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Missions Immersion 101

Kentucky Baptist students challenged by 1:8 Experience

By Robin Bass
Partnerships Director

Louisville—The sights and sounds of their two-month missions immersion are no more, but the memories of the 55 students who participated



Members of the 1:8 Leadership Experience East Team Krissy Kidd (far left), from Morehead State University, Rachel Shannon (second from left), from Campbellsville University, and Kenny Newton (far right), from University of the Cumberlands, don costumes for a Vacation Bible School lesson at a church in Ecuador, as a local woman relays the story in Spanish.

in the 1:8 Leadership Experience will last the rest of their lives.

The journey left quite an impression on the young adults, especially

with stops in New York and San Francisco. Some participating in the Kentucky Baptist collegiate ministry
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Loving Muslims

Former Muslim terrorist trainee now Christian pastor

By Shiloh Lane
International Mission Board

Southeast Asia—As a teenager, Budi Mulyadi* trained to kill Christians with a 9mm pistol.

For months, he aimed it at a target while an instructor shouted slurs against Christianity. Mulyadi didn't know anything about the religion, just that it threatened Islam. Not once did someone explain Christ's sacrifice to him.

Yet, almost 20 years later, he serves as a Christian worker.

Today Mulyadi joins with American Christian workers to manage worship sessions for youth in Southeast Asia. He helps local farmers learn better ways to raise healthy fish and grow their crops. He gives food to poverty-stricken families.

As Mulyadi toils, the jobs and the people he works with bring him joy and he smiles—but his smiles fade when he talks about his adolescence. At the age of 14, he lived in an Islam-



ic terrorist camp that imbued him with wrath and hate.

Hate "was something that was implanted in my mind," he said. "I could just think about Christians and the hate would pop up."

Mulyadi ran away from an Islamic boarding school in his early teenage years. The school taught him Muslim scripture but had too many
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Economy & the church

Survey: Pastors report mixed economic signs

By David Roach
LifeWay Christian Resources

Nashville, Tenn.—Although the offerings in most American churches have met or exceeded budget requirements in 2011, the economy still is having a negative impact on local congregations.

That's the finding of a LifeWay Research survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors conducted in May and compared with similar surveys from November 2009 through January 2011.

According to the new survey, nearly three-quarters (71 percent) of pastors report 2011 offerings at or in excess of their budget requirements. That includes 25 percent with offerings exceeding budget requirements and 46 percent with offerings at approximately budget level.

Twenty-two percent of pastors report lower offerings in 2011 than 2010. Nearly 40 percent report an increase from 2010 and 36 percent say offerings are at about the same level as last year. On average, churches report a 2 percent increase in 2011.

When asked how the current economy is impacting their churches, a majority of pastors (67 percent) report negative impact. That includes 58 percent who say the economy is
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Nearly a year later, equestrian games' impact still being felt



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By Shirley Cox
State Correspondent

Lexington—Although the 2010 edition of the World Equestrian Games is long past, the chain reaction created by ministry opportunities during the games still is making an impact.

Last fall, the worldwide event held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington drew more than 500,000 spectators, 632 athletes and 752 horses from 58 countries.

In preparation for last year's game, Larry Martin, a missions consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, helped organize Affiliated International Ministries, an interdenominational group of churches, community organizations, equestrian ministries and schools. Nearly 1,000 AIM volunteers served before, during and after the games.

Among the groups that served last
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■ Above: Affiliated International Ministries volunteer shuttle driver Marilou Johnson lowers the wheelchair lift on her vehicle, a church bus from First Baptist Church of Richmond. Johnson helped shuttle visitors and para-equestrians at the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington. (Photo by Adam Miller/NAMB) ■ Left: A banner greets visitors to the Kentucky Horse Park at last year's games. (Photo by Drew Nichter)

Church resources

Super Saturdays offer ministry training statewide

Louisville—Dozens of workshops on a variety of ministry topics are available to pastors, ministers and ministry leaders across Kentucky as the Kentucky Baptist Convention hosts its 20th year of Super Saturday leadership development events.

"More than 30,000 people have been trained since 1991 through Super Saturdays," said Darryl Wilson, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School department. "When I think about all that impact on lives, churches and communities, that is worth celebrating."

Super Saturdays kick off Aug. 27 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Two events will be held on Sept. 10 at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington and Lone Oak First Baptist Church of Paducah. The final two events are Sept. 17 at First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg and Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro.

Workshops will be offered on virtually every aspect of congregational ministry including Sunday School, music, finances, discipleship, prayer, missions and more.

Super Saturday first was envisioned by Vernon Cole, a retired pastor and KBC staff member.

When he first became a pastor, Cole said he realized his seminary education prepared him to preach but he lacked training in how to develop or administer the various ministries vital to a church.

"Church is a whole lot more than preaching," Cole said.

Another reality was the time and money involved in sending himself and other church leaders to individual conferences throughout the year. Cole said he was looking for a single event that church staff and members could attend that was close to home and offered training in a variety of areas.

Wilson said he is grateful that when Cole couldn't find such an event, he started one in Kentucky.

"High-quality" training

The goal of Super Saturdays over the years has been to provide "fresh, high-quality training at an affordable price in strategic locations around the state so every church leader can receive training to carry out his or her God-given mission," Wilson said.

Bill Ellis, discipleship pastor at Crest-

wood Baptist Church, is a strong supporter of the program.

Congregations "really want to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ," Ellis said. Super Saturday "helps folks in our churches find out how they can do that more effectively."

Wilson said the evaluations and testimonies the department receives each year after Super Saturdays "tell me we are still hitting the mark after 20 years." He also credited Kentucky Baptists' gifts through the Cooperative Program for keeping the registration fee low.

Participants are charged \$25 per person if they register by midnight the Monday prior to the event they wish to attend. Because of the Labor Day holiday, those registering for the Sept. 10 events in Lexington and Paducah have until Tuesday, Sept. 6. The fee without the early-bird discount is \$35 per person.

Online registration is available at www.KyBaptist.org/SuperSaturday. For additional details, send an email to the KBC Sunday School department at SundaySchool@KyBaptist.org or call (502) 489-3572, or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3572.

Annual Church Profile provides valuable insight

Louisville—Just as photos of growing children chronicle a family's life journey, the Annual Church Profile provides a "snapshot" of church life that can be valuable in planning for the future.

"Information from the Annual Church Profile is one of the most important evaluation tools we have at all levels in Baptist life," said Steve Thompson, associate executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Many churches already have received this year's ACP forms from their local Baptist association offices. Other associations will distribute the forms closer to their annual meetings.

All ACP forms should be delivered by the associations to the Kentucky Baptist Building for processing by Dec. 1. KBC churches not affiliated with an association can return forms directly to the convention.

The survey takes an annual snapshot of broad categories within the church such as average worship service and Sunday School attendance, as well as the number of people involved in missions.

Last year, more than 87 percent of the 2,400 KBC-affiliated congregations completed the ACP reports.

"Our Kentucky churches have a good record in reporting the ACP data, but we'd like to have 100 percent reporting," Thompson said.

Nationally, data from the Annual Church Profile is used by congregations, local Baptist associations, state Baptist conventions and Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated ministries to evaluate and develop new strategies to share the gospel with the world and disciple new believers.

"The ACP has been streamlined and simplified over the last few years to ask the most important questions in areas that we can measure," Thompson noted. "It is also one determinant of messenger eligibility" for the KBC annual meeting.

Congregations affiliated with a local Baptist association should contact their association's office for details. The KBC also is a resource for questions related to the ACP. Call (502) 489-3327 or toll free in Kentucky at (866) 489-3327.

Equestrian Games

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year were Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union teams that collected toiletries included in gift bags and handed out to grooms working at the World Equestrian Games. Each bag was imprinted with AIM's "More than Gold" logo, a five-color horseshoe design that allowed volunteers to share the gospel, each color representing a step in that process.

AIM volunteers distributed more than 40,000 "More than Gold" trading pins and provided free shuttle service from the WEG parking lot into the Kentucky Horse Park. "The official announcement of the shuttle service came from Gov. Beshear a week before the games," Martin recalled.

Throughout the 17-day event, 63 AIM volunteers shuttled passengers in eight do-



■Left: Sam Neace of Kiddville Baptist Church in Winchester drops a box of toothpaste into a hospitality bag of hygiene items that were distributed to hundreds of grooms working at last year's World Equestrian Games in Lexington. (Photo by Drew Nichter) ■Below: Volunteer chaplain coordinator Bob Vickers talks with Kentucky National Guardsmen during his daily rounds at the Kentucky Horse Park during the games. (Photo by Adam Miller/NAMB)

nated church vans running continuously from 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

"Several volunteers who drove the shuttles enjoyed the experience so much that several requested additional shifts," Martin said. "Within a couple of days, one AIM driver logged 28 countries represented by riders in her van."

Two other AIM volunteers who were veterans of numerous international mission trips said they "had more opportunities to share their faith driving a shuttle during the (World Equestrian Games) than any previous mission trip," Martin added.

Another late addition to AIM's responsibilities was an invitation to provide the official chaplaincy service for the games' security teams.

Although the chain reaction of ministries that happened during the World Equestrian Games is an ongoing process, Martin said some results, especially, have stood out.

■Three believers are relocating from other states to the Lexington area to work with AIM ministries.

■A commitment was made for a cowboy church to be planted in Williamstown, the seventh such church in Kentucky.

■AIM volunteers were invited to serve at future Kentucky Horse Park events. Approximately 30 new events have been scheduled at the park due to the expansion of the facilities for the World Equestrian Games.

■AIM now is involved with other equine events, such as Equine Affaire, an event that is held each year in Columbus, Ohio.

■Christy Schumacher, a Mission Service Corps missionary and director of High Mountain Equine Ministries in Allen, was

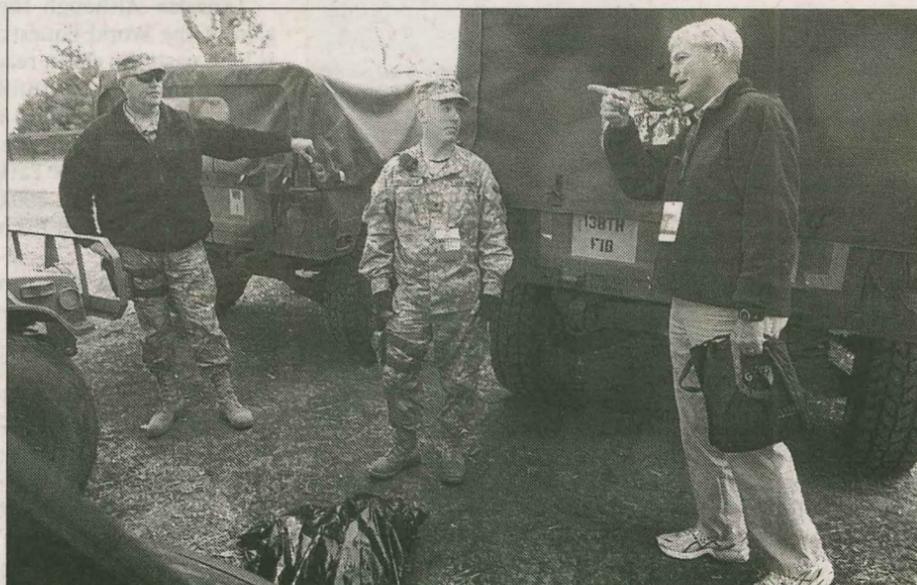
featured in a nationally televised program regarding her ministry with at-risk youth.

■A WEG volunteer couple plans to work with NET (Neuro Electric Therapy), a drug detoxification ministry used by some Kentucky Baptist churches and associations.

■Because of the games, AIM ministries has developed a strong cooperation of believers from multiple denominations, especially around the Lexington area.

"All AIM ministries occurred through prayer," Martin said. "WEG and Kentucky Horse Park staff commented that the prayers of thousands of people were the difference in the success of the Games."

"The overall impact of AIM ministries during the (World Equestrian Games) was beyond anything we could have anticipated," Martin noted.



HORSEBACK MESSAGE An evangelist horse trainer preaches the Sermon on the Mount from the mount of his steed at the annual Secretariat festival in Paris, which coincided with last year's World Equestrian Games. (Photo by Adam Miller/NAMB)

Great Commission resurgence

S. Carolina report: More to IMB, 50/50 CP split

Columbia, S.C.—After seven months of work, the South Carolina Baptist Convention's 35-member Great Commission Resurgence Task Force released its report Aug. 1 with 10 recommendations.

It proposes, among other things, more money be sent to the International Mission Board, a move toward a 50/50 split in Cooperative Program receipts between the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and deep cuts in various ministries.

Messengers to the state convention's annual meeting in November will consider the recommendations.

"Six billion people on earth live in spiritual darkness, desperately needing the light of Jesus Christ," the committee said in its report. "Yet a lack of funds has contributed to the International Mission Board reducing our missionary force by 600 in recent years. Even in America the darkness is growing. Nine out of 10 people living in the Northeast, Northwest, and West are lost. Only two nations have more lost people than America. The opportunities for evangelism are greater than ever."

Report's recommendations

The report recommends that:

- The state convention increase South Carolina's contribution to the IMB by 21.95 percent over the next three years.

- Church revitalization, missions mobilization/evangelism and church planting

be made the primary focus of the state convention.

- The state convention establish a five-year goal of moving the division of Cooperative Program receipts to 50/50 between the state convention and the SBC.

- The state convention reduce funding to Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Homes for the Aging, North Greenville University, and Woman's Missionary Union by 10 percent from 2011 budgeted levels.

- The Executive Ministries portion of the budget be reduced by five percent, to be withdrawn one percent annually for the next five years.

- Funding to the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina be reduced by 20 percent in the coming year and be phased out over the following four years, with the goal of eliminating the need for CP funding for the foundation.

- Funding to the Baptist Courier newspaper be reduced by 10 percent annually for the next three years, after which time "continued funding will be re-evaluated" by the state convention's Executive Committee and paper's board of trustees.

- The nominating process be altered so as to allow the CEOs of state convention ministry partners to have greater input into the nomination of trustees, "by way of a process that would result in mutual agreement between ministry partners

and the convention."

- The ministry partners of the state convention be allowed to have as many as five of their 25 trustees from out of state.

- A plan be put forth "to personally approach pastors about increasing their churches' giving to the Cooperative Program."

- The state convention request that the SBC Executive Committee "consider adjusting the budgets of the seminaries & other SBC entities as a means of increasing funding to the IMB."

Decisions 'not easy'

"Arriving at these recommendations was not easy," the task force noted in its report. "So we prayed for extended periods. ... Then God moved powerfully in one of our meetings and the urgency of getting the gospel to the lost became our common commitment. Collaboration and shared sacrifice became our pathway. These 11 recommendations are the result. They have one purpose: to help Baptists take the light of Jesus Christ into the darkness."

"I doubt there will be a single South Carolina Baptist who will be completely satisfied with the report," task force chairman Ralph Carter said. "For some, it goes too far in one direction; and for others, not far enough. It is a beginning. It does accomplish the task of immediately making more money available to impact spiritual darkness." (BP)

Second round of New Baptist Covenant events set for November

Atlanta—Dallas, Denver, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Seattle, St. Louis and Washington all been nailed down for satellite downloads of a Nov. 17-19 New Baptist Covenant II anchored in Atlanta.

Los Angeles and Philadelphia remain as final prospects for satellite downlinks to worship services and breakout sessions broadcast live from Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, event organizer David Key said July 28.

Key said planners also are opening up possibilities for any Baptist church to partner with another Baptist church from a differing convention or ethnic group to host a web stream. Those are coming in and will continue through August.

Announced in April, three years after a Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant drew 15,000 persons from various Baptist groups to Atlanta, NBC II is part of a grassroots effort to unite Baptists in North America around the mandate from the fourth chapter of Luke to "bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Unlike the first centralized gathering, the second New Baptist Covenant will be held live in Georgia and beamed live to locations in order to save money and allow more people to attend. Plans include ministry opportunities at various sites, allowing relationships to move from worshipping to working side by side.

Contact emails and information about future sites will be published on the NBC II website. (ABP)

SBC Life editor Revell accepts Conn. pastorate

Nashville, Tenn.—John Revell, editor of SBC Life, is resigning to become pastor of a church in Connecticut.

Revell, who was associate editor of from 1996 to September 2005 and the editor since that time, will leave his

position effective Sept. 15 to become pastor of Stamford Baptist Church in southwest Connecticut, about 40 miles northeast of New York City. Prior to his work at SBC Life, he led churches in Florida and New York.



John Revell

The Connecticut church's interest in Revell began because of his passion for discipling Christians. He has led a discipleship workshop with a group of about 25 teenagers, and his focus on discipleship opened up opportunities for him to speak at men's conferences and seminars on the subject.

Stamford Baptist, a multi-ethnic church on the edge of the New York City metropolitan area, is a congregation that "was deeply committed to the same objective"—fulfilling the Great Commission, Revell said.

Its members voted unanimously July 31 to call Revell as pastor.

The church was constituted in 1773, and John Gano, a Revolutionary War chaplain, was instrumental in its founding. Gano's descendants claim he baptized George Washington. There are many historians, however, who say there is no evidence to support that claim. A painting in Gano Chapel at William Jewell College in Missouri depicts the scene.

SBC Life is published six times a year by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

In a letter to SBC Executive Committee President Frank Page, Revell wrote that the decision was difficult for him and his wife because of the strong roots they have established in Nashville—but ultimately they knew it was God's will.

"Accepting that call leaves Debbie and me with a profound sense of excitement, but it also leaves us with a deep sense of sorrow," Revell said. "We are truly excited at what the Lord has for us in this incredible opportunity to advance the spread of the gospel and the cause of Christ in the Northeast, but our hearts will break as we leave such an amazing team here at the EC, especially as you forge ahead in your efforts to promote and cultivate unity and camaraderie in the SBC."

He added: "We could not take this step if we were not absolutely convinced it was what God desired."

Roger Oldham, vice president for convention communications for the SBC Executive Committee, called Revell a "dear friend and wonderful minister of the gospel."

"He has served Southern Baptists in stellar fashion as editor of SBC Life," Oldham said of Revell. "He is what he has said he aspires to be—a true and faithful follower of Jesus, his King. We will miss his genial and gentlemanly spirit in the office." (BP)

Economic survey

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affecting their church "somewhat negatively" and 9 percent who say it is affecting their church "very negatively."

The findings are similar to what pastors said in January 2011 but more negative than their opinions in March 2010, when only 62 percent said the economy was affecting their congregations negatively.

"Just as there are some positive signs in the U.S. economy, we are seeing more churches with some growth in offerings for 2011," noted Scott McConnell, director of LifeWay Research. "However, average gains are small and not all churches will benefit depending on their local economy and the overall health of their church."

The news presents a mix of good and bad for local congregations. Ninety-six percent of pastors say their churches have experienced at least one of 11 economy-related changes in the past year, and more than three out of four report at least three of the changes.

Among the indicators reported:

- 70 percent are receiving more requests for financial assistance from outside the congregation.

- 50 percent say more church members are volunteering time to serve the community.

- 45 percent have increased spending from the church budget to help the needy.

- 54 percent report a greater sense of excitement about opportunities to minister to the needy.

- 44 percent say there is a greater

sense of caution within the congregation about the church trying new things that cost money.

- 48 percent report that more people in the congregation have lost their jobs.

- 49 percent cite more people volunteering their time in church functions.

- 15 percent say more people in the congregation have lost their homes to foreclosure.

When compared to the same indicators in November 2009, improvements are seen in the job-loss trends in congregations and levels of volunteering. A full 48 percent of pastors report that more people in their congregations have lost jobs in the past year, eight percent less than the 2009 survey.

When it comes to ministry, churches are making do with less. Forty-seven percent of pastors say the economy is forcing their congregations to hold staff salaries at last year's levels. In comparison, 49 percent said the same in November 2009.

In light of the economy churches also are:

- Launching new ministries to help the disadvantaged (26 percent).

- Delaying construction or other large capital expenses that were planned (15 percent).

- Delaying hiring that was planned (10 percent).

- Reducing staff salaries from last year's levels (9 percent).

- Laying off one or more employees (7 percent).

- Reducing insurance benefits for staff (6 percent).

"Churches may be past the worst of the effects of the recession, but most continue to take actions to reduce expenses or maintain last year's spending levels," McConnell said. "Pastors' economic assessment has improved since the fall of 2010 but is still worse than their outlook last spring."

Crossings camp numbers are in!

Emails. A necessary means of communication and an incredibly time-consuming task for most ministers. Maybe even drudgery.

Buried in the inbox this morning, without bells, whistles, or even that annoying little red exclamation point marking an "urgent message," was the following report from David Melber, president of Crossings Ministries:

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

	2010	2011
Total Campers	8,699	9,444
Salvation Decisions	478	583
Call to Ministry	490	593
Missions Offering	\$105,946	\$108,692

By percentage our greatest growth rate is in salvation decisions. Registrations each respective year: Aug. 3, 2010—7,168, at the close of today, Aug. 1, we will pass 9,000 registered for 2012. Thanks for your support.

In typical Melber fashion, just the facts. Excuse me, President Melber, while I take a moment to celebrate the incredible ministry you and your staff are doing.

That was 583 teens professing a commitment to Christ, 593 teens indicating they are ready to join God on mission, and a six figure missions offering from what was supposed to be Popsicle money! All Kentucky Baptists have a part in this as more than \$364,000 was given to Crossings through the Cooperative Program this year.

I know, I know, not every teenager who makes a commitment at camp follows through. And, not every teen who says they are going into the ministry ends up serving as a pastor or missionary.

Does that mean we shouldn't be excited, thrilled that God is stirring the hearts of hundreds of kids each year at our Kentucky Baptist camps? Of course we should be! While a few kids might have been following the lead of a friend or simply trying to process their first spiritual experience ever, most surely are making genuine commitments to Christ. But even with those who found themselves doing something else, thank God for how He is using that experience to begin to introduce Himself to a lost boy or girl.

To give perspective about what God is doing, consider that, in 2005, Crossings hosted 3,024 campers, there were 164 salvation commitments, 73 indicated a call to ministry, and the missions offering was \$43,470. In six years, the number of campers and salvation commitments has increased more than 300 percent, while the number of those who are committing to ministry is up over 800 percent. WOW! And, in "these hard economic times," when "kids nowadays think only of themselves," those kids' offerings have increased by more than 200 percent. WOWEE!

And let me add, my son's best friend professed salvation at Crossings this summer. Praise the Lord!

Keep up the good work, President Melber. As for me, I think I'll check my inbox again and see what other news of the Kingdom might be hiding in there.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Two successful approaches to church growth

With so much attention being given to church planting by Southern Baptist leaders these days, it might be advantageous to examine two other successful approaches to church growth recently taken by three Bowling Green congregations.

Eastwood Baptist Church has started a second campus in Plano, a community of about 6,500 residents. About 95 Eastwood members are meeting at an elementary school there. Eastwood entered a capital campaign to build a new facility, according to Pastor Tom James, but when pledges over a three-year period came in significantly under a \$7 million goal, members tried to discern exactly what the Lord wanted them to do. At that time, Jeff Crabtree, director of missions for Warren Association, approached James about the possibility of starting a new work in Plano.



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

"We felt like we were supposed to go to Plano, but we weren't sure which model God was going to use for us," James recalled. Eastwood's leadership team then explored the state convention's "High Impact" church approach, and they talked with Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board who was then pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, and toured the Fegenbush and East campuses. "After several months of prayer it was unanimous that we felt the Lord's leading to embrace a multi-site model," James said. The big difference, he explained, is that with a church plant the goal is for it to become independent at some point, but a satellite stays connected. "We're one church, two locations," he explained.

Eastwood members held several community events and a block party leading up to an Easter launch. Approximately 225 people gathered that Sunday, and the Plano attendance has ranged between 140 and 150 throughout the summer. This past Sunday, Eastwood held its first celebration service, joining its two campuses for a night service to observe the Lord's Supper and to baptize 19 people. "I don't know that in the history of Eastwood (almost 60 years), if we have ever baptized that many people in one service," James rejoiced. "The really amazing part," he said, "is that while we do have three being baptized from the Plano campus launch, the Lord has been faithfully adding to His church at the East (original) campus as well."

"God is doing some amazing things in His church," James added, noting that four families have become career missionaries and two single adults recently returned from serving as International Mission Board journeymen. And, for the first time, Eastwood has passed the \$100,000 level in giving to the Lottie Moon Offering, and it has mission partnerships on four continents, with plans to add Europe and Australia in the near future.

First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, however, took a different approach to church growth, partnering with a sister church, Hillvue Heights, to relaunch an existing mission. "It's one of the finest things we have done in a long time," remarked Mark Hopper, pastor of First Baptist. "It just been a phenomenal partnership," Steve Ayers, pastor of Hillvue Heights, agreed. "One of the things we were praying for is that it would be a great pilot for churches in seeing how they can collaborate with each other inside their cities and cause great things to happen."

Begun about 50 years ago, Emmanuel Baptist Chapel has been declining in membership for some time, never having reached a point where it could sustain itself. First Baptist faced a tough decision to either recommit itself to do what was necessary to help Emmanuel grow again or to close it. They turned to Director of Missions Jeff Crabtree for advice. He suggested closing Emmanuel temporarily so workers could remodel its facilities in preparation for a fresh start. He and Hopper struck upon the idea of partnering with a sister church to help provide needed resources for a successful relaunch as **the Church on Main**.

Steve Ayers, pastor at Hillvue Heights, was excited about entering a partnership with First Baptist. Ayers grew up at First Baptist and his parents are still members there. That helped the two churches to quickly form camaraderie. They have united in the remodeling effort, adopting designated blocks for visitation, and hosting a block party for the kick off. The pastors of the two churches share preaching duties, while a contractor, Billy Lowe, who took a lead role in the remodeling effort, unofficially has become campus pastor. And, since the Church on Main offers a more contemporary style of worship, Hillvue Height's praise band assists with services. "It's very much a joint effort," Crabtree said, adding that "it's really great to see how these two congregations have come together."

The Church on Main already has netted 11 baptisms in 14 weeks, and a Vacation Bible School drew about 100 children. As school starts, plans are being made to reach out to students and teachers at a neighborhood elementary school. "Through the combined ministry of First Baptist and Hillvue Heights, the people around the Church on Main are beginning to see that these people are here to stay, they've invested in the facility, they've made a commitment to the community, and there is something here for them now," said Hopper.

Though neither of these church starts technically can be called new church plants, both are still effective ways of reaching new people. And, what Southern Baptists ultimately should be most concerned with is finding the best methods to reach lost and unchurched people for the kingdom.

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Bell misunderstood

Many conservative evangelicals have been bashing Rob Bell over some questions he has raised about the afterlife. Bell is being misunderstood to some extent.

He does not claim that people can have a second chance to be reconciled to God after they die. He simply suggests that it might be a possibility. While I think there are way too many warnings that indicate otherwise, I certainly still hope there might be "extra hope" for those who have not committed their lives to Christ in this life. Nevertheless, I like what Mary Vanden Berg suggested in a recent Western Recorder article, namely, that faith in Jesus Christ is a guarantee that one will live with God

eternally. Why take a chance on anything else?

Bell is reacting to Christians who make claims about who is burning in hell. It is a claim that often appears arrogant or unloving. It is God's job to make the final determination, and I have full confidence in His ability. It is my job to love and share what Christ has done. I certainly can and should share my interpretation of the Bible, but at the same time recognize that I have limited knowledge. I think what Bell is trying to say is that we need to acknowledge that we do not know everything that God has done, is doing and will do.

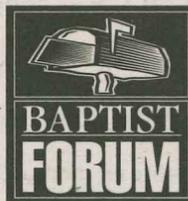
Bell has raised some questions that we need to explore for the sake of the gospel. I, too, have be-

come concerned about the "loss of the gospel." And yet, I welcome Bell's emphasis on our limited knowledge and resulting need for humility.

What really concerns me is the recent renewal of a limited atonement that is being preached in some circles. To limit the atonement is to limit the gospel and that is something to be really concerned about.

Michael Dixon
Louisville

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The dash between the dates and the brevity of life

By Thom Rainer

When my son, Art Rainer, began work on the book we co-authored, "Simple Life," he spent a good bit of time in a cemetery.

That's right. A cemetery.

He found a cemetery near his home in Boca Raton, Fla., and simply walked from grave marker to grave marker. Listen to his simple explanation for this strange type of research:

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"I came to this cemetery to gain perspective. I could not think of a more inspirational location than to be surrounded by those whose earthly story had come to an end. If they could, what would they tell us? Now that their lives are over, what wisdom would they want to pass on? What were their regrets? Where did they get it right? Though the sands of time in my life's hourglass are still running for me, with every breath I breathe, I am moving toward my physical closure.

"My body will become like theirs.

"On each grave marker is a dash between two years. The dash is time, and that is where we are, in our dash. And before there is some year placed on the other end, we need to figure this thing out."

This last week was tough. My older brother, Sam Rainer, had open heart surgery. The surgery went well. The road to recovery looked great. But two days later he had a stroke.

As I sat next to him in the intensive care unit, I reflected about our family.

Our parents died years ago. Our sister died as an infant. In our original family, it's just the two of us. And there he was with a newly repaired heart dealing with the aftermath of a stroke in the intensive care unit.

The dash got really rough for him this last week.

I love my brother. But we haven't spent a lot of time together the past several years. Our families have

grown. We both have grandchildren. And we both have jobs that keep us busy.

But sitting next to him in ICU, I realized how much I missed him. And I prayed for his recovery and healing. Most of the prayers were for him, but some of them were selfish prayers. I want to spend time with him. I want to have long conversations with him.

I need to work on my dash.

I turned 56 years old several days ago. How did I get this old this quickly? By actuarial standards, I've entered the fourth quarter of my life. But the end could come much quicker. The dash will have a number on its right side in the blink of an eye.

How am I doing in the dash? Pretty good, but not good enough. My lack of time with my brother the past few years was a clear reminder that I sometimes get too busy for my own good.

So how are you doing in your dash? Are you spending lots of time with your family? Are you spending time with God in prayer and His Word? Are you cherishing and developing your friendships?

How are you doing in your job? Are you joyous in your work? Or are you miserable, fearful of taking a chance somewhere else for the wrong reasons?

Do you have broken relationships that need to be restored? Do you need to take the initiative to see those relationships healed?

Are you so busy doing "things" that you fail to take time to do the things that really matter? Do you need to call or write someone? Do you need to go see someone?

How would someone else view your dash? Would they see you as a joyous person, full of life and energy? Or would they view you as hypercritical, never happy, never satisfied?

How is your dash? Mine could use some improvement.

And please pray for my brother.

That's one part of my dash where I pray I'll be given another chance to get it right. (BP)

Thom Rainer is president of LifeWay Christian Resources.

"So how are you doing in your dash? ... Are you so busy doing 'things' that you fail to take time to do the things that really matter?"

Leaving the nest for college

By Scott Wigginton

Several years ago, three baby sparrows, displaced from their nest at Kentucky Christian Academy, found themselves in the care of our 12-year-old son, Caleb, who persuaded his mother to bring them home and raise them. After weeks of cheeps and chirps, numerous internet searches, hundreds of eyedropper feedings, worm searches and the like, fuzz had become feathers and little wings were ready to gain strength.

Elizabeth, patient mother to two sets of children now, began to work individually with each bird to gently lift them into the air, carefully keeping both hands close as they fluttered those wings in vain and landed safely in her palms. Day by day, one bird began to fall more slowly and then even held his own against gravity. The others followed and the day came when the first bird was able to flutter, gain some altitude, and then land back in the hands of his blonde-haired, blue-eyed mother.

Our family felt a little sad when Elizabeth announced that the day had come to allow Winkin' the chance to really fly. When she threw him into the air, he quickly fluttered his way into the heights of a nearby tree. Just as quickly, he made a tight loop around the yard and came back to land on Elizabeth's shoulder. In time, Blinkin' and Nod would each take their turn, each coming back to land on safe shoulders. Flights became longer and longer until the air was awfully full and our shoulders painfully empty. But for some time we never knew when a beautiful sparrow would land unexpectedly on our shoulder in the backyard.

In a little over a week, our second beloved daughter, Hope, will flutter her wings and fly off to college. We will miss her more than she will know. Only one male bird left, living for the first time without his best friends. In three years, like Hope and Auburn, he will be off. It is a good thing when a bird is ready to fly, but a wondrous thing indeed when they return to familiar shoulders.

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Legacy giving for the Kingdom

By Laurie Valentine

Your church, association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention and its agencies and institutions have a wide variety of important ministries that need financial support. Some may need funding to launch them into reality, while others could use the support to continue or expand an existing program or ministry. The methods by which you may support these important causes through legacy giving (giving out of your assets, rather than your income) are also wide-ranging.

An outright gift of cash, appreciated securities or real estate is probably the most common and simplest way to make gifts during your lifetime.

Other methods of lifetime giving, such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, allow you to set up a future benefit to one or more Baptist causes while retaining an annual income for your lifetime or a term of years.

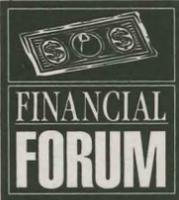
There are also a variety of methods you can arrange now to benefit the causes of your choice at your death. The most common is a bequest in your Will or Living Trust. Another possibility is to name a Baptist cause as the beneficiary of some portion of your retirement plan survivor benefit, IRA or a life insurance policy no longer needed for family security.

You may designate that your gift be used for a specific program or ministry of an organization, or you may allow the organization to choose how to use your gift. You also may want to limit the organization to using only the earnings off what you give (this type of arrangement is called an "endowment fund").

Gifts may be made directly to the benefiting organization or may be given to a third party, such as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, to manage for the designated beneficiary cause or causes.

Whether you wish to make gifts during your lifetime or at death, there are a variety of ways to by which you can advance the Kingdom by including a legacy gift in your estate plan.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



After camp or missions trip, then what?

Now what?

That question is probably asked by every youth leader at some point during the summer. He or she has taken his or her students to camp and God has moved mightily, and then this question usually emerges in some form or another.

But let's ask it another way: "What will we, as church members, offer our students when they return home from camp or their missions experience?"

Listen. Give them opportunities to share their stories. We may not care about how many students they stuffed into a port-a-john at their job site or how cool their Bible study leader was, but that is a part of their camp experience.

By listening to those details, we also will get details of how God worked in their lives and about the life changes that are taking place in them.

Pray. All great movements of God have been preceded by prayer. One of the key factors in why God moved in your students at camp is because you were praying for them while they were there.

For our students to continue to allow God's presence to be active in their lives here at home as it was at camp, we must pray as hard as we did for them while they were away. At camp, there are fewer distractions than there are at home.

Give. Offer an extra day or two off to your youth leader. He or she has spent 24-hours-a-day for a week or more looking out for your students.

Believe it or not, even when he manages to get some sleep he is still on duty. You wouldn't expect otherwise, would you? Why else would he get up in the middle of the night to make sure everyone is still in their rooms, or go meet the security guard at the front door because some of your students got caught TP-ing some other church's bus?

Time off is deserved and his family needs time to reconnect with him. It wouldn't hurt to take the church bus to be cleaned while he is taking these days off.

Sing. Incorporate some camp songs into your worship time. It will serve as a reminder to your students of their camp experience and how God spoke to them while they were there.

Music is a powerful reminder of past life events. You know that for every time that certain song is played on the radio, it reminds you of your high school sweetheart because it was "your song." Songs—be they "Just as I am," "Pass it on," "Shout to the Lord," or "In Christ Alone"—speak our heart language and remind us of those times when God moved in our lives. It never hurts to be reminded of that.

Engage. Have some mission projects planned for the fall to continue to involve students in hands-on missions. They will come home fired up, but most lack the administrative skills to plan projects for themselves.

We need to involve them in the planning stage, but we don't need to count on them to do it all.

Prepare. Have a discipleship strategy in place for new Christians. We need to ask ourselves some of these questions: Do I have a baptism service planned? Do I have mentors lined up to walk alongside the new Christians for at least six months? Are the mentors trained, equipped and ready to go? What do I have in place to continue the discipleship process of our students?

I know, the camp experience will fade away, it always does and, honestly, it needs to. It needs to be replaced with a consistent discipleship plan and opportunities that will challenge students in their faith all year round. The hard work begins when we all get home.

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

Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

Loving Muslims

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rules for his taste. He already had run away from home after a disagreement with his father. The 13-year-old had nowhere to turn. Then he met an Islamic extremist who promised him a new education.

The man took Mulyadi to a compound consisting of tents and surrounded by trees. Twenty other boys slept in the tents at night and trained with knives and guns during the day. They only paused for sleep, food and prayer. Their instructors touted the supremacy of Muslims and the wretchedness of Christians. The Christians, they said, deserved to die.

At the camp, Mulyadi felt anger and self-righteousness boiling inside. As he practiced with a gun, hate filled him. At times, however, he also felt doubt and confusion.

Eventually, the leaders believed, Mulyadi and four other boys were ready to prove their worth. Without a clear strategy, they sent their students out to kill.

Once they left the compound boundaries, Mulyadi discovered he wasn't the only one with doubts. The other boys had examined themselves as well, eventually determining they had no desire to kill.

All five boys decided to abandon the jihad. For all the camp's brainwashing, they never wanted to kill anyone, no matter how much they hated them.

Mulyadi returned home briefly, but his father's anger forced him out on the road again. He eventually landed in a city sever-

IMB resources point believers toward 'Loving Muslims'

Richmond, Va.—Cade Rutledge* used to wave his American flags and get really fired up about "getting those terrorists."

From most people's viewpoint, he had a right to feel that way. His brother was working in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. He made it out alive, but the attack still was way too close to home physically and emotionally for Rutledge to consider the idea of loving terrorists, or loving any Muslims for that matter—until Jesus showed him a different way.

"I asked myself, 'How can we possibly love the lost—the Muslim terrorists—who

attacked my city?' Our answer should always be 'yes' because our Jesus-centered faith demands it. Our Christian response must never resemble the world's," Rutledge said.

A heart of love for Muslims is something the International Mission Board wants to cultivate through the new "Loving Muslims" resources, which are being released in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The resources include free study guides for small groups to use for one ses-

sion the week before Sept. 11, 2011, and one on the anniversary itself, as well as an eight-day prayer guide for use the week in between.

The first session focuses on loving Muslims, and the second on reaching them with the gospel. The prayer guide leads believers through praying for their Muslim neighbors and ways they can show hospitality to them.

The website, LovingMuslims.com, also includes videos, stories, photos and other resources for learning more about Islam.

*Name changed for security reasons



al hours away and found a job tending the lawn of a health clinic.

As he trimmed hedges year after year, Mulyadi became interested in general spirituality, not simply what he found in the pages of the Quran.

During his spiritual search, he found the name of Jesus, a prophet according to the Quran, and questioned why Muslims

never mentioned Him in their lectures and discussions; he seemed overlooked. Mulyadi picked up a Bible and investigated.

Then, one night, as he prayed alone in his room, he heard a voice say, "I will send a helper unto you."

Mulyadi didn't know where the voice came from or who the "helper" was, but he turned to Scripture, and after exhaustive

reading, found John 14:16: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper to be with you forever."

From the moment he read that verse in John, the young man devoted himself to Jesus, a man who had the power to send him a helper—the Holy Spirit—and the power to tell him about it 2,000 years later.

"My whole demeanor has changed, and God has filled my heart with love," Mulyadi said. "I'm not an angry person anymore. My temper is gone. I don't get mad at people like I did before. Because God loves me, I am able to love others."

This love turned Mulyadi into a Christian worker. He loves the people he once hated. He leads worship for people he once scorned. He desires to bring people to Christ when he once wanted to punish them for following the Savior. This is his new passion.

"Until God chooses to take me home, I'm going to be here on a mission to share the gospel with people who need to hear it," Mulyadi said.

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Kentucky teams among those 'Showing Jesus' love' in Minot

By Mickey Noah
North American Mission Board

Minot, N.D.—Twenty state Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams, including Kentucky, now are deployed in Minot, N.D., assisting the thousands of flood victims in the north central North Dakota city of 41,000.

Soon after the sirens blared on June 22—the signal for residents in nine city zones to evacuate their homes due to the quickly rising Souris River—floodwaters engulfed the land along the river's edge. Dozens of homes along tree-lined streets, businesses and entire shopping centers were inundated.

Despite a lack of housing, 135 Southern Baptist volunteers are on the scene.

"Things are going well," said Bruce Poss, disaster relief coordinator for the North American Mission Board.

Most of the current 135 volunteers are mud-out workers, while 24 volunteers from the Arkansas and Kansas/Nebraska conventions are handling a major feeding site in Minot. "We still have a need for more teams," Poss said. "Our goal is to be done by the end of September, and we'll keep on going until all of the mud-out jobs are finished."

Poss said the need to be finished by September is because the harsh North



DIRTY JOB No disaster relief work is tougher than mud-out, and here, Bill Hyden, a member of the Texas Baptist Men's disaster relief team, scoops up another shovel of muck from a flooded basement in a Minot, N.D., home. (Photo by Jim Whitmer/NAMB)

Dakota winters come early, sometimes with snow as early as October.

According to FEMA, the June flooding resulted in \$100 million in damages in Minot and eight other North Dakota counties. Receiving 8,800 requests for assistance, FEMA already has paid out \$77 million for temporary housing and home repairs, according to local news reports.

Of the 135 volunteers in North Dakota, 16 of them are Kentucky Baptists, the majority of whom are part of mud-out teams from Northern Kentucky and Greenup Baptist associations. The Kentucky group also includes two chaplaincy volunteers. The team is expected to remain in Minot until Aug. 20. (BP)



MEMORIES 1:8 Central Asia team members (from left) Jeremy Viola, Sarah Whisman and Baylie Brown share a funny moment from their overseas trip at a recent worship service for all 1:8 Leadership Experience participants in Louisville. (Photo by Robin Bass)

Missions Immersion

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program even had the opportunity to live in exotic countries this summer, such as Ecuador and Thailand.

Yet, when student representatives spoke about their adventures during a recent presentation at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville, it wasn't about the places they went; it was about the people they worked alongside, the lost they encountered, and the seeds they prayerfully planted.

"One of the weeks that really impacted our team was the week we got to do fair outreach," said Sitha Salyers, a student at Eastern Kentucky University. "When we first started reaching out to them, they were very hesitant. You could understand because usually when churches go to the fair they are reaching out to their own community, not the fair workers."

While serving with a team of students in Shelbyville, Salyers said she heard the vulnerability in the fair workers' voices and saw the brokenness in their faces. Soon, friendships were blooming and many workers were spending their breaks with members from the 1:8 team.

The end of the week arrived much too quickly, Salyers said, and it was time for the workers to pack up the carnival rides and move on to the next county fair—but not before bestowing one precious gift on their new friends. A fair worker who had opened his heart to the gospel message decided to give his life to Christ. In a joyful rush, the team's host church arranged for his baptism at a nearby home.

"It was beautiful," Salyers recalled. "It was the most wonderful thing I have ever witnessed."

Halfway around the world, Jeremy Viola and the team of students in Central Asia were having a much more difficult time making friends. Their mission was to spend every afternoon looking for evangelistic opportunities on the nearby college campus, but the language barrier was a constant stumbling block.

"It was hard," Viola said. "Nobody spoke English. ... We were getting very discouraged. So, we took it to God in prayer, and He started opening up doors everywhere."

The University of Louisville student admittedly was a wide-eyed tourist—but a tourist with a newfound boldness for Christ.

"I just walked up to a random guy," Viola said. "I think he was the janitor. I walked up to him and said the first thing that came to my mind: 'I'm an American.'"

Unable to speak English, the man attempted to communicate in his native tongue and then motioned Viola and several others toward a classroom. The door opened and out came the sound of faintly recognizable words—English words. They found themselves in the middle of a foreign-language class with students eager to practice their new skills on Americans.

"We got to hang out with them like four or five times," Viola said. "It was awesome that we prayed for something and watched as God provided. God really does hear our prayers and He really does answer."

Viola said he sees clearly how God used the 1:8 Leadership Experience to not only work in the lives of the people to which they ministered, but in the hearts of every Kentucky student that participated.

Salyers and Viola were just two examples of the many students who expressed a deeper trust in God's faithfulness and sovereignty after their experiences this summer—a trust they would continue to draw from in following His command to take the gospel message to "Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

With the 1:8 program, the students are receiving the essential tool to accomplish the Great Commission through "leader development, discipleship (and) evangelism, all under the umbrella of mission," said Keith Inman, who oversees collegiate ministries for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's evangelism growth team.

"One of the reasons we believe it's so effective is we bring these students together with intensive mentoring relationships with our campus ministers, with church planters and missionaries," Inman said.

"As we develop these student leaders, we are hoping they will take these experiences and memories and ideas with them into the future church."

Keith Inman, Kentucky Baptist Convention collegiate ministries director

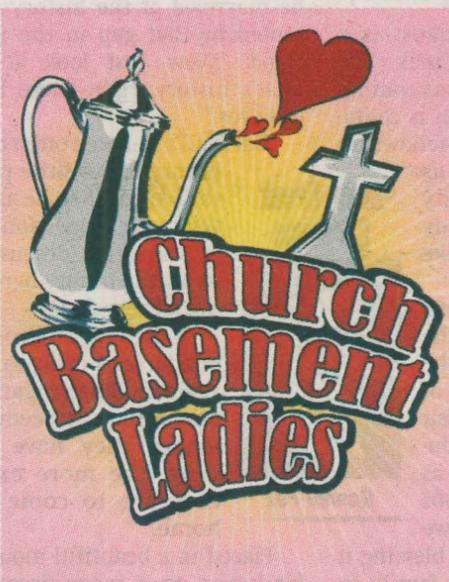
One-third of the 75 previous participants in the 1:8 Leadership Experience have made commitments to full-time Christian service, Inman noted. Some are continuing their training in seminary, while others are ministering on college campuses or serving through the International or North American Mission boards.

Sarah Whisman, of Morehead State University, said 1:8 is a great experience for anyone seeking to live for Christ, not just those seeking a career in the ministry.

"The one thing I have learned is that missions is a lifestyle," the 21-year-old nursing student pointed out. "It's a switch I can flip on and off. Yesterday I was a tourist; today I'm a missionary. But I've learned that every day I have to be a missionary. Every day of our lives we are called to share the gospel of Christ."

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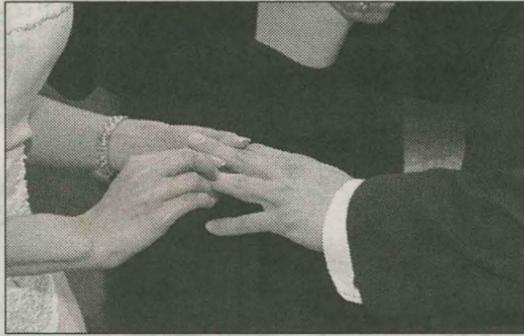
Survey: Pastors divided on when to perform weddings

Nashville, Tenn.—American Protestant pastors have widely varying standards for when they will and will not perform wedding ceremonies, according to a new survey by LifeWay Research.

The survey found that a majority (58 percent) will perform weddings for couples they know are living together, while nearly a third (31 percent) will not.

The survey's results, published in the summer edition of LifeWay's Facts and Trends magazine, also found that only 5 percent of pastors will not perform a marriage ceremony if the bride or groom has been divorced. The majority (61 percent) will perform a ceremony for a divorced person "depending on the reason for the divorce" while 31 percent will perform a ceremony for a divorced person "regardless of the reason."

"Marriage is a much-debated topic today and



we wanted to see how Protestant pastors handled marriage requests," said Scott McConnell, director of LifeWay Research. "Like the churches they serve, their standards for whom they will perform marriages vary greatly."

When it comes to cohabitating couples, pastors who consider themselves mainline are more likely to perform weddings than those who consider themselves evangelical.

Mainline and evangelical pastors also divide on the issue of performing marriages for divorced people. More than 40 percent of mainline pastors say they would compared with 29 percent of evangelicals. (BP)

Churches viewed positively, study indicates

Ventura, Calif.—Most Americans believe churches play a positive role in communities, and even atheists and agnostics don't view churches harshly.

A Barna study revealed a generally upbeat attitude among the public regarding how churches influence their areas. The study revealed that 78 percent of Americans believe the presence of a church has a "very" (53 percent) or "somewhat" positive (25 percent) effect on their communities.

Among the approximately one-fifth of Americans who disagree, 17 percent profess indifference toward the influence of churches, while one in 20 believe churches play either a very (2 percent) or somewhat (3 percent) negative role in communities, the study revealed.

While atheists and agnostics were the only key demographic group not to hold a mostly positive view of churches, Barna Group President David

Kinnaman noted that only 14 percent of them viewed churches negatively. "Despite the aggressive posture of leading skeptics, most Americans who have no religious affiliation or belief are not overtly hostile to churches."

Barna also asked how churches could benefit their communities. The top responses were assisting the poor and addressing poverty (29 percent); cultivating biblical values (14 percent); and serving youth, families and the elderly (13 percent).

According to Kinnaman, even the unchurched view churches as important to their communities: "This positive view is partly due to the fact that most unchurched adults are de-churched or former churchgoers. So, although they may be wary of personal involvement, they have an understanding of the service and assistance that churches can provide to their communities." (BP)

Diversity = Strength

Director offers glimpse into admissions process at OBI, lauds school's diversity

Written by Wanita Bortell, OBI admissions director

Every school has its strengths and weaknesses. One strength of Oneida Baptist Institute is its diversity of students.

This past school year, we had students from 25 different states and 22 countries. Even more unique are the students who were born in one country but grew up in another. The richness of many cultures can never be overestimated.

Vicky Filiatreau, our director of international admissions, handles the many layers of paperwork required for our international students. Due to visas and other necessary clearances, the admissions process for internationals usually starts before that of U.S. students. Typically, we only enroll international students at the start of school or in the middle of the academic year.

Our internationals have quite a challenge when they arrive, as they may have language barriers, time differences and totally different food preferences. They usually are used to an urban setting and can find the remoteness of our campus quite a shock. But certainly, they are a huge blessing to us.

The admission process for domestic students is year round. We enroll new students on Sundays throughout the school year. The reasons for coming to OBI can be as varied as the states from which they come. Regardless of the reason, it always is exciting to welcome new students.

Each family goes through an application process that starts with a phone interview with the parent or guardian. They then complete a paper

application and request information from the current school. We also are interested in feedback from our counselor.

After the paperwork has been received, a review team goes over the information. We want to make sure OBI has the support services the student will need. For example, we do not have special education or counseling support. If a student needs either of these services, he or she usually is not able to enroll. But each situation is unique. So, if you know a student in grades 6-12 who is receiving special services but may benefit from attending Oneida, please do not rule out our school without speaking to someone in the admissions office.

After our review, we invite the student and family to attend orientation. This includes a video, a walking tour of our campus and a one-on-one interview. The final acceptance into our school happens after the interview. Three parties need to be satisfied: the student, the parent or guardian and the school. We do not force any student to enroll. At times, the family knows OBI would be a good option but the child is not ready. Timing is important, so we wait until the student is ready to enroll.

I hope this provides a window into our application process. As I noted before, our diversity is our strength. Many languages can be heard on campus. We welcome the opportunity to serve all types of students. Please think of the students in your life who may benefit from Oneida. It is a place to gain much more than an education.

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W.F. Underwood

Barna: Women show significant drop in their church attendance

Ventura, Calif.—Women, long considered the dominant pew dwellers in the nation's churches, have shown a dramatic drop in attendance in the last two decades, a new survey shows.

Since 1991, the percentage of women attending church during a typical week has decreased by 11 percentage points to 44 percent, the Barna Group reported. Sunday school and volunteering among women also has diminished. Two decades ago, half of all women read the Bible in a typical week—other than at religious events; now, only 40 percent do.

"For years, many church leaders have understood that 'as go women, so goes the American

church,'" wrote Barna Group founder George Barna. "Looking at the trends over the past 20 years, and especially those related to the beliefs and behavior of women, you might conclude that things are not going well for conventional Christian churches."

Researchers found that the percentage of women who strongly believe the Bible is accurate in all it teaches declined by 7 percentage points to 42 percent.

"Women used to put men to shame in terms of their orthodoxy of belief and the breadth and consistency of their religious behavior," Barna wrote. "No more; the religious gender gap has substantially closed." (RNS)

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Alumni conference

Clear Creekers enjoy return to campus for alumni event

The first week of August is a blessed time at Clear Creek. The excitement of new students coming to campus for orientation is contagious. There are several fellowship meals and gatherings as the new student body comes together for study and the classrooms wake up for a new semester.

Great among the blessings of the season is the Alumni Conference. On the first Monday and Tuesday of August, our alumni revisit their alma mater. Graduates of Clear Creek from as far back as the mid-1950s come home again, and we are all reminded what a blessing it is to be part of this great family. In every corner, stories are shared and memories cherished, and we all are thankful to be Clear Creekers.

Our guest speaker for this year's conference was John Marshall, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo., and president of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Marshall was as excited to come to Clear Creek as we were to hear him. He is extremely well read in a wide range of subjects. "I don't have hobbies; I just read," he said.

Marshall apparently reads a lot and retains much of what he reads.

Approaching the Cumberland Gap on his way to campus, he said he marveled at the history represented by that gap in the mountains. "Wow, just look at that. That's history, right there before our eyes."

Marshall remarked often on the beauty of our little part of the world. Then he asked a very deep question: "Do you ever get desensitized to all the beauty here, seeing it every day?"

It is a question to be pondered. It came to mind again as alumni gathered on campus. It seems the longer they have been gone, the more excited they are to come back home.

Placed in a beautiful mountain landscape on a magnificent 700-acre campus with art abundant in every stone building, we are truly blessed. God's work is being done here every day. Christian servants are being shaped into vessels to serve the King of Kings. Relationships are being formed that will last a lifetime. I pray that we—that I—would never get desensitized to such an awesome work.

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Debt ceiling compromise: Plan not 'ideal' but is 'first step'

By Tom Strode

Washington—Congress and President Obama completed approval of a bill last week to raise the federal debt ceiling and to reduce spending even more. But all sides seemed to agree the new law merely is a precursor to what will be required to resolve the country's economic woes.

Obama signed into law the Budget Control Act less than 12 hours before the deadline established for the \$14.3 trillion ceiling, which is the legal limit on the amount of debt the federal government can borrow.

The new law, which permits an initial increase in the ceiling of \$400 billion, allows a total increase of \$2.1 to \$2.4 trillion into 2013. The measure also would cut federal spending by an estimated \$917 billion and establish a procedure to reduce the deficit by at least another \$1.5 trillion, providing a deficit reduction of more than \$2.4 trillion during the next 10 years.

"Considered from the 30,000 foot level, it was a compromise with liberals who control the Senate and the White House that took place on the conservatives' turf," Baptist public-policy specialist Barrett Duke noted. "Clearly, the ideal was not achieved by any stretch of the imagination."

"The Budget Control Act should simply be seen as the next act in a multi-act play, with plenty more to come as we seek to pull our country back from the brink," added Duke, who is vice president of public policy and research for the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Obama called the new law "just the first step. This compromise requires that both parties work together on a larger plan to cut the deficit, which is important for the long-term health of our economy."

In a written statement, Speaker of the House John Boehner used similar terminology after congressional passage, describing



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ERLC's Barrett Duke

the measure as "a positive step forward that begins to rein in federal spending, but it's only a step. We should save the celebration for when a balanced budget amendment is ratified, the deficit is fixed, and our economy has returned to creating jobs."

The new law requires the House and Senate both to vote on a balanced budget amendment before the end of the year, but leaves the specifics of such an amendment undefined.

What is sure to be one of the more con-

tentious aspects of the new law is its establishment of a Congressional Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. The "super committee," would consist of 12 members—six from each house split evenly between the two parties.

By Nov. 23, the committee would present to Congress a recommendation to cut at least \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. The House and Senate are required to act on the proposal by Dec. 23.

If the committee fails to agree on savings of at least \$1.2 trillion, across-the-board spending reductions of about the same amount would go into effect.

"We'll have to wait and see what comes out of this Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction," Duke said. "Clearly, everyone has reason to want to see it find the needed cuts that Congress can agree to. Hopefully, it will, but it is going to be very difficult." (BP)

Colleges, universities pledge to interfaith community service

Washington—About 200 representatives from college, university and theology school campuses visited the White House Aug. 3 to kick off a year-long program of interfaith community service.

Announced in March, the President's Interfaith and Community Campus Challenge invited institutions of higher learning to commit to a year of interfaith and community service programming.

Led by the White House and supported by the Department of Education and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the "interfaith service" initiative aims to build understanding between different communities and contribute to the common good.

"This is truly a historic occasion," Joshua DuBois, executive director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, said at the

kick-off ceremony. "Never before in the history of our nation have colleges, universities, community colleges and theology schools come together around the goal of interfaith cooperation for service around the nation."

White House officials said the response from institutions of higher learning exceeded their expectations. They said they would have considered 100 a success. So far, more than 240 schools have submitted interfaith-service proposals addressing needs ranging from human trafficking to feeding the hungry to going green.

Gardner-Webb University, a historically Baptist school in Boiling Springs, N.C., took the challenge by committing to continue and expand its partnership with the Cleveland County Potato Project, a local charity that grows white and sweet potatoes that are given to people in need. (ABP)

Numbers tell camp story

Another record year for Crossings is reflected in teens' lives changed

Well it is official: Another year of summer camp has come and gone. We have so much to be thankful for, and it is our desire that God receives all the glory and honor for what has taken place at Crossings camps.

The summer of 2011 is another record year in the number in camp attendance; the number of salvation decisions; the number of students called into full-time ministry; the amount of money given for missions, and even in the number of people who already are registered for summer camp in 2012.

In summary we have seen 583 students accept Christ as Lord and Savior; 593 students indicated they have felt a call to full-time vocational ministry; and \$108,692 was given to missions.

These three numbers represent the core measures of how camp ministry is going, and what is most exciting is that our greatest growth in percentage over 2010 is the number of students responding to the gospel. God continues to reach people through the unique environment of camp.

In the midst of the numerous stories of lives that have been changed, I want to praise God for allowing us the blessing of a safe summer. In total during the past two

months, we have had about 12,000 people in attendance at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek.

Given all the fast-paced activities that happen at camp, we are very thankful God has guarded us from significant injuries and accidents. Each year as I look back, it is nothing short of a miracle that we have avoided major problems.

One other measurement of the health of camp is attendance from year to year. At this point, we already have more than 9,000 guests registered for 2012. To put it in perspective, that is more than 25 percent ahead of where we were this time last year.

Thanks to all of you who have supported and prayed for the camps, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work in the coming days.

Ky. Baptist Assemblies



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NATIONAL NOTES

Prop 8 hearing date set—The California Supreme Court has set a date for oral arguments in a case that will determine the fate of Proposition 8, the 2008 constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between a man and a woman. The court will hear arguments Sept. 6 on a technical legal question: Does Prop 8's sponsor, ProtectMarriage.com, have the right under federal law to defend Prop 8 in federal court? The question became central in the case after former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Attorney General Jerry Brown (who now is governor)—who have the legal duty to defend state laws—chose not to defend Prop 8 in court. The question must be answered before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals even gets to the primary question of whether California can constitutionally define marriage as between a man and a woman and prohibit same-sex marriage.

Bill would create minorities envoy—The House has passed a bill that would create a special State Department envoy for religious minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, where Christians have come under attack in recent years, particularly in Muslim majority nations.

Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., introduced the bill in January after a spate of violence against Christians in Iraq and Egypt, and in response to persistent concerns for religious minorities in Pakistan and Afghanistan, among other nations. "If the international community fails to speak out, the prospects for religious pluralism and tolerance in the region are bleak," said Wolf, who has long argued that the State Department must make persecuted religious minorities a higher priority.

Court rules against county prayer policy—A North Carolina county commission is expected to appeal a decision by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said its policy on opening meetings with prayer violates the U.S. Constitution. A three-judge panel voted July 29 to uphold a January 2010 ruling by a federal district judge that Forsyth County's policy of allowing invited ministers to voice sectarian prayers amounted to an unconstitutional establishment of religion by the local government. A judge in the case said the Constitution allows use of "legislative prayer" to "solemnize" public occasions, but due to the risk of invocations in governmental settings being used to establish religion they should be non-sectarian.

In Recognition

of Deceased Kentucky Baptist Leaders

The 2011 KBC Obituaries Report will include information on deceased persons who have served our Lord and Kentucky Baptists in a noteworthy manner. We are including persons who died during the convention year, September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011.

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

These obituary entries will be reported to the 2011 KBC annual meeting in Florence. You are an important part of our network to gather information on those servants who deserve to be remembered among Kentucky Baptists.

Please forward this information before August 30 to:

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We Need Your Help To Gather the Following Information:

- Full name of deceased
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Active or retired status
- Name of church where member, association, state where located
- Service or ministry worthy of recognition (briefly stated)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 20 Super Saturday-Hispanic, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.
- 27 Super Saturday, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

September

- 8 Retired Director of Missions/Spouse Luncheon, Severns Valley Baptist Association Office, Elizabethtown.
- 10 Super Saturday, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah; Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 10-17 MissionsFEST, Bell County Baptist Association, Middlesboro and Pineville.
- 17 Super Saturday, Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro; First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.
- 19-20 Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament, Cherry Blossom Golf & Country Club, Georgetown.
- 21-23 Missionary Retreat, Mammoth Cave National Park.
- 23-24 Men's & Women's Chorale and Wind Orchestra Retreat, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
- 24 Children in Action Day Camp, Buck Creek Baptist Church, Calhoun.
- 24 Men's Chorale Concert, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville.
- 28-10/2 Adult Kentucky Changers—East, Louisville.



Student aims to make her one life count

By Marie Beaufain
International Mission Board

George, South Africa—She's an ordinary girl: brown eyes, brown hair, white sneakers. What makes her stand out is her love for the Lord.

"I'm such a happy person because I know that in everything I do it's God's plans for my life and not my plans," October said. "I love Jesus with all my heart and I trust Him each and every day."

October, 19, along with her brother Kyle, was one of 31 South Africans who partnered with American young adults during International World Changers in George, South Africa in July. IWC is an International Mission Board-sponsored ministry that sends out teams of students to locations all over the world.

"I've actually always wanted to do missions, so I took this as an opportunity that God was saying, 'This is something that I want you to do,'" she noted.

Because of her disease, lupus, traveling often isn't in the cards for the Cape Town native—especially the ends-of-the-earth travel typically associated with mission work. So when the opportunity opened up in George, a five-hour drive from home,

she jumped on it.

At first, the combined cold and wet of the region aggravated her illness and had her missing much of the first night's festivities. But with a little bit of rest and a whole lot of encouragement from the team, she pushed through the pain.

"I think Julia really pushed herself to the limit that week," said Liesl Reynolds, South African crew leader for the trip. "If I did not make her rest at times, she would not have done so."

The team of 61 students split into groups to reach four communities that week: Thembelethu, Touwsranten, Mossel Bay and Blanco, where October was stationed.

As relationships grew throughout the week, the teens began opening up. On many occasions the girls would sit in a circle, exchanging stories and struggles. Then October would begin her story, asking the girls if any of them knew what lupus was. When they said 'no,' she would explain.

People diagnosed with the disease have too many white blood cells, which attack and destroy each other, as well as important tissue along the way—hence the joint pain

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

Spotlight on ...

Frankfort



Buck Run Church will host **Steve Green** in concert Aug. 15. Admission is free, but tickets are required. For more information, visit www.BuckRun.org.

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—First Church will host a combined choir concert with First Church of Owensboro Aug. 12, 6 p.m. **Mark Hopper** is pastor.

■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church will host an "Embracing Intimacy in Marriage" conference Aug. 12, 7 p.m.; Aug. 13, 8:30 a.m., led by **Bill Cutrer**, author and professor of Christian ministry at Southern Seminary, and his wife, **Jane**. The cost is \$20 per couple. For more information or to register, visit www.crestwoodbaptist.org.

■ **CYNTHIANA**—Cynthiana Church will hold a Back-to-School Block Party Aug. 13, 3 p.m., with free food, inflatables, games and music. It also will feature professional magician **Phil Dalton** and caricature artist **Rob Maystead**. **Patrick Whyte** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church will host Narrow Road in concert Aug. 14, 6 p.m. For more information, call (502) 695-2088. **Michael Hail** is pastor.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—First Church will join with Henderson Memorial Church in Hopkinsville for "Life 2.0 Restoration" services Aug. 14-17. **Rick Stevens** is pastor of First Church. **Ron Hicks** is pastor of Henderson Memorial Church

Second Church will host a "Minute to Win It" informational session Aug. 13, 8:30 a.m., for

adults to learn more about missions and how to get involved. **David Tucker** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Maple Grove Church will host a hunters' education course, presented by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Aug. 18-19, 6:30 p.m.; Aug. 20, 9 a.m. For more information, call (502) 964-0808. **Ray Hayes** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT VERNON**—First Church will host a gospel music festival Aug. 14, 6 p.m., with **Fair Haven Quartet** and **His Heart**. For more information, call (606) 256-2922. **Eddie Nation** is pastor.

■ **WILLIAMSTOWN**—Williamstown Church will offer health screenings by **Life Line Screening** Aug. 19. Appointments are required. For more information, call (800) 679-5609.

commonly associated with lupus.

After a week spent among the broken homes and hearts in the shantytown where she ministered, October said she knew mission work was what she wanted to do with her "One Life," the event's theme.

"God brought me through so much ... and I know why I have (lu-

pus) now: because I can start a conversation with somebody and tell them what God has done in my life through my illness," October said. "This life I'm living now? It's not for me. I was put on this earth for a purpose, and that purpose is to be a disciple of Christ and to lead people to Him." (BP)

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SEEKING: Full-time youth minister at First Baptist Church in Mayfield, Ky. Seminary education and previous youth experience is preferred. All interested applicants: send your resume to 118 West South St., Mayfield, KY 42066, Attn: Youth Search Committee. Resumes must be received by Sept. 30, 2011.

SEEKING: Part-time family minister pastor to work with families with young children at Eubank Baptist Church in Eubank, Ky. Emphasis will be on coordinating a children's program (birth through 5th grade) which will support the development of young children and their families. Experience with families, children and church work is preferred. Interested applicants should submit resumes to shelby.reynolds@eubankbaptist.org; or mail to Eubank Baptist Church, PO Box 145, Eubank, KY 42567.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, located in Northeast Florida, is seeking God's leadership in pursuing a minister to students. We an SBC church that averages 625 in worship. Interested candidates should have minimum of 5 years experience; we prefer they have a seminary degree. Send resume to FBC Fernandina Beach, 1600 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, Attn: Dawn Lee; or via e-mail to dlee@fbfirst.net.

SEEKING: Full-time senior pastor. Send resumes to pinckardchurch@aol.com; mail to Pinckard Baptist Church, 3401 Pinckard Pike, Versailles, KY 40383; or contact Eddy Litteral, (859) 229-4076. Visit our website at www.pinckardbaptist.org.

SEEKING: Pastor. Beaver Dam Baptist Church is a historic church at the heart of a small, rural community in Western Kentucky. BDBC is widely known for both its music ministry and youth ministry, led by two full-time minister, and a growing Christian education ministry, including a preschool and K-6 elementary school. In 2010, BDBC contributed more than \$100,000 to local, state and international missions, with \$660,000 in undesignated receipts. BDBC affirms the 1963 Baptist Faith & Message. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the BDBC Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 242, Beaver Dam, KY 42320; or bdbcpssc@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Dry Ridge Baptist Church in Dry Ridge, Ky. Dry Ridge Baptist is a Southern Baptist church with 200-plus attending weekly worship services in a fast-growing community in Northern Kentucky. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, Dry Ridge Baptist Church, PO Box 14, Dry Ridge, KY 41035; or e-mail to office@dryridgebaptist.com.

SEEKING: Bivocational pastor to help our church grow and to lead us in the direction of God's will at Colesburg Baptist Church. Please send resume by Aug. 25 to Rhonda Thompson, 235 Lincoln Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Visit our website at www.colesburg.org.

SEEKING: Associate pastor of student ministry for First Baptist of Walton, Ky. Resumes may be e-mailed to pastortj@WhereLivesAreChanged.org, or revtjfrancis@yahoo.com. Resumes will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2011. A job description may be found on the church's website: www.WhereLivesAreChanged.org.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister for Bullitt Lick Baptist in Shepherdsville. This is a paid position and will require around 20 hours per week. Resumes or questions may be submitted by e-mail to secretary@bullittlickbaptist.org.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for a conservative, mission-minded church as our former pastor retired after 13 years of service. We are looking for someone who will work with all ages and lead our church in growth. Please submit resume, references and a DVD of a recent sermon by mail to the Pastor Search Committee, Immanuel Baptist Church, 5469 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501.



MISSIONS The student ministry of First Baptist Church of Henderson participated in two summer mission trips to serve church plants in Ohio and Indiana. Working with the Gateway network of churches in the Cleveland area, 22 students passed out connection cards, planted trees in a business district, did renovation work at a church, canvassed neighborhoods, led a youth service, and surveyed several communities. In Fishers, Ind., a group of 17 middle school students and their leaders served with the Pointe Community Church, a church plant of Fall Creek Baptist Church in Indianapolis. The mission team visited an estimated 700 homes to survey interest in a church plant and to pass out flyers inviting people to a summer celebration, which offered tables games, inflatables, food, concert and door prizes.



MOUNTAIN OUTREACH A member of Green Meadows Baptist Church in Mockville, N.C., finishes up work on a summer home project of the University of the Cumberlands Mountain Outreach program, which has built more than 130 homes and made repairs and renovations on hundreds more. Green Meadows has been serving with Mountain Outreach since 2000.

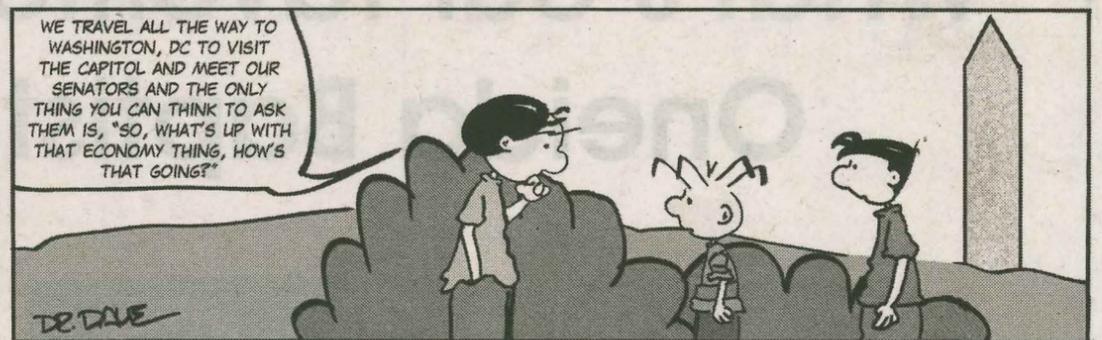


BICENTENNIAL On Aug. 4-5, Gasper River Association of Baptists held its 200th consecutive annual meeting, with the first session hosted by Big Muddy Baptist Church and a second session held at Brooklyn Baptist Church. The association was formed, Sept. 26, 1912, with 17 churches as charter members. Five other associations since have been birthed by the association. Today, Gasper River consists of 26 churches and one mission. Bob Martin is director of missions.

SHOELESS Jessica Bray, a member of High Street Baptist in Somerset, encouraged her church to hold a service to allow members to donate a pair of gently used or new shoes to help someone in need. On a Sunday evening in July, Wildfire Ministries, the College and Career group of High Street, challenged those attending the service to leave in bare feet. The congregation donated more than 70 pairs of shoes and more than \$135. The shoes were sent to Samaritan's Feet in Indianapolis, Ind.



Preacher's Kids

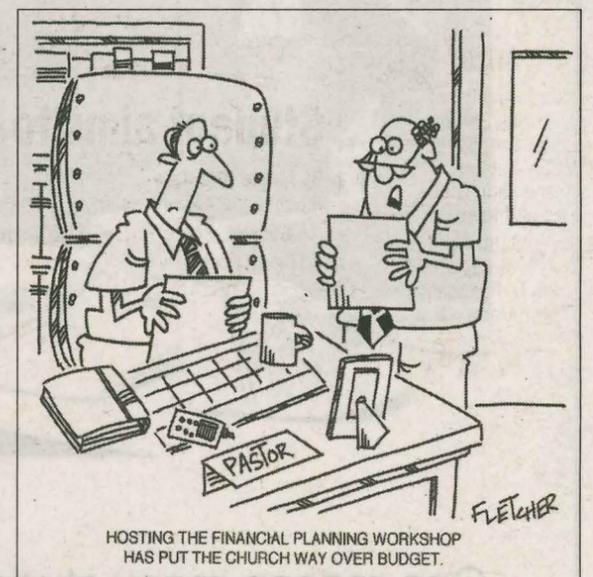


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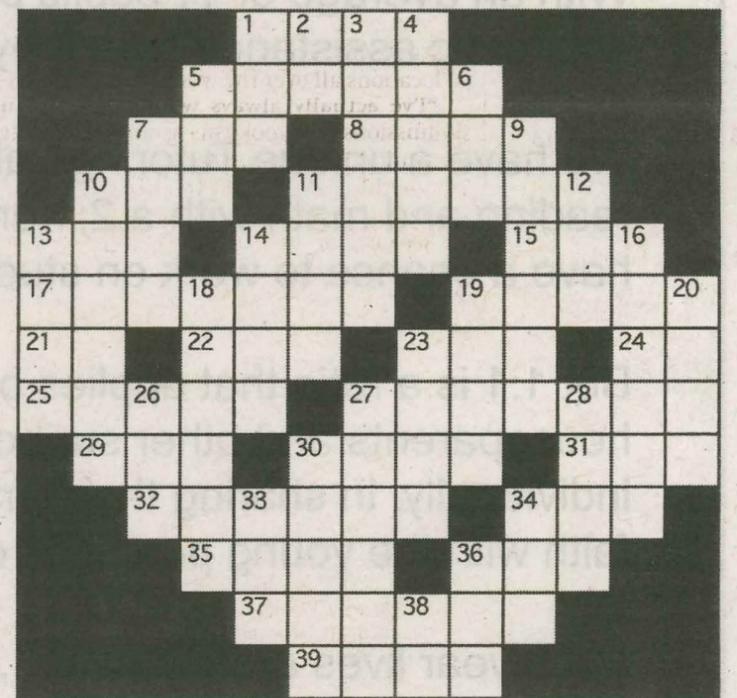


Bible Crosswords

By Janet W. Adkins

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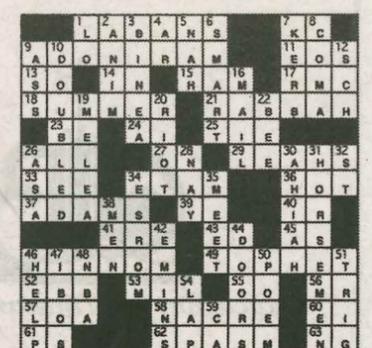
- 1 "The children of the _____ were gathered together" (Judges 6:33)
- 5 "Why _____ ye not the breaches of the house?" (2 Kings 12:7)
- 7 "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I _____ mine own inheritance" (Ruth 4:6)
- 8 A son of Helem (1 Chronicles 7:35)
- 10 "How _____ I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?" (Esther 8:6)
- 11 Moves covertly
- 13 Etruscan god
- 14 "And they straightway left their _____, and followed him" (Matthew 4:20)
- 15 A Babylonian chief god
- 17 "_____, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession" (Acts 5:1)
- 19 "And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, _____ and kids" (2 Chronicles 35:7)
- 21 Doctor's degree
- 22 "Go to the _____, thou sluggard" (Proverbs 6:6)
- 23 Capuchin monkey
- 24 Artificial language
- 25 "Even upon his forehead, did he put the golden _____" (Leviticus 8:9)
- 27 Political representative
- 29 "Of _____, the family of the Erites" (Numbers 26:16)
- 30 "Have they not _____?" (Judges 5:30)
- 31 "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely _____" (Genesis 2:16)
- 32 A vessel in which substances are pounded
- 34 "He shall not search whether it be good or _____" (Leviticus 27:33)
- 35 "And the priest may bring her _____ and set her before the Lord" (Numbers 5:16)
- 36 Swiss river
- 37 "Bear your iniquities, ... and ye shall know my _____ of promise" (Numbers 14:34)
- 39 Revise, prepare for publication



- 6 Genetic material
- 7 "Call me not Naomi, call me _____" (Ruth 1:20)
- 9 Modern Achai in Greece
- 10 "Her _____ goeth not out by night" (Proverbs 31:18)
- 11 "Nor sitteth in the _____ of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1)
- 12 "Arphaxad, which was the son of _____, which was the son of Noe" (Luke 3:36)
- 13 "Thy word is a _____ unto my feet" (Psalm 119:105)
- 14 "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the _____?" (Luke 17:17)
- 16 "Till ye have scattered them _____" (Ezekiel 34:21)
- 18 "And _____ was destroyed of nation, and city of city" (2 Chronicles 15:6)
- 19 "Behold, the people of the _____ now are many" (Exodus 5:5)
- 20 "Certain lewd fellows of the baser _____" (Acts 17:5)
- 23 "And Samuel answered Saul, ... I am the _____" (1 Samuel 9:19)
- 26 "With a strong hand, and with a stretched out _____" (Psalm 136:12)
- 27 "He _____ not their soul from death" (Psalm 78:50)

- 28 "The wild beast shall _____ them" (Hosea 13:8)
- 30 "They look and _____ upon me" (Psalm 22:17)
- 33 Confederate soldier Johnny _____
- 34 _____, humbug!
- 36 Play division
- 38 "And Joshua sent men from Jericho to _____" (Joshua 7:2)

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