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Baptist disaster relief volunteers from Kentucky, New England and Texas pray before departing Resurrection Baptist Church in Montpelier to aid Vermonters whose homes sustained flood damage from Hurricane Irene.

## Kentucky Baptists help Vermonters during state's 'Pivotal Moment'

By John Evans

Barre, Vt.—In flood-ravaged Vermont, opportunities to share the gospel can come in unexpected ways—including with suspected looters.

Phill Steadman, pastor of Capstone Baptist Church in North Bennington, Vt., was helping clean a house after Hurricane Irene's remnants deluged the state

when he caught a man apparently attempting to loot. "Before the conversation was over, I'd had an opportunity to share the gospel with this guy," Steadman said.

As Baptists like Steadman and others—including a crew of Kentucky Baptist volunteers—continue to minister in word and deed, the Southern Baptist   
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## Oneida President Bud Underwood set to retire next year

By Drew Nichter

Oneida—Bud Underwood never really wanted to be president of Oneida Baptist Institute.

Underwood was more than happy directing the student work program of his alma mater and serving under the leadership of his old friend Barkley Moore.



Bud Underwood

It was Moore's persistent urgings over 12 years and God's timing that brought Underwood and his wife, Kay, to Oneida in 1984. By all accounts, the larger-than-life Moore was a garrulous individual who brought the eastern Kentucky boarding school back from the brink of closure after taking over in 1972.

It also was Moore's suggestion to a handful of school trustees that if anything should ever happen to him, Underwood should succeed Moore as president—a fact unknown to Underwood.

In 1994, a heart attack ended Moore's life too soon and left the school reeling without its longtime leader.

"A lot of people were saying, 'What's going to happen to the school?'" recalled Ken Bolin, Oneida's trustee chairman and pastor of Manchester Baptist Church. "Well, God raised up Bud Underwood to lead the school."

Underwood succeeded his late friend in August 1994 and has led the school of nearly 300 middle- and high-school students to a new era of success and advancement.

That era soon will come to an end. Underwood told the school's board of trustees recently he will retire March 31, 2012, capping 28 years at Oneida Baptist Institute, 18 as its president.

"We, frankly, have worked hard most of the time we've been here," Underwood told the Western Recorder of his and Kay's time at the school.

Underwood's time as president began quite reluctantly. With no knowledge that he was the late Moore's hand-picked successor, Underwood staved off several   
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## Task force appointed to study name change for SBC

Nashville, Tenn.—After 166 years, the Southern Baptist Convention could be getting a new name.

SBC President Bryant Wright announced Sept. 19 the appointment of a committee to study whether it is a good idea to change the convention's name, what a new name might be, legal ramifications and potential cost.

"First, the convention's name is so regional," said Wright, pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., "With our focus on church planting, it is

SBC Executive Committee members expressed concern over the possibility of a name change, saying the issue could be divisive.

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challenging in many parts of the country to lead churches to want to be part of a convention with such a regional name. Second, a name change could position us to maximize our effectiveness in

reaching North America for Jesus Christ in the 21st century."

Wright announced the task force during the opening session of last week's SBC Executive Committee meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Wright said Jimmy Draper, retired president of LifeWay Christian Resources and a former SBC president, has agreed to serve as chairman of the task force.

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SBC President Bryant Wright



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# Cumberlands students experience mysterious

## MAZE

By Laura Jolly

**Williamsburg**—More than 450 students came together in the Gatliff Chapel on the University of the Cumberlands campus last week to experience the mysterious MAZE.

The magician also known as Jim Munroe has performed on college campuses all over the United States, and has specifically been touring Kentucky college campuses during September.

As the lights dimmed in the packed chapel, a voice boomed from the sound system: "This is not a magic show. This is a social experiment in human behavior."

According to Munroe's website, the MAZE is "a mystery performance piece that has traveled the world." Through the use of illusion, entertainment, psychology and humor, Munroe is able to captivate and amaze his audience while provoking them to think about what is truth and what is perception.

Munroe quickly got the audience's attention by being very interactive. Each of the illusions he performed used audience members to prove his credibility. One illusion even involved a student's mother who talked to Munroe and the audience through a cell phone.

If the illusions performed by the MAZE were not enough, Munroe also conveyed a deep intellectual side, which

urged onlookers to think and test their beliefs.

"If you know you could be wrong about what you perceive is true, what does that say about us?" Munroe asked.

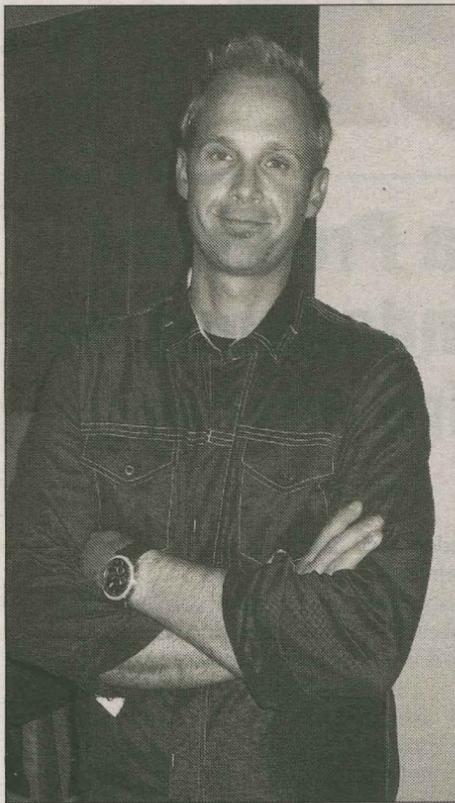
Munroe addressed some tough questions such as, "Why would anybody ever believe in the concept of a God? And why do bad things happen to good people?"

When asked why he chooses college students as his target audience, Munroe said, "I had a lot of questions while I was in college, and most Christians had a difficult time giving me an answer. I want to talk to college students in a way they can understand."

University of the Cumberlands Campus Minister Dean Whitaker said MAZE was brought to the school by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, with help specifically from the Eliza Brouder state missions offering.

Joe Ball, the KBC's youth ministries director, played a key role in connecting MAZE with several campus ministries around the state.

"It's a creative way to help students think and not just accept what they've been told all their lives," he said. (WR)



**A-MAZE-ING PERFORMANCE** Christian illusionist Jim Munroe has performed the MAZE at several college and high school campuses across Kentucky during September, challenging students to consider what is truth and what is perception. (Photo by Laura Jolly)

## Walton pastor Francis to be KBC 2nd VP nominee

**Williamstown**—T.J. Francis, pastor at First Baptist Church of Walton, will be nominated as second vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention when its annual meeting convenes Nov. 15 in Florence.

Francis will be nominated by Josh

Landrum, pastor of Knoxville Baptist Church in Williamstown. Francis is the first announced candidate for the post.

Landrum said he intends to nominate Francis as a KBC officer because he has a heart for Kentucky



T.J. Francis

Baptists and cooperation among their churches.

In a letter to the Western Recorder, Landrum also noted Francis' dedication to missions at home, in the state and abroad.

"Pastor Francis' commitment to the Great Commission is evident in his heart for missions," Landrum said. Francis "sees the local community as a mission field as he personally ministers and encourages others to minister."

Encouraging other pastors, especially those from the younger generation like himself, is one of Francis' callings, he noted.

"Some of them feel like denominational life is something of the past, and I don't believe that," Francis, 34, told the Western Recorder.

A common question heard among Kentucky Baptist pastors, he noted, is: "Why should I be involved?" Many pastors feel "out of the loop" when it comes to denominational life.

Serving as a Kentucky Baptist officer, Francis said, would give him the opportunity to show those pastors the importance of cooperation.

That includes getting involved in the More for Christ emphasis through increased giving to the Cooperative Program, as well as planting more churches in the commonwealth—all of which go toward fulfilling the Great Commission, Francis said. "It's the primary emphasis all the time. It never takes a backseat to anything else."

Francis became pastor of First Baptist, Walton in January 2010. Prior to that, he was pastor of South Jefferson Baptist Church in Louisville, Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Williamstown and Faith Baptist Church in Richmond, Ind.

A member of the KBC Mission Board, Francis is the Committee on Committees chairman. He earned a master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he currently is pursuing a doctorate.

According to the KBC's 2010 Annual Church Profile report for First Baptist, Walton, the church gave \$24,637 (7 percent) of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program in 2009-10. It also reported 12 baptisms. (WR)

## CP gifts finish 2010-11 fiscal year shy of budget goal

**Louisville**—Kentucky Baptists' strong giving through the Cooperative Program in August helped tighten the gap between actual giving and the budgeted needs for the fiscal year 2010-11.

Kentucky Baptists' giving in August exceeded the monthly budget by more than \$193,000; total gifts for the month were \$2,151,866.

Despite the strong showing in the final month, giving for the fiscal year, which began Sept. 1, 2010 and ended Aug. 31, was 4.67 percent below the budget goal of \$23.5 million.

The good news, according to Lowell Ashby, head of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's business services team, is that Kentucky Baptists exceeded the trimmed-down "spendable budget" goal that KBC leaders adopted for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

"In anticipation of the economy

impacting CP receipts this year, the Mission Board staff has been operating on 95 percent of the CP budget goal," he explained.

The 95 percent spendable budget goal was \$22,325,000; total CP giving for the fiscal year was \$22,403,090, exceeding the spendable goal by \$78,090.

"These year-end funds will be distributed by KBC Mission Board approval following the December board meeting, Ashby added.

This was the third consecutive fiscal year that Kentucky Baptists did not meet their annual giving goal for the Cooperative Program. This year's giving total was \$527,053 less than fiscal year 2009-10, Ashby reported.

"It is important for us to look back at the previous year," said Billy Compton, KBC's executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources. "In spite of

difficult economic conditions, our churches have been very generous with their mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

"However, I do anticipate Kentucky Baptists looking forward as we focus on our three-year 'More for Christ' emphasis," Compton said.

Messengers to the 2010 KBC Annual Meeting approved More for Christ as a way to challenge themselves and fellow Kentucky Baptists to an increased commitment to Christ and the Great Commission.

"We can be encouraged that CP ministries and mission causes are not a sprint, but more like a marathon," Compton said. "Windshields are larger than rear-view mirrors because it is necessary to understand the past but it is more important to look forward by setting goals and making strategic plans." (KBC)

## Study: Many Americans see God's hand in economy

By Cathy Lynn Grossman

**Waco, Texas**—The way you see God tells a lot about how you see the U.S. economy, according to a new national survey.

About one in five Americans combine a view of God as actively engaged in daily workings of the world with an economic conservative view that opposes government regulation and champions the free market as a matter of faith.

"They say the invisible hand of the free market is really God at work," said sociologist Paul Froese, co-author of the Baylor Religion Survey, released last week by Baylor University.

"They think the economy works because God wants it to work. It's a new religious economic idealism," with politicians "invoking God while chanting 'less government.'"

Most political conservatives (81 percent) say there is one "ultimate truth in the world, and new economic information of cost-benefit analysis is not going to change their mind about how the economy should work," Froese said.

The survey finds nearly three in four Americans (73 percent) say "I know God has a plan for me." Within this group:

■ 49 percent say "the government in Washington is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals

and private businesses."

■ 79 percent say "able-bodied people who are out of work shouldn't receive unemployment checks if they are passing up jobs they can do."

■ 92 percent say "anything is possible for those who work hard."

But people who weren't working (one-third of those surveyed) answer differently. Working people, paid or volunteer, were more likely (45 percent) to say the government does too much than those who weren't working (37 percent). They also were more likely (81 percent to 72 percent) to say healthy people do not deserve unemployment benefits.

(USA Today/RNS)

# SBC name change debate: Study described as 'wedge' issue

By Mark Kelly

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The announcement from Southern Baptist Convention President Bryant Wright of a presidential task force to study the prospect of changing the convention's name sparked a lively debate during the SBC Executive Committee meeting Sept. 19 in Nashville, Tenn.

Executive Committee member Darrell Orman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stuart, Fla., offered a motion that convention attorneys study the issue for one year "before we take any action" on possibly changing the name. That motion later failed on a 39-20 vote.

"Every man here wants to do something significant in his life for Christ and His kingdom," Orman said. "A name change could be a future necessity for our convention but it should start from the bottom up, not the top down."

The Great Commission Resurgence Task Force's 2010 proposals for dramatically reorganizing the Southern Baptist dollars and reallocating missions dollars had caused a "tug of war" and left "a lot of conflicted feelings ... across our nation," Orman said. "We don't need another wedge issue at this time."

An Executive Committee member from Ohio echoed Orman's concerns.

"If you get outside of Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, GCR is still very, very



**WEIGHING OPTIONS** Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee members vote Sept. 19 on a motion to ask convention attorneys to study the issue of a name change. The motion, proposed by Darrell Orman of Florida, failed 20-39. (Photos by Morris Abernathy/BP)

divisive among Southern Baptists," noted Charles Chambers, a layman from Toledo, Ohio. "Don't divide us again."

Executive Committee Chairman Roger Spradlin reminded the group, however, that the wisdom of discussing a name change was not the issue before them.

"If this is a can of worms—if that's how you would want to characterize it—we, meaning the Executive Committee, are not opening that," said Spradlin, co-pastor of Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif., and a member of the task force. "The president has made an announcement. ... We can't take action on whether a group of volunteers is appointed by the president. That's under his purview."

After Orman's motion was defeated, Executive Committee member Bill

Whittaker, a retired pastor from Glasgow and former president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, offered a motion "that the Executive Committee respectfully request President Wright to share his concerns for a convention name change with the 2012 Southern Baptist Convention meeting and request the convention approve the task force." That motion was soundly defeated.

In a news conference later, Wright said it is not a "foregone conclusion" the task force would recommend a name change.

"I think there would be a good number of members of the task force that would certainly—if they were to speak for themselves tonight—would be able to share they do not know what their conclusion would be," Wright said.

While some members favor the

prospect of changing the name, "not everybody on the task force, by any means, has come to this with a foregone conclusion," he said. "I think everybody ... sees the importance of a study and just letting the study guide us and direct whatever recommendation might eventually come to the convention."

Asked if LifeWay Research might be enlisted to survey Southern Baptists about a possible name change, Wright said he had discussed that possibility with Thom Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources, but that no decision had been made.

Wright also said the convention's name is geographically regional, which could be a barrier to starting new churches outside the South.

"In New York and Boston and Minneapolis and out West, it's just a big barrier that they are continually dealing with," Wright said.

"Part of the study is to consider a name change as a possibility of removing a barrier to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ," he added. "There are so many people that are unreached, that it's a barrier to even have communication with them, or for them to even consider coming to a new church plant that is a Southern Baptist church. Hearing that feedback in (my) travels around the nation was definitely influential in me praying about this possibility." (BP)

## Name change

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Motions to study name changes have been presented several times in the past. Most recently, a motion at the 2004 annual meeting in Indianapolis to authorize the SBC president to appoint a committee to study a name change was defeated on a ballot vote.

Wright said he believes Southern Baptists would benefit from another look at the question, noting, "I am going to ask this task force to consider four questions: Is it a good idea—that is, is there value in considering a name change? If so, what would be a good name to suggest? What would be the potential legal ramifications of a name change? What would be the potential financial implications?"

Wright emphasized the task force's role is to advise him on the questions he has given them to consider.

"Obviously, this is not an official committee empowered by a vote of messengers," Wright said. "It is a task force I am asking to advise me as president on whether this is a matter we should bring forward for convention action."

Wright said he is hoping the task force will be able to provide an interim report that he can share with the Executive Committee during its February 2012 meeting, with the possibility of a final report in time for next year's SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

Any proposed name change, as well as other legal implications involved in a name change, would have to be approved by a majority of messengers at two consecutive SBC annual meetings, according to the convention's constitution.

In addition to Draper and Wright (an ex officio member), the other members

of the task force are:

- Michael Allen, pastor of Uptown Baptist Church in Chicago.
  - Marshall Blaylock, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C.
  - David Dockery, president of Union University in Jackson, Tenn.
  - Tom Elliff, president of the International Mission Board.
  - Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board.
  - Ken Fentress, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Rockwell, Md.
  - Micah Fries, pastor of Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo.
  - Aaron Harvie, pastor of Riverside Community Church in Philadelphia.
  - Susie Hawkins, member of First Baptist Church of Dallas.
  - Fred Hewitt, executive director of the Montana Southern Baptist Convention.
  - Cathy Horner, member of Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.
  - Benjamin Jo, pastor of Hana Korean Baptist Church in Las Vegas.
  - Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.
  - Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.
  - Bob Sena, retired director of NAMB's Hispanic resource development and equipping.
  - Roger Spradlin, co-pastor of Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif., and chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.
  - John Sullivan, executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention.
  - Jay Wolf, pastor of First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala.
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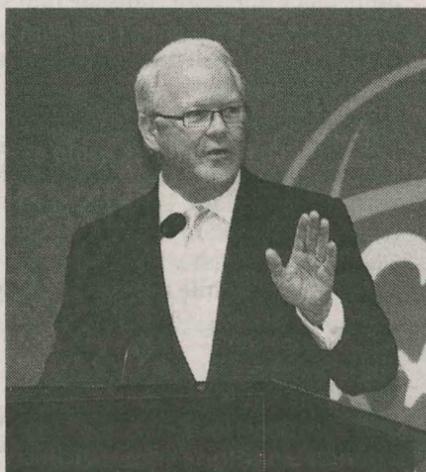
## SBC Executive Committee business

### Integrated ministry is Hispanic council's aim

By Erin Roach

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, announced the formation of a Hispanic Advisory Council with the goal of "more fully integrating Hispanic Baptist churches into the total fabric of Southern Baptist life and ministry."

The three-year ministry initiative was launched by Page and North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell in response to a request by Hispanic



**CULTURAL EXCHANGE** Executive Committee President Frank Page, during his report last week, cited the example of Jesus in John 4 for doing cross-cultural ministry. Page included the announcement a Hispanic Advisory Council in his report to more fully integrate Hispanic churches into the Southern Baptist Convention.

leaders and could be followed by additional ethnically oriented advisory groups.

Page announced the creation of the council during his address to the Executive Committee last week in Nashville, Tenn., noting it would be chaired by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Daniel Sanchez and retired NAMB staffer Bob Sena.

In a statement to Baptist Press, Page said the council will assist the Executive Committee, NAMB and other SBC entity leaders in understanding and appreciating the perspectives Hispanic churches and church leaders bring to the common task of reaching the nation and the world with the gospel.

"The council is representative of the regions of the country and reflects the cultural diversity of the Hispanic population," Page said. "Its purpose is that of consultation, communication and cooperation. It will neither launch nor execute ministries. Its role is to provide information, insight and counsel to NAMB and EC staff relative to the special needs and concerns of Hispanic churches and church leaders in the Southern Baptist family of churches."

The Hispanic Advisory Council, which is set to begin its work in October once members are finalized, will gather and communicate information from Hispanic groups, state convention leaders, pastors and laymen, as well as the Hispanic Consortium, an annual gathering of Hispanic leaders serving on SBC entity staffs. (BP)

## Meeting about more than SBC name change

While discussion of a possible name change for the Southern Baptist Convention overshadowed the SBC Executive Committee meeting last week, the meeting entailed much more. Other pertinent issues dealt less with debate over the relevance of our brand and more with the relevancy of the gospel for a lost world.



Paul Chitwood

Tom Elliff, the new president of the International Mission Board, shared about the "Embrace" challenge.

Research indicates that 3,800 people groups across the globe remain unreached and unengaged. That is to say, these groups of people with a distinct cultural identity, not only have less than 2 percent of their members following Jesus, but also, tragically, we know of no person or group engaging them with the gospel.

Elliff is challenging our approximately 45,000 churches, local associations, and state conventions to adopt one or more of those people groups. In this case, adoption means praying for that people group and seeking to provide a gospel witness to them. Based on Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8, Elliff's vision is in line with God's vision and is, therefore, attainable. Ready to adopt?

Kevin Ezell, the new president of the North American Mission Board, reported that the end goal of NAMB's reorganization effort is for North America to be reached with the gospel. Reporting on a 4 percent increase in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Ezell thanked Southern Baptists for allowing NAMB to help facilitate partnerships to advance the gospel through church planting, disaster relief, and a host of other ministries.

Presidents from our seminaries gave updates about the education and training of thousands of students. Those students include the next generation of pastors, missionaries, church staff members and denominational leaders. Through the generosity of Southern Baptists, my wife, Michelle, and I have been able to earn five higher education degrees from Cooperative Program-funded schools. We understand the value of that investment.

O.S. Hawkins, president of Guidestone Financial Resources, expressed gratitude to Southern Baptists for providing for "Mission: Dignity." Since 1918, Guidestone has been on a "Mission" to provide "Dignity" to retired pastors or their widows. These are men and women who have faithfully served God's people and now find themselves struggling to meet even basic needs. Mission: Dignity currently helps more than 2,000 people with extra money needed for housing, food, and vital medications.

These are but some of the many ministries generous Southern Baptists provide through the CP and direct contributions. Each church has the prerogative to decide how their missions dollars are spent, but I haven't found any mission funding mechanism that even begins to rival the CP.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Seeing the ends of the earth from here

This past Saturday, my family and I attended the annual meeting of Pike Association of Southern Baptists at First Baptist Church of Forest Hills. While the far eastern end of Kentucky—just a stone's throw from the West Virginia border—isn't the edge of the world, we could see the ends of the earth from there thanks to a passionate challenge brought by an International Mission Board representative.

Describing himself as "an extension of Pike Association to the unreached peoples of Southeast Asia," Bryan Mitchell gave an account of what God is doing in and through Southern Baptists because of their fervent prayers and giving to the Cooperative Program. Comparing the spread of the gospel to the fragrant aroma of coffee when it is brewing, Mitchell lamented, "Those packing the beans don't even have access to the Good News, the fragrance of Christ." The goal, he said, is for the fragrance of Christ to permeate Southeast Asia. "What will it take for the gospel to go where it hasn't gone before?" he asked.

Like Cornelius in Acts 10, many Muslims there may be good people, but they still need the fragrant message and a fragrant messenger, Mitchell explained. "The fragrant message that must permeate Southeast Asia is the simple truth: 'Jesus is the one' who saves," he explained. Recalling how God sent Peter to Cornelius, Mitchell pointed out that when he received a vision, Peter was on his roof praying. "When we have an encounter with the Living God, we must position ourselves so that His purpose will be accomplished in and through us and when He speaks we will be able to hear," he urged. "It begins when we humble ourselves before the Lord and say, 'Accomplish your purpose through me.'"

The fragrant messenger is "one who is willing to make whatever sacrifice is required so that the gospel will go

where it has not gone before," Mitchell continued. Citing Philippians 2, he emphasized, "Jesus gave up everything to give us an 'incarnational' picture of the love of God." Observing that they are beginning to see Muslims respond, he urged: "Cornelius is out there. May we be like Peter was to Cornelius and use our resources to find him, because he is waiting to hear."

From reports at their annual meeting, it is evident that Pike Baptists are actively involved in ministries that are making a positive impact on the lives of people throughout Eastern Kentucky. Many assist with the Remote Area Medical event each June, which provides free medical, dental

and optical services, and many participate in an annual baby bottle drive that provides funding for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, according to Director of Missions Bob Finch. "We normally give close to 25 percent of the donations received, which this year exceeded \$40,000," Finch said, adding that several volunteer at the center. During the flooding last year, two churches, Meta and Faith First, served as sites where families could receive food and clothing, and volunteers assisted with clean-up efforts.

Paul Chitwood, executive director-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, brought the closing challenge. Using 1 Chronicles 16 as his text, he stressed the obligation of every believer to proclaim God's salvation to the nations. "Our duty is to make disciples of the nations," Chitwood said. "It is the duty of every follower of Christ; it is my responsibility to share Christ."

Through inspiring messages at associational meetings each year, we are all reminded that from the edge of Kentucky, as Great Commission believers, we can indeed see the ends of the earth.

\* Name changed for security reasons.

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



## Manage social media before it manages you

By Micah Fries

It's no secret that I'm a fan of social media. I'm convinced it's an incredible tool to expand your reach, advance gospel causes, sharpen your communication skills, and on top of all that, it's fun.

However, social media also has the potential to consume your time, kill actual relationships with real people and divert your attention from things that matter. So, from the perspective of a pastor, how can we manage it well, so that it doesn't manage us?

**1. Get rid of notifications.** One of the benefits of social media is its immediacy. News travels faster. With that said, immediacy often can translate into an unnecessary sense of urgency. If you are not careful you will find yourself thinking that you always have to be available and ready with a reply. The truth is, most of what you see/reply to can wait. To make this happen, I eliminated the notification options. This helps me to respond when I have time, and not when everyone else responds to me.

**2. Get away, while not getting away.** I

have found that having occasional periods when I get away from social media is good for my soul. Rest is always helpful—even from social media.

This is where good social media tools come in handy. Through the benefit of software like Tweetdeck or Hootsuite I am able to schedule updates, and I regularly use this feature. I will take a day's break from social media and schedule a number of updates to post while I'm gone.

**3. Real people come first.** By this I don't mean that people online are not real people. However, face-to-face interaction with people will always trump every other method of communication. So, when face to face, dump the social media. No checking up on your status, looking for replies or "likes," no updating the latest bit of news, while you are conversing with others.

**4. Embrace the dichotomy.** Classic media sources were all about "the news." They were professional, precise and rarely revealed anyone's personal lives, unless it was newsworthy. Social media, however, is seen by many as exactly the opposite. The truth

is, however, that social media stands somewhere between the two, maintaining a unique dichotomy. It is personal, no doubt, but it's also effective as a news vehicle. With that said, embrace both realities.

I love social media because it allows me to engage people in my church on a much more consistent basis. I also love it because I am able to extend the pulpit throughout the week as I attempt to provide gospel coaching to the people God has given me to shepherd.

However, it's also a blast because I get to share with people how amazing my wife is, how incredible my daughters are and how much fun my favorite sports teams are to root for. If not for this helpful medium the pastor would continue to be viewed as this unapproachable truth teller that exists in a different world than the average guy. Social media helps them to learn otherwise.

So, embrace the dichotomy. Recognize it for what it is, and use it as much as possible, within that tension. The people you lead will be better for it. (BP)

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## Will the Southern Baptist Convention change its name?

By Albert Mohler

Southern Baptist Convention president Bryant Wright has launched an effort to change the name of the convention, or at least to give the issue serious consideration. He announced this intention as he presented his report to the SBC Executive Committee. Instantly, energy filled the room.

The idea of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention is not new. Southern Baptist conventions and task forces of the past had considered the question, and the convention voted not to consider the question in 2004, when Dallas pastor Jack Graham, then the convention's president, proposed a similar process.

Bryant Wright made his announcement after speaking of the energy and unity within the convention after the SBC annual meeting this past June in Phoenix. A consideration of the name change, he said, would be "another move forward" for the convention.

The question of the SBC's name and possible alternatives emerged soon after World War II, when Southern Baptist leaders recognized that the convention was no longer satisfied to contain its witness within the historic southern and southwestern states of the United States. Nevertheless, the convention's messengers have never faced any formal proposal for an alternative.

Clearly, changing the name of the SBC will not be easy. There is tremendous value in the established name and reputation of the Southern Baptist Convention, especially when the denomination has put itself

on the line again and again in defense of biblical truth and theological orthodoxy. The name emerged from a historical context that is central to the denomination's history and identity. Of course, the convention's population distribution is still mightily weighted by concentrations in the South and Southwest.

There may be significant legal and economic factors to consider, especially when the SBC's founding was almost 170 years ago. The legal name of the Southern Baptist Convention is woven throughout SBC life—not to mention its 40,000 member churches. This would be no simple re-branding effort. Much is at stake.

What international implications might a name change hold? Those must be considered. In a global context, "southern" does not imply the American meaning. So, what does it imply? That question must be asked. How much international recognition might be lost by changing the name?

On the other hand, there are powerful reasons to consider changing the name. The SBC is not driven by a southern agenda nor a southern vision, but by a passionate commitment to the Great Commission. In the context of the United States, "southern" refers to a region. That region gave birth to the Southern Baptist Convention, but it no longer defines it. To many in regions like New England and the Pacific Northwest, the "Southern Baptist Convention" sounds strange, if not foreign. On the other hand, how much does this really mean anymore?

Furthermore, there is a legacy with which we must continue to deal. We were established as an association of churches that would appoint slaveholders as missionaries. There is so much to celebrate in the heritage of our beloved denomination, but there is also a deep stain that is associated with slavery, the nation's sectional division of power and during the Civil War, and the legacy of racism. If these issues can be resolved, even to any significant degree, by a name change, a gospel-minded people would never hesitate to consider such a proposal.

Many church planters and mission strategists have openly called for a name change and have celebrated the call for a study and proposal. Many influential pastors and denominational leaders have joined in support—but at this point the support is for an ordered process of asking the question, and this is healthy and responsible. No gospel-driven movement of churches would want to retain any preventable barrier to faithful and effective evangelistic and church planting efforts.

Bryant Wright is not alone in believing that now is the time for the SBC to consider this question in a serious and timely manner, driven by a sense of evangelistic and missiological urgency. Those members of the Executive Committee who spoke against the idea are not alone in their concern about what might be lost by such a name change, as well as what might be gained.

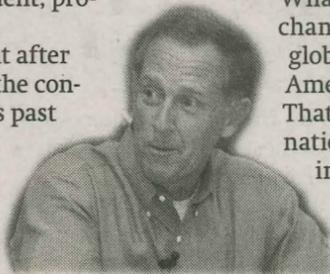
The discussion was not the finest hour for the SBC Executive Committee, nor its worst. It was a sign that this is a highly-charged issue that holds great potential to divide the convention if not handled well and responsibly. The task force must act in a way that unifies Southern Baptists and helps us all to gain a much-needed understanding of what is and is not at stake.

I have known nothing but the Southern Baptist Convention in terms of my own identity for the entirety of my lifetime, now over the half-century mark. For almost 20 years, I have had the privilege of serving as president of Southern Seminary.

To be honest, I am personally traumatized by the very idea of changing the denomination's name. I feel an almost physical loss at the very prospect. It is a deeply and unavoidably emotional question for any Southern Baptist whose life is intertwined with the convention, its work, and its churches.

At the same time, our commitment to the Great Commission and the urgency of the gospel must exceed our emotional attachments and fears. A responsible movement of gospel churches—of Baptist churches—must be ready to ask this question and face it fearlessly. We can and will do this together.

### FIRST PERSON



SBC President Bryant Wright

## 'Singularly' devoted to God

By James Stillwell

**Q: I am single. People, especially in church, look at me as if to say, "What's wrong with you?" Mass marketing often aims at couples and even churches communicate that is who they are trying to reach.**

**A:** A blog in the New York Times pointed out that even though nearly half of adults are unmarried, our culture tends to treat those who are not married as second-class citizens in certain legal ways and cultural assumptions. The apostle Paul had a radically different view.

For Christians, the New Testament is our guide, and it is largely the story of two single adults: Jesus and the Apostle Paul. We get great insight on Paul's marital status in his letter to the Corinthians.

1. Paul affirmed and modeled the value of singleness in 1 Corinthians 7:8: "Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do."

2. Paul affirmed their freedom from distractions that enables a better focus on kingdom work. In verses 32 through 35: "I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman ... is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord."

3. Paul affirmed the happiness that comes from a "singular" devotion to God. In verses 38 through 40: "He who marries ... does right, but he who does not marry her does better ... In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is—and I think that I too have the gift of God."

Stand tall in your singleness. If God so leads, it's not a sin to marry. But do not denigrate your singleness. Use it as an opportunity to shine.

James Stillwell is minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

## GPS for your finances

By Jeremy White

When the global positioning system (GPS) was released to the consumer markets, I balked initially. I thought it was just more electronic wizardry to complicate my life and take my money.



But I've changed my mind. After using a GPS—and now owning one—I see how enormously useful it is. A GPS takes you where you want to go, tells you how much further to go and when you will arrive, and adjusts when you make a wrong turn ("recalculating").

I don't understand all the physics underlying how a GPS works. I do understand the idea of a comparison of where I am now on a certain street compared to a map by a higher power (satellite).

The comedian, Tim Hawkins, said he wished he had a GPS for his marriage. For example, he could be prompted at the right moment by the Marriage GPS to "say something about her hair." In his comedy bit, he then said to his wife, "What's up with your hair?" (The marriage GPS then would instantly say "recalculating.")

This prompted my wishful thinking for a GPS for our financial lives. If I had such a device, I would probably need some inputs about my current location. These might include the following:

What is my spending? My income? My spiritual and family goals? Number of argument with my spouse about money? How content am I? My debts and liabilities?

Then, the financial GPS has to compare the inputs—where I am—to some standard. This standard could be my own information, such as comparing spending to income or liabilities now to liabilities three years ago.

A better standard would be something more like a plumb line, something true and accurate like a map. Come to think of it, we have such a standard. The principles in God's word with the application help of the indwelling Holy Spirit can be our guiding GPS—not just for finances, but for life.

Jeremy White is a CPA with Blythe, White & Associates in Paducah.

President Wright appointed a task force to be led by SBC elder statesman Jimmy Draper, a former SBC president, beloved pastor, and former president of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. I, along with several others, have agreed to serve on this task force. This is not a task force that is poised to make an irresponsible or precipitous proposal. There is much hard work ahead.

This decision will not be made by any task force. The name of the convention belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention and will ultimately be settled by its messengers. The convention has shown great wisdom and strength of character and conviction in its past. We must trust that it will rise to that same wisdom and strength in the present hour.

During the discussion, President Wright demonstrated a strength of character that served the denomination well. Those who spoke to the issue with such passion and concern sent a clear and honest signal of how difficult the task may be. Family discussions are often difficult, but this is what healthy families do—they work through the challenges rather than run from them.

There are good arguments to be made on both sides of this question—so let's make them. There are important questions to ask—so let's ask them. There are emotional issues that pull at our hearts—so let's talk about them. There are generations of the past to whom we owe so much and a generation of those now living we desperately want to reach—so let's bridge them. There are legal and financial issues to consider—so let's consider them. There are so many Southern Baptists from which we need to hear—so let's listen to them.

Most importantly, there is a world desperately in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ—so we must not allow this question to divert our energies from the Great Commission task. It will not matter what we call ourselves if we lose sight of the one great cause that has brought us together.

Albert Mohler is president of Southern Seminary in Louisville.

# Oneida President Underwood to retire

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efforts by trustees in 1994 to get a resumé from him.

After several requests, trustees settled for a biographical sketch which Underwood said amounted to little more than noting when he was born and that he hadn't yet died.

Evidently, that was all it took.

"The next thing I knew, they were at my house asking me if I would be the next president," Underwood recalled.

He accepted the role long held by his old friend, albeit grudgingly.

"The first six months I was president was the only time in my life I was angry at God," Underwood said. "I didn't want this responsibility and was not happy that I had the responsibility."

It was a conversation with a close friend about the trademarks of a good leader that God used to change his perspective of the new role.

"The Lord revealed to me, 'Bud, you know more about what's going on at Oneida—the mechanics of what happens every day—than anybody else there is,'" he recalled. "I couldn't deny that I was ... in the best position of knowing where Oneida is and where she needed to go.

"So, at that point in time, I got rid of some of my anger and began to step aside and let the Lord do what He wanted to do—and a lot of good things have happened."

Oneida has made significant strides during Underwood's tenure, most notably in the area of finances.

Bolin noted that when Underwood assumed the presidency, Oneida's endowment was a slim \$1.5 million. Today, that total is around \$28 million.

The increase, Bolin said, is "a testimony to Dr. Underwood's fiscal management and his faithful handling of the school's affairs."

Underwood also has reduced and stabilized the turnover rate of both students and faculty/staff at OBI. He credits that largely to improvements in its facilities, as well as nearby housing which Oneida provides to faculty and staff members.

"When I became president, most of our people lived in mobile homes," Underwood noted, adding that those who work for Oneida do so for exceptionally modest salaries. In the last 17-plus years, 46 residences have been built or remodeled, he said.

"They now have decent houses to live in, which they haven't always had," he said, pointing out that the typical faculty/staff tenure today has increased dramatically from the mid-1990s when it was about 15-18 months.

Guiding Oneida to success has not come without sacrifices. Underwood's day begins at 4:30 a.m. and often doesn't end until after 11 p.m. That rigorous work schedule has all but negated any time spent with his family.

"I'm not proud of this, but they have taken not only a backseat, (but) that backseat is way in the back of the bus," Underwood lamented. "We've allowed school responsibilities and business to really consume almost all of our time."

But, he interjects, "I can't say that I don't love what I do."

One of his great joys is sitting across from a prospective student who can't

afford to attend the school and telling him or her, "Come to Oneida."

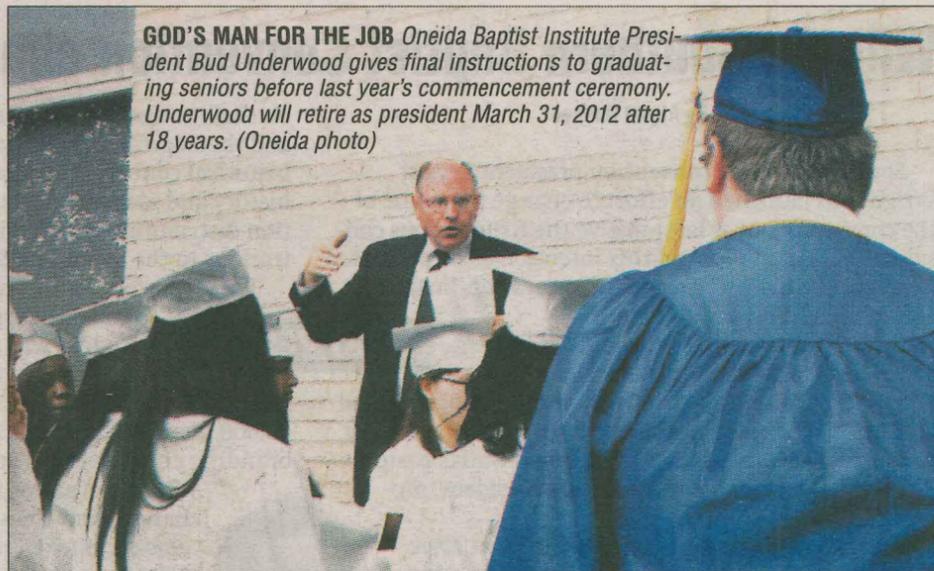
Underwood arrived at Oneida similarly in 1961 as a high-school junior on a two-year scholarship because his mother couldn't afford the \$1-a-day tuition.

"We have never told the poor child that because you don't have any money, because you're from a low-income family, that there's just no room for you here," he said.

"Every time I'm able to give one of those scholarships, it makes me feel good that something I benefited from I'm able to pass on now to other boys and girls who are in the same situation I was in."

Furthermore, unlike some Christian boarding schools, Oneida never has turned away a student because he or she is not a Christian, Underwood noted. That, along with accepting underprivileged students and emphasizing the student work program represent the foundation of Oneida Baptist Institute.

"If my successor ever departs from those three primary areas, I think they will find they'll fall out of favor with the Lord and with our supporters," Underwood cautioned.



**GOD'S MAN FOR THE JOB** Oneida Baptist Institute President Bud Underwood gives final instructions to graduating seniors before last year's commencement ceremony. Underwood will retire as president March 31, 2012 after 18 years. (Oneida photo)

The search for Underwood's successor will begin in earnest next month. Bolin said an executive committee has been formed from among Oneida's board of trustees. He said they hope to have a new president in place before Underwood's last day next March "to walk with Dr. Underwood a while and just to see how Oneida works."

As for Underwood, he still will be a presence on the Oneida campus. Two of his children work at the school and four of his grandchildren attend and play

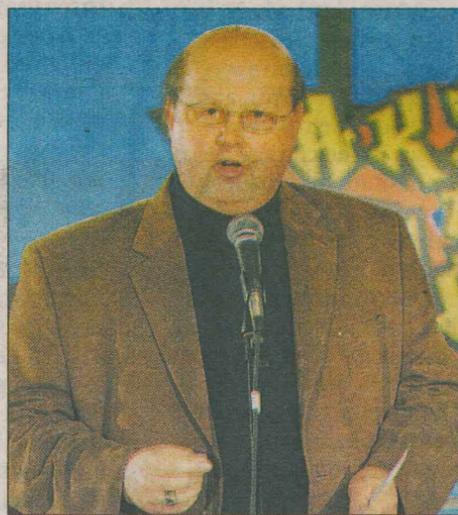
sports, in which he very much looks forward to seeing them compete.

"I want to be able to just be a grandpa for a change," he said.

Retirement also will include plenty of yard work at home in nearby Owsley County. "I love to mow my grass (and) I'm a passionate gardener. ... I want to do those two things more than anything else."

And after years and years of 4:30 a.m. wake-up calls, Underwood said he plans to sleep in ... until 6 a.m. (WR)

# Hester, who co-founded True Love Waits, will retire



Jimmy Hester

Nashville, Tenn.—Jimmy Hester, co-founder of the True Love Waits abstinence movement, will retire from LifeWay Christian Resources Sept. 30.

During his 26 years with LifeWay, Hester spearheaded True Love Waits' transition from an idea for a sex-education campaign to an international movement to challenge young people to embrace a commitment to sexual abstinence until they are married.

Nearly 20 years ago, Hester and Richard Ross, who at the time were family and youth ministry specialists with LifeWay, used a napkin to sketch out the concept for a movement that today is worldwide in scope.

"God has truly blessed our efforts in challenging students to make a commit-

ment to sexual abstinence until marriage," Hester said. "While the look and tone of True Love Waits has changed over the past 18 years, God's intent for sexual behavior remains the same and continues to be important for students today."

In the U.S. alone, approximately 3 million youth have signed TLW commitment cards, pledging sexual purity until marriage. More than 1 million other commitments have been documented in Africa and throughout the world.

Currently more than 100 organizations use True Love Waits to promote sexual abstinence. From the first national celebration in 1994 to its growth worldwide, Hester said he has seen God work in remarkable ways as scores of young people have embraced sexual purity. (BP)

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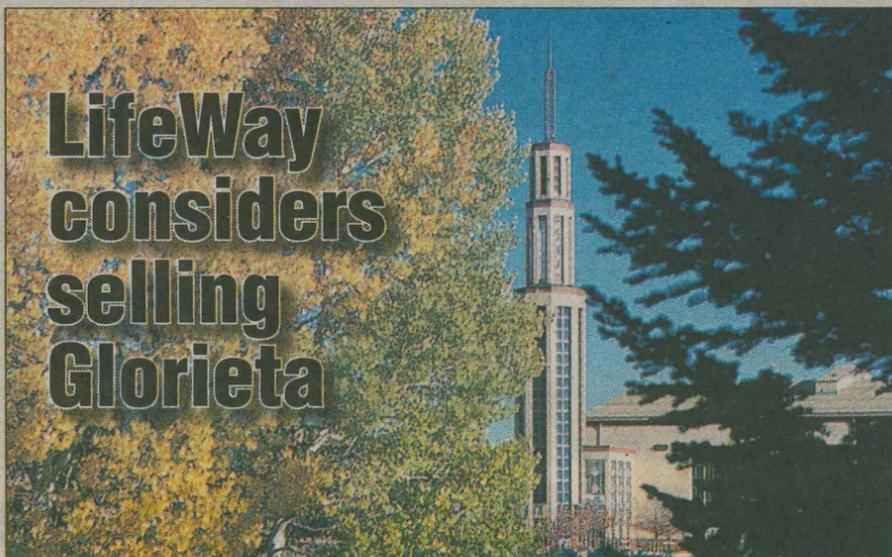
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# LifeWay considers selling Glorieta

By Bob Allen

**Glorieta, N.M.**—The Southern Baptist Convention is scaling back operations at Glorieta Conference Center and considering sale of the 2,100-acre campus near Santa Fe, N.M.

Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources voted recently to cut back from year-round operations to summer-only programs for student groups at Glorieta, one of two national conference centers owned by the SBC's publishing arm. The change, which goes into effect Nov. 1, will reduce staff from 23 to seven employees.

LifeWay officials said Glorieta has been losing money for years. It receives no funding from the denomination and no longer can afford to subsidize a ministry that has finished in the black

just once in the last 25 years, according to a statement.

Officials said there are no plans to close Glorieta completely, but trustees are exploring options for disposition of the property including sale or alliances with other ministries.

In 2009, Glorieta shifted to a new operational model that allowed it to stay open year round but focused on smaller ministries and events during the winter to better fit demand.

LifeWay Chief Financial Officer Jerry Rhyne said if selling the property turns out to be the best option, any sale would have to be approved by the board of trustees.

The SBC voted in 1949 to establish a western conference center in addition to Ridgecrest in North Carolina, which opened in 1907. (ABP)



**HARD AT WORK**  
Kentucky Baptist disaster relief volunteer Julie McClure of Corbin digs flooring out of a home ruined by Hurricane Irene flooding in Northfield, Vt.

## Vermont disaster relief

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disaster relief effort in Vermont is slated to stand down Oct. 15. After that, any remaining work will be turned over to local churches and Vermont's chapter of VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters), an association of organizations that do volunteer work.

With a backlog of houses to be cleansed of mold and a limited number of volunteers, Terry Dorsett, director of missions for Green Mountain Baptist Association, is grateful for every disaster relief vehicle he sees on Vermont's roads. But he also has a plea for Southern Baptists around the country: "This is a pivotal moment in Vermont Baptist history. Don't fail us now."

Kentucky Baptist Larry Koch, commander for the command center at Resurrection Baptist Church in Mont-

pelier, said the list of mud-out jobs in Vermont ready for work is more than the limited number of volunteers can handle in just a few weeks. In any case, he said he doesn't have room to house enough people to finish the job.

"It's very unlikely that we will clean the slate," he noted, although he hopes a potential large volunteer crew of Liberty University students may change that.

Homeowners who have insurance can pay for the mud-out work to be done, but those who don't have it rely on volunteers like Southern Baptists from all parts of the country.

"That's the challenge," Dorsett said. "As the urgency (of the situation) wanes, the teams wane as well, and the long-term effect of this is going to take us another two or three months before we're really done with this. And the short attention span of the American public will have moved on before the problem's actually all fixed." (BP)

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## The tale of two boys

### Oneida faculty do best to deal with unruly students in loving manner

Every academic year brings new challenges and opportunities. Though we spend a considerable amount of time talking to parents of prospective students, we do not always get a clear and accurate picture of the student and his or her needs. When the phone rings, there often is a frustrated parent on the other end. Frequently, months or years of trying to deal with home and/or school issues have failed.

Often the parent has known about Oneida for some time and unfortunately, instead of presenting OBI as an opportunity to improve, the parent has presented us as the instrument of punishment. For some time the student has heard something like this: "If you don't get your act together, I will be forced to send you to a boarding school!" That comment often is followed with: "And they will jerk your chain and you will have to mind and make better grades!"

I understand the frustrations of the parent, especially a single-parent mom who is fighting an endless battle of trying to provide for the family, take care of household responsibilities, and at the same time, deal with a child who seemingly is working overtime to make sure the parent is not successful.

During that phone interview, we often are given less than truthful information about a prospective student. The parent may believe if they tell us the truth about their child, we will not accept him. Later when we are having some unexpected problems, I frequently review the child's folder to see what we were told prior to enrollment.

Not surprisingly, the actions of the student do not match what we were told during the phone interview.

This year we enrolled two new students who stood out above all the others. During the first week of school, these two boys clearly had the attention of all of us who deal with students who seemingly do not understand or respect boundaries. It seemed nearly every hour of the day they were finding ways to break the rules. During the first week, we patiently reminded them of the rules and that we expected them to respond in a positive way to our patience.

After the first week, we began to replace the warnings with consequences. Two weeks later, after numerous confrontations, one of the two boys definitely had turned the corner. He is careful to follow the rules and goes out of his way to make sure we notice he is not getting into trouble. I particularly appreciate it when he says something like, "I don't want to get into trouble, and I want to respect you." I don't think he is doing this to get "points"; I honestly believe he is beginning to understand we all have rules and guidelines to follow.

Now the second boy is a different story. He still is breaking rules nearly every waking hour. Verbal warnings and punishment have had little or no effect on him. We have been patient and long-suffering for nearly a month now, but the clock is ticking. If he wants to be here and take advantage of all we have to offer, he has to do his share, including following the rules.

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#### This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

## Double duty

### First-year student Glenn fills dual role of student, student's spouse

First-year student Karla Glenn, from Illinois, is happy to be able to start classes at Clear Creek finally after being here for three years.

"My husband, Jeremy, is on the pastoral ministries track," Karla said. "We came here three years ago when we found Clear Creek on the Internet while we were looking for a Southern Baptist undergraduate college for Jeremy to attend when God called him into the ministry."

Jeremy is a senior and currently serves as a pastoral intern at Hosman Baptist Church in Pineville under the leadership of Dr. Bill Helton, one of our faculty members.

"I originally wanted to start classes when we came here three years ago," Karla recalled. "But because of a physical condition, I was not able to start. But now, praise the Lord, I am feeling better than I have in years."

"About seven years ago, I started having a lot of physical problems. The doctors simply had no answers for me," Karla said. "We moved to Clear Creek three years ago, and for the first year, we looked for a doctor to help me, and I

was finally diagnosed with Crohn's disease. I had prayed for years for the Lord to bring some kind of relief. It has been one of the hardest things I have ever been through, but I never lost hope that the Lord had a solution to the problem.

"Now through the help of modern medicine and surgery, I am off of all the steroids and pain medication that I had to take just to be able to cope with my condition," Karla said. "So, now I am able to finally start my classes that I had wanted to take since we first came here."

"I am enrolled in the associate of arts in Christian ministries program with an emphasis in Christian service," she said. "I feel called to a writing ministry and perhaps teaching through my writing. I know God has brought me through a lot in my life, and I feel like He wants me to share that with others to help them."

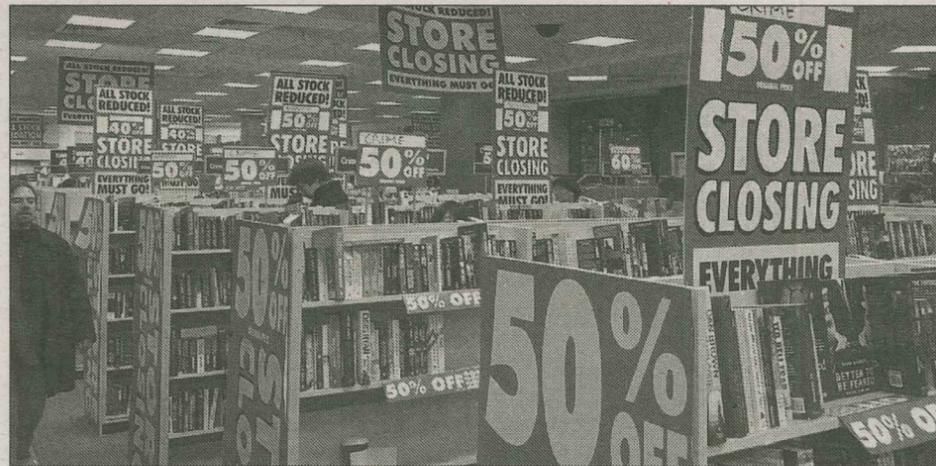
"I am so thankful for my family who has been by my side through all of this. We thank God for all He has provided for us."

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#### Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox



## Could Borders' loss become Christian retailers' gain?

By Piet Levy

Colorado Springs, Colo.—The saying goes that when God closes a door, he opens a window.

So when the Borders bookstore chain—the nation's second-largest—finishes closing all of its stores this month, Christian retailers see a window of opportunity in the death of a mega-competitor that once threatened to put them out of business.

With 70 percent of Christian retailers reporting flat or declining sales last year, and overall sales dropping 3 percent according to the Christian retail association CBA, proactive Christian booksellers, marketing agencies and the 1,200-member CBA are taking any opportunities they can.

After Borders announced its liquidation in July, Colorado Springs, Colo.-based CBA sent an alert to member stores: "Post Borders Growth Strategy: As Borders Shuts its Doors, Christian Booksellers Should Open Theirs Wider."

"Today, Borders is irrelevant in the world of bookselling," the document states. "If we do not adapt to the changing marketplace and new technologies, our influence will diminish or disappear altogether."

The letter offers suggestions for retailers including discounts for customers with Borders loyalty cards and trying to lure former Borders customers into Christian stores.

"It is always sad when a bookstore that makes Christian materials available to the public can no longer do that," said Curtis Risky, CBA executive director. "However, the chain's demise does create more opportunities for independent local Christian stores to fill the gap."

Last month, the Munce Group, a Florida-based agency that provides marketing and business solutions for 498 independently owned Christian bookstores, analyzed where the remaining Borders stores were located against a map of Munce-affiliated stores in those markets.

"We sent (the analysis) to all the Christian publishers we deal with and reminded them there were stores still in

these markets, and it was a great time to send an encouraging word or send a sales representative in," company president Kirk Blank said.

It wasn't the first time Munce spotted an opening—the company executed a similar strategy last February when Borders filed for bankruptcy and announced it would close about 30 percent of its stores. According to Munce, its retailers saw a slight uptick in foot traffic.

Blank said additional marketing materials will be available for stores trying to capitalize on Borders closings, and some stores matched Borders' everything-must-go sales with their own sales.

The Parable Group in San Luis Obispo, Calif., which provides marketing for 109 Christian retailers, including 40 Parable franchise stores, is doing more online advertising to attract new customers while Borders liquidates, CEO Steve Potratz said. Some stores are offering more gifts, and by year's end, e-books to accommodate demand.

Christian retailers have experienced immense upheaval the past seven or eight years competing with Amazon, e-books and big-box retailers like Walmart and Costco, said Andy Butcher, editor for Christian Retailing magazine in Lake Mary, Fla. One advantage that can help them stay alive is serving a niche audience that shares the same passionate beliefs.

"We know where most of our customers are on Sunday morning," Potratz said. "The opportunity to work with a church, and partner with a church, is critical, and I am seeing more and more of our stores looking for and gaining opportunity to help and resource the church."

While some observers may find it distasteful to find business opportunities at the expense of a retail chain's demise, Butcher said he doesn't see the CBA's or Munce's efforts as predatory.

"At the end of the day they're looking to serve people with Christian resources," Butcher said. "I don't think they are so much rubbing their hands as far as holding their hands out." (RNS)



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# Pair of longtime Kentucky Baptist Convention staffers retire

By Dannah Prather

Louisville—Kentucky Baptist Men on Mission Department Director Randy Foster and Missions Growth Team Ministry Assistant Linda George recently retired from full-time service with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Foster had served in his role since 1997, while George worked for the KBC for nearly 20 years.

## Randy Foster

A native of LaGrange, Ga., Foster was a pioneer in Southern Baptist resort missions, serving in Colorado and Wyoming. He also developed and wrote strategies for volunteer-driven resort missions for the North American Mission Board.

Foster said serving outside the Bible Belt taught him how to become a contagious Christian.

"Most people, including the unsaved, are not looking for another obligation. Certainly they're not looking for religion," Foster said. "God will use you if you look like what you're doing is just hilarious."

A joyful Christian who is living an exciting life conveys "a relationship with Christ that sets (people) free," he explained.

Another lesson learned out West that Foster said impacted his ministry was the importance of encouraging and equipping believers to share the gospel and the love of Christ with people in their everyday lives.

A single missionary or missionary couple cannot meet all the ministry needs of an entire county or community, he said. "My main focus was in multiplying the people who do ministry."

That "ministry multiplication" concept is what drew him to Kentucky to



Randy Foster



Linda George

direct the Baptist Men on Mission department, formerly known as the Brotherhood department.

During Foster's tenure, Baptist Men provided leadership for dozens of ministry efforts, from disaster relief and Kentucky Changers to equestrian ministries, Baptist Builders and Campers on Mission.

Foster said the Blackaby study, "Experiencing God," had a profound influence on his Christian walk, specifically the principle of "seeing where God is already at work and joining Him there."

"Every believer is called to a ministry," Foster said. A leader's role "is to encourage (others) to do the ministry God has called them to do."

Foster has practiced this principle by his willingness to connect resources and needs. He has made countless

trips to eastern Kentucky and elsewhere delivering donations of clothes, building supplies and other necessities to help ministry centers there meet the needs of residents.

"I know of no one who has a bigger heart for people in need than Randy," said Larry Baker, leader of the KBC missions growth team. Baker said Foster's compassion has helped rally volunteers

to provide effective ministry that "has resulted in people coming to Christ."

Steve Thompson, KBC's associate executive director, agreed that Foster has served and led from the heart. He has been the gentle giant on the KBC staff, continually challenging us with new avenues of ministry.

Peggy Murphy, Foster's ministry assistant for 11 years, described him as "a humble servant and true man of God."

Coy Webb, former disaster relief associate, assumed leadership of the Kentucky Baptist Men on Mission Department Sept. 1.

Foster will remain on staff part-time as a consultant for the department's R-6 Mentoring Program for former prison inmates. He also will assist with Kentucky Changers.

## Linda George

For Linda George, Christian service has come naturally.

A native of Mena, Ark., George's father was a bivocational pastor who "felt the call to ministry late in life," she said. His obedience to God's call left an impression on his daughter.

"I'm very grateful for that godly heritage," she said.

George joined the KBC staff as a part-time administrative assistant in 1994, working in different departments for weeks or months as she was needed. In 1996, she joined the staff full time as administrative secretary in the missions and evangelism department.

It was a good fit, she said. "My passion is missions."

She has seen many changes in the organization of the KBC's missions support efforts but said an aspect that has remained steadfast is the innovative spirit of the staff.

"All the people on the team are so creative in finding ways to reach people with the gospel," she said.

"For Linda, her work has been more than a job; it has been her ministry," said Larry Martin, former leader of the missions group who now serves as a KBC consultant. Linda's organizational gifts were essential in the initiation of numerous ministries."

Pat Beverly, ministry assistant with the KBC's executive office, said George's devotion to her area of service extended to learning how to ride a horse when equestrian ministries began.

Beyond Kentucky, Martin said, George helped organize partnership missions endeavors in the Balkans.

"Linda has impacted thousands of Kentucky Baptists with largely behind-the-scenes work that she has carried out effectively and efficiently," Baker said. "If there is ever such a place as a 'Ministry Assistant Hall of Fame,' Linda would be in a prominent place."

George said the Balkan ministry was very important to her, and another effort, much closer to home, also was a highlight of her time at KBC.

In 2010, through Find It Here, George and many of her fellow KBC staff members helped distribute the gospel and other printed materials to 5,000 homes in Henry County.

That act was multiplied thousands of times across Kentucky as volunteers shared the gospel with 83 percent of the commonwealth's households.

Find It Here "was one of the most rewarding things I've done," George said. "You just knew it was going to make an eternal difference."

George will continue to serve part-time with the missions growth team. (KBC)

Linda George—  
"My passion is missions."

Randy Foster—  
"Every believer is called to a ministry."

## Slowing down

### Key to simplifying life is focusing on opportunities from day to day

I always have been tempted to look toward the future as opposed to focusing on the present. Such actions certainly can create problems as I can miss the opportunities that the Lord places in my path on a daily basis. Perhaps you may be similar, always moving quickly in an urgent rush and thinking about possibilities rather than current realities.

In reading through the Gospels, Jesus certainly seems to have quite the hectic and pressured schedule. People always are seeking Him out for questions and concerns and pulling Him to go here or there. Given His schedule, we are hard-pressed to think we are busier than He was. Yet in spite of all the pressures that came His way, He always was tuned and attentive to the moment and, more importantly, the person with Him.

As I consider the example Jesus has set, I certainly can feel convicted about not being focused on the moment each day. How many times have I missed opportunities to share Christ from a lack of discipline to take the time and be focused on the person in front of me?

Much can be said today about how to grow; whether in business, church or a parachurch ministry, the simple fact is to grow large you must become small. What does this mean? It means to focus on the little practices and trust that the large consequences will, to some

degree, take care of themselves. If we want to see anything grow, we must take care of those we serve—a customer or a church member alike.

A theme throughout the Bible is that we are stewards, those who have had "things" entrusted to us to manage and care for in a God-honoring way. The Bible says we are to be faithful with what has been entrusted to us—be faithful

with your opportunities today and trust that God will direct and provide for the needs of tomorrow. By doing so, I think life certainly will feel a little slower and more simple—something I know most anyone would like to experience.

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## Ky. Baptist Assemblies



David Melber

## And they're off!

### 5K race can help Sunrise continue to get Kentucky kids 'back on track'

"Do you not know that in a race, all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (1 Corinthians 9:24-25).

When Paul urged the church to remain faithful, he often used sports analogies as motivation, and they're just as useful today for inspiration and encouragement.

While Paul's reference to "running the race" was just a figure of speech, there is an actual running event coming up next month that can help Sunrise Children's Services continue its ministry of helping the abused and neglected children from across Kentucky.

BB&T Insurance Services once again is hosting the "And They're Off" 5K run/walk at Churchill Downs on Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

The entry fee for adults is \$25 and \$10 for children 12 and younger. Sunrise will receive 100 percent of that entry fee for runners who sign up as

part of the Sunrise team. In addition, BB&T Insurance Services will be making an additional donation to the charitable group that registers the most participants. Runners and walkers who register with Team Sunrise also will

receive a free T-shirt to wear at the event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for church groups, youth groups or families to enjoy one of Kentucky's most famous landmarks, as well as contribute to the ministry of Sunrise Children's Services. Since 1869, churches across Kentucky have supported the mission of Sunrise in our care for children whose race in life has been blocked by obstacles through

no fault of their own.

Your participation in this event will help us get these children back on track and give them a chance to cross the finish line successfully.

You can register at [www.AndTheyreOff5K.com](http://www.AndTheyreOff5K.com) or contact Jennifer Stillwell at (502) 538-1000 for more information.

Bill Smithwick is president of Sunrise Children's Services. Contact Sunrise at (502) 538-1000 or [www.sunrise.org](http://www.sunrise.org)

## Sunrise Children's Services



Bill Smithwick



## September

28-10/2 Adult Kentucky Changers—East, Louisville.

## October

3 Successful Strategies for Deacon Ministry, Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

4 Successful Strategies for Deacon Ministry, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

6-8 Ministers in Transition Conference, Louisville.

7-8 Women on Mission Fall Retreat, Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center, Hardin.

13 Church Secretaries Training Conference, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.

13 Understanding Other Beliefs, Crosspointe Baptist Church, Owensboro.

17-18 Senior Adult Choir Festival, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

20 Men's Chorale Concert, Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

## November

3-5 Basic Training Journey for Church Planters, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.

4-6 Engage International Student Conference, Cave City Convention Center.

5 Creative Ministries 101 Workshop, Hillvue Heights Church, Bowling Green.

11-13 All-State Junior High Choir, La Grange Baptist Church.

12 GA Jam, Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown.

13 Men's Chorale Concert, Main Street Baptist Church, Alexandria.

# Longtime pastor Armstrong honored by young preachers

Georgetown—It was "one of the greatest honors of my life."

Those were the words of Pastor Glenn Armstrong Sept. 19 after hearing seven sermons during the Armstrong Campus Festival of Young Preachers at Georgetown Baptist Church.

Armstrong, his wife, Elaine, and several family members the event in "recognition and celebration of the life and preaching ministry" of Armstrong, who was the longtime pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

Much was made over the fact that Armstrong served Beaver Dam Baptist for 40 years and stood as a faithful witness to the aspiring preachers whose experience ranged from high school to seminary. The challenge was given by Armstrong to the young preachers to develop loving relationships as the key to meaningful ministry.

It has been speculated that Armstrong has preached more

than 6,000 sermons in his 40 years in the pulpit. And, he noted, Elaine was the best partner and critic in helping him develop his skills as a preacher.

The event was a collaborative effort of Georgetown College's Marshall Center for Christian Ministry and the Academy of Preachers, a Louisville-based organization that encourages and empowers young people following God's call into preaching.

The students who participated in each offering their reasons for wanting to preach at the Armstrong festival. Andrew Noe, a student at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Georgetown, said he has been called to the ministry and wants to preach, calling the act a unique form of communication in a world crowded with media.

Another BSK student, Sara Clarke, said the first time she preached was out of absolute fear as a young seminarian in a



Retired pastor Glenn Armstrong (center) is surrounded by participants of the Armstrong Campus Festival of Young Preachers held at Georgetown Baptist Church Sept. 19. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Justin Sizemore, a student at Georgetown College; Sara Clarke, who attends Baptist Seminary of Kentucky; (back row, left to right) Brittany Krebs and Andrew Noe, both students at BSK; Nick Babladelis, who attends Asbury Theological Seminary; Cristobal Lopez, a Georgetown student; and McKenzie McIntosh a senior at Henry Clay High School in Lexington. (Photo by Paul Atkinson)

preaching class. Now with some experience, she said she was eager to preach at the Armstrong event and had developed confidence in her abilities.

"Certainly Dr. Armstrong's presence and words will help set the course for these seven young people as they look forward to

being known as loving change agents in their preaching ministries," noted Dwight Moody, founder and president of the Academy of Preachers.

This event also inaugurated the Armstrong Preaching Scholarship Fund to assist students in their pursuit of preaching excellence.

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville University's Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy will host "A Discussion on Current Climate Change Issues" Sept. 29, 5 p.m., with **Jim Ball**, executive vice president for policy and climate change with the Evangelical Environmental Network, as guest speaker. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (270) 789-5520.

■ **CLINTON**—Moscow Church will hold revival services Oct. 2-4. **Dwayne Franklin** is pastor.

■ **CORBIN**—Central Church will hold a Mega Monday service Oct. 3, 7 p.m., with **Kevin Smith**, pastor of Watson Memorial Church in Louisville, as guest speaker. **Chad Fugitt** is pastor.

■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church will hold a prom for seniors called "Senior Prom: A Sentimental Journey" Sept. 30, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person, which includes

dinner, music and a photo. **Donnie Patrick** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church will hold a training session for Empowering Kingdom Growth Oct. 1-2 led by **Ken Hemphill**, director of the Center for Church Planting and Revitalization at North Greenville University in South Carolina and former EKG strategist for the SBC. **Michael Hail** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Fern Creek Church will hold "Reaching Up! Reaching In! Reaching Out!" brunch Oct. 1, 10 a.m. **Linda Barnes Popham** is pastor.

Melbourne Heights Church will host Long Run Association's senior-adult event Sept. 29, noon, with **Tom Curry**, pastor of Parkland Church in Louisville, as guest speaker.

■ **MADISONVILLE**—First Church will hold a "Do You Know Who I Am?" women's conference Sept. 30, 6

p.m.; Oct. 1, 8 a.m., with author **Angela Thomas** as guest speaker and **Matt and Joanna Black** of Sweet Communion Ministries as worship leaders. For more information or to register, call (270) 821-3611.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church will hold a Car Care Day Oct. 1, 9 a.m., doing small maintenance and service job on vehicles.

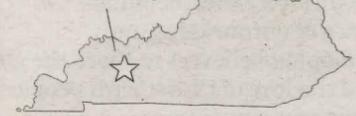
■ **RICHMOND**—First Church will hold a "Pure in Heart" conference Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m., for girls ages 7-12 and their mothers and grandmothers, addressing the issue of purity. For more information, call (859) 623-4028. **Bill Fort** is pastor.

Red House Church will hold fall revival services Oct. 2, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Oct. 3-5, 6:30 p.m., with **John Garrison**, pastor of Oakview Church in Okeechobee, Fla., as evangelist. **Butch Tanner** is pastor.

■ **SOMERSET**—Beacon Hill Church

## Spotlight on ...

### Central City



Cedar Grove Church will hold an "Underground Church Simulation Game" Oct. 1, 5 p.m., to simulate what it might be like if government outlawed worship. **Cody Crowell** is pastor.

ordained **Gordon Turner** and **Bill Varner** as deacons Sept. 18. **John Mark Toby** is pastor.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Pinckard Church recently called **Kyle Rader** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Mount Pleasant Church in Somerset.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Providence Church will host the **Tribute Quartet** in concert Sept. 30. For more information, call (859) 745-2663. **Anthony LaBona** is pastor.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**SEEKING:** Full-time associate pastor of students and education to serve a growing, mission-focused church in Northeast Nelson County. Responsibilities include leading the student ministry (grades 7-12) and the education ministry (all ages). A master's degree from an accredited seminary is preferred for this position. Full job description is available at [www.bloomfieldbaptist.org](http://www.bloomfieldbaptist.org). Resumes should be submitted by Oct. 31 to Associate Pastor Search Committee, Bloomfield Baptist Church, PO Box 217, Bloomfield, KY 40008; or by email to [bfdbc@bardstown.com](mailto:bfdbc@bardstown.com).

**SEEKING:** Senior pastor for Canaan Baptist Church, a multi-staff church in St. Louis, Mo. Please email resumes to [resumes@canaanst1.org](mailto:resumes@canaanst1.org); or mail to PO Box 511248, St. Louis, MO 63151.

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**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music and worship for New Bethel Baptist Church of Hardinsburg, Ky. Interested applicants may respond by forwarding resumes with cover letters to [newbethelbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:newbethelbaptist@gmail.com).

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# Heed the warning: 'Mind the gap'

By Bill Wilson

Three years ago, our youngest son graduated from college. Yeah! Following graduation, he had no idea what he wanted to do with his degree. Boo!

**Solution:** take a "gap year" and spend it in South Africa working in a ministry setting. Use that year to sort out the differences between wants and needs, calling and guilt, being and doing.

**Result:** a focused, energized, motivated and called young man with clarity about God's movement in his life.

While visiting him on a mission trip that year, we were pleasantly surprised to find several other young adults from around the world taking a gap year to do self-reflection and exploration of call. Some were using the year immediately after high school; some, the year after college.

All were taking time to step out of society's normal flow and cycle to do the hard work of spiritual discernment and focusing. My sense was that they would make much better students, employees and Christ-followers as a result.

In a recent Harvard Business Review article, Marc Freedman suggests that a gap year may be just what is needed for middle-aged and senior adults who have lost their sense of vocational purpose and direction. He cites the increasing number of mid and late-career men and women who retire, then unretire, then engage in an "encore" position or career that provides profound meaning and purpose.

Recently, I have had conversations with two friends who are taking mid-life gap years. One is a minister who found himself in a toxic congregational culture that was breaking down his spirit and his body.

As a result of a good severance package, he is able to spend a year healing and regrouping, exploring the possibilities that God has for him. His spirits are rising and his energy is returning as he gains clarity around next steps.

The other is an executive who stepped away from a career to give careful thought to the way she wants to spend the second half of her life. She realized that being in a perpetual state of exhaustion was taking her to places she did not want to go. She is using her gap year to volunteer, read, study and pray. I expect she will emerge energized and focused around God's next step for her.

While not everyone can afford to take a year away, we know that the Sabbath is an essential ingredient in a disciple's life. Taking time away to be quiet and reflect, even one day a week, is a start toward a life that is guided more

by gifts and calling than paychecks and obligations.

How might congregations recognize this need and make Sabbath a significant part of their congregational culture?

Why not start every team or committee or board meeting with a five-minute time of silence and prayer for guidance? Having a

time to decompress from the pressures of your everyday life is a needed transition for the important work you have before you.

What if congregations offered planned days for quiet reflection for their members? A simple "day away" once a month is a start in the right direction. Simply provide a quiet setting for those interested in an opportunity to be quiet, walk, nap, read and reflect on God's dream for their life?

One way healthy churches have tried to build this truth into their corporate life is to provide sabbaticals for their ministerial staff. Not surprisingly, sabbatical and Sabbath have the same root word. They also grow out of the same biblical truth: the leaders of God's people need time away from the demands of the day to remain connected to their calling and energized by their profession.

Congregations that provide ministers with a concentrated time away (usually six to 12 weeks) to study and refresh every five to seven years of ministry are wise. They see the example of Jesus taking

time away from the crowds and realize that if the Son of God needed such time away, then surely their ministers do as well.

Congregations that refuse to insist that ministers take sabbaticals invite burnout, toxic over-functioning, illnesses and family fractures—they set their ministers up for a crisis of vocation and/or faith that might be

avoided by providing "gap experiences" along the journey.

Our son found his calling during his gap year. He returned home to enter seminary with a focus and intensity that he had never known before.

I have many clergy colleagues who testify that their sabbatical provided a needed and life-changing opportunity to hear anew God's voice and feel the Spirit's nudging. I have watched numerous lay and ministerial church leaders find a renewed sense of purpose and energy.

On London's Tube rapid transit system, one is constantly warned about the space between the rail car and the platform. The warning phrase is omnipresent: "Mind the gap." Perhaps that sign should be placed in our sanctuaries and studies as well. (ABP)

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## FIRST PERSON

## Preacher's Kids

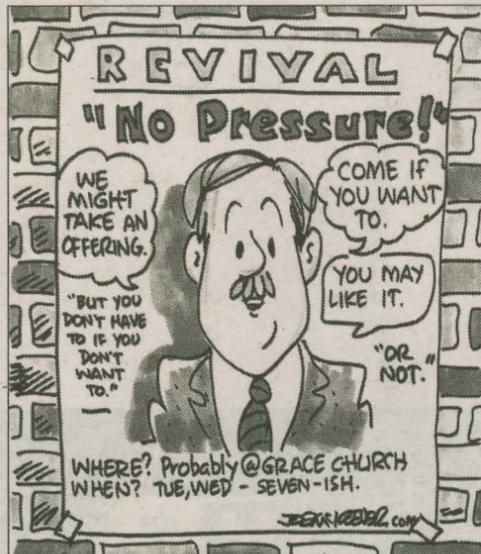
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## Bible Crosswords

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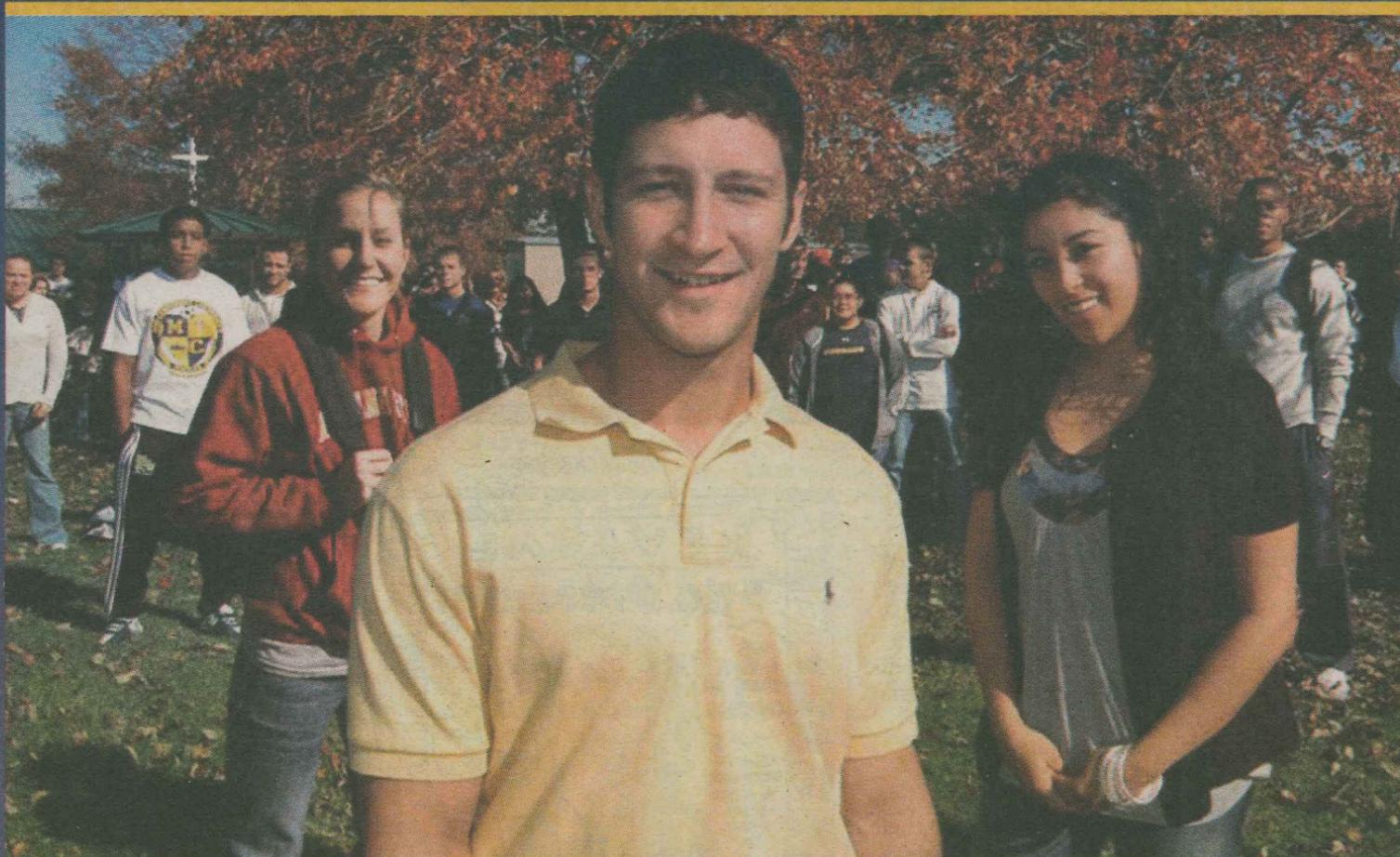
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- 1 "As the \_\_\_\_\_ for silver, and the furnace for gold" (Proverbs 27:21)
  - 7 Proof of who you are, abbr.
  - 9 Woman's name
  - 10 "Open up and say \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 12 Nickel, chem. symbol
  - 13 With reference to, abbr.
  - 14 "The pots also, ... and the \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Chronicles 4:16)
  - 17 Consume
  - 18 Mountain, abbr.
  - 19 Way to cook meat
  - 20 "A man that beareth false witness ... is a \_\_\_\_\_, and a sword" (Proverbs 25:18)
  - 22 Task force, abbr.
  - 23 "And pierce his ear with an \_\_\_\_\_" (Exodus 21:6 NIV)
  - 25 "They sacrifice ... under oaks, and poplars and \_\_\_\_\_" (Hosea 4:13)
  - 28 Compass point, abbr.
  - 31 Father
  - 32 "From \_\_\_\_\_ the face of the earth" (Genesis 7:4)
  - 34 "She layeth her hands to the \_\_\_\_\_, and her hands hold the distaff" (Proverbs 31:19)
  - 37 Tellurium, chem. symbol
  - 39 "It were better for him that a \_\_\_\_\_ were hanged about his neck" (Luke 17:2)
  - 41 A short time of sleep
  - 42 Preposition
  - 43 Californian city, abbr.
  - 44 "For the \_\_\_\_\_ which is lent to the Lord" (1 Samuel 2:20)

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- 46 Building cooler, abbr.
- 48 "Hide them in the clay in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Jeremiah 43:9)
- 52 "Gideon threshed wheat by the \_\_\_\_\_" (Judges 6:11)
- 53 New, prefix
- 26 Long playing record, abbr.
- 27 "Yet they had a file for the \_\_\_\_\_, and for the coulters" (1 Samuel 13:21)
- 29 To remove men from a ship
- 30 Building wing
- 33 "Come near, ... that I may \_\_\_\_\_ thee, my son, whether thou be ... Esau" (Genesis 27:21)
- 35 "Let him \_\_\_\_\_ his foot in oil" (Deuteronomy 33:24)
- 36 "Samuel ... arose and went to \_\_\_\_\_, and said, Here am I" (1 Samuel 3:8)
- 38 A very long period of time
- 40 "The sluggard will not \_\_\_\_\_ by reason of the cold" (Proverbs 20:4)
- 41 "He went into a city called \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 7:11)
- 45 Make a mistake
- 46 American Cancer Society, abbr.
- 47 Noise
- 48 The temperature at which a liquid boils, abbr.
- 49 That is, Lat. abbr.
- 50 Article, Fr.
- 51 "\_\_\_\_\_ man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24)

## Last puzzle's solution

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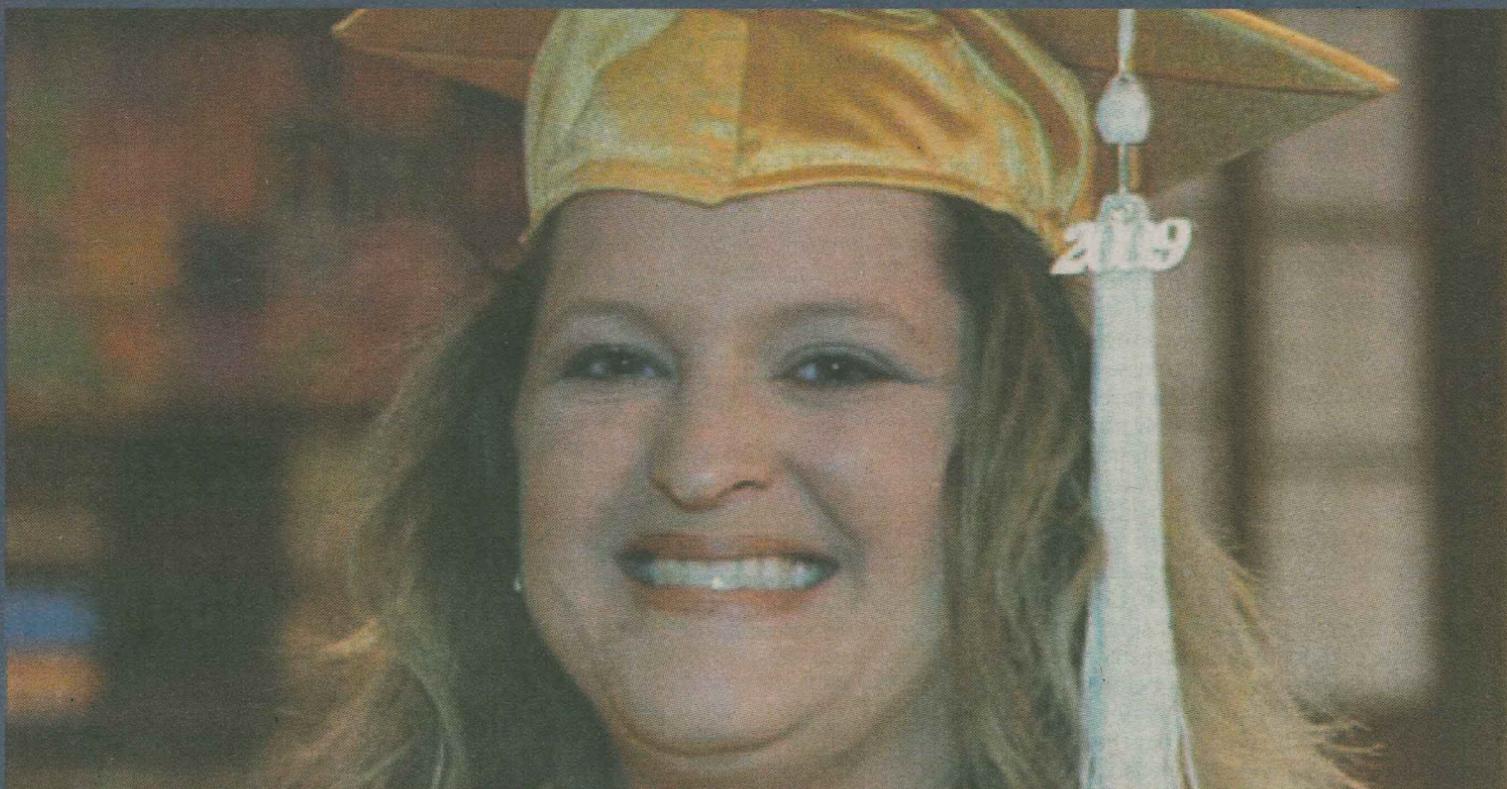
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