 percent in 2011, leaving more dollars in paychecks, may allow you to increase your tithe or recurring gifts to causes important to you.

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision, first enacted in 2006, which permits tax-free distributions directly to charity of up to a total of \$100,000 each year from an IRA, was extended through 2011. It is available for persons age 70½ or older. The tax-free charitable IRA distributions can be counted as your required minimum distribution. While these charitable IRA distributions are not deductible, the benefit of not having to include the distribution in your income allows you to reduce your taxable income and provide needed financial support to important causes.

The increase in the federal estate tax exemption to \$5 million and the lowering of the estate tax rate to 35 percent takes us out of the unknown and into the known, at least for 2011 and 2012. Those changes, and the "re-unification" of the federal gift tax and estate tax exemptions, allows those who have been sitting on the sidelines waiting to learn what would happen when the 2001 tax changes expired to start the process of creating or revisiting their estate plan. Planning your estate, and keeping it up-to-date, will be the single most important act of financial stewardship that we, as Christians, can undertake.

Contact your estate and financial advisers to discuss how the new tax act's tax savings can allow you to practice financial stewardship at a deeper level in 2011 and 2012.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

## The real issue behind the Arizona tragedy

By Shannon Royce

Like most Americans, I watched in horror as the recent tragedy in Arizona unfolded. In less than the time it takes for you to drink your morning coffee, a very disturbed young man stole the lives of six precious people and seriously injured a member of Congress and 13 others.

While many have now turned this into a political debate about "right-wing extremists," a "left-wing pot-head," the Tea Party or the presence of guns in our society, the real issue that appears to be foundational is what we do with those who suffer hidden disabilities.

Many in our society live with hidden disabilities—things like depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, Autism spectrum disorders and others. They do not show in an obvious way like other physical disabilities—there is no wheel chair, no assistance dog—but they are still deeply affecting.

As a society we tend to respond with silence. The reality is that we don't know how to respond so we just ignore it and hope it never really touches our lives. The silence that engulfs families living with a hidden disability is almost as terrible as the illness itself.

From stories I have read since that weekend, there seems little doubt that

the shooter suffered from a mental health disorder that had played out over many years. He apparently left college recently because of repeated outbursts and was told he could only return if a mental health profes-

sional assured the college that he was not a risk.

We have seen this kind of tragedy play out before and it is mind-numbing. I cannot imagine the horror of those who lost a loved one or those who are now nursing an injured family member back to health.

But at its core this is not a political debate. It is not about ideologies, parties or guns.

At its core this is an issue of how we help those who suffer serious brain disorders.

One of the difficult challenges of this kind of moment is that there are many living with these disabilities who live their lives peacefully, love their families faithfully, work at their jobs diligently, and engage in their churches devotedly. We never hear about these people. And we should not fear them.

There also are many serious crimes that are committed every day by people who are just evil or mean, but who do not suffer any brain disorder requiring psychiatric or psy-

chological intervention.

It is critical in this moment that we all step back and take a deep breath. First, individually we need to pray for the grieving, the injured, those present at this tragedy who are now afraid, and even the assailant's parents. Second, as a society we need to see that justice is accomplished for those involved. Third, as a community we need to commit to not turn away in silence and pretend we do not see. Finally, we need to look around us for those touched by hidden disabilities and recognize what we can and should do to help them.

This final call to action is one I take very personally. As a mom of a child with a hid-

den disability, I understand the challenges faced by our families. That is why I founded an organization called ChosenFamilies.org to provide information, resources and encouragement from a Christian perspective to families living with these challenges. ChosenFamilies.org is also committed to empowering churches to be more responsive to these needs.

As the old saying goes: "There, but for the grace of God, go I." (BP)

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**"At its core this is an issue of how we help those who suffer serious brain disorders."**

# Southern Baptist workers say Haiti recovery will be 'long haul'

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from a year ago. Thousands of Haitians still live under tarps in cramped, unsanitary "tent cities."

The few Haitians whose homes have been rebuilt are spreading their joy and appreciation by helping others in their communities. Haitians are picking up hammers, pushing wheelbarrows and working alongside volunteers and missionaries to help rebuild homes—and lives.

The rebuild also is helping the local economy and providing more jobs for people who are out of work.

"The houses are all built out of materials that are available" locally, Palmer said. "Doing things locally, you put local people to work."

Teams of Haitians also are being trained to lead the work effort.

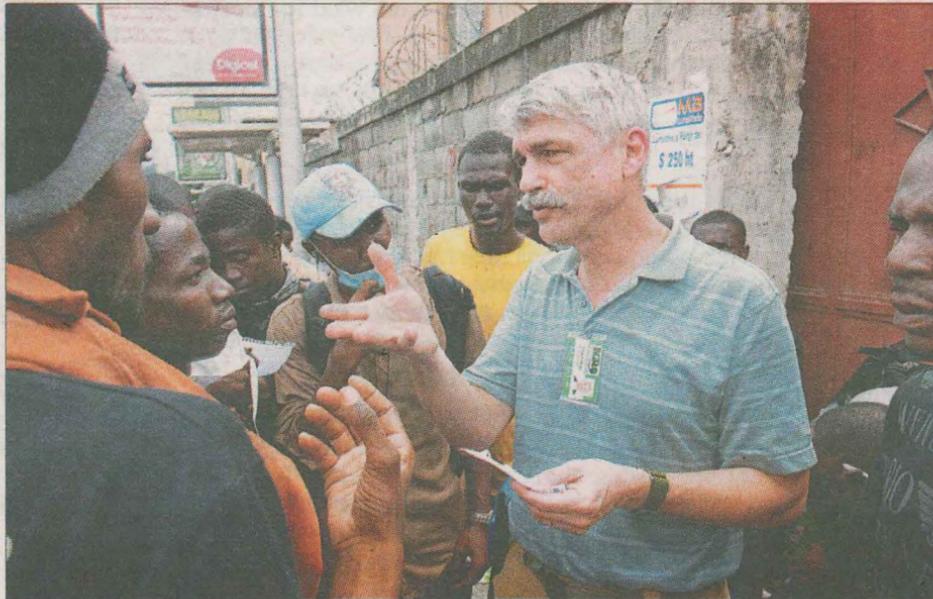
"Our goal is to have 10 to 20 Haitian teams that are out helping to build these houses," Palmer said. "It gives them ownership, gets them involved, gives them income and a job."

"In the long run it's going to take Haitians to rebuild Haiti."

Local churches also are joining the effort and reaching out to those in need.

One of those churches is Shiloh Baptist Church, located on one of the many Port-au-Prince streets hit hard by the earthquake.

A year ago, the disaster claimed the life of the church's pastor, three church leaders, more than 20 other members and destroyed most of their facility. In the weeks following the earthquake, many of its 800



**REBUILDING A NATION** In the days after last January's earthquake in Haiti, International Mission Board missionary Mark Rutledge collected names and contact information that Southern Baptist teams used to assess needs. Since then, the missionary has visited more than 100 families who have new homes. Through a collaborative effort called "Rebuild Haiti," Southern Baptists plan to build 3,200 houses by the end of 2013.

members were living outside the church building under blue tarps.

"All our strong leaders in the church who were spiritual giants—were prepared to go to the Lord—were the ones who were taken," said one member just days after the disaster. "We don't know where our future leaders will come from."

One year later, the congregation worships under the leadership of a new pas-

tor in the lower, open-air portion of their facility, which remains damaged but usable. Children's classes now are held under the blue tarps where church members once lived.

Volunteer medical teams from the United States also continue to treat earthquake victims' lingering health problems, including those affected by the recent cholera outbreak. More than 3,000 Haitians have died

from the epidemic, according to recent reports from missionaries in the country.

IMB missionary Delores York vividly remembers what the first few weeks after the earthquake were like when she and her husband, Sam, helped with a medical clinic along Haiti's border with the Dominican Republic.

"If your head was still attached, you kind of went to the bottom of the list," York said. "The most critical were seen first. Some people didn't get much care."

Today, Haitians still come into clinics with old earthquake wounds that were never treated. Some have indentions in their skulls; some complain of memory loss. Others have bones that did not heal correctly.

"There's not much you can do for those things," York said. "Sometimes it's just somebody taking the time to care and take a look and sometimes pray for them."

York said she believes the earthquake has been a spiritual wake-up call for many Haitians. But as time passes, she acknowledged the power of that call will dwindle.

"All of this will die out—but people are willing to talk about God, people that normally wouldn't do it," she said.

York said that as Haiti fades from front-page news, she prays Southern Baptists won't forget what happened there.

"You don't see it on the news, but they need prayer," she said. "If you couldn't send money, if you couldn't go and be there yourself and help with construction, everybody (can) pray."

"The crisis isn't over. It's going to be a long haul."

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## People in southern Sudan go to the polls to Vote for Freedom

By Jacob Alexander & Zoe Allen  
International Mission Board

Nairobi, Kenya—With music filling the air and smiles stretched wide across faces, Sudanese refugees living in Kenya couldn't contain their excitement after casting their votes Jan. 9—the first day of a referendum to decide the fate of neighboring Sudan.

"I am so happy I have now voted; you can see the ink on my finger," said Thomas Maingi\*, a Sudanese Christian. "I want to go back to my country. I believe God will bless our new country."

In addition to the voting across southern Sudan, thousands of Sudanese were expected to vote in neighboring countries—including eight locations in Kenya—in a referendum on independence that, if passed, will officially designate southern Sudan as a new nation.

Sudan has been ravaged by years of civil war between the heavily Islamic, Arab-dominated North and the predominantly Christian and animist South. The conflict has driven many southern Sudanese to flee to neighboring countries. The referendum, however, brings hope to refugees for a return to an independent homeland.

"This is a great day for Sudan and for Africa," voter Michael Muzusa\* said. "I have been in Kenya for 16 years. When the voting is over, I am going back to my country."

Northern and southern Sudan have been at odds since 1955, when civil war erupted as the region gained independence

from the United Kingdom and Egypt.

For those remaining in southern Sudan, life has centered on survival. Rather than attending school, boys are sent to cattle camps, where they defend their livelihood with spears and AK-47s in clashes with northern-supported militias.

The referendum in Sudan and other countries extended through Jan. 15. Fighting in disputed areas of Sudan had been reported since the voting began. Dozens of people were killed in clashes, according to news accounts. Despite the violence, international observers and diplomats said the voting appeared to go well.

### Praying for peace

Sudanese Christians are praying for a peaceful outcome—and asking other Christians to pray with them.

"We are praying that we may celebrate without violence; whether we separate or unite, we shall give it to God," David Wambui\* said. "Of course I am afraid of violence, because enough is enough. We have lost too many lives and souls to violence."

Christians also hope a new country will provide religious freedom and equality. "We are praying to God for the secession of southern Sudan so that we can be black Africans in an independent land," said Eric Karanja\*, another Sudanese believer living in Kenya. "We don't want to be in the womb of Arabs. It is time for us to pray to God hard so that He can give back our land."



**NATIONAL PRIDE** A Sudanese man (center) proudly shows his voter registration card as other Sudanese refugees wave the southern Sudan flag. Nairobi, Kenya, where many Sudanese refugees live, is one of the voting centers for the Sudan referendum. That referendum will determine if southern Sudan will become an independent nation. (Photo by Wes Julian/IMB)

Crude oil exports from Sudan generate millions of dollars for the country. Many observers cite oil as a factor in the proposed referendum. Sudanese Christians, however, say they are more concerned with freedom to practice their faith—and freedom from the North's harsh enforcement of Islamic law. According to BBC News Africa, Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has announced he will implement a stricter version of Sharia Islamic law in the North if the South secedes.

If the referendum passes, a new southern Sudan is expected to be established by

July. But much work lies ahead to overcome the effects civil war has had on the region, including poverty and poor infrastructure.

"When we are beginning our new country, the first thing we need to do is build schools and put up churches," said David Mwolo\*, another Sudanese Christian. "People should have freedom and this is how we want to begin our new country."

The referendum is the final benchmark of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement which ended more than 20 years of North-South civil war in Sudan. (BP)

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## Missouri Baptist Foundation moves to have judge's ruling delayed

Jefferson City, Mo.—

The Missouri Baptist Foundation is asking a judge to delay enforcement of a ruling that returns control of the breakaway entity to the Missouri Baptist Convention.

The convention recently won its legal action against the foundation after nearly nine years of litigation. Judge Paul Wilson ruled on Dec. 31 that the foundation did not have the right to file amendments it made to its charter in October 2001 without MBC approval.

In a motion filed with the court Jan. 6, the foundation argued that Judge Wilson could not declare his ruling as final because it does not settle all issues in the case. His order also does not allow enough time for the foundation to file an appeal before it must comply with the order's injunctions.

Judge Wilson's order requires the foundation to return to its 1994 charter, and trustees not elected under its provisions must give up their seats. (ABP)

## Mohler: Theistic evolution is 'theological disaster'

By Bob Allen

Louisville—A Southern Baptist seminary president has turned his sights on "theistic evolution," the idea that evolutionary forces are somehow guided by God.

Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote an article in the Winter 2011 issue of the seminary magazine labeling attempts by Christians to accommodate Darwinism "a biblical and theological disaster."

Mohler said being able to find middle ground between a young-earth creationism that believes God created the world in six 24-hour days and naturalism that regards evolution the product of random chance "would resolve a great cultural and intellectual conflict."

The problem, however, is that it is not evolutionary theory that gives way, but rather the Bible and Christian theology.

Mohler said acceptance of evolutionary theory requires reading the first two chapters of Genesis as a literary rendering and not historical fact, but it doesn't end there. It also requires rethinking the claim that sin and death entered the human race through the fall of Adam. That in turn, Mohler contended, raises questions about New Testament passages like 1 Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."

"The New Testament clearly es-

tablishes the gospel of Jesus Christ upon the foundation of the Bible's account of creation," Mohler wrote. "If there was no historical Adam and no historical fall, the gospel is no longer understood in biblical terms."

Mohler said that after trying to reconcile their reading of Genesis with science, proponents of theistic evolution now are publicly rejecting biblical inerrancy, the doctrine that the Bible is totally free from error.

In another article in the same issue, Gregory Wills, professor of church history at Southern Seminary, said attempts to affirm both creation and evolution in the 19th and 20th century produced Christian liberalism, which attracted large numbers of Americans, including the clerical and academic leadership of most denominations.

After establishing the concept that Genesis is true from a religious but not a historical standpoint, Wills said, liberalism went on to apply naturalistic criteria to accounts of miracles and prophecy as well. The result, he said, was a Bible "with little functional authority."

"Liberalism in America began with the rejection of the Bible's creation account," Wills wrote. "It culminated with a broad rejection of the beliefs of historic Christianity. Yet many Christians today wish to repeat the experiment. We should not expect different results." (ABP)



Albert Mohler

## 'Seventy times seven'

### Making the decision to expel a student from Oneida is a difficult one to make

It will not come as a surprise to anyone that working with teenagers "24/7" can be a challenge. Today has been a challenge! Normally the day-to-day discipline of our students is the responsibility of others, but today, for various reasons, it was my job. If you were to walk 24 hours in the footsteps of those who have to make disciplinary decisions, I think you would agree they have a very difficult job.

When something goes wrong, just getting accurate information about what happened, who was involved, who said this and who did that can be a challenge. After hours of trying to put the pieces of a puzzle together, you may have a clearer picture of what happened, but that does not mean it's easy to decide the best discipline for those involved.

Often just talking to a student who has made some bad choices and giving good parental advice is all that's needed. Other times giving extra hours of work duty or maybe grounding the student for a few days is the appropriate punishment. For a boy with a "potty mouth," writing an essay about our choice of words or having the student copy scripture may be best.

There are times, however, when the offense is much more serious and we have to consider several days of suspension, which means the student is assigned a work detail during the academic day instead of going to school. Or, in a worst-case scenario, we simply have to expel a student.

There are times when the erring student has been difficult to work with for an extended peri-

od of time, and nothing we have done seems to have gotten the child's attention, so sending the child home is the only choice we have. There also are times when sending the student home is in the best interest of our other students so they will see there are limits to our patience.

Though sending a student home may be our only choice, it often is an emotionally difficult decision for the staff who have to make that call. It

is especially difficult when we believe OBI was the best educational and living environment for him or her. We know the student likely will have few options at home and will not get the attention and help he or she received here.

Today, for a variety of reasons, I had to send two boys home. I have not had that responsibility for years, and it has made my day awful. I had to call the parents of the two boys, both of whom are from completely different backgrounds. Both boys needed—and wanted—to be here but

they made some really bad choices and they had to be sent home.

Did Jesus really mean we are supposed to forgive those who have "sinned" seventy times seven? As a layman I think I understand Jesus' intent. I don't think He meant for us to keep a tally of every time we forgive someone and then stop forgiving when we have reached the magical number of 490. I don't think anyone believes that. But I do know this: If it's this difficult for us to send two students home because of the error of their ways, imagine how difficult it must be for God to allow lost sinners to go to their eternal home because of the error of their ways.

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## Rescued 'Angel'

### Clear Creek professor recalls mission trip salvation story

This week, Clear Creek English professor Elli Gillum shares her experience from a recent mission trip she led to another part of the world.

It was raining and storming the morning we went to a village to eat breakfast. The owners are believers and greeted us warmly. While we were waiting to eat, a woman came in with her umbrella and purse and put them away at the counter. Our guide did not recognize her and asked the owner about her. He said she had come to work there about six weeks before.

We invited her to join us at our table and drink tea with us. We asked her if she knew why Jesus had to die. She said she did not, and we explained the truth of the cross to her—that Jesus had taken the sins of the world upon Himself for all who believe that He is indeed the Son of God.

She replied she would never be good enough to get to Heaven. She believed there were just too many sins in her life to be counted and she felt very depressed. When we told her Jesus had died for her sins, she began to ask questions about how we knew that.

We gave her a copy of a Bible

along with a "JESUS" DVD and began to point out things to her from the Bible—ultimately coming back to John 3:16 and John 14:1-6. We asked her if she would like to receive Jesus as her Savior and she said "yes." We prayed with her and tears began to flow down her face.

She was so glad someone had come to show her the way to Jesus.

We began to sing "It Is Well With My Soul" as our interpreter told her the words we were singing. People came out of the kitchen and storage room to listen to us sing. When we finished she came around the table and hugged each one of us.

She was excited to go home that night to view the DVD and begin reading about Jesus, her Savior who had taken away her sins.

Her name means "Angel" and we shall never forget that stormy morning when we found an angel who needed Jesus.

### Clear Creek Chronicle



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## Accountability

### Jesus' parable reveals the qualities of mature stewards

Among the important qualities of a mature steward is accountability—a mature steward is accountable.

A mature steward knows by nature what Jesus meant in the parable found in Luke 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

A mature steward lives each day knowing the end of the story is what Jesus taught in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:19, "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."

A mature steward enjoys a sense of security in knowing someone is overseeing him or her, and his or her efforts on behalf of the overseer, or master, matter. This encourages initiative and quality in the mature steward's efforts, which pleases the master.

On the other hand, a too cautious, "do-nothing-for-fear-of-the-consequences" attitude is totally unpleasant and distasteful to the master as revealed in that part of

the parable found in Matthew 25:24-28. "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I

was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. Take the talent from him

and give it to the one who has ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

May we be faithful and accountable in our stewardship in 2011.

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### Ky. Baptist Foundation



Barry Allen

## Groups take aim at sex trafficking ahead of next month's Super Bowl

Arlington, Texas—In the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl Feb. 6 in Arlington, Texas, at least two North Texas organizations are working to curb the demand for sex trafficking associated with such prominent events.

Traffick 911, a year-old organization in Fort Worth, and Love146, an international group with local support, are planning informational events at churches and theaters prior to Super Bowl week. They are enlisting churches, home groups and Sunday school classes to volunteer for such things as prayerwalking, a rescue awareness campaign and flyer distribution in neighborhoods with sexually oriented businesses and other areas prone to prostitution.

Prostitutes will be in high demand for the 2011 Super Bowl, which inevitably means the trafficking of minors, said Deena Graves, founder of Traffick 911.

"First of all, you have a large number of male tourists traveling without families. Second, there are large amounts of money at these events," Graves said.

"For example, the Super Bowl host committee estimates there will be 40,000 people coming into our area who do not even have tickets to the Super Bowl," she added. "They're coming just for the party atmosphere."

With estimates of between 100,000 to 300,000 American minors being trafficked for sex each year, the United States is one of the leading demand-and-supply countries for child prostitution, Graves explained.

Traffick 911 has launched a nationwide "I'm Not Buying It" campaign leading up to the Super Bowl to raise awareness of the problem. The group has representatives serving on two workgroups associated with a task force commissioned by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to combat human trafficking in the state.

At a late November news conference, Abbott said the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking reported "tens of thousands of women and minors were trafficked in the Miami area during the last Super Bowl."

Looking ahead to Super Bowl week in Texas, "it's clear we are going to be defining ourselves as a state and as a people by the way in which we respond to human trafficking," Abbott said.

Another anti-trafficking organization, Love146, has begun a similar campaign called "It's Not My Fault."

The name, Love146, came from a fact-finding trip to southeast Asia where the group's founder, Rob Morris, witnessed the enslavement of pre-teen girls—held in large glass boxes with televisions playing children's cartoons—being marketed to traffickers. Each girl was identified only by a number. The defiant look of one of the girls, number 146, haunted Morris, he recalls in a video posted on the group's website.

The groups are planning several events leading up to the Super Bowl. Among them, a community prayer service, as well as a tailgate party the day before the Super Bowl to raise awareness of the human trafficking problem. (BP)

**As many as 40,000 people will travel to the Dallas area for the Feb. 6 Super Bowl who do not have tickets to the game. "They're coming just for the party atmosphere," said Deena Graves, founder of Traffick 911.**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

20-22 Shepherding the Shepherd, Hilton Downtown Hotel, Lexington.

### February

3-5 Southeast Conclave, Chattanooga, Tenn.

5 Disaster Relief Regional Training, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

7 Successful Strategies for Deacon Ministry, Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington.

8 Successful Strategies for Deacon Ministry, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

11-12 Preschool and Children's Ministry Conference, Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown.

19 Kentucky Changers Volunteer Training, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.

24-26 Basic Training Journey for Church Planters, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.

28-3/1 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

### March

1 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference Women's Emphasis, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

3 Growing Ministries Tour, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.

4-5 Creative Ministries Festival, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

5 All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Auditions, various locations.

5 Vacation Bible School Clinic—West, Edgewood Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

8 Growing Ministries Tour, Crittenden Baptist Church.

10 Developing Multi-Housing Ministries That Last, Crestwood Baptist Church.

10 Growing Ministries Tour, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg.

11 Developing Multi-Housing Ministries That Last, West Union Baptist Association, Paducah.

12 All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Auditions, various locations.

12 Disaster Relief Regional Training, May's Lick Baptist Church.

12 Vacation Bible School Clinic—East, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

15 Growing Ministries Tour, Horse Cave Baptist Church.

## New book details woman's journey across 'life line'

By Bonnie Pritchett  
Southern Baptist Texan

Bryan, Texas—All of her good intentions had suddenly become mere excuses, hollow arguments with no ring of truth. What Abby Johnson had believed and what she had based her life's work on unraveled before her as she realized the gut-wrenching truth: She had believed and perpetuated a lie.

A new book released Jan. 11—"unPlanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey Across the Life Line"—is Johnson's account of her experience as an abortion clinic volunteer-turned-director and the life-altering event that put her at odds with her former employer.

Johnson discussed her book Jan. 10 in an audio webcast co-hosted by pro-life advocates David Bereit and Shawn Carney.

The relationship between the three once had been adversarial as Johnson, who grew up in a Southern Baptist home, led the work of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan-College Station, Texas—where Carney and Bereit were seeking to thwart her "success" at a nearby pregnancy resource center.

It was the idea of success that began to nag Johnson and chip away at her faith in and advocacy of Planned Parenthood. In the webcast, Johnson repeatedly noted that although she was never wholly comfortable with abortion, she justified her work because she believed the

organization's rhetoric about women's health and the ravages of illegal abortions.

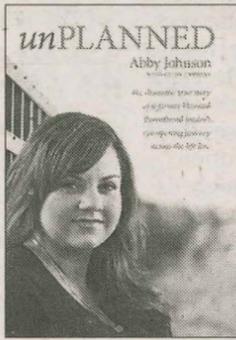
In her book, she confesses to having had two abortions. "On the inside I was still feeling like I had failed as a woman. My body had failed me. God had failed me. Why did He allow this to happen to me? It didn't make sense," she recalled.

Years later, as clinic director, Johnson learned the business side of the nonprofit organization. It began to look less like a grassroots group of altruistic volunteers determined to give women quality health care and more like a capital venture. The profits came not on the philanthropy of serving low-income communities and college students but on lucrative abortions. The organization reported making more than \$1 billion in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

When Johnson was asked by regional directors to reduce the distribution of free services and products and increase the number of monthly cervical and medically induced abortions, she said she was stunned.

"They wanted us to increase the quota of abortions we were providing. They also wanted to start offering medication abortions—the RU486—many times during the week," she recalled.

In her last year with the clinic, she said she was having more difficulty justifying her work. But it was not until September 2009 that Johnson came face to face with the reality of abortion.



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## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **ALEXANDRIA**—Licking Valley Church recently called **Robert Strunk** as pastor. He previously was the minister of music at First Church of Ludlow.

■ **BENTON**—Bethlehem Church recently called **Bill Ramsey** as pastor. He previously was pastor of South Franklin Church.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Saloma Church will host the January Bible Study sessions Jan. 23 and 30, 5 p.m., titled "Truth About Grace—Studies in Galatians led by **John Hurtgen**, dean of Campbellsville University's School of Theology. For more information, call (270) 789-0082 or visit [www.SalomaBaptist.com](http://www.SalomaBaptist.com).

■ **LOUISVILLE**—The Christian Business and Professional Women's

organization will host a luncheon and business and networking expo Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m. at Hurstbourne Country Club. The cost is \$13 and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call **Kim Fusting** at (502) 267-7066 or send an e-mail to [CBPWEast@gmail.com](mailto:CBPWEast@gmail.com).

■ **NANCY**—Lakeside Church ordained **Tim Fisher** to the gospel ministry Jan. 8. **David King** is pastor.

■ **RICHMOND**—Linden Street Church recently called **Michael Barnes** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Peytontown Church in Richmond.

■ **SOMERSET**—First Church ordained **Brent Duell** and **Rick Wesley** as deacons Jan. 9. **French Harmon** is pastor.

Never had she been called into the procedure room to help with an abortion. In the past she had been in the room to hold a patient's hand or give counsel to patients during the process. But on this day the visiting doctor was performing an ultrasound-guided abortion, an unprecedented procedure in the clinic. Johnson would witness—in real time—the life of a 13-week-old baby taken. She held the ultrasound probe on the woman's abdomen so the doctor could see the baby and the instrument as he did his work. The procedure was visible on a monitor.

The shock of witnessing an abortion in progress made Johnson question everything she had believed and advocated about the work of Planned Parenthood.

In her book, Johnson recalled thinking, "I had believed a lie! I had blindly promoted the 'company

line' for so long. Why? Why hadn't I searched out the truth for myself? Why had I closed my ears to the arguments I'd heard? Oh, dear God, what had I done?"

Two weeks later she resigned her position as director of the clinic and walked to Shawn Carney's offices at the Coalition for Life.

When Planned Parenthood's attempts to woo her back to her position with enticements of more money failed, the billion-dollar organization filed an injunction against Johnson and Carney. The national organization argued the suit was necessary in order to protect patient privacy.

Johnson contends the suit was an effort to silence her and intimidate other Planned Parenthood volunteers and employees from doing likewise. Planned Parenthood lost the lawsuit, freeing Johnson to write her book with Cindy Lambert. (BP)

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## A 'transformational' Sunday school

By David Francis

In the six months since the release of the book by Ed Stetzer and Thom Rainer reporting its findings, the Transformational Church research project has already begun to create a buzz within Sunday school, discipleship and small group movements. A lot of leaders are asking this question: "What might our Sunday school class or small group look like if it reflected the seven elements found in the Transformational Churches?"

I've attempted to answer that question in a new little book, "Transformational Church Goes to Sunday School." You can download it free at [LifeWay.com/SundaySchool](http://LifeWay.com/SundaySchool).

In the spring of 2009, a team of LifeWay consultants fanned out across the country to conduct interviews with pastors from multiple denominations whose churches scored in the top 10 percent of the initial quantitative research phase of the Transformational Church project.

It was my privilege to lead that team, which assembled in Nashville to debrief this qualitative phase with Ed Stetzer, LifeWay's vice president for research and ministry development. It was amazing to hear what our consultants observed across the country and across denominational lines. In upcoming articles, I'll address each of the seven elements found in the Transformational Churches and how it might apply in a small group or Sunday school class. Want to know what those elements are? Visit [TransformationalChurch.com](http://TransformationalChurch.com).

### Missional small communities

If you've ever heard Ed Stetzer speak, you've likely heard him ex-

hort church leaders to get people out of rows, into circles and from those circles to engage them in missional activity in their communities and beyond. I believe that a group that intentionally pursues the seven Transformational Church elements will likely become that kind of class: a Transformational Class.

### FIRST PERSON

#### The power of one class



David Francis

If you've ever heard me speak, you've likely heard me exhort Sunday school and small group leaders about the power of every class that practices the 3 R's of a Great Commission group: reaching people for Christ, releasing people to serve, and reproducing itself for Kingdom impact.

The seven elements can help guide such intentionality in every one of the 400,000-plus Sunday school classes in Southern Baptist churches, as well as small groups and classes beyond the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### The power of story

One of the most challenging aspects in reporting the findings from the Transformational Church research is digesting and reporting the virtual mountain of stories we uncovered. It will take perhaps 10 years to unpack it all. But you don't have to wait. You see, you have a story. Your class has a story. That story is not complete yet. My prayer is that this series of articles will give you a fresh vision about what God can accomplish through your class. My hope for you is that 2011 will be a wonderful chapter in the story of your class or small group.

David Francis is director of Sunday school at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**GIFTS TO GIVE** Louise Lewis, assisted by Gilberta Hurst, shops for her family during the recent "Give a Gift to Give" at Laurel Heights Home for the Elderly in London. In 1983, Lewis and her pastor's wife—Velma Baird of Corinth Baptist Church—helped organize the churches of Laurel River Baptist Association in gathering gifts and preparing shopping tables for the nursing home's residents. Each December, members of Laurel River's Woman's Missionary Union load tables with gifts, enabling residents to shop for their families. More than 100 workers recently assisted the 168 residents in selecting and wrapping gifts.



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## For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



## Preacher's Kids

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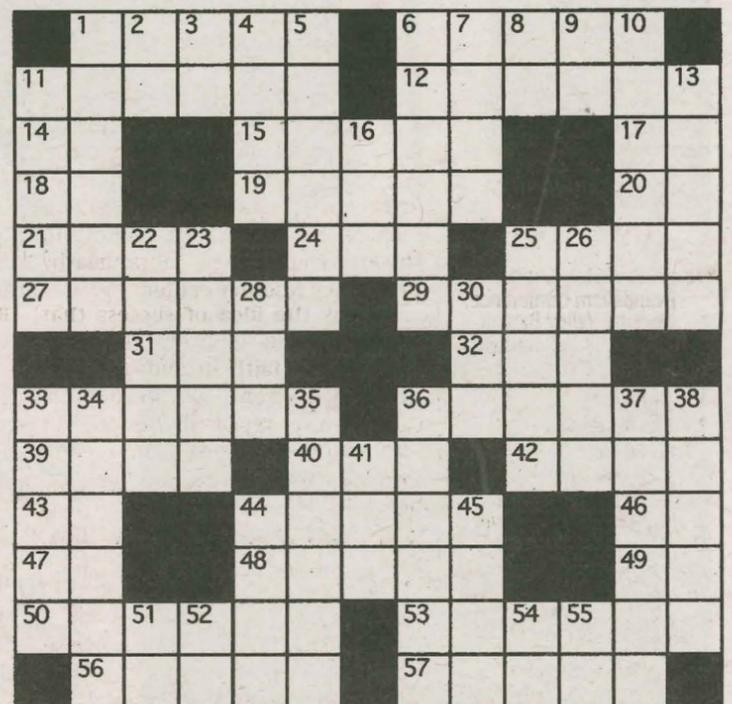
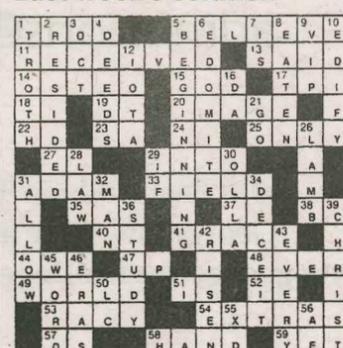


## Bible Crosswords

### Across

- 1 Pretty much
- 6 Off the cuff (2 words)
- 11 Expelled gas
- 12 Belonging to the earth
- 14 Radium, chem. symbol
- 15 Precious stone on the third row of the priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:19)
- 17 Western Canadian province, abbr.
- 18 All right
- 19 Annoyed
- 20 Short greeting
- 21 "I ... have the \_\_\_ of hell and of death" (Revelation 1:18)
- 24 Creatures from outer space, abbr.
- 25 Slightly open
- 27 One who revises
- 29 "I was afraid, and went and hid thy \_\_\_ in the earth" (Matthew 25:25)
- 31 Peter once cut one off
- 32 Belonging to New York's largest island, abbr.
- 33 "The glory of the Lord \_\_\_ the house" (Ezekiel 43:5)
- 36 First appearances
- 39 "Ye \_\_\_ men with burden grievous to be borne" (Luke 11:46)
- 40 Lemon beverage
- 42 "\_\_\_ a rod of an almond tree" (Jeremiah 1:11) (2 words)
- 43 Letter that follows el

### Last week's solution



- 44 Belonging to Mr. Rogers
- 46 A mate for Pa
- 47 Eastbound, abbr.
- 48 Cancel
- 49 Point, abbr.
- 50 Angry outburst
- 53 Man-made channels
- 56 Collapsed
- 57 Give off

### Down

- 1 What the Mount Sinai did when the Lord descended
- 2 Biblical land: \_\_\_ of the Chaldees
- 3 Innings pitched, abbr.
- 4 "Lest he \_\_\_ my soul like a lion" (Psalms 7:2)
- 5 More nervous
- 6 Affirm
- 7 "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in \_\_\_ and in truth" (1 John 3:18)
- 8 Living room, abbr.
- 9 Iridium, chem. symbol
- 10 "Daniel . . shall leap from \_\_\_" (Deuteronomy 33:22)
- 11 Penniless
- 13 Part of a dress below the waist
- 16 Altitude, abbr.
- 22 "\_\_\_ yourselves to the Lord" (2 Chronicles 30:8)
- 23 Not fresh
- 25 A plausible excuse
- 26 Son of God and Son of man
- 28 Metal
- 30 Strong drink
- 33 Swift
- 34 Verse written in iambs
- 35 Mended socks
- 36 Figure out
- 37 Where Samuel grew up
- 38 "The four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their \_\_\_" (Revelation 11:16)
- 41 Where Daniel spent time with lions
- 44 Lose color
- 45 Shut hard
- 51 Royal Academy, abbr.
- 52 Audio-visual, abbr.
- 54 Negative
- 55 Preposition

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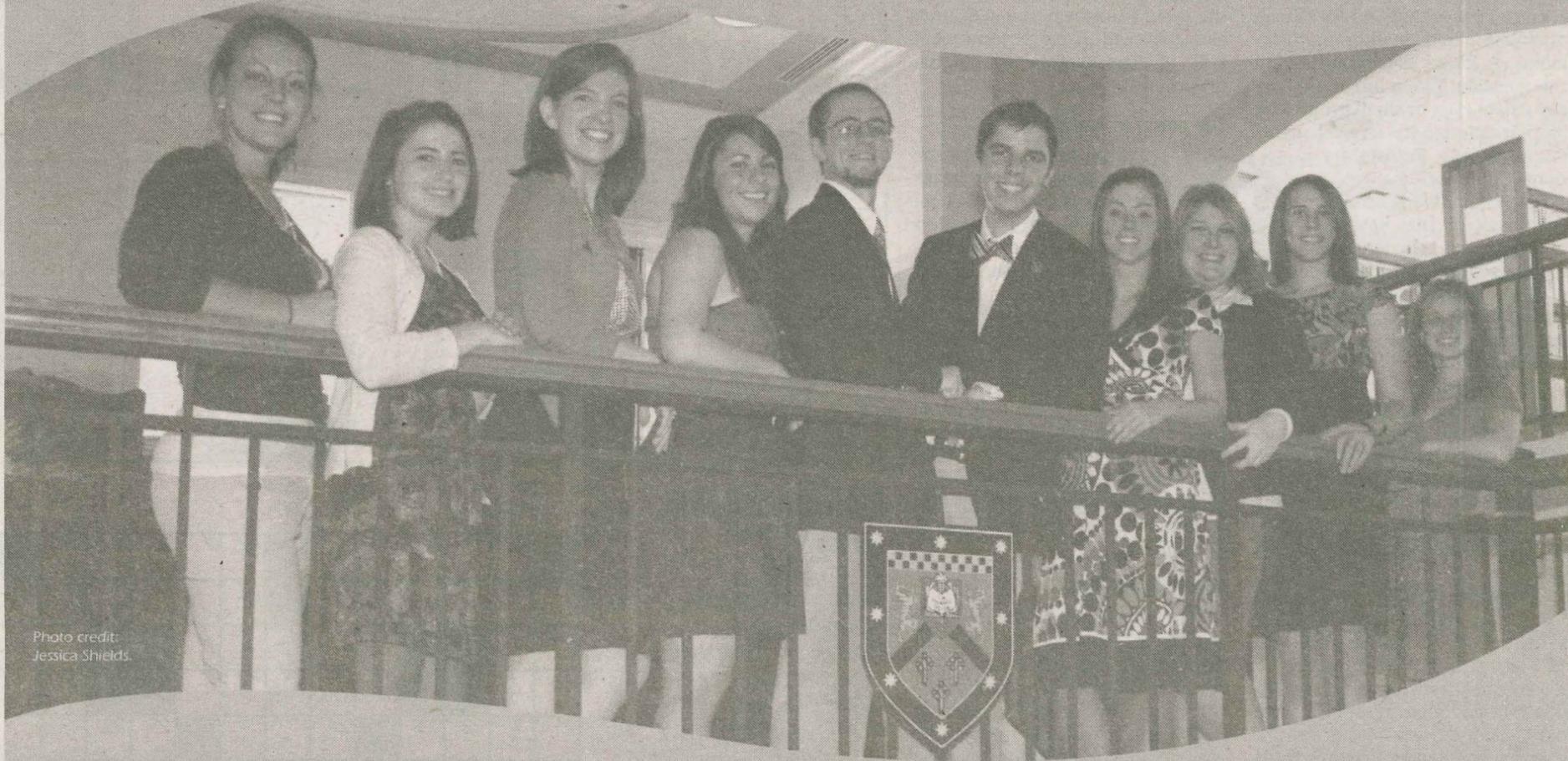


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