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Send North America:

NAMB launches emphasis to win continent for Christ, beginning with the Big Apple

By Sara Shelton

New York—The world is watching New York City. Home to Broadway, Wall Street, Times Square and Rockefeller Center, it is the epicenter of culture, fashion, media and finance in the United States—perhaps even the world.

In 2010, Forbes Magazine called New York the city with the largest global impact and influence in the world. With more than 8 million people in the city and more than 22 million in the metro area, it is the largest city in the U.S. and the third largest metro area in the world.

But imagine what the nation might look like if its most

influential city found its greatest influence in Christ.

That is the motivation driving Southern Baptist church planters to reach New York City for Christ. The North American Mission Board has launched its first Send North America city emphasis—Send North America: New York City.

Send North America is NAMB's strategy to mobilize and assist

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'Any size church' can partner to reach NYC

By Mickey Noah

Birmingham, Ala.—While dozens of Southern Baptist churches are mobilizing via Send North America: New York City to plant new churches in the Big Apple and its greater metro area, Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., may be the most excited.

Led for the last 15 years by Danny Wood, Shades Mountain Baptist is spearheading New York City area church planting under NAMB's Send North America initiative.

Shades Mountain is participating in two ways. First, the church is a supporting church for Maranatha Grace Church

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Ky. Baptists share harvest blessings with Texans

By Robin Bass

Fredonia—Baptist farmers in western Kentucky plan to share the bounty of their harvest with drought-stricken ranchers in Texas by donating more than 100 hay bales. All they need now is a way to transport the livestock feed across 1,000 miles of interstate highways.

"That's going to be the most difficult thing, getting it down there—and the most expensive," said Richard Gardner, pastor of Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Fredonia. "But I know who my Father is and His resources are endless. All things are possible."

As a farmer and owner of more than 125 beef cows, Gardner said he understands what it means to be dependent on good weather and the right amount of rain. That is why when the call for help came, Gardner and eight others from his church quickly agreed to offer their extra hay for fellow farmers and livestock owners.

"We have been blessed with a lot of moisture and an abundance of hay this year," Gardner said, unlike during the drought much of Kentucky experienced in 2010. "We need to be thankful and not greedy. We need to be ready to help our neighbors. It will come back two-fold, even three-fold."

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Cooking show winner shares gospel alongside delicious recipes

By Whitney Jones

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Since winning Fox's MasterChef contest last year, Whitney Miller has been sharing her love of food with her first cookbook.

But new recipes and satisfied taste buds aren't all this southerner wants to spread. The Mississippi cook is using her fame to share the gospel.

MasterChef is a cooking reality show hosted by Gordon Ramsay, celebrity chef and owner of several award-winning restaurants.

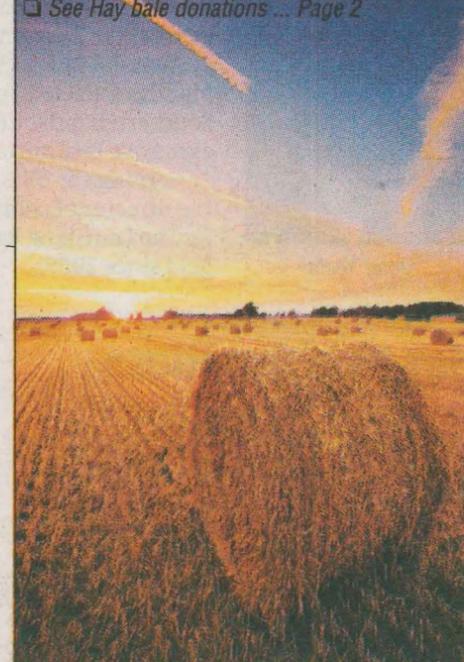
The show's harrowing finale, where Miller had to prepare and

cook a second piece of chicken in less than 10 minutes after dropping her first piece, aired last September and is one of several moments during the show that she said is evidence of God's protection in her life.

"There's so many times I knew the Lord's hand was over me because I don't think I would have made it through the whole competition without Him," recalled Miller, a member of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Ramsay, the show's head judge, told Miller—who was 22 at the time—that she was too young during her audition. Now she has turned that snub around and

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Kentucky missionary coordinates event to unite western Kentucky inmates with their children. Page 7.



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KBC annual meeting to have 'More for Christ' focus

Kentucky Baptists will commission new exec, vote on bylaw changes

By Robert Reeves

Florence—Kentucky Baptists will focus on ways they can do "More for Christ" when they gather for the 174th annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 15 at Florence Baptist Church at Mount Zion.

"More for Christ" is the name given to a three-year spiritual renewal emphasis approved by convention messengers at last year's meeting. The theme verse is John 3:30: "He must increase, ... I must decrease."

Messengers also will elect new officers, have a formal commissioning of new KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood, vote on constitution and bylaw changes proposed at last year's meeting, and hear reports on all aspects of Kentucky Baptist work.

KBC President Floyd Paris, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, will deliver the president's address in the morning session. Tom James, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green, will preach the annual convention sermon during the afternoon.

Frank Page, president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak to messengers in the evening as part of the commissioning service. Chitwood also will challenge Kentucky Baptists in the final session.

Other business of the annual meeting will include setting a new budget goal for the Cooperative Program and the presentation of the annual Distinguished



COMMISSIONING SERVICE Paul Chitwood greets Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board members immediately following his election as executive director in June. He will be officially commissioned at a special service during next month's KBC annual meeting in Florence. (Photo by Robin Bass/WR)

CP Leadership Award. Convention messengers will be asked to approve a CP budget goal of \$23.5 million for 2012-13, which is the same as the current goal.

Convention messengers will hear in the morning session a report from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The committee will bring several recommendations to improve the parliamentary language of the bylaws and accurately reflect current convention practice.

Additionally, the committee will bring for messenger approval a change to language of Article 6 of the constitution to properly "affirm that under Baptist polity, the convention serves the local church."

It also will bring three recommendations for constitutional changes for a first reading. These recommendations will not go before messengers for final approval until the 2012 annual meeting.

The most substantive of the proposals

would change the number of messengers to the annual meeting for which all qualifying churches are automatically eligible from two to one. Churches would be able to increase this number to a maximum of 10 for each \$250 in contributions to missions through the Cooperative Program. Qualifying churches currently are eligible for two messengers and can increase that number to 10 for each \$250 in contributions.

Chitwood, who was elected to head the KBC in June, will give his first report as executive director to the convention during the morning session.

Convention officers will be elected during the morning and afternoon sessions. The president's election is slated for 2:30 p.m. with the election of first vice president at 4 p.m. and second vice president at 4:50 p.m. The convention secretary and assistant secretary will be elected at 9:20 a.m.

The only announced candidate for president is Adam Greenway, a professor and associate dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Greenway, a former KBC first vice president, will be nominated by Tim Alexander, pastor of Florence Baptist Church at Mount Zion. Greenway is a member of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington.

Alan Dodson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington, is the only announced candidate for first vice president. Dodson will be nominated by Jim Castlen, director of missions for Three Forks Baptist Association in Hazard.

T.J. Francis, pastor at First Baptist Church of Walton, is the only announced candidate for second vice president. Francis will be nominated by Josh Landrum, pastor of Knoxville Baptist Church in Williamstown. (KBC)

St. Louis missions partnership with KBC proposed; CP split won't change

By Todd Deaton

Louisville—Kentucky Baptists are on the verge of entering a new missions partnership with St. Louis, and no changes in the percentages for dividing Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention causes will be recommended for the KBC's 2012-13 budget.

The KBC Mission Board next month will consider entering a three- to five-year partnership agreement with St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, Larry Baker, the KBC's missions growth team leader, told members of the KBC's administrative committee Oct. 13.

The partner-city agreement—contingent upon Mission Board approval and adoption by messengers to the KBC annual meeting in Florence—will be established in conjunction with the North American Mission Board's "Send North America" initiative, Baker said. Scott Pittman, director of the partnership missions department, will connect KBC churches with St. Louis-area church planters.

The goal of the partnership, which is set to begin Jan. 1, will be to plant 125 churches by 2020.

Meanwhile, Lowell Ashby, the KBC's business team leader, reported that last year's Cooperative Program receipts of \$22.4 million fell \$1.1 million short of the approved budget goal of \$23.5 million and were \$527,000 less than the preceding year. Consequently, the business and finance committee will not propose an increase for the 2012-13 KBC budget goal and is recommending "staying the course" as far as CP allocations for the KBC and SBC, he said.

In approving the recommendations from the Great Commission Task Force last year, messengers to the KBC annual meeting in Lexington initiated a move toward a 50/50 split of CP funds between KBC and SBC causes within 10 years. In the 2011-12 budget, the KBC quickly moved from a 62/38 to a 56.46/43.54 percentage division of CP dollars.

So, even though Cooperative Program receipts were down for the year overall, Kentucky Baptists sent \$94,000 more to the SBC, although it also meant \$106,000 less for KBC ministries, Ashby noted.

Members of the GCTF already have affirmed the recommendation not to alter CP allocations in the 2012-13 budget, Ashby added.

The \$23.5 million budget includes a "More for Christ" challenge goal that assumes 3 percent growth in CP receipts, which then would be dispersed at a 63.5/36.5 percentage ratio. If met, the additional \$705,000 would result in \$1.3 million more going to the SBC. (WR)

Missouri Baptists elect new executive director

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Missouri Baptist Convention's Executive Board has chosen John Yeats to assume the convention's top post.

Meeting in a special-called session Oct. 13, board members elected Yeats, recording secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention and a member of its executive committee, by a vote of 34-3.

Serving the SBC since 1997, Yeats currently is the director of communications and public policy for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, a post he has held since 2005.

Before serving in Louisiana, he was editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, and was the director of communications and editor of the state paper for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He also has served as a pastor in Texas and Kansas.

Yeats has earned degrees from Dallas Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Midwestern Seminary and the American Christian College and Seminary in Bethany, Okla.

Yeats replaces David Tolliver, who resigned in January. (Missouri Word & Way/ABP)



John Yeats

Hay bale donations

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As of Sept. 30, parts of Texas were as much as 20 inches below normal annual rainfall. Extremely dry conditions have contributed to more than 23,000 separate wildfires, which have destroyed 3.8 million acres and 2,800 homes, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Waverly Parsons, who initiated the plea for help from Kentucky Baptists, said his heart breaks for the people and animals suffering in Texas and throughout the South due to the drought. Parsons is a Race Track Chaplaincy of America chaplain at New Orleans Fairgrounds and has been organizing hay lifts with

Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee Baptists to send truckloads of hay to the people who need it most.

"I could tell you story after story of the anxiety and anguish of folks voluntarily surrendering their animals to the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)," Parsons said. "Animals are starving to death, simply because they have nothing to eat and owners cannot afford the high prices of hay and feed. It's not that people don't want to take care of their animals; it's because they can't."

Parsons currently is searching for enough donated hay to feed 54 horses at a rescue ranch in Gustine, Texas. "But it's not all big rescue groups that we are helping. Some of it's little folks that need

a hand up," he noted.

Baptist Press reported in August that round hay bales in Texas were going for \$90 to \$120 each, up from \$40 before the drought. Parsons said all donated hay will be given free of charge to recipients after confirmation of their need.

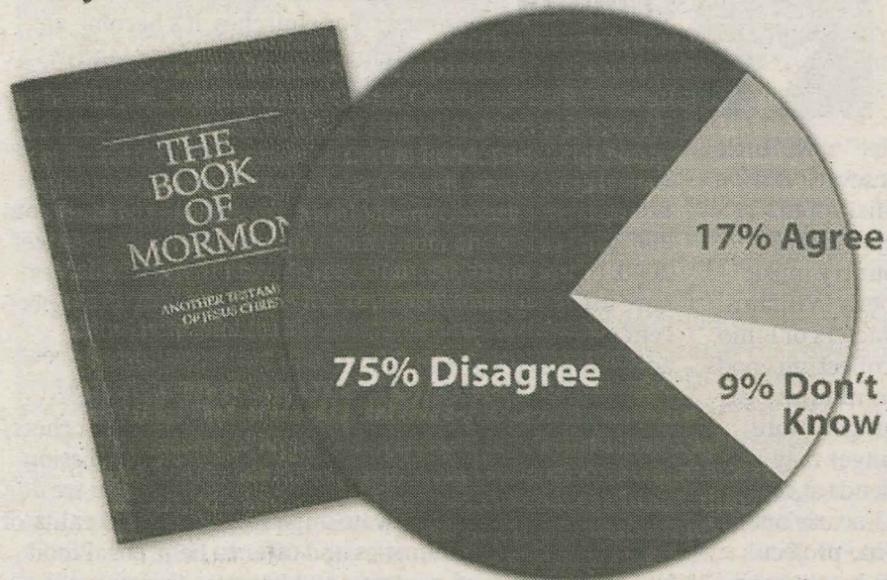
Gardner said he is looking for "professional over-the-road truckers" to haul several loads of round hay bales to Texas for free or at a drastically reduced rate. Those who would be willing to assist with transportation can call Pastor Gardner at (270) 704-1129, or email him at BroRichGardner@gmail.com.

To help with hay donations, contact Chaplain Parsons at (817) 903-8279, or email him at ChaplainWaverlyHayRide@hotmail.com. (WR)

LifeWay: Three in four pastors say Mormons aren't Christian

Among American Protestant pastors

"I personally consider Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) to be Christians."



Note: Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding.

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Nashville, Tenn.—As a prominent evangelical pastor and supporter of Texas Gov. Rick Perry is taking heat for calling Mormonism a "cult," a newly released poll says most Protestant pastors in the United States agree that Mormons are not Christians.

Three out of four pastors surveyed by LifeWay Research said they disagreed with the statement that Mormons are Christians. The poll was conducted in October 2010 but was not released until Oct. 9.

The poll of 1,000 Protestant clergy reflects a continuing challenge for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Mormon, in connecting with evangelicals, who are a key GOP constituency.

Responses to the poll differed somewhat by denomination, with two-thirds of evangelicals strongly disagreeing that Mormons are Christians, compared to only 48 percent of mainline Protestants.

Robert Jeffress, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Oct. 8 called Mormonism a "theological cult," and told Fox News that evangelicals "ought to give preference to a Christian instead of someone who doesn't embrace historical Christianity."

"Though pastors believe overwhelmingly that Mormonism is not Christianity, their opinions should not be con-

fused with personal scorn for Mormons," said Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research. "A person can respect a religious group and even appreciate their commitment to traditional moral values without equating their beliefs with Christian orthodoxy."

According to a 2009 study by the Pew Research Center, Mormons comprise 1.7 percent of the U.S. adult population. By comparison, Protestants and Roman Catholics each make up about a quarter of the U.S. population.

Mark DeMoss, a leading evangelical publicist who is supporting Romney, said last week that voters should look primarily at a candidate's values and qualifications, not his or her faith.

"There's a theological distinction that's fairly obvious (between Mormonism and mainstream Christianity) ... but I think it's largely irrelevant in a political context," he said.

DeMoss noted that Jeffress said he still would support Romney over Obama if Romney clinches the GOP nomination.

"Even he can ultimately separate a theological difference from a political decision," DeMoss said. "If he can do that, as critical as he has been, I suspect the average voter in the pew will have no problem doing that." (RNS)

With additional reporting by LifeWay Research

Faith No. 1 reason for teens' abstinence

Atlanta—The most frequent reason teenagers give for abstaining from sex is that the behavior is against their religion or morals, according to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Oct. 12.

Among the 57 percent of girls and 58 percent of boys ages 15-19 who said they had never had sex, 41 percent of girls and 31 percent of boys chose "against religion or morals" as their main reason for not having had sex.

"Adults have to decide whether teenagers are like barnyard animals, incapable of moral decision making and at the mercy of primal urges," said Richard Ross, co-founder of the True Love Waits movement. "Adults who tend to believe that assume all we can do is try to prevent some of the consequences of their amoral behavior."

True Love Waits stood in opposition to that sentiment and instead told teenagers, "We have great respect for you. In the power of the Spirit, we believe you are perfectly capable of choosing values, making promises and keeping those promises," Ross said.

Researchers also found that the rate of teenagers having sex has declined slightly from the last report, which was released in 2002. But the report said that from 1988 to 2006-10, the percentage of sexually experienced teen females declined substantially from 51 percent to 43 percent.

Valerie Huber, executive director of the National Abstinence Education Association, said the study shows the sexual risk avoidance message is "not only resonating but also making a difference in the lives of youth." (BP)

Group calls for IRS to investigate Dallas church for pastor's remarks

Washington—Americans United for Separation of Church and State asked the Internal Revenue Service Oct. 11 to investigate whether a Southern Baptist pastor in the news for calling Mormonism a cult broke the law by posting videos of himself endorsing a candidate on his church's website.

Pastor Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church of Dallas recently endorsed Texas Gov. Rick Perry for president, saying he does not believe fellow GOP candidate Mitt Romney is a Christian.

Barry Lynn, executive director of the church-state watchdog group, acknowledged the pastor's right to endorse Perry as a private citizen but said Jeffress ran

afoul of the law when he posted media interviews repeating the endorsement on the church's website.

In August Jeffress told his congregation he would not endorse a political candidate from the pulpit, specifically because of the IRS regulation that says churches taking advantage of tax-exempt benefits must refrain from taking sides in political campaigns.

After endorsing Perry Oct. 7, Jeffress explained that he had changed his mind about non-endorsement.

"I believe that as Christians and as Americans that it is important for us to elect Christian leaders who embrace biblical principles," Jeffress said Oct. 9. (ABP)



Robert Jeffress

Whitney Miller

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encourages other young men and women.

Every time she signs a copy of her new cookbook, "Modern Hospitality," she includes "1 Timothy 4:12," which says: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

"I really love the opportunity that through the book I can use that as a witness," Miller said.

Miller and her family are cautious about how she is portrayed, a concern that almost caused her to refuse signing the basic reality TV contract that said the

show's producers could depict her any way they wished. However, the show's executive producer promised her that cameras would only film on set and how she acted in front of them was how she would be shown onscreen, she said.

Even after the show, Miller is careful with her actions because she does not want to do anything that would discourage people from the gospel. For example, she refuses to be a part of events held in casinos.

"I have my morals and values, and I stand on those," Miller said. "If money is put towards me or whatever, I don't sway from my beliefs."

Miller's cookbook is not just a way for her to encourage others and share Christ's love; it is the fruition of her childhood dream.

"It's been a big dream of mine since I was young to be able to put a cookbook out," she said. "It's Southern classics, but with my own modern twist."

However, Miller said she knows her success does not come from herself. She attributes it to God and said her first step in all of her endeavors has been prayer.

"Anything that I do I just pray over it, and before I even started the cookbook, I just prayed that it would be something that people could really use and not just something that was put up," she said.

She said she asked God to make her a servant and show her people who do not believe—and He did. During her cookbook tour, she met people with different nationalities, cultures and religions and was able to share the gospel with them.

Her life can be hectic and unpredict-

able, which she relishes because it forces her to realize that she is not the one in control.

"On a daily basis I know I have to be in the word because it's the foundation for everything," she noted. "I know that I just have to have faith that the Lord does have a plan for me."

Miller studied nutrition in college and said her next aspiration is to encourage families to bring their children into the kitchen. Hopefully by doing so, children can learn about produce and other healthy cooking tips that can help them make better, more nutritious decisions as they get older, she said.

"Being a resident of Mississippi, it's not exactly known for being the healthiest state, so if I can help with that, that is really one of my passions," she said. (BP)

Annual meeting allows you to have your say

As the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual meeting draws near, I want to encourage you to be in attendance. In addition to inspiring messages from a host of preachers, this year's convention will give you the opportunity to see how your Cooperative Program dollars are being spent. You will be able to find out about the ministry of your mission board staff here in Kentucky and the mission work being accomplished through the North American

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Paul Chitwood

Mission Board and the International Mission Board. Our Baptist schools in Kentucky will update us on their ministry as will Crossings, Sunrise Children's Services, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the Western Recorder.

If you have ever questioned the value of your CP investment, or wondered if it is still necessary to be a part of our missions partnerships, then the annual meeting will be especially important for you.

The annual meeting is also an opportunity for every messenger to have a voice in the direction and decisions of the convention. Every messenger has a vote and the right to present motions and/or ask questions. Apart from other Southern Baptist denominational bodies, I can think of few organizations where thousands of persons are afforded the right as an individual to speak directly into the decision-making process.

I once heard Baptist polity described as a "risky venture." I suppose it is. Any messenger can stand to present any motion they choose. Yet, as those motions are addressed according to parliamentary procedure and ultimately embraced or rejected by the full body of messengers, Kentucky Baptists have historically proven themselves wise and faithful stewards of the Kingdom work they have undertaken and the partnership that makes that work possible.

Would it be possible for that to change? Absolutely. It would only take one or two annual meetings for the work of the KBC to be ended or the voices of our churches to be silenced.

For example, what if the only people in attendance at the annual meeting were those who failed to understand the value of the Cooperative Program? A motion to abolish it could quickly undermine all the Kingdom work that Kentucky Baptists have undertaken. Or what if a messenger who mistakenly thought that Sunrise was a soft drink company presented a motion to defund it and no one was present to inform him that Sunrise is the Great Commandment at work? Suddenly the work is in jeopardy.

Ludicrous examples? Maybe. But when Kentucky Baptists choose not to participate in the vital decision-making that unfolds at the annual meeting, our Baptist polity becomes an extremely risky venture. So, again, let me encourage you to be in attendance at the annual meeting. I plan to be there and look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

New face of hunger: an American child's

This past week Sesame Workshop, which produces the Sesame Street children's television show, introduced a new Muppet. Lily, whose family faces an on-going struggle with hunger, appeared in a prime-time PBS special, "Growing Hope Against Hunger," intended to draw attention to the widespread issue of hunger.

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that 48.8 million people lived in food-insecure households, according to a recent article in USA Today by Melanie Eversley. Food insecurity ranges from a mild version in which families report a "reduced quality, variety or desirability of diet" with "little or no indication of reduced food intake" to a severe version in which there are "multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake," she explained.

In the one-hour Sesame Street special, Country music star Brad Paisley and television actress Kimberly Williams Paisley joined the adorable and favorite characters of Elmo, Rosita, Grover and Bert in discovering how collecting goods at a food drive and planting and tending a community garden can help families like Lily's overcome hunger. More importantly, children learned about how hunger may affect neighbors, other families and even friends at school. An estimated 17 million American children—nearly one in four—are food insecure, according to an online project overview for the Sesame Street show. The producers hope that "the special reassures children that they are not alone: There are people who care and can help."

Indeed, there are. And, the Sesame Street special comes at a time when Southern Baptists already are focusing on the hunger issue in their churches and have an opportunity to help alleviate hunger by contributing to the World Hunger Fund. One hundred percent of every dollar given to the fund is used to provide food to undernourished people in America and around the world.

Still, it is evident that economic distress is growing as more and more American families are feeling the pinch. The typical family got poorer during the past 10 years as the median household income fell by 7 percent when adjusted for inflation, according to an article in USA Today by Dennis Cauchon and Barbara Hansen. In turn, the

number of people living in poverty rose to 15.1 percent, and 2.6 million more people moved into poverty, according to the Census Bureau data cited. Among other key findings noted, the number of Americans without health insurance rose by more than 3 percent.

After Thought

By Todd Deaton

And, yet another headline tells an even sadder story: "The new face of American poverty is often a child's." Jeffrey MacDonald, a reporter for Religion New Service, observes, "For churches, it's become an all-too-familiar sight: working families that aren't able to make ends meet. As household resources get tapped out, churches are often the first to see the changing face of poverty—and it's often a young one." Across the nation, children living in poverty reached 22 percent in 2010, up from 20.7 percent in 2009 and a jump of nearly 6 percent since 2000, the article noted. Furthermore, home foreclosures have affected 4 percent of children since 2007, and 11 percent of children had at least one unemployed parent, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

"While the economic outlook looks discouraging to many of us, it has become a life-and-death issue for others," states Wanda Lee, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union in a column for Baptist Press. "What can we do?" she poses. "First, let's educate ourselves about the reality of hunger in our communities and offer to help. Local food banks, church food pantries, and Baptist mission centers have the infrastructure and the expertise to address long-term and short-term hunger needs. They often need willing hands to help collect, pack and distribute food boxes," Lee explains. "Second, be a good steward of available resources by sharing with those who have great need."

Sesame Street, a children's show, has appropriately alerted us that the new face of hunger is often a child's, and its Muppets demonstrate hope in showing some very practical ways in which adults and children can work together to address poverty. A new study by the Barna Group claims 4 out of 5 Christians believe they have a special responsibility to help solve global poverty, and Baptists should be especially concerned that many American families are facing an ongoing struggle with hunger and respond with compassion and charity.

Want to reach more young people? Better be on Facebook

By Terry Dorsett

The Facebook post popped up on my screen. It was a young adult friend who needed to talk about some things going on in his life. We talked via instant message for a while and later by phone. We talked through his immediate crisis and I reminded him of the role his faith should play. The Lord used that conversation to help him find the strength to endure that temporary crisis and refocus on more positive aspects of his life.

Less than a week later, I had a similar Facebook conversation with another young man going through his own difficult experience, which resulted in us getting together the next day. And less than 48 hours after that, a young lady

needed a listening ear as well, so we talked through Facebook and through text messaging until she was able to sort through her issue.

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Though I am not a professional counselor, such discussions with young people in crisis happen quite often in my life and they almost always begin with a Facebook post or a text message.

Long ago I decided to embrace Facebook and other social media as a medium for ministering to others. Though it was uncomfortable for me at first—I prefer a face-to-face discussion—I have found that many young adults prefer to discuss what is going on in their lives through electronic media.

Perhaps they feel it would be difficult to talk about such those things face to

face. But behind the safety of their computer screens and smart phones, they let down their guard and share what is going on in their world. They seem much more comfortable talking in person after they have already had an initial conversation about their situation via some social media.

Though this kind of ministry is relatively new and is still evolving, I think we need more of it if we hope to connect with the next generation.

Social media is how they communicate. Christian leaders who want to minister to this age group would do well to learn how to use these tools. It opens up a whole new world of pastoral counseling. (BP)

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Evangelism or justice: Which do we choose?

Some evangelicals talk as though personal evangelism and public justice are contradictory concerns, or, at least, that one is part of the mission of the church and the other isn't. I think otherwise, and the issue is one of the most important facing the church.

First of all, the mission of the church is the mission of Jesus. This mission doesn't start with the giving of the Great Commission or at Pentecost. The Great Commission is when Jesus sends the church to the world with the authority He already has (Matthew 28:18), and Pentecost is when He bestows the power to carry this commission out (Acts 1:8).

The content of this mission is not just personal regeneration but disciple-making (Matthew 28:19). It is not just teaching, but teaching "them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

This mission is summed up in the gospel as a message of reconciliation that is both vertical and horizontal, establishing peace with both God and neighbor. The Scripture tells us to love neighbor "as yourself" (Luke 10:27-28). This is not simply a "spiritual" ministry, as the example Jesus gives us is of a holistic caring for physical and economic needs of a wounded person, not to mention the transcending of steep ethnic hostilities.

Of course, Jesus' ministry would be about such things. After all, the

Bible shows us, from the beginning, that the scope of the curse is holistic in its destruction—personal, cosmic, social, vocational (Genesis 3-11) and that the gospel is holistic in its restoration (Revelation 21-22).

Moreover, the biblical prophetic witness consistently speaks in such terms. Is Ahab's acquisition of Naboth's land (1 Kings 21:1-19) a matter of personal sin or social injustice? Well, it was both. Was the sin of Sodom a conglomeration of personal sins or societal unrighteousness? It was both (Genesis 18:26; Ezekiel 16:49). The prophets never divided up issues of

righteousness as neatly as we do into the "personal" and the "social." The new covenant church continues this witness. Even after the public ministry of Jesus, His apostolic church continues a message of both personal justification and interpersonal justice. James directs the churches both in terms of their personal speech (3:1-12) and the unjust treatment of wage-earners (5:1-6).

James defines "pure and undefiled religion" as that which cares for the widows and orphans (1:27). For those who might seek to pit James against Paul, the New Testament allows no such skirmish, either on personal redemption or on ministry to the vulnerable. When they received Paul, the apostles were concerned that he proclaimed the gospel but also remembers the poor (Galatians 2:10).

So how does the church "balance" a concern for evangelism with a concern for justice? A church does so in the same way it "balances" the gospel with personal morality. Sure, there have been churches that have emphasized public justice without the call to personal conversion. Such churches have abandoned the gospel.

But there are also churches that have taught personal morality as a means of earning favor with God. Such also contradicts the gospel.

We do not react to "social gospels" by pretending that Jesus does not call His churches to act on behalf of the poor, sojourner, fatherless, vulnerable, hungry, sex-trafficked, unborn. We act in the framework of the gospel, never apart from it, either in proclamation or active demonstration.

The short answer to how churches should "balance" such things is simple: follow Jesus. This means that as we grow in Christlikeness, we are concerned about the things that concern Him. Jesus is the king of His kingdom, and He loves whole persons, bodies as well as souls.

Christ Jesus never sends away the hungry with, "Be warmed and filled" (James 2:16). What He says, instead, as He points to the love of both God and neighbor, to the care of both body and soul, is: "You go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). (BP)

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First Person



Russell Moore

Grace giving or pocketbook living

By Doug Strader

Recently a member shared with me that a statement that I had made during our stewardship emphasis was true from his perspective: Tithing is a heart issue and not a pocketbook issue. He had grown up in a very conservative rural church where tithing was neither taught nor practiced. People gave enough for the church to pay its bills, but nothing more. That is quite a contrast to the way the Macedonians gave.

How did the Macedonians give? In the eighth chapter of Second Corinthians, Paul describes their giving philosophy to the offering he was receiving for the Jerusalem Christians.

- He described their giving as the grace of God.
- They were in a severe test of affliction.
- They had an abundance of joy.
- They were in extreme poverty.
- They had an overflowing wealth of generosity.
- They gave beyond their means.
- They did it of their own free will.
- Paul said that they even begged for the privilege of giving to the saints in Jerusalem.
- Before the Macedonians gave of their resources, they first gave themselves to the Lord and then to Paul and his companions.

Paul was writing to the Corinthian Christians, urging them to follow through on an earlier commitment they had made to the offering for the Jerusalem Christians. He was using the Macedonian example to inspire them.

As you think about your giving to the Lord's work, how does it compare to the Macedonian example? Are you a grace giver, or do you give only what you think you can afford? Think about what the Lord has done for you, how you have been a recipient of His grace? Then compare your giving with the grace He has given to you.

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Four types of affairs

By Valerie Vincent

Q: Are there different kinds of affairs? What do you do if you believe your spouse is having an affair?

A: David Carder, author of "Torn Asunder," describes four classes of affairs:

Class 1, represented by David and Bathsheba, is a one-night stand, involving intense passion and lust.

Class 2, represented by Samson and Delilah, is a long-term relationship that develops gradually with an intense emotional connection. Sexual involvement comes later after a friendship is established.

Class 3, represented by Eli's sons, involves multiple partners and increasingly distorted sex. Sexual addiction is active in this type of affair.

Class 4, represented by Abraham and Hagar, results from a specific void in the marriage. This void becomes the focus for the relationship where the emotional connection is strong and the sexual involvement may lack enjoyment.

When a couple experiences infidelity, they need a minister or counselor to guide them through a process to bring hope and healing. Until an affair is disclosed, nothing positive can be done; but once it is clear there has been infidelity, the work can begin.

Carder outlines a process of stabilization, recognizing that a couple will have to decide whether they want to save their marriage. The process begins with clear options, identifying the type of affair, creating structure, separating the spouse from the boyfriend or girlfriend until the marital work is complete, taking a marital history, a disclosure process, and finally initiating forgiveness. From forgiveness, the couple moves to respect, then trust, and then love.

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Remembering Fred Shuttlesworth and Steve Jobs

By Bill Webb

They both died on Wednesday, Oct. 3. One man was well-known for his creativity and technological innovation. But many people might not have known the other individual, who stood with Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy as the third of what some called the "Big Three" of the civil rights movement. Both men impacted this country and the world. And one successfully challenged the soul of the nation.

News of the death of 56-year-old Apple icon Steve Jobs spread like wildfire over radio, television, email, Twitter, Facebook and daily print publications. After years of battling pancreatic cancer, the CEO and tech genius who apparently guided every step of every new Apple product quietly passed away, surrounded by his family.

I learned about the death of civil rights icon Fred Shuttlesworth when I read about it on the website of Associated Baptist Press. Only after I googled the 89-year-old's name did I spot reports on Shuttlesworth's death and his remarkable life in the civil rights movement.

In our world, it is hardly surprising that Jobs won top billing in the news on Oct. 5. His net worth was estimated at \$7 billion, and he

undoubtedly helped thousands of other people become millionaires. The wildly popular products he pioneered—including Macintosh computers, iPods, iPhones and iPads—were good for the economy and sold well even during downturns. In many ways, these products continue to be used for good, including in ministry.

The tech genius also had a mystique and an aura about him. He kept his 2004 diagnosis of pancreatic cancer a secret until his body began to show signs of its progression. He was secretive about every new product and every incarnation of previous products. Employees who dared to leak information soon regretted it.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Fred Shuttlesworth outlived Jobs by about 33 years, even though he regularly found himself in harm's way. By his own count, the pastor and activist was bombed twice, beaten into unconsciousness and jailed more than 35 times.

Shuttlesworth grew up in Birmingham, Ala., studied for the ministry at Selma University and was pastor of a church in Selma until he returned to Birmingham in his early 30s to become pastor of Bethel Baptist Church.

In Birmingham, the pastor became a civil rights activist. He

spoke out for the hiring of African-American police officers and participated in voter registration drives with the NAACP. He became the nemesis of Birmingham's racist police chief, Bull Connor.

With Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy, he co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and advanced its agenda of non-violent resistance at his own peril. Still, he was the least known of what became known as the "Big Three" of the civil rights movement.

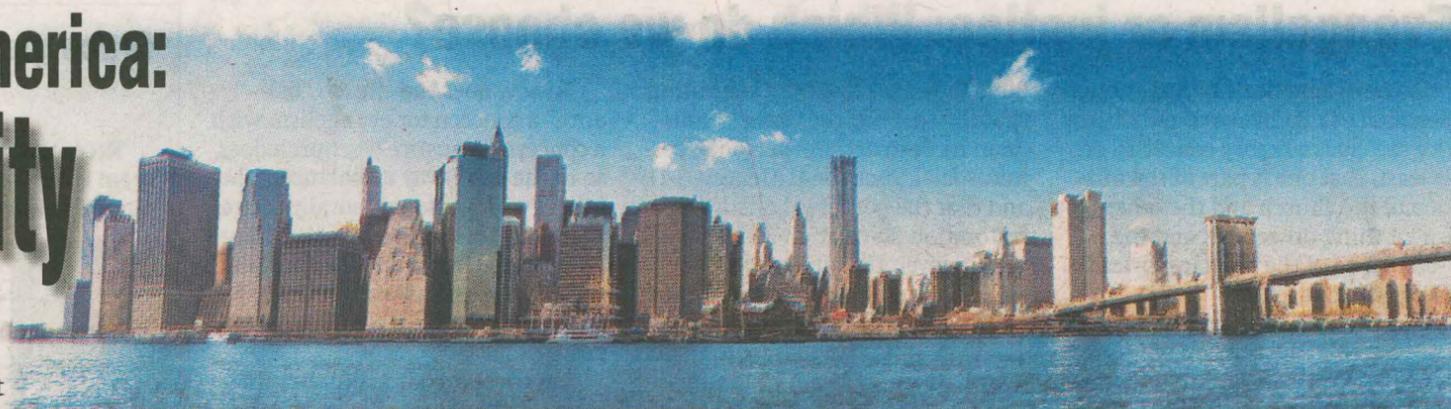
Alan Bean recollected a chapel preaching visit Shuttlesworth made to Southern Seminary in 1978. I was present and, like Bean, I had never heard of Fred Shuttlesworth as he stood to address an audience made up mostly of Southern white students and professors. Like Bean, I recall Shuttlesworth's slow start but also remember him hitting his stride and telling his spellbinding story in thundering tones as his audience warmed up with him.

The moment might have been powerful for Shuttlesworth's outstanding preaching, but what impressed young seminarians like me was the authenticity and the courage of a preacher-prophet who had successfully challenged the soul of a sick nation. His was a voice we needed to hear.

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Send North America: New York City



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churches and individuals in hands-on church planting in 27 cities throughout the U.S. and Canada. Through Send North America, NAMB will come alongside Southern Baptist churches that are not directly involved in church planting and help them become more hands on. NAMB also will partner with Southern Baptist churches already planting churches to help increase their efforts.

"Planting in New York City holds tremendous potential for impacting the advance of the kingdom worldwide," said Steve Allen, NAMB's lead church planting catalyst for the NYC Tri-state area. "Church planting here enables us to reach people who influence the rest of the world. That's huge for the spread of the gospel."

But church planting in New York City is no easy task. The city is marked with diversity, as 36 percent of the population is foreign born. These people bring with them their own cultural and religious backgrounds. Though 83 percent of New Yorkers living in Manhattan are affiliated with some form of organized religion, only 3 percent regularly attend evangelical churches, according to a recent study by the Values Research Institute.

There is a disconnect from Christianity in New York City, and as a result, church planters face the difficult task of breaking into these diverse cultures and presenting the truth of Christ to a skeptical population.

"Receptivity toward the gospel is not lower in our region—just slower," Allen said. "Church plants in the area will typically require more time to develop."

This slower receptivity perhaps is the greatest challenge for church planters in the Northeast. They have come to see that building relationships is the key to evangelism. In order for this to happen, however, planters have to make a more arduous commitment to dig in their heels and be patient in the slow process of church and community growth.

Freddy Wyatt, pastor of the growing Gallery Church, planted in 2006, agreed.

"It's tough. The Northeast often requires years of investment to draw the same size crowd that a really good mail campaign might draw in the South," Wyatt said. "But on the positive side, this means that churches planted in the city are usually the result of solid evangelism and relationships—not marketing."

Though the population is dense and the streets are crowded with people, there is a chronic sense of loneliness plaguing the city, one church leader said.

"People wake up alone, commute to work very early, work in a crowded office and commute home late at night, only to repeat the cycle the next day," Brooklyn church planter Nathan Tubbs explained. "Rarely do they find a deep, meaningful sense of community."

"The church in New York City has an opportunity to provide people with a place where they can build meaningful relationships," he added. "Hopefully,

they will no longer feel isolated but rather feel that they belong."

Send North America: New York City is NAMB's response to the growing need for evangelical churches and Christian

community in the city. NAMB has established a partnership coalition made up of state, association and local leaders, as well as pastors from other states to help lead the NYC initiative. NAMB's leaders

and coalition members recognize the potential of harnessing the influence of the area and working diligently to move the needle back to Christ.

Through Send North America: New York City, planters will find a network of partners and support to come alongside them as they serve the city. Established Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to partner with planters in the city and work with them as they strive to bring Christ into the hearts of New Yorkers.

Churches can partner with planters on a number of levels, from supporting them prayerfully or financially to sending teams to work in the field alongside them, to multiplying the church by helping plant new ones just like it.

Churches that want to partner with a planter through Send North America can start the process by visiting www.NAMB.net and clicking on "mobilize me." Churches that sign up to participate in Send North America are taken through an assessment process and connected to the city coalition. (NAMB/BP)



STRATEGIC MOVE Freddy Wyatt, pastor of The Gallery Church, planted in New York City in 2006, says it was the strategic nature of planting in New York that drew him to the city. (Photo by Peter Field Peck/BP)

Reaching NYC

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in Fort Lee, N.J., just across the Hudson River from Manhattan. Second, Wood is serving as chairman of the partnership coalition of local and national SBC leaders who will coordinate church planting in metro New York, which numbers some 22 million people.

Wood is the first to concede that not all SBC churches have the vision, priority and will to plant new churches. So, how did he persuade his members to jump on the church planting bandwagon?

"We just looked at the New Testament," he said. "Look at what Paul, Barnabas and others did, how they traveled to plant new churches—usually in major cities. We have to plant churches in major cities. That's how the multiplication of the gospel takes place."

And while Wood admitted the size of a sending or supporting church is a factor, it's not a prerequisite in measuring success in church planting.

"Any size church can be a sending or supporting church," he said.

"What's so good about Send North America is the way the local coalition ... is created to match up churches of all sizes that want to plant churches. A small church can join in with other churches and pool resources to plant churches."

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'Celebrate Life' unites W. Kentucky inmates with children



TIME OF PRAYER Mothers pray with and hug their children following a gospel presentation during a Celebrate Life event at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia. (Photos by Chip Hutcheson/Princeton Times-Leader)

By Chip Hutcheson

Fredonia—It was a joyous time Oct. 1 when 98 children walked into Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia for a unique opportunity to spend the day with their mothers.

But for two dozen inmates, it was an emotional nightmare.

For those 24, for one reason or another, their children never showed up. But, Harrell Riley noted, that letdown can be channeled into a positive.

"You see kids come in and folks are emotionally connected—people are really encouraged by that," said Harrell Riley, director of HR Ministries and a Mission Service Corps missionary. "But the people see the depth of the need when they're the person who is assigned to be with an inmate who has no kids show up."

Riley pointed to a situation this year that demonstrates how that disappointment can be a motivating factor.

Inmate Jerricka Nellum was in the inaugural Celebrate Life program last year, but her children did not make it to the special day.

According to Riley, "She came up to me and said, 'I see now I'm going to have to take a different route.' And she's not been in trouble anymore. Before that event if she didn't want to go into a cell, or if you wanted her to go out of a cell, it would not happen without a fight. She was in prison for not taking care of her kids the right way.

"But God's been faithful to her," Riley said of Nellum.

That was apparent at the Oct. 1 event. The day before, the caregivers of Nellum's children called from Cincinnati to say they wouldn't be able to make the trip because they didn't have money for gasoline or a place to stay when they arrived. But Riley was able to make connections with them, telling them that gas money and a motel room would be provided. The next day, Nellum was reunited with her three children.

That's just one of the success stories of the day, and the numbers tell only part of the story.

The 98 children who visited compare to 67 children last year. This year 57

mothers got to spend quality personal time with their children. Last year there were only 37 mothers who had that opportunity.

And the spiritual results were just as encouraging. There were five professions of faith during a Thursday preparation time. At a Friday evening worship service for the inmates, there were 13 professions and "a number of other needs and issues were taken care of," Riley noted.

On Oct. 1, there were two professions of faith at a service at Fairview United Methodist Church for the caregivers, and two children recorded professions of faith at the prison.

And while the participation of inmates and children increased, so did the volunteer force. There were 210 volunteers who went inside the prison to assist the families and operate concessions and game areas. Behind the high electric fences and the multiple rows of concertina wire, inmate mothers had the once-a-year opportunity to hug their children and spend hours reconnecting with them.

Outside the prison walls were another 65 volunteers, taking care of registration, cooking for the event and ministering to the caregivers.

"I am contently challenged and impressed by the fact that people, when they are engaged in this process, stay on board. They see the need," Riley said.

The success of Celebrate Life is expected to result in an increased number of inmates signing up for the "Rubies for Life" program in November. To participate in the one-day activity with children, inmates must be participants in the yearlong "Rubies" program, which includes sessions of Bible study, mentoring and accountability guidelines in order to stay in the program.

Riley said HR Ministries has other prison ministries that also abound with opportunities. The success of the "Malachi Dad" programs for men is resulting in an expansion of opportunities at Green River Correctional Complex, where five classes are planned. "Returning Hearts," the comparable program for men to what women experience with "Celebrate Life," is planned at Green River for the men. (Princeton Times-Leader)

GO! Africa

Is God calling your church to serve through KBC's Go! Africa initiative? Check out the project opportunities that are available.

Sanyati Baptist Hospital Makeover 2012

Project #	Description	Location	Dates
1	Roofing Construction Team	Zambia	May-Sep
2	Roofing Construction Team	Zambia	May-Sep
3	Renovation Project	Zambia	May-Sep
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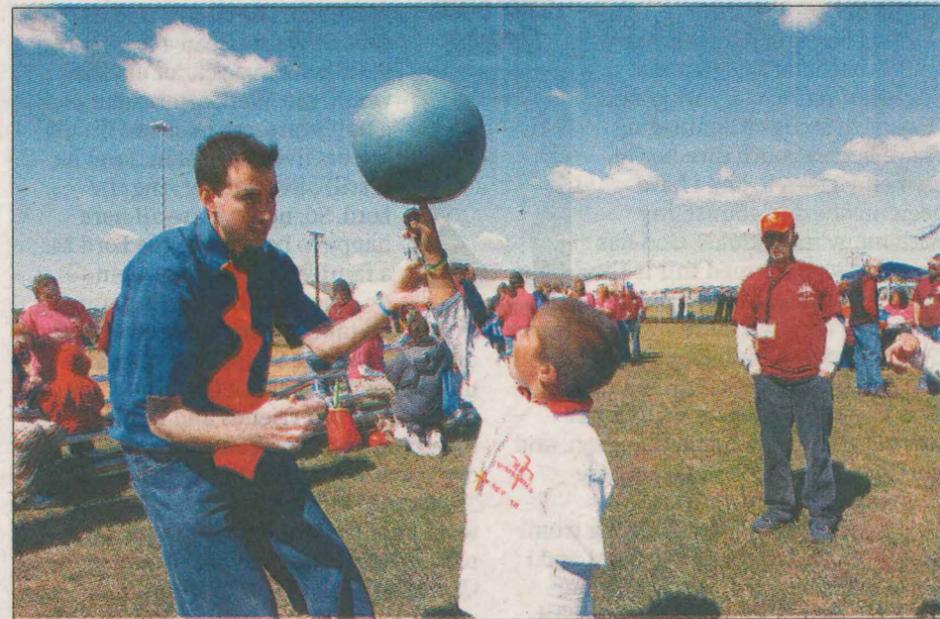
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Project #	Description	Location	Dates
184	Bible Schools in Malawi	Malawi	Open
185	Missionary Home Remodel	Zambia	Open
186	Church Planting/Evangelism	Zambia	Open
187	Evangel Conga of Malawi	Malawi	Open
188	Evangelism/Discipleship	Zambia	Mar-Nov
189	Short Term Seminary Professor	Zambia	Jan-Nov
190	Seminary Library Assistant	Zambia	Open
191	Pastor Training	Zambia	Open
192	Seminary Buildings Repair	Zambia	May-Sep
194	Evangelism	Zambia	Jan-Sep
195	Apple Mac OS X Trainer	Zambia	Open
196	Medical Volunteer Teams	Various	Open



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HAVING FUN Nathan Dorrell (right), the "Crazy Tie Guy," shows a young boy how to spin a ball on his hand. The boy is a child of an inmate at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia who was able to spend time with his mother at a Celebrate Life event Oct. 1.

If it's October, ...

Volunteer season winds down at Oneida once Ala. group departs

... it's time for the Alabama Campers on Mission and the end of our volunteers for 2011.

This has been another busy year for our volunteers. It's hard to imagine how we could get needed things done without them.

Each year 600-700 volunteers support us with their willing hearts and hands. The skills they have learned over a lifetime are extremely valuable in assisting our staff complete projects that otherwise would not get done.

The Alabama Campers on Mission is the largest group to come each year, with 70-90 people. Many of the campers travel from ministry to ministry offering their skills, talents and willing hands to help others and serve God. It's impossible to walk more than a few feet in any direction on our campus without seeing a project that was done by one or more of our volunteer groups.

And it's not just the men. The ladies use their talents in the crafts shop and used-clothing store. They also paint, clean, sew, run errands and do many other needed jobs.

Each year at graduation, we present about two dozen awards for various accomplishments. Our highest is the William A. Evans Award, given in honor of a regular Oneida volunteer from the 1930s and '40s.

Evans was a middle-school principal in the Cincinnati area who made the three-day trip to Oneida every summer. He spent the entire summer here helping in whatever way he was needed. There was no interstate highway

system then; the final 15 or so miles to Oneida was mostly traveling in creek bottoms and on dirt roads. Frequently Mr. Evans brought others with him to provide additional helping hands. He passed away in the early '40s. Oneida established the William A. Evans Award to honor him and all of our volunteers.

After the Alabama group leaves, there will be six other groups during the last two weeks in October. That will officially bring an end to our 2011 volunteer season. My staff who works with volunteers will be glad to get caught up on some things they have gotten behind on during this time. Then in early April 2012, it will start all over again.

October also is harvest time. We got our corn out a little late this spring, but we were thankful for a break in the weather so we could get it planted. As I traveled the state the past two weeks, I saw many cornfields being harvested. Our corn is not quite ready, but it won't be long. Several volunteers come each spring to help with the planting and others come each fall—one from California—to help with the harvest.

If you are familiar with eastern Kentucky, you know there isn't much flat land. We have to plant a lot of small fields in order to raise enough corn to take care of our hogs and cattle.

We are especially thankful for our volunteers. God's word tells us that He will provide for our needs. The way He chooses to meet those needs is up to Him. We believe that volunteers are a gift from heaven!

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood



REACHING MEN Sherwood Pictures' new film, "Courageous," follows five men—four of them police officers—who are trying to be better fathers and husbands. The film is being used to reach first responders in communities with the gospel. (Photo by Todd Stone)

'Courageous' used to spark ministries to first responders

By Mickey Noah

Richmond, Va.—A coalition of churches in Richmond, Va., is using the new movie, "Courageous," to let local first responders know how much they're appreciated and admired by citizens in the area.

To date, some 500 first responders—sworn law enforcement officers, certified firefighters and emergency medical personnel—from 16 Richmond metro jurisdictions have claimed their pair of free tickets to see the movie at any of four local movie theaters.

In one case, the funeral of a 25-year Henrico County firefighter was opened by his widow to share the gospel and an opportunity to see the movie, which is playing in 1,100-plus theaters across the United States. "Courageous" is the fourth and latest in a line of films produced by Sherwood Pictures, the moviemaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga.

"Knowing this man was a believer, his widow said she knew her husband would have wanted the gospel to be presented and an invitation given during his funeral," said Jerry Daniel, minister of spiritual growth for Grove Avenue Baptist in Richmond. "Not only did that happen, the widow permitted flyers promoting 'Courageous' and the free tickets to be inserted into the notice at his funeral, attended by 250 to 300 first responders from the Richmond area."

The free ticket outreach in Richmond was made possible with financial support from the North American Mission Board's "Love Loud" ministry.

"This Love Loud pilot project is designed to see what we can learn when we encourage local churches to build relationships with first responders and find creative ways to serve them, love them and lead them to Christ," said Al Gilbert, executive director for the initiative.

In addition to Richmond's Grove Avenue Baptist Church and Parkway Baptist Church, several other area Southern Baptist churches are involved, along with other local congregations.

"We think the people who go and see this movie will receive such a clear

gospel witness that there are people who will come to know the Lord through this movie," Daniel said. "We hope churches will follow up and realize that first responders are people in our community who serve all of us, and that will make our churches more sensitive in ministry to these folks."

Because first responders work such a variety of shifts, an 11-day window was set up so they could go online, reserve tickets for the movie, and see it at one of four different theaters at a time that fits their demanding schedules, Daniel said. The free tickets are available at www.NobleWarriors.org, the website for a men's ministry network in Richmond.

"Churches will follow up with first responders who participate," Daniel said, adding that participants will be asked if they would be interested in establishing small groups of responders—as depicted in the movie—to discuss the issues and challenges they face in their everyday lives.

The churches and Richmond Baptist Association are working closely with Mike Young, executive director of Noble Warriors.

"Courageous" came along and is right down the center of the barrel of what Noble Warriors is doing in its ministry for men," said Young, a member of Parkway Baptist. "We're trying to stay in the background and let the churches be out in front. Our long-haul goal is for churches to become intentional in reaching out to first responders, and then have follow-up ministries."

According to Young, the "Courageous" campaign in Richmond would like to achieve several things, including ensuring that first responders hear the gospel, some for the very first time; enable first responders to come face to face with how to live as godly husbands and fathers; and create a demand for the type of small groups depicted in the movie.

"Somehow, we need to use this opportunity to get churches to once again be the body of Christ," Young said. "Sometimes it takes a rallying point like this so churches can get excited and rally around a cause, instead of just hunkering down in their own buildings." (NAMB/BP)

A family affair

Clear Creek student Kiser happy to follow God's call with family

Cynthia Kiser of Vonore, Tenn., is one of our new students this semester. While most wives are here on campus with their husbands who have surrendered to God's call, Cynthia's entire family is here to support her call to ministry.

"God has called me here to get my bachelor's degree in Christian service," Cynthia said. "I want to focus on counseling. I have been a youth director in my home church, and I have been involved in counseling with many individuals. God has repeatedly reaffirmed this is the area He wants me to focus on."

Family means a lot to Cynthia, and she is happy and thankful to have the support of husband, Kevin—who she has been married to for 17 years—twins Kristen and Cameron, and son Garrett Cabe while she is here studying.

"My whole family is a blessing from God," Cynthia said. "My husband and I got married in 1994, and it was four years before we were able to have children. Our doctor kept telling us that we would not even be able to have children. So, we had come to terms with

the fact that we would not be able to have children. Then God blessed us with our twin girls. The doctor told us again that we would probably not be able to have any more children, and God blessed us with our baby boy.

"Then, the month our baby boy turned 1, my husband was diagnosed with liver failure," Cynthia recalled. "The doctor told us that he would need a liver transplant within a year or else he would die. Well, after three and a half years, my husband finally got his liver transplant, and he is still alive and serving the Lord. So, now we are all here happy to be serving the Lord as a family. That's all we want to do. Now my husband is planning on taking some Bible courses to

dig deeper in the Scriptures and gain more knowledge about God.

"Many of our friends and family members have blessed us by supplying our needs to come here," Cynthia said. "Everyone has been tremendous. We would not be here without them. I praise the Lord for His provision through them."

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Barna: Teens leave churches seen as judgmental, unfriendly, exclusive

Ventura, Calif.—Why do young Christians leave the church?

New research by the Barna Group finds they view churches as judgmental, overprotective, exclusive and unfriendly toward doubters. They also consider congregations antagonistic to science and say their Christian experience has been shallow.

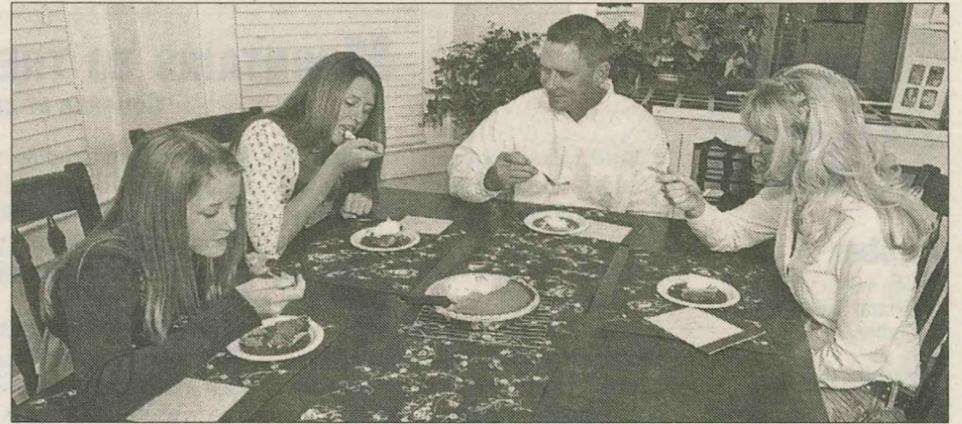
The findings, the result of a five-year study, are featured in "You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church and Rethinking Faith," a new book by Barna president David Kinnaman. The project included a study of nearly 1,300 young adults who were current or former churchgoers.

Researchers found that almost three out of five young Christians (59 percent) leave church life either permanently or for an extended period of time after age 15. One in four 18 to 29 year olds said, "Christians demonize everything outside of the church." One in three said, "Church is boring."

Clashes between church expectations and youths' experience of sexuality have driven some away. One in six young Christians said they "have made mistakes and feel judged in church because of them." And 40 percent of 18- to 29-year-old Catholics said their church's doctrine on sexuality and birth control is "out of date."

Kinnaman called the problem of young dropouts from church "particularly urgent" since many churches are used to "traditional" young adults who leave home, get educated, find a job and start a family before age 30.

"Churches are not prepared to handle the 'new normal,'" Kinnaman said. "However, the world for young adults is changing in significant ways, such as their remarkable access to the world and worldviews via technology, their alienation from various institutions, and their skepticism toward external sources of authority, including Christianity and the Bible." (RNS)



Study shows family dinners 'make a difference' for teens

New York—Teenagers who regularly eat dinner with their parents are less likely to engage in risky behavior, according to a recently released study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

"Our surveys have consistently found a relationship between children having frequent dinners with their parents and a decreased risk of their smoking, drinking or using other drugs, and that parental engagement fostered around the dinner table is one of the most potent tools to help parents raise healthy, drug-free children," the organization noted. "Simply put: Frequent family dinners make a difference."

Compared to teens who have frequent family dinners—defined in the study as five to seven per week—those who have infrequent family dinners are almost four times more likely to use tobacco; more than twice as likely to use alcohol; two-and-a-half times more likely to use marijuana; and nearly four times more likely to say they expect to try drugs in the future, according to the study.

"Family dinner is an ideal time to strengthen the quality of family relationships," CASA said. "Teens having frequent family dinners are more likely to report having excellent relationships with family members. As the quality of teens' relationships with their parents declines, their likelihood of using tobacco, alcohol and marijuana rises."

William Doherty, a professor of family social science at the University of Minnesota, told ABC News that family meals are the strongest factor he has found in any activity that families do.

"It really tops them all as a predictor and contributor of a wide range of positive behavior," Doherty said.

Family dinners, he explained, provide teenagers with a sense of belonging, as well as security and stability and facilitate communication between parents and children.

Packed schedules can inhibit frequent family dinners, but Doherty suggested starting with a Sunday night. "I recommend starting one a week. ... One is better than zero." (BP)

ERLC 'outraged' by gay marriage policy

Washington—Southern Baptist ethicist Richard Land has called on President Obama and Congress to overturn the Pentagon's approval of same-sex weddings on military bases and by military chaplains.

The president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission urged the White House to repeal the decision and the federal government to enact a policy that is faithful to its law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Land made the requests in a pair of letters last week.

The ERLC decries the Pentagon's action, Land said, "and we are outraged by the brashness of this attack on traditional marriage. We urge swift action to repeal these decisions."

The Department of Defense announced the policy changes Sept. 30 after its ban on open homosexuality in the armed services officially was lifted.

The new policy "degrades both the tradition of high moral conduct in the military and the vital and exclusive role of traditional marriage in society and within our military," Land argued. (BP)

God's economy

Blessing, burden, balance make up key elements of God's economy

With so much in the news every minute of the day about the global economy and the anxieties felt around the world as a result of the negative economic headwinds, I've been thinking about God's economy. In fact, my current daily devotional plan includes prayerfully pondering God's truth found in selected Old and New Testament passages which speak to the matter of God's economy.

I believe the principles of God's economy involve blessing, burden and balance. By burden, I mean the sense of duty and responsibility, not the sense of a heavy load to bear.

The Book of Numbers recorded God's distribution plan for the Promised Land when he told Moses to divide it according to the size and needs of the various tribes. This was in contrast to other kingdoms of that day near Canaan in which the distribution pattern was the concentration of land among the royal and aristocratic elites which resulted in the majority living in poverty. In the Book of Acts, there is the example of how the equitable distribution of resources became a defining characteristic of the early church.

Ky. Baptist Foundation



Barry Allen

Since we have been blessed by God, we are to be a blessing to others, which in turn brings additional blessings back to us. The Apostle Paul described it this way in 2 Corinthians 9:11: "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." In God's economy, He equips/burdens some with more so they can bless others who have less.

Furthermore, in God's economy, giving does not in any way encourage or incentivize luxury or laziness. On the contrary, there should be wisdom and a sense of balance in giving and receiving resources. Regardless of one's financial station in life, he or she has the proportionate burden, that is, the duty and responsibility to give and to share. Today we may have abundance; tomorrow we may be in want. Today we may have the privilege of giving; tomorrow we may have the equal privilege of receiving.

Lord, help us apply daily in our lives the principles of God's economy.

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World missions, in Kentucky

Eliza Broadus Offering helps share gospel with international students

The air is crisp and fall sports are underway. But what I think of at this time of year is ministry with students, especially international students who attend Kentucky colleges.

Recently I attended an international student lunch at the Baptist Campus Ministry building at University of Louisville. Nestled in the center of campus, the UoFL BCM provides a gathering place for students to study, talk and, of course, eat.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, lunch and Bible study are provided for international students. On Fridays, lunch is provided at the BCM for other students, while lunch for international students is provided at other sites, enabling BCM to reach many students.

Through BCM ministries across our state, we are sharing the gospel with students. These ministries are made possible by the Cooperative Program, the Eliza Broadus Offering and many churches that provide meals.

A favorite BCM outreach is the International Student Retreat, which will take place the first weekend in November in Cave City. During the retreat, international and American students

gather for a weekend of fun and intercultural experiences. The gospel is presented through music, drama, testimonies and Bible studies.

Students participate in "family groups" where they get to know students from other schools and discuss what they've heard in the various presentations.

Your gifts to EBO provide significant funding for BCM. Please give generously to provide \$105,000 for collegiate/young adult ministries. This includes Kentucky student summer missions (\$30,000); "Reach Out" campus revivals (\$5,000); student mission action projects (\$9,000); international student ministries (\$53,000); African-American student outreach (\$6,000); and the Creative Ministries Festival (\$2,000).

As you give to EBO, pray for our students and consider helping the BCM at one of our Kentucky college campuses. Churches are needed to provide meals. Volunteers can help with conversational English and other ministries to international students. When you go, you will see EBO at work.

Joy Bolton is executive director-treasurer of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253; (502) 489-3534; www.kywmu.org

EBO at Work



Joy Bolton



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

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.
- 14 KBC Mission Board Meeting, Union Baptist Church.
- 14 Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Receptions Conference Center South, Erlanger.
- 14 Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, Florence Baptist Church at Mount Zion.
- 14 Youth Ministers' Forum, Hebron Baptist Church.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BARDWELL**—Bardwell Church will hold its annual Friend, Family and Fish Fry event Oct. 23. **Rodney Bice** is pastor.

■ **BEREA**—Conway Church will hold revival services Oct. 23, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Oct. 24-26, 7 p.m., with **David Sargent**, pastor of Freedom Church in Mount Vernon, as evangelist. **Bobby Turner** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—Oak Grove Church will hold revival services Oct. 23-26 with **Jim Collison**, pastor of Robinson Creek Church in Campbellsville, as evangelist. **Paxton Redd** is pastor.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Severns Valley Church will hold a workshop titled "The Chaordic Journey: A

Journey from Grief & Loss to a Renewed Walk with Christ" Oct. 22, 9 a.m., led by **Ray Hicks**, the church's associate pastor of member care. **Bill Langley** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Buck Run Church will host the fall Romanian-American missions banquet Oct. 21, 6 p.m. **Hershael York** is pastor.

■ **GREENVILLE**—Carter Creek Church will hold revival services Oct. 23-26 with **Calvin Bond**, pastor of Brownsville Church, as evangelist. Muhlenberg County Association's community choir will provide special music at the Oct. 25 service. **Tommy Wilhite** is pastor.

New Paradise Church will host Muhlenberg County Association's youth rally Oct. 26, 6 p.m., with **David Edwards**, youth pastor at Sedalia Church, as guest speaker. **Tim Adcock** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Melbourne Heights Church will host Kentucky Derby-winning jockey **Pat Day** as guest speaker Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.

South Jefferson Church will hold fall revival services Oct. 23, 10:40 a.m. & 5 p.m., with **Tim Harris**, pastor of Hillsdale Church in Louisville, and **Rob Sumrall**, preaching pastor at Franklin Crossroads Church in Cecilia, as evangelists; Oct. 24-25, 6 p.m., with **Gregg Curtis**, pastor of Stith-ton Church, and **Jim Hill**, pastor of Salem Church in Shelbyville, as evangelists. **Richard Carver** is pastor.

St. Matthews Church will hold a China Calling banquet for women and girls Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m., with **Ellen Hahn** as guest speaker.

Walnut Street Church will host Legacy Five in concert Oct. 23, 5 p.m. For more information, call (502) 589-5290. **Rusty Ellison** is pastor.

■ **MAYFIELD**—West Broadway Church will hold revival services Oct. 23-26 with **Jeff Cruse**, pastor of Melber Church, as evangelist. **Jared Baker** is pastor.

■ **MORGANFIELD**—First Church will hold a community lunch and clothes giveaway Oct. 22, 11 a.m. **Tim Leadingham** is pastor.

Survey: Pastors want IRS out of churches

Nashville, Tenn.—Protestant pastors overwhelmingly agree that government should not attempt to regulate pastors' sermons through re-evaluation of a church's tax exemption, according to a recent survey by Life-Way Research.

A full 79 percent of pastors strongly agreed that the government should not "regulate sermons by revoking a church's tax exemption if its pastor approves of or criticizes candidates based on the church's moral beliefs or theology."

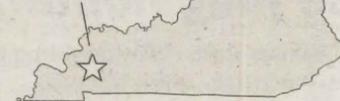
A 2010 survey found 84 percent of respondents believe

pastors "should endorse candidates for public office from the pulpit."

"Pastors and church people have strong feelings when it comes to moral issues that some consider political, and historically churches have played a significant role in shaping political opinions," said Ed Stetzer, vice president of research and ministry development at Life-Way Christian Resources. "Pastors, however, clearly don't think the pulpit is the place for politics, nor do they think the church is the place for the IRS." (LW)

Spotlight on ...

Princeton



Southside Church will hold a "Finally Forgiven" judgment house, a walk-through drama about decisions and their consequences, Oct. 22-23 & 26-30.

■ **MOUNT STERLING**—Macedonia Church will host the **Power Team** Oct. 19, 7 p.m., and Oct. 23 during the morning worship service. **Kevin Strausbaugh** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT VERNON**—First Church will hold revival services Oct. 23-26 with **Chad Fugitt**, pastor of Central Church in Corbin, as evangelist and **Ron Green**, associate pastor of worship at Central Church, as music leader. **Eddie Nation** is pastor.

■ **RICHMOND**—Red House Church will hold a quilt exhibit Oct. 22, 10 a.m. Donations from the event will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. **Butch Tanner** is pastor.

■ **SOUTH CARROLLTON**—South Carrollton Church will host Muhlenberg County Association's Sunday School clinic Oct. 22, 9 a.m. **Gregory Brooks** is pastor.

■ **WACO**—Bethlehem Church will hold revival services Oct. 23-26 with **Greg Pierce**, associational missionary for Ashley County Association in Crossett, Ark., as evangelist. **Mark McGuire** is pastor.

Seeking: President for Oneida Baptist Institute

Oneida Baptist Institute is a non-profit school organized under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and also operated under the terms of the contractual agreement with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Oneida is a large boarding school nestled in the hills of eastern Kentucky. The purpose of OBI is to provide young people with a high quality Christian education. Oneida accepts children grades 6-12 who are mentally, physically and emotionally competent to be away from their families and have a sincere desire to attend OBI. Enrollment is not affected by race, nationality, religion or genuine financial needs. (From the bylaws of the Board of Trustees of OBI.) The person we are seeking:

1. Must be a born-again Christian, have a strong marriage, have a clear sense of God's call to Christian education, and be willing to serve for a modest salary.
2. Must be affiliated with a Southern Baptist church and must work closely with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, local churches and associations.
3. Must understand the culture, mission and history of OBI.
4. Must have the capability, education and experience necessary for the fiscal management of budgets, fundraising and other matters pertaining to the effective operation and administration of OBI.
5. Must be responsible for leading a diverse staff of educators, administrators and volunteers to provide a quality Christian education for all the students enrolled at OBI.
6. Shall work with the Board of Trustees in fulfilling the goals and mission of OBI.
7. Will promote and be the ambassador for OBI in the state, nation and the world.

Mail resumés to Ken Bolin, 308 Main Street, Manchester, KY 40962; or email to preachermanken@gmail.com no later than Oct. 31, 2011. Resumés received prior to Sept. 13 must be resubmitted.

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SEEKING: Full/part-time minister of youth and children with emphasis 6th-12th grades at Concord Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky. Applicant must possess or be pursuing an accredited college and/or seminary degree. Interested individuals should email resumé by Oct. 14, 2011, to pastorofconcord@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Part-time youth pastor for Covington Baptist Church, located in between LaGrange and Westport, Ky. Please send resumés by email to covingtonbaptist@gmail.com; or call Pastor Ryan, (502) 544-9201. Job description at <http://covingtonbaptist.com>.

SEEKING: Full-time minister to students and missions catalyst. Responsible for ministry to youth (grades 6-12) and their families; also, to encourage and mobilize the entire church to be involved in missions locally, regionally and globally. Send resumé to Personnel Committee, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, 8800 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40222; or email to moneal@hurstbournebc.org.

SEEKING: Christian elementary school teachers needed in tropical paradise. Art, music and kindergarten through grade 4. Please view website at lighthouseprimaryschool.org; for more information, email headmaster@lighthouseprimaryschool.org.

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

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. Resumés should be submitted by Oct. 31 to Associate Pastor Search Committee, Bloomfield Baptist Church, PO Box 217, Bloomfield, KY 40008; or by email to bfdbcb@bardstown.com.

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

Four keys to keeping people in church

I had an extended conversation with a pastor of a church this past week. The topic was not that different from those I've had with church leaders for nearly 25 years. The pastor's words were similar to those I've heard repeated hundreds of times: "We have a pretty good front door with a healthy number of guests. And we've had a steady increase in our number of new members. Our problem is really not the front door; it's the back door. If we could just keep a fourth of all those who become involved in our church for a few months or more, we would be triple our size."



Thom Rainer

He then asked the questions I was anticipating: "So how do we close the back door? What do we do to keep people from leaving our church or just becoming inactive?"

In our research of thousands of churches, we have found four common characteristics of congregations that have effective assimilation by almost any metric. But these churches that have effectively closed the back door are few in number, suggesting that the solution is easier said than done. Look at the four keys to effective assimilation. They are obviously not mutually exclusive.

Key No. 1: Membership high expectations. More is expected of members in high assimilation churches. Church discipline is more likely to be exercised in these churches as well. These churches typically have required entry point or membership classes. Becoming a part of these congregations is more than completing a card or walking an aisle. Members are expected to be involved and stay involved.

Key No. 2: Small group involvement. A concerted effort is made to get members and attendees involved in small groups. The form of the group may be a Sunday School class, a home group or a small group meeting elsewhere. The key is to get people connected to others, typically in weekly groups. The majority of small groups study the Bible or biblically

related material.

Key No. 3: Ministry/missions involvement. High assimilation churches encourage people to be involved in ministry. A few even require ministry involvement prior to accepting someone into membership. Members who are involved in missions and ministry feel connected to the church. The Millennial generation, those born between 1980 and 2000, will not likely stay with a church at all if they are not involved in the ministries and missions of the

church.

Key No. 4: Relational connections. In any organization, people stay connected more to other people than the organization itself. We are relational creatures. Local congregations are no exceptions. People are more likely to stay connected to the church if they have developed meaningful friendships and relationships with others in the church.

If these four keys are the solution to assimilation problems, why do relatively few churches practice them? Simply stated, the solutions require hard work. Often getting people in the front door is easier than keeping them from leaving through the back door.

Also, some churches have established traditions of low expectations. Changing almost anything, particularly expectations of members, can be a challenge. Members who came into the church with low expectations often resist the change. Their desired comfort is greater than their concern for the overall health of the congregation.

Our most recent research indicates that the American population as a whole is not resistant to visiting a church. The potential for an open front door is good. The greater challenge may be closing the backdoor.

And that challenge can only be met if congregations are fundamentally willing to change their attitude of "we've never done it that way before." (BP)

Thom Rainer is president of LifeWay Christian Resources.

She hasn't missed S.S. in 75 years



June Harrison, 80, a member of Community Southern Baptist Church in Clay City, Ill., marked 75 years of perfect Sunday School attendance this year. She was recognized recently by her pastor, Dustin Belcher, (left) and Nate Adams, executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

"Mrs. Harrison's faithful commitment to Sunday School over the years and to the life-changing dynamic of group Bible study is an inspiration to all of us," Adams said. "Her love for God's Word is evident in her sweet spirit and fruitful life, and her testimony reminds me that effective Bible teaching is one of the most important ministries a church can provide." (BP)

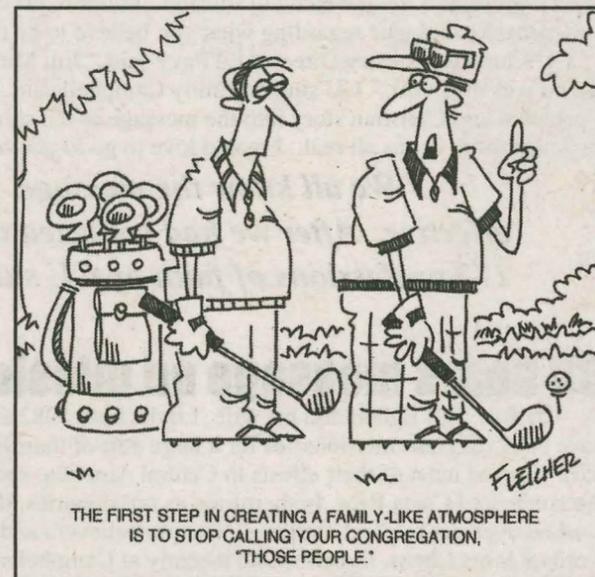
Preacher's Kids



Joe McKeever



Dennis Fletcher



Bible Crosswords

By Janet W. Adkins

Across

- 1 Cat comment
- 5 "Thou ___ cast out in the open field" (Ezekiel 16:5)
- 9 Glass container
- 12 Johanan's grandfather (Nehemiah 6:18)
- 13 "___ begat Asa" (Matthew 1:7)
- 14 Flightless bird
- 15 "... and that the shame of thy ___ do not appear" (Revelation 3:18)
- 17 Rodent
- 18 A Latvian
- 19 "And the ___ shall make you free" (John 8:32)
- 21 "And the ___ of the locusts were like unto horses" (Revelation 9:7)
- 24 "For he hath founded it upon the ___" (Psalm 24:2)
- 25 Buddy
- 26 Zany
- 28 "Moses' father in law went out of the city ... in the south of ___" (Judges 1:16)
- 30 "To him which ___ his people through the wilderness" (Psalm 136:16)
- 31 "And they came to ___, where were twelve wells of water" (Exodus 15:27)
- 33 "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be ___" (Matthew 23:12)
- 35 Compass direction, abbr.
- 36 "___, and Dumah, and Eshean" (Joshua 15:52)
- 37 "For an ___, the hope of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- 40 "Certain lewd fellows of the ___ sort" (Acts 17:5)
- 42 Half, prefix
- 43 Map abbreviation
- 44 "And he ... began to publish in ___ how great things Jesus had done" (Mark 5:20)
- 49 National Stock Exchange, abbr.
- 50 "Of the tribe of Issachar, ___ the son of Joseph" (Numbers 13:7)
- 51 "Salathiel, which was the son of ___" (Luke 3:27)

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- 52 "Neither did Manasseh drive out ... nor the inhabitants of ___" (Judges 1:27)
- 53 "Now the ___ of Jacob were twelve" (Genesis 35:22)
- 54 "Then Herod ... enquired of them what time the ___ appeared" (Matthew 2:7)

Down

- 1 "The Son of ___ must be lifted up" (John 12:34)
- 2 Equal Rights Amendment, abbr.
- 3 "Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an ___" (2 Samuel 18:10)
- 4 "Judah is a lion's ___" (Genesis 49:9)
- 5 "Your messenger, and he that ministered to my ___" (Philippians 2:25)
- 6 Aid
- 7 Sibling
- 8 "If so be ye have ___ that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:3)
- 9 "Abiathar carried the ark of God again to ___" (2 Samuel 15:29)
- 10 "I ___ the point to die" (Genesis 25:32) (2 words)
- 11 "The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other ___" (Ruth 1:4)
- 16 River in Scotland
- 20 "The ___ is not to the swift" (Ecclesiastes 9:11)
- 21 Health bath
- 22 "Brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and ___" (1 Chronicles 5:26)

- 23 "There came unto him a woman having an ___ box of very precious ointment" (Matthew 26:7)
- 24 "Her countenance was no more ___" (1 Samuel 1:18)
- 26 Little name for a big sea
- 27 "But ye shall ___ away for your iniquities" (Ezekiel 24:23)
- 29 "For we ___ not make ourselves of the number" (2 Corinthians 10:12)
- 30 This country was once famous for its cedars, abbr.
- 32 "There ___ him two possessed with devils" (Matthew 8:28)
- 34 One of the seven churches of Asia
- 37 Cures
- 38 Electromagnetic pulse, abbr.
- 39 "Whose faces were like the faces of ___" (1 Chronicles 12:8)
- 40 "For I was ashamed to require of the king a ___ of soldiers" (Ezra 8:22)
- 41 "Lord, wilt thou slay ___ a righteous nation?" (Genesis 20:4)
- 42 Read over hastily
- 45 Self
- 46 "___ there be no strife ... between me and thee" (Genesis 13:8)
- 47 "And ___ also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David" (2 Samuel 20:26)
- 48 "___ thou hast nothing to draw with" (John 4:11)

Last puzzle's solution

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MAZE event called a movement of God's Holy Spirit; results in 172 professions of faith by CU students

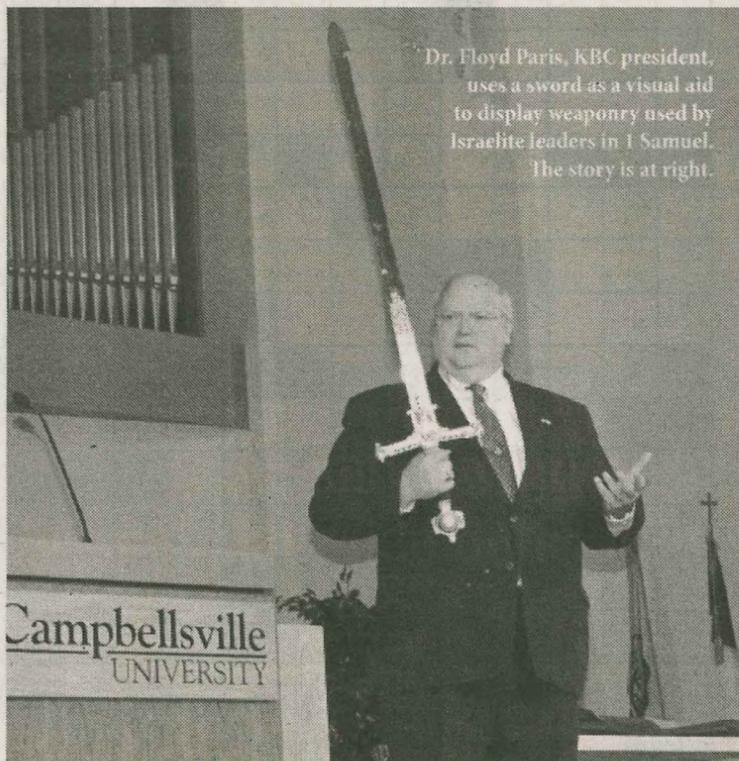
The KBC Youth Evangelism Office, in cooperation with Collegiate Ministries, is helping to bring The MAZE to eight cities and eight campuses (16 separate locations) during this school year. CU was the third campus in a four-week swing through the state this fall. The primary funding for the event is coming through the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. MAZE is advertised on the group's website as "an experience that escapes the boundaries of any single definition. In stark contrast to the typical magic show, MAZE presents a unique blend of illusion, intuition, psychology, humor, mystery and danger. MAZE has been designed to evoke emotion, provoke dialogue regarding what you believe to be true and to question the truths that exist in present day culture."

CU Campus Ministry Director Ed Pavy said, "Jim Munroe and his crew were friendly and easy to work with -- we estimate that our crowd was over 900." CU student Emily Campbell said, "The Māze was simply a-MAZE-zing! It was neat to see how he incorporated a personal and Christian story into the message of the show. Overall, it was mind-blowing to see all the things he could do, having the audience think it was all real. I would love to go to another show of his and take my family for them to hear the story he has to tell."

"We all know the message. Jim's communication of it is personal, powerful and effective. After we had collected the response forms, our Prayer/Usher team counted 172 professions of faith by CU students. What an impact for the kingdom!" -Ed Pavy

CU hears message on missions

The Rev. Bill Egbert and his wife, Linda, both 1982 CU alumni, have been overseas missionaries for a large part of their lives. They have focused most of their efforts in Central America, specifically in the country of Costa Rica. In their time as missionaries, the two have worked overseas to plant churches, disciple believers and spread the word of Jesus Christ. Egbert spoke recently at Campbellsville University's weekly chapel service, discussing his work and urging others to serve as missionaries.



Dr. Floyd Paris, KBC president, uses a sword as a visual aid to display weaponry used by Israelite leaders in 1 Samuel. The story is at right.

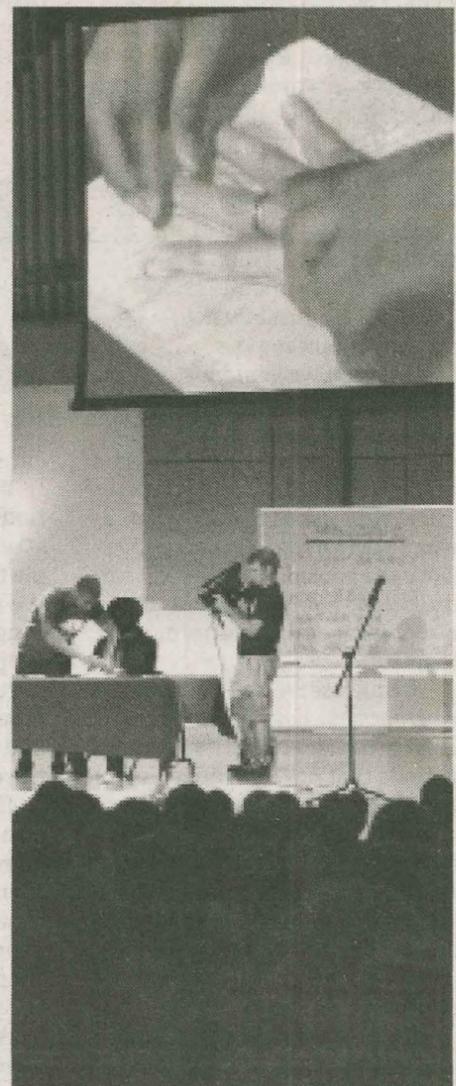
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KBC's President Paris and Director Chitwood speak at CU

Dr. Floyd Paris, president of Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, Ky., utilized the book of 1 Samuel to display the qualities of leadership that all individuals should strive to possess as guest speaker at CU recently. Paris left them with this challenge: "Don't be a Saul; be a Jonathan." He encouraged all to display good character and to follow the Lord with consistency and commitment. Read the full story at <http://www.campbellsville.edu/09162011chapel>

New executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Dr. Paul Chitwood, spoke to the Church Relations Council at their Fall meeting. Chitwood is pastor of First Baptist Church in Mount Washington, Ky., and a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. New officers were elected and the group set a fundraising goal of \$5,000 for WLCU.

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MAZE star Jim Munroe had a CU student assist in part of his performance as a cameraman filmed so it could show on the big screen for the audience.

CU ranked number 71 in regional universities

Campbellsville University's status and adherence to a new strategic plan, VISION 2025 has helped move the university to a reclassification into a new category of *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. CU has been ranked 71st in the 2012 Regional Universities in the South category, according to the new *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" issue. Dr. Michael V. Carter, president, said that CU has moved into a classification with a much stronger set of peers.

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