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'Yellow Shirts' are signs of hope for Japanese quake survivors

By Susie Rain

Tohoku, Japan—Everything changed on March 11 for Eiko Tanno. That was the day a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit the northeastern coast of Japan—the day she lost hope.

Tanno was working in her home office when the ground started shaking. She ran outside and huddled with her neighbors.

Then came the tsunami warning. They rushed to higher ground and watched as powerful walls of water took out their neighborhoods and flooded from their foundation and floated away. Others simply splintered into scraps from the force of the waves. Tanno's house, however, remained intact. The water overtook the first floor but didn't climb any higher.

"The tsunami took away my livelihood," Tanno said seven months after Japan's historic triple disaster that

included an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis. "My business was downstairs, and it was ruined. My house was not totally destroyed, so I was not given access to temporary housing. I didn't know what I was going to do."

For months, Tanno traipsed through the mud in her home. She climbed the stairs to a bedroom where she and her family had begun living and working. She always closed the door, trying to shut out the constant reminder of her fate. No matter what she did, though, she couldn't escape the rotten smell of dead fish or the piles of rubble outside her depressing.

It was a depressing living situation until a group of strangers knocked on her door.

"The day the yellow shirts came to my neighborhood, my life changed and I felt hope again," Tanno said, pointing to a group of workers wearing yellow shirts, hats and vests. Month by month, the "yellow shirts" slowly help transform her neighborhood.

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Coy Webb, director of Kentucky's Baptist Men on Mission department, assists a Japanese man during a Kentucky Baptist volunteer team's mission to Japan in early September. The six-member team helped clear debris from a village along the coast in Iwate Prefecture. They are among the hundreds of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams that have served in Japan since that country's devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck back in March. (KBC photo)

Ezell: 55,901 Southern Baptist congregations by 2020

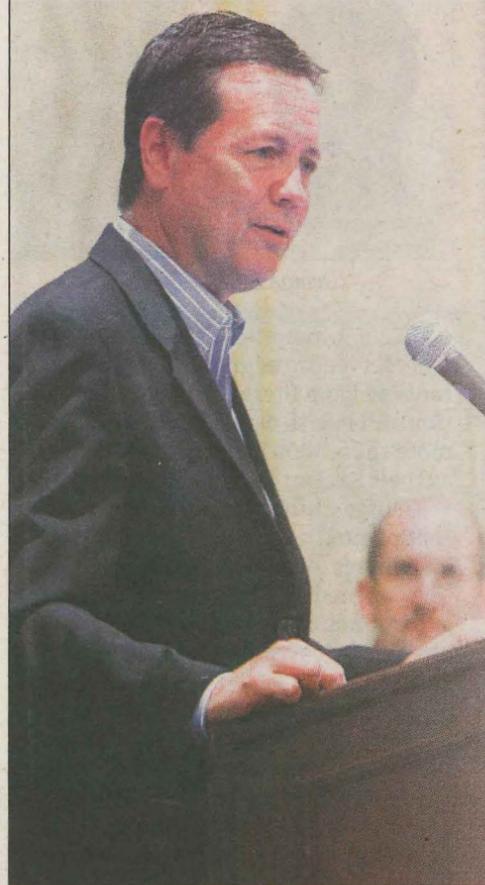
By Mickey Noah

Philadelphia—A goal of 55,901 Southern Baptist congregations by the end of 2020 has been set by North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell as part of the Send North America strategy the entity is implementing in evangelistic church planting. The goal would mean a net gain of 5,112 SBC congregations in less than a decade—more gained than in any decade since 1900.

"This should be the golden age of church planting in the Southern Baptist Convention," Ezell said during the meeting of NAMB's trustees last month in Philadelphia.

The growth is based on projections of new church plants, new affiliations and church deaths between 2011 and 2020. Reaching the goal would require nearly a doubling of the SBC church birth rate by the end of the 10-year period.

The 55,901 "congregation" target includes new self-supporting churches, □ See NAMB church goal ... Page 3



Josiah study calls students to take stand, become spiritual leaders

Louisville—While hundreds of Bible studies have been published for the student market, Boyce College freshman Luke Harper is not shy in saying the study he wrote with his father Harold has a unique angle: It was written by a student.

Harper, who just started his undergraduate studies at Louisville school, said the "Josiah Road" curriculum focuses on "one of the most fascinating young men in history—King Josiah."

Luke wanted the study to be one that would appeal to friends who were used to getting together and enjoying one another's fellowship. He also

wanted the study to have a powerful take away, "something that would motivate students to seek what task God has for them."

And he should know. The Josiah Road Bible study was developed as Luke took part in Bible studies as a high schooler in Tennessee. In working with his dad on the project, Luke often tweaked the material and the layout to more closely align with what he believed would work in a youth setting from a student's perspective.

Luke, who studied Bible characters with his father for several years, □ See King Josiah study ... Page 6



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Pastors: 'More for Christ' about more than money

By Ken Walker & Dannah Prather

Murray—Kentucky Baptist leaders are encouraging individuals and churches to do some soul searching and take action in an effort to do "More for Christ."

"I like the challenge," said Sam Rainer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Murray. "As a pastor, it makes me think, 'How can I get my church to do more?' Whatever context we are in, we always need to be thinking about doing more."

Just what does doing "More for Christ" look like?

At the Murray congregation, it looks like a new worship service geared for college students, and an enormous "radical wall" outside the sanctuary filled with the names of people who need Christ in their lives.

In the first half of 2011, First Baptist, Murray baptized two dozen new believers, Rainer said.

"The people have latched on to being a presence in the community and doing it through biblical depth, whether through Sunday School, Bible study or other groups," he said. "We push all aspects of our discipleship program, and they have responded well."

Other churches and individuals are responding to Kentucky Baptists' recent call to More for Christ, a three-year initiative encouraging Christians to deepen their spiritual commitment to Jesus.

Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Paul Chitwood said that lifelong Baptists are familiar with campaigns and emphases, and may assume that More for Christ is just a call for additional financial support for ministry.

Chitwood maintained that any extra gifts would be a wonderful byproduct of the initiative, but is not the goal itself.

"To interpret More for Christ as 'send more money to (the Cooperative Program)' would be to miss the spirit and intent of this effort," he said.

Dan Summerlin, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church of Paducah, said he is seeing his congregation give more through time and relationships.

"I asked members to spend the year reaching out to someone in the community, being intentional in lifestyle evangelism and sharing their faith," he said.

In the first half of 2011, the congregation baptized 52 new believers. The total number of baptisms for the entire year prior was 51, he said.

"We're getting names of people all the time," Summerlin said. "Members say, 'This person isn't saved. Can you put their name on the prayer list?'"

Summerlin said members also have become more involved in hands-on service and missions such as Vacation Bible School and disaster relief.

Hershael York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, encouraged Kentucky Baptists to evaluate where they are now in their Christian walk and then make a commitment to do more from that starting point. "Submit yourself to Christ and the Great Commission from where you are."

Whether the giver is a cash-strapped, middle-class family or a 100-member local congregation, "understand (that) the Lord sees not what we're giving, but where we are giving from. I'm a pastor and I'll never preach as well as Adrian Rogers, but he didn't preach any better a gospel," York explained. "I can't give as much as a megachurch, but I can give from a sincere heart."

KBC President Floyd Paris, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, said his congregation has found little ways to help others and spread their influence in the community.

"Our church has 'adopted' an elementary school two blocks from the church. Because of budget cuts, teachers had been rationing paper, so this year we started donating copy paper," Paris said. "Every month or so, we take two cases to the school. It's a simple thing."

Each of the three congregations also has taken steps to increase giving to the Cooperative Program, the pastors said.

Whether it is time, talents or money, More for Christ begins in a believer's heart, Paris added.

"Take it on personally," he encouraged Kentucky Baptists. "Pray about it and see what God directs you to do."

The website, www.MoreforChrist.com, has details about the initiative, including testimonies from fellow Kentucky Baptists, news and downloadable resources for children and adults. (KBC)

Iran pressures pastor to convert

Tehran, Iran—A jailed Iranian pastor who could be put to death for his faith has been given Islamic literature and been asked to read it, a move potentially meant to elicit a blasphemy conviction.

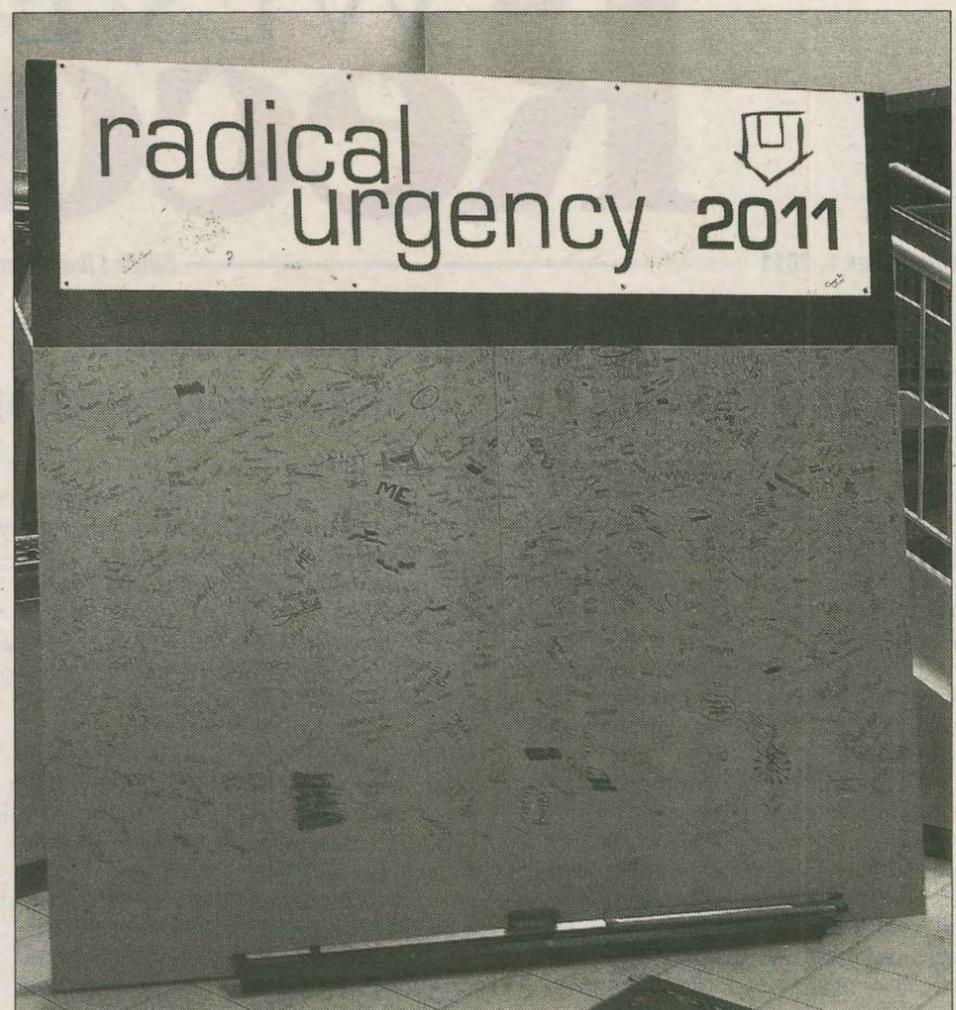
The American Center for Law & Justice and Christian Solidarity Worldwide—two groups that have monitored the case for months—say that if pastor Yousef Nadarkhani reads the literature and says anything negative about Islam, he could be charged with blasphemy. Both groups say Nadarkhani has been advised not to read the materials.

"Any criticism of their contents would open the way to charges of blasphemy," Christian Solidarity Worldwide said in a statement on its website.

The case has grown muddled in recent weeks. Although Nadarkhani was charged with blasphemy after his 2009 arrest, Iranian officials in October denied the charge was blasphemy and instead claimed it was of a security nature. They even said he ran a brothel, a charge some groups said was false and meant to distract the rest of the world.

The ACLJ reported Oct. 26 that their contacts confirm Nadarkhani still is alive. He and his supporters are awaiting a decision on his fate.

"International pressure against the Iranian regime continues to mount, but it must be sustained until Pastor Youcef is released unconditionally," the ACLJ said in a statement. (BP)



GETTING RADICAL The "radical wall" in the foyer of First Baptist Church of Murray reminds the congregation to pray for and witness to people in their lives who need to experience the love of Christ. (KBC photo)

Hartford couple works to eliminate lostness along Mississippi River

By Savannah Cyree

Hartford—Kentucky Baptists George and Cathy Chinn of Hartford are serving as regional coordinators for Mississippi River Ministry, a partnership endeavor that seeks to improve the physical and spiritual lives of residents of the 196 counties in eight states along the great river.

The Chinns are Mission Service Corps missionaries and longtime missions leaders in Kentucky Baptist life. Collectively the couple has served in more than 30 international missions efforts and countless trips and projects in Kentucky and North America.

Created 20 years ago, the MRM area includes parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. Baptist conventions in those states partner with one another, the North American Mission Board and Women's Missionary Union in support of Mississippi River Ministry.

"There is a great need out there," George Chinn said. "We find that there is not only a large percent of lostness in poverty, but a lot of lostness in general."

Many people living within the 196 counties served by MRM have inadequate health care, he said. According to the organization, the area has the highest infant mortality rate in the United States and the lowest ratio of doctors and nurses per 1,000 residents.

The Chinns agree only God could qualify them for the task of serving an area in such great need. They have spent the last several months familiarizing themselves with the large region.



George & Cathy Chinn

In 2009, more than 10,000 volunteers served through MRM in projects ranging from literacy to home renovation and health care. During that year more than 1,000 people accepted Christ as their Savior through these efforts.

George Chinn shared about a church that planted a seven-acre garden that distributes food to local ministries. They opened half of the garden to the general public to work so that those affected by poverty have a source for fresh food.

During their travels, the Chinns met a local farmer who refurbishes bicycles to give to children who otherwise might never have one. "It's just pretty amazing how God works through some of these people," Cathy Chinn noted.

As coordinators for MRM, the Chinns say they hope to get churches and associations more involved in the lives of the people living along the river. They also hope volunteers will help strengthen existing churches in the ministry area and also start new churches. (WMM/KBC)

Task force exploring SBC name change meets for first time

Fort Worth, Texas—The task force appointed to study the prospect of changing the Southern Baptist Convention's name held its first meeting Oct. 26 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Convention President Bryant Wright announced the 20-member task force during the opening session of the SBC Executive Committee's meeting last month. The announcement prompted a lively debate across the convention about the pros and cons of making such a change.

The 16 task force members attending the Oct. 26 meeting spent "a great deal" of time in prayer, aware of the far-reaching implications a name change would have, task force chairman Jimmy Draper said in a statement afterward.

"We need God's guidance and divine wisdom as we seek to serve Southern Baptists in this consideration," Draper



Jimmy Draper:
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said. "We received a review of the history of the SBC name issue and are aware of the weighty matters that have been brought to light by previous studies and considerations."

The committee's work centers on whether the Southern Baptist mission would be advanced by a name change, he added.

"We are driven by only one great question: How can Southern Baptists be most

faithful in reaching people for Jesus? Our concern is not public relations, politics, positioning or personal agendas," Draper said. "We must ask ourselves constantly if there is anything that would help us to reach more people, plant more churches, and penetrate lostness here in the United States and around the world as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission."

Draper's statement said he appreciated "the responsible quality" of the group's first discussion and affirmed the need for input from both rank-and-file Southern Baptists and those in positions of leadership. He said he would be contacting leaders for their input and that others can interact with the task force through the website, www.Pray4SBC.com.

LifeWay Christian Resources also has been asked to research the potential impact of a name change among

unchurched people, Draper noted.

The task force understands its charge is limited to reporting back to Wright and that no one believed the word "Baptist" should be removed from the name, the chairman added.

"We also want to let Southern Baptists know that we do understand our task. We are a body appointed by the SBC president, and to him we will submit our report," he said. "We are not authorized to change the name of the convention, nor are we certain that such a change is right. We do know that it is right to ask the question, and to consider our name in light of our mission."

"We also want Southern Baptists to know that we, as a task force, are unified in affirming that we are and will ever remain Baptist—and that name is more than a label, it is a testimony. We cannot envision a name change that would not include 'Baptist' in the name." (BP)

'Courageous' books are NYT bestsellers

New York—A pair of books based on biblical themes from the movie "Courageous" has made The New York Times' best-seller list.

"The Resolution for Men" by authors Stephen and Alex Kendrick is No. 10 on the newspaper's

Oct. 30 list of paperback advice books. "The Resolution for Women" by author Priscilla Shirer is No. 14.

"Courageous," made by Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., has grossed more than \$25 million since it opened Sept. 30.

It is the second time a book inspired by a Sherwood film has made The New York Times' best-seller list. In 2008, the book "The Love Dare" hit No. 1 on newspaper's paperback advice list. It was featured in the church's second film "Fireproof." (BP)

BGCT approves renegotiated agreement with Baylor University

Amarillo, Texas—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting approved a renegotiated agreement with Baylor University, replacing a 20-year old agreement that sets the terms for the relationship between the university and the state convention.

The renegotiated agreement—approved with only a smattering of dissenting votes at the Oct. 24 meeting—gives Baylor greater influence in determining the composition of its governing board.

In February, Baylor opened membership on its board of regents to non-Baptist Christians. In response, the BGCT Executive Board in May directed Associate Executive Director Steve Vernon to invite Baylor University President Ken Starr to develop a process for renegotiating the relationship agreement.

Under the revised agreement, the school's BGCT-elected regents will be nominated by a five-member committee composed of two people designated by the convention, the president of Baylor or a person the president designates, the chair of the Baylor regents or a person the chair designates and one additional member designated by the regent chair, with the stipulation that individual must be a member of a BGCT church.

Previously, the five-member group that nominates BGCT-elected Baylor regents consisted of four people named by a BGCT nominations committee and either the chair of the Baylor regents or a person he designates.

The revised agreement also states Baylor has the right to confirm regents elected by the BGCT as set forth in the school's governing documents. (Texas Baptist Standard/ABP)

NAMB church goal

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as well as church-type missions that will become new churches at some point. The goal was shared in the context of a report given by Aaron Coe, vice president of mobilization at NAMB.

NAMB's trustees also approved a \$115 million budget for 2012, toured new ethnic church plants and celebrated church-planting efforts now underway in Philadelphia, the historic "City of Brotherly Love."

"This trustee meeting in Philadelphia has been good for us," Ezell told trustees. "In a lot of the places we live, there's a high population of Southern Baptist churches. Where I live in Atlanta, there's one stretch with nine evangelical churches in a two-mile area."

"Driving into Philadelphia, we saw one evangelical church. It reminds us of our priority of impacting people's lives with the gospel. We can't get away from that. We need to stay focused on impacting the lost with the gospel."

Ezell's report to trustees and many of the activities surrounding the meeting

focused on Send North America, the NAMB initiative focusing on church planting—especially in North America's largest cities and least-reached areas.

NAMB continues to make progress toward its goal to transition 50 percent of the mission entity's budget to church planting, Ezell reported.

"In 2009, NAMB spent 28 percent of its budget on church planting. In 2011, we are spending 37 percent and, in 2012, we will spend at least 42 percent of our budget on church planting," Ezell said. "So, we are progressing rapidly toward our minimal goal of 50 percent." (NAMB/BP)

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John 3:30



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With a new fiscal year beginning for the Kentucky Baptist Convention in September, the tangible impact of the Great Commission Task Force recommendations is now visible. The first big step in

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Paul Chitwood

transitioning the division of Cooperative Program funds toward a 50-50 split (less 4 percent shared expenses) between the KBC and Southern Baptist Convention is being taken.

After subtracting 4 percent for Cooperative Program promotion, the KBC will use 52.46 percent of CP funds during the 2011-2012 budget year for in-state mission work and to help fund KBC institutions and agencies. The other 43.54 percent will be forwarded to the SBC Executive Committee. From there, the funds will be divided between the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, and SBC institutions and agencies.

Both the Kentucky GCTF and the SBC Great Commission Resurgence Task Force expressed concern for more funds to get to the IMB to support mission efforts overseas. To better understand that concern, consider that, in the past year, the number of missionaries under appointment with the IMB dropped from 5,700 to 4,911. That drop was due simply to the lack of funds necessary to support our missionaries.

But the concern is not merely for hundreds of called and qualified missionary candidates having to be told that Southern Baptists apparently cannot afford to send them to the field. The greater concern is for the 6,000 unreached people groups of the world and for the 3,800 people groups yet to be engaged. The greater concern is for the 1.6 billion people in the world with no access to the gospel and for the thousands of lost people who die and go to hell every day who have not heard the gospel. And the greatest concern is for our God to receive the glory due His name from people of every tribe and tongue He has made.

With these concerns on my own heart, I am pleased to report to you that, under our new funding formula, the IMB received an additional \$48,893 from KBC churches during September. Since it costs roughly \$40,000 per year to support an IMB missionary, Kentucky Baptists provided enough money during September to send one more worker to the harvest fields of the world. If KBC churches give at last year's pace, that number will be 16 by year end. If, however, our churches meet the 2011-2012 CP budget goal, that number jumps to 22 new missionaries!

We are continuing to streamline our work here in Kentucky and make the adjustments necessary to get more resources to the nations without abandoning our work at home. Would you join me in praying that every KBC church will embrace the "More for Christ" spiritual renewal emphasis and commit to giving more through the CP? Mission work at home and abroad hangs in the balance.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

'A rose by any other name would' ... or would it?

When I was a teenager, I occasionally thought about changing my name. My mom once told me that I was going to be a "Phillip," but someone in the church where my Dad was serving at the time named their son "Phillip" just a few days earlier. So, at the eleventh hour so to speak, my parents settled on "Todd."

To this day, I'm still not sure why, and I find that eleventh hour part a bit ironic since I was born at 11:59 p.m., according to my birth certificate. Mom believes, however, that it actually may have been after 12 a.m., but since she did all the work on the preceding day, she chose that date. That's my story, and she's sticking to it.

At any rate, I have sometimes pondered if my life would have somehow turned out different as a "Phillip." Would I have become a star athlete? A movie actor? A renowned teacher? An adventurous astronaut? A fearless fighter pilot? A top-selling novelist? A sought-after engineer? A wealthy banker? Isn't it funny how we always envision greatness?

When our son was born, Michelle and I had discussed giving him the first name "Robert." My first name is Robert; my dad and his dad were both Roberts. It just made sense. But for some inexplicable reason, we changed our minds on the very day he was born. "Caleb" was switched to a first name and he was dubbed a "Todd," too. Oddly enough, we even had to change his birth certificate before it was sent in.

This all leaves me to wonder again, did it somehow unknowingly alter the trajectory of his life? After all, in the Bible some names are very significant. They often reveal a person's inner character or testify of God's redemptive power in their lives. So, how does the impression someone gets from a name affect their attitudes and opinions about another person? Will some opportunities be given to or denied someone that he or she otherwise may or may not have received?

My dad used to tell me when I was a kid that he did not have much money to give me, but he gave me something that was far more valuable: a good name (his own). After

that, he usually would say with a wry smile, "Don't mess it up!" The point I took from this repartee is that it is not so much the name you are given as what you do with it—who you become and for what you become known.

The writer of Proverbs advised God's people similarly many centuries earlier: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

Recently, some Southern Baptist leaders have begun wondering about the convention's name, and the prospect of changing it has prompted lively debate. How might it affect the attitudes and opinions of others? Would we somehow be more successful in

reaching people, in planting churches, if we had a different name? Would it change the direction of our convention and help us better impact the world for Christ?

These are good questions to explore. But more important than whatever name we eventually decide upon or not, perhaps we would be wise to also consider that it is not so much the name you are given as what you do with it and for what you become known. In the end, it's not who you are that really matters, but Whose you are.

More significant than the name "Southern Baptist"—or any other denominational moniker—is the name of Jesus. For as Mike Hamrick, speaking in a recent chapel at the Kentucky Baptist Convention building, proclaimed, "The one name that is above every name is the name of Jesus." The pastor of Sand Spring Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg described three blessings found in the name of Jesus that cannot be found in any other name: salvation, strength and satisfaction. "The name Jesus means 'the Lord saves,' he explained, emphasizing, "If you want to be saved, there is only one name you can call upon." And, in saying "Jesus is Lord," he declared, one recognizes that "every need you have can be supplied in the name of Jesus."

So, whether we remain Southern Baptists or "a rose by any other name," let's be sure that our name always smells (or sounds) as sweet as the name of Jesus—the name we really want others to know. And, as Dad was fond of saying, "Don't mess it up!"

After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Dangerous game

The Oct. 18 edition of the Western Recorder highlighted an article that revealed that 3 out of 4 pastors surveyed think that Mormons are not Christian. This is a dangerous game of religiosity and flies in the face of Christian instruction to "judge not."

Mormonism is a doctrine. It defines what the administrators believe and often is rejected by individual Mormons. It is built upon the foundation of discovered tablets that are perceived to be additional instruction from God, evidently rejecting the possibility that Jesus appears to be the last Word God intended to convey to mankind.

Doctrines can be dangerous. The only thing that should be considered in this matter hinges upon what one believes

about Christ and if He is who He said He is. If accepted as Savior, Redeemer and Lord, the doctrine ceases to be a measurement.

Faith is acutely personal and doctrines, including Baptist, will never save anyone.

Edward Clark
Danville



Editor's Note: For an explanation of significant differences between Mormonism and traditional Christianity, see article on facing page.

Decision saddens

Based on the information in your article, it saddens me to think that a church who wants to align with Southern Baptists, has been accepted by Kentucky Baptists and the SBC, preaches the gospel, has a high view of Scripture

and a sovereign God would be rejected so profoundly by a local Baptist association. Pleasant Valley seems like the kind of church our association would embrace, because they appear to be committed to preaching Christ locally and globally.

So what is the association to do now with those pastors and members who agree with Pleasant Valley? Root them out and run them off or adopt a "Don't Ask Don't Tell" approach?

Clark Dunlap
North Richland Hills, Texas

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Is Mormonism a Christian faith or a cult?

Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church of Dallas touched a very sensitive nerve when he referred to the Mormon church and faith as a cult. People have raised the issue and the question, "What, in fact, are evangelicals' attitudes towards Mormons?"

It is important for us to remember that the question here is much broader than just evangelicals. Virtually every self-confessed Christian movement in America rejects Mormonism as a true expression of biblical or traditional Christian faith to the point that ex-Mormons are generally asked to be baptized again when joining a non-LDS church. This fact is true both of the Roman Catholic Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Presbyterian Church USA, and a variety of others.

The United Methodist Church in 1995 included a report and a study done on Mormonism which stated that the LDS church is not "a part of the historic, apostolic tradition of the Christian faith." The important issue for us is that this raises a concern, not only in terms of Mormonism, but in terms of how a cult is defined.

When I was director of interfaith evangelism at the North American Mission Board, we generally approached the idea of a "cult" as a religious movement which claimed to be the only true expression of the Christian faith and yet had altered or changed one or more of the essential doctrines of the faith.

Using this as a working definition, Mormonism is clearly, absolutely, completely, and thoroughly a "religious cult." And while the word "cult" may be less than academic, it still carries popular meaning when used in

a doctrinal sense as Jeffress has done.

While there may be other ways to define a cult both ethically, sociologically and psychologically, our primary concern is the essence and nature of the Mormon movement in terms of its contrasts and comparison with biblically-based Christianity. When I am asked the question, "Is Mormonism a cult?" I generally respond by saying there are three elements that everyone must be clearly aware of when it comes to Mormonism. These elements make it an aberrant expression of the Christian faith—i.e., a "cult."



Phil Roberts

1. Mormonism radically redefines and doctrinally reconstructs the Christian faith. There is no major doctrine of the faith, whether it be God, Jesus, salvation or inspiration of the Scriptures that Mormonism has not severely altered and changed from its original intent. These alterations include:

- The Bible has "plain and precious parts" missing from it. The Book of Mormon, and the LDS volumes "Pearl of Great Price" and "Doctrine and Covenants" comprise the truly trustworthy scriptures.
- The doctrine of god and of humans—believing that there are an infinite number of gods in the universe and that the temple-worthy males among them may become gods.
- Jesus was a procreated child of God and his wife in the spirit realm. He is also God's son "in the flesh." Smith maintained that the Holy Spirit was not involved with the conception of Jesus. The issue, then, is figuring out how Mary became pregnant and how she "contributed 23 chromosomes to Jesus while God contributed 23," to quote a BYU professor.

These concerns are just scratching the surface of the doctrinal errors of Mormonism.

2. Mormonism radically redefines and reconstructs the Christian worldview. If one understands the Mormon faith clearly, their position would maintain that:

- Native Americans are true descendants of Jewish people.
- There was a language that existed called Reformed Egyptian which was the dominant language at one time in the western world and the Book of Mormon was written in it.
- The millennium will be a Mormon millennium with headquarters established in Independence, Mo., with the temple work for the dead and genealogical research being done across the world to ensure proxy baptism for every human being who had ever lived.
- The Mormon faith alone will dominate and guide the world after Christ's return.
- Joseph Smith is the true prophet of God who reestablished God's one true church on the earth.

3. Mormonism is disingenuous in its approach to proselytization. While claiming to be true to the Christian faith, Mormonism has seriously redesigned and recreated it. The whole basis of the church is built on

Which gifts are deductible?

By Laurie Valentine

Here is a quick review of the basic rules regarding the deductibility of gifts made to charity.

First, to be deductible the transfer must be a gift to charity. At a minimum, the IRS requires what you give have a value that exceeds any benefit you receive in return. If you receive something or a benefit when you make your gift, your deduction is limited to the difference between the value of what you give and what you receive. If you receive or expect to receive a "bargained-for" benefit, you are not entitled to a charitable income tax deduction, no matter how the transaction is styled.

The gift must be to charity. A gift to charity earmarked by the giver for a particular individual is not deductible, if the giver's primary intention was to benefit a particular individual, rather than advance the mission of the charity. The test for deductibility is whether the charity has full control and discretion over the gifted funds and their use. Even if the charity's governing documents state the charity's governing body will decide how all contributions will be used, a deduction will be denied if it is determined the charity lacked full control over a particular gift.

Gifts must be completed by Dec. 31 to be deductible in that tax year. Cash gifts are completed if the check is dated Dec. 31 or earlier and delivered to the charity or placed in the mail with appropriate postage. Gifts of securities are completed when properly endorsed stock or bond certificates are delivered to the charity or placed in the mail with appropriate postage, or when the securities are received into the charity's brokerage account, or when the security is retitled on the books of the issuing company, whichever occurs first. Real estate gifts are completed when a properly executed deed is delivered to the charity.

There are percentage limitations on the amount of charitable gifts you can deduct in a single year. If the amount of your charitable gifts in one tax year exceeds the percentage limits, you are permitted to carry the unused portion of the deduction forward and use the balance over the next five tax years.

Contributions of services to charity and allowing use of your property rent-free are not deductible.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Wearing our wedding rings

By Scott Wigginton

Q: My new husband and I have a disagreement over our wedding rings. He doesn't want to wear his ring. I believe that if he doesn't wear it, he is not really committed to our marriage. He says I am being silly. Am I making too much of this?

A: Your wedding rings are an external symbol of an internal commitment that was made public on the day of your marriage. Whether or not your husband chooses to wear a ring is less important than whether he chooses to take his vows seriously. Every couple who chooses to wear wedding rings still must make the choice, "Who will be the Lord of the rings?"

From the Garden of Eden until now, human beings have tended to put themselves ahead of God and everyone else. Every person who has ever lived, save one, has opted initially for his or her own selfish desires. Much like the characters in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings," we all know what it is like to chase the One Ring, crafted by an evil lord, the possession of which drives the owners to ultimate destruction at the hands of their own desires. So, too, our flesh cries out in marriage, not unlike a newborn baby, "Let it all be about me."

The real question in your marriage is whether or not you both choose to voluntarily take on the ring of the Heavenly Bridegroom, who calls you not to individual oneness but unity in the bond of love. The rings could not be more different. One focuses on Christ; the other focuses on self. One leads to fulfillment; the other, to frustration. One brings satisfaction; the other, an endless desire for more. Christ's ring encourages self control; the evil ring leads to bondage. When couples opt for the ring of humility and service, forged on the anvil of a sacrificial Christ, marriage is transformed and the result is a transcultural signpost that points to the Lord Jesus.

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the words of Jesus which are canonized in Joseph Smith's religious autobiography. Smith claimed that God and Jesus commanded him not to join any church because "they were all wrong ... their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt."

Mormonism, in fact, has set itself apart from mainstream Christianity. It has insisted that in order to join and be a part of God's one true church, as well as to enter into the fullness of His salvation, one must become either a temple-worthy Mormon in this life or proxy baptized and temple-worthy in the life to come.

Mormonism has been, is, and probably always will be a radical departure from biblical faith. (BP)

Phil Roberts is president of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Setting an invaluable 25¢ goal for each missionary

By Diana Davis

When an Indiana pastor asked his small congregation to set a sacrificial goal for their Lottie Moon offering, he never expected this: A goal of \$500 would have been a challenge for Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario, but they set a seemingly impossible goal of \$10,000.

People of every age contributed sacrificially. Some worked a second job for a month and gave those earnings. One lady gave two weeks of paychecks. Kids, retirees, even unemployed folks found creative ways to give. That little church collected more \$10,000 for missions.

What's Lottie Moon? It's a critical

piece of our Southern Baptist plan for sharing Christ with our world. This annual Christmas offering supports more than half of International Mission Board's budget, and each church sets its own goal. Here are some ideas:

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■ **4,800 quarters.** Southern Baptists currently send and support over 4,800 international missionaries. Why not challenge your church to give a quarter for every missionary: 25¢ x 4800 missionaries = \$1,220 goal. If that's not a sacrificial goal for your church, aim for \$1 per missionary (\$4,800) or \$10 per missionary (\$48,000), or more.

■ **Announce the goal.** Post it prominently around the church.

Print it in bulletins, newsletters, website, Facebook page. Be sure everyone knows the goal and the challenge to contribute sacrificially.

■ **4,800 paper dolls.** Measure progress visually. Create a chain of 4,800 paper dolls. Size the dolls so 4,800 will encircle the worship center when the goal is reached. Add dolls weekly to show progress.

■ **Celebrate weekly.** Distribute weekly progress reports to Bible classes. Post updates on the website. Email it. Do Facebook updates. Celebrate milestones.

Take it seriously. Make it fun. Will your church joyfully make its 2011 Lottie Moon offering the best yet?

Diana Davis is the wife of Indiana Baptists' executive director and author of "Deacon Wives."



King Josiah study challenges students

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encountered the scriptural account of the young King Josiah when he was 15. Instantly, he was drawn to the story of the young king. The Josiah Road study, which the Harpers originally envisioned as a Disciple Now-type curriculum, became a five-session workbook.

"When we started studying the life of Josiah, I realized it was a story many students probably never read," Luke said. "It is not often that you hear of a teenager radically changing his community for God. Josiah's story is living proof that there is no limit to what God can do in and through the life of any person, even a student.

"Josiah became king of a small country when he was just 8 years old," Luke added. "While he was still young, he took a stand and used his influence to lead his nation back to God. This is hard stuff. It has been a hard lesson for me, but it's life changing and a story that every student needs to hear."

While students often are pushed to grow up too soon, especially by the media, Luke said the opposite can be true in the church.

"Some students think they don't have the ability to lead, but I believe many students want to. But they are rarely given an opportunity to do so in their churches," he said.

Harold Harper said the study is aimed at students who are interested in becoming spiritual leaders in their schools, churches and communities.

"We are hopeful students will be

inspired by generational wisdom, experience and reflection by those who have walked before them," the elder Harper said, noting students will be challenged to take "a hard look at where they are headed in their season of life."

Harold Harper, who is executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, emphasized the importance of raising up students to become spiritual leaders.

"We have written every session of Josiah Road with two aims in mind: to challenge students to evaluate their relationship with Christ and seek Him with all their heart, and then realize that each of them can take a stand for Christ and have influence in their families, schools, churches and communities."

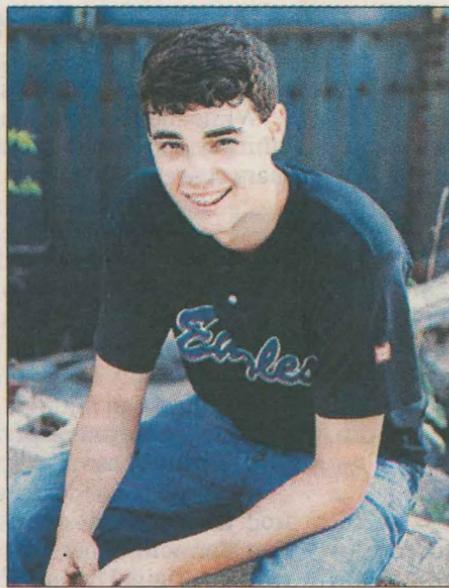
He and his son took three years to work through the story of Josiah and then write the study.

"We've spent a lot of time in prayer for the people who will use it. We pray that, like us, every one of them will have a life-transforming experience," Harold Harper said.

The resources were reviewed before publication. Student ministry leaders gave them strong reviews.

"This is not your parent's study—nothing preachy, boring or dorky here. It's filled with the goods to help you enjoy today and reach your future goals faster and easier," youth evangelist Tony Nolan said. "And it's filled with a bonus: Through it God will use you to rock our nation for His glory."

The leader's guide comes with a copy



KING'S EXAMPLE Luke Harper co-wrote the "Josiah Road" Bible study curriculum with his father, Harold, after studying how the Old Testament king, at a young age, helped restore his nation's spiritual and moral foundation.

of the student guide and leader helps including Scripture commentary, group activities, icebreaker ideas and a Scripture memory system. A downloadable Josiah Road Weekend Kit, built around the D-Now model, is available, at Josiah-Road.com. Promotional materials for the study also are online.

All of the royalties from sales of the study are being donated to the Student Leadership University scholarship fund. The goal of SLU is to "equip, motivate, enable and empower students for present and future leadership in their schools, churches, teams, families and workplaces." (ERLC/BP)

Turkey earthquake:

Survivors 'need aid fast,' area Christians say

Ercis, Turkey—In eastern Turkey, hard-hit by a 7.3-magnitude earthquake Oct. 23, officials say the death toll has passed 600, with more than 1,000 others injured.

The earthquake dealt the hardest blow to Ercis, a city near the Iranian border, although surrounding cities also sustained damage. An estimated 380,000 people—mostly Kurds—live in the area, which is situated near a fault line.

Survivors of the earthquake need aid fast, said Charlie Hawkins*, another Christian worker in the region. "People have died. Many others are suffering. Southern Baptists are helping."

Gifts through the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon offering and other channels "allow us to respond to this earthquake and other disasters very quickly," Hawkins said.

"Please pray for those involved in assessing these needs and determining how we can best serve the residents and show Christ's love in tangible ways." (IMB/BP)

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Southern Baptist 'yellow shirts' offer hope

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Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams, known in this part of Japan by the yellow clothing they wear, cleaned out the mud and toxins caked over Tanno's bottom floor, as well as in every house left standing on her block. A few weeks later, another team pulled out rotten boards.

A recent team—"yellow shirts" from



CLEANING UP A team of Japanese government workers clears rubble seven months after the earthquake and tsunami, bringing down entire homes and transporting the rubble for recycling.

Missouri—installed insulation and hammers in flooring. They laughed and teased as they worked. They stopped to bow in respect to neighbors coming in to inspect the progress and soon had their new Japanese friends laughing.

David Price of Calvary Baptist Church in Neosho, Mo., marveled over the fact that disaster relief teams from different states have come to Japan during the past several months with the same purpose—to share Christ's love through service.

'Overwhelming' mission

Just a few hours up the coast, another team from Georgia conveyed the same message by clearing debris and sifting through rubble for personal items that could be salvaged. A different Georgia team set up shop in a parking lot, building benches for the temporary housing units scattered throughout the region.

"It's overwhelming to think that each of our teams has been a tiny piece of God's plan to reach out to the Japanese," Price said, noting that teams from Kentucky, Canada, Texas, California, Alabama and states in between have been part of the International Mission Board's Tohoku Care disaster relief project. "Each team has a different skill in helping a community recover and it just builds on each other."

Rebuilding the muddy wastelands of the northeastern Tohoku region is expected to cost hundreds of billions of dollars and take up to a decade. The Japan Fire Department estimates more



SALVAGING LIVES Tim Beck of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, Ga., dumps a shovel of dirt and debris on a recycle pile that survivors of Japan's tsunami will meticulously sift in search of everything that can be recycled. (IMB photos)

than 111,000 buildings and homes were destroyed with around 656,920 damaged.

Darrell Barrett of McConnell Memorial Baptist Church in Hiawassee, Ga., said it's easy to get caught up in the vast destruction that stretches for hundreds of miles. Where his team cleans there are no markers to know location. Gone are the street signs, landmarks, parks and homes. It's just a field of foundations. Volunteer cleanup crews—American and Japanese—know the area only by the ship that rests across the road.

"It's easy to desensitize in situations like this so we can get the work done," Barrett said. But then "you start wondering about the family who lived in this house—if they are alive (or) if they are in heaven."

Little gospel witness

Barrett said he knows the chances of meeting this family in heaven are slim. Missionaries say the Tohoku area has been closed to the gospel for hundreds of years. Less than 1 percent claimed to be evangelical Christians prior to the tsunami. The yellow shirts try to make inroads through their hard work and service, preparing the way for others to

come and share.

"I don't have the gift of speaking," Tim Beck of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, Ga., said, "but God has given me other gifts to use. He gave me abilities in construction. He uses this avenue to reach people in need. That's my witness."

These simple acts of service and respect for Japanese culture are slowly moving hearts. Tanno acknowledged that from the very first knock on her door, she knew the yellow shirts were different. They didn't ask for anything and their help came with "no strings attached." She was skeptical at first, as were her neighbors. But soon they realized the teams were different from other volunteers working in their area.

"In our neighborhood, we love the yellow shirts," she said enthusiastically. "They help us without asking for anything in return. They listen to how we need things done. They are kind and care about us."

She admitted her favorite part of the day was when the yellow shirts packed up their tools and asked her to join them for prayer. She didn't understand why, but it gave her a peaceful feeling. Somehow, she knew everything was going to be OK. (IMB/BP)



OFFERING HOPE Disaster relief volunteer Denise Bursen of New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga., paints a bench to be delivered to one of Japan's temporary housing projects in earthquake/tsunami-stricken areas. The benches, needed because there is not much seating in the disaster zones, are built in the parking lot of the Japanese Baptist Convention volunteer house.

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It's been a busy summer!

Oneida campus facilities recently received much-needed updates

I'm not sure there ever has been a summer that has not been busy. It seems like the list of summer projects gets longer every year—and this year was no different. Normally we get most of those projects done with the help of volunteers, though some take longer than expected. Some projects, however, simply are too big for us, so we hire someone to do the job.

In the spring we had our tennis courts completely redone. The original 20-year-old black-top had some pretty bad cracks in it; there were many uneven spots; the nets and poles were pretty bad; and the paint and striping were all but gone. Though the work was scheduled to be done last fall, the contractor waited too long. So, he did the work this spring. The new tennis court is beautiful. In fact, the district tennis tournament will be held here next year because of our refurbished courts.

A second project was the new roof on our chapel building, Sylvia Russell Hall. This building houses the administrative office, computer labs, library, classrooms and chapel. Part of the roof is flat—which almost always means trouble—with the rest elevated to a point that provides the base for our steeple. The steeple came down temporarily in order to install the new roof, a copper-colored metal roof to replace the old one. Nearly every guest to our campus will notice this wonderful improvement.

The girls' dormitory also is getting a new roof. The same contractor who did the chapel roof is replacing the shingle roof with a copper-colored metal one to

match Russell Hall. The girls' dorm originally had a flat roof before a hip roof was installed more than 20 years ago to solve some leakage problems. When it's done, we have one more job for the roofer, but a much smaller project.

The really big improvement this summer has been the completion of work on our indoor pool. If you ever have visited our campus, you know we are in the middle of nowhere. Though we try to provide a variety of things to keep our students busy, there is only so much we can do.

Our indoor pool originally was built in the late 1960s with cast-iron plumbing. Some of the plumbing began to leak several years ago, but the amount of lost water did not warrant the expense it would take to solve the problem. About five years ago, however, it became obvious that repairs could not be put off much longer.

In the summer of 2007, we finally decided to make the repairs ourselves with the help of volunteers. We estimated it would take 18 to 24 months to complete the project, which included painting the pool. Then in the fall of 2008, the economy began to fall apart and I decided to stop work on nearly everything until the economy recovered.

We resumed work on the pool in the summer of 2010 with the hope it would be finished by the time the students returned in August 2011. There were delays and then more delays, but finally, this week, the pool once more is full of water.

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A legacy lives on

Gambrel siblings' lives are strong testimony to influence of parents

Recently I had the privilege of meeting with Larry and Gary Gambrel, Kathy Gambrel Goins, and Lisa Gambrel Johnson, all of Gambrel Toyota in Corbin. The purpose of the meeting was to receive a gift from the estate of their mother, Frances Gambrel. Both Mrs. Gambrel and her husband, Elmer, were former trustees and faithful supporters of Clear Creek.

Elmer served several years ago when Clear Creek was facing some difficult times. Elmer also was having trouble at that time. He was very sick, yet still he remained active as trustee. His son Larry recalled people advising Elmer to resign and care for his own health.

Larry said his father looked back on those days with one thought: "Who knows, maybe God kept me alive just for my part in working through those issues." There is no doubt, God blessed Elmer Gambrel and blessed Clear Creek through him.

Both Elmer and Frances now are home with the Lord, and their four children have stepped up to work together in the family business. It is obvious they

have the hearts of their parents and they follow them in family values. The siblings are active members of Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Corbin, and each one spoke with pride about what God is doing there.

The family still wholeheartedly supports the mission of Clear Creek, and they all bear strong personal testimonies of God's presence in their lives. Through many hard times, God has blessed their family and their business.

Elmer Gambrel started selling cars in 1967, literally building the business from nothing. When he died at age 61, the family felt they again were starting at the ground floor as they tried to fill his shoes. "Every time we had no plan," Larry recalls, "God

showed up." God prospers their business and He uses them in His work. Even after their death, Elmer and Francis Gambrel are faithful to Christian causes such as Clear Creek. Their legacy lives on through their estate plans, but also in the fruits of their witness to their children.

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Donnie Fox

Is 'stunning change' ahead for post-Gaddafi Libya?

By Ava Thomas

Sirte, Libya—The Libya that David Garrison has known for years is gone.

It ended Oct. 20 when Col. Muammar Gaddafi, leader of the North African nation, was killed by a gunshot wound to the head—a lightning-fast finish to a 42-year reign.

"The people of Libya have lived in fear for a long time," said Garrison, who formerly worked in North Africa and the Middle East. "They always knew Gaddafi and his government were watching closely and they had to live accordingly."

Ever since Gaddafi came to power in 1969 at age 27, he has invented his own governmental systems and tested them on the Libyan people. He created a Libya with little freedom, oppressing the people with violence. Aligning himself with extremists groups in other countries, Gaddafi led what one BBC correspondent said "may have been North Africa's most totalitarian, arbitrary and brutal regime."

When Libyans rose up to overthrow Gaddafi in February, following the lead of Egypt's successful revolution, he engaged in mass slaughter over five months of brutal battles.

And then it was all over in his birthplace of Sirte.

A senior member of the National Transitional Council, Mohammed Sayeh, told the BBC, "Even if he was killed intentionally, I think he deserves this."

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the "rule of fear" now is over, and he asked Libyans to "build a brighter future."

Garrison said he's waiting to see if that brighter future will bring with it religious freedom.

"I hope they (the NTC) follow through on some of their earlier promises for more freedom," he said. "Libya has been a pariah in relation to the broader international community. It's got a real chance now to open its doors and hopefully have much more freedom of conscience and freedom of choice."

In the past, there hasn't been much freedom for believers to share their faith in Libya—the government often would crack down on those who did.

But Garrison said he hopes with a new government that an open, free market of ideas will emerge for Libyans in which people can share the gospel in a natural way. It's an important time for Southern Baptists to "pray Libya through this period of birthing," he noted.

"When a new life is being born, it is at its most vulnerable state," Garrison said. "It's the same for Libya right now. It's a whole new nation with a whole new relationship with the world, and Satan will try everything he can to turn that in the wrong direction."

Twists and turns lie ahead, but it could be a new day, Garrison said. "We could see stunning change." (IMB/BP)

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Tax code changes could harm churches, charities, senators told

By Holly Naylor

Washington—The current tax deduction for charitable giving is under attack, and the services provided by churches and other institutions could suffer, U.S. senators were warned recently.

"Tax reform options being discussed today are options that target charitable giving concocted by those who, hungry for more tax dollars to finance reckless government spending, are now casting their sights on the already depleted resources of charities and churches," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said at a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee.

The committee heard testimony on a proposal by President Obama that

ultimately would limit charitable deductions. It's been estimated the projected 28 percent cap on itemized deductions could cause a \$6 billion drop in charitable giving, Hatch said. Some witnesses expressed fears that nonprofits, charities and churches will suffer during this time of economic crisis if the incentive to give money is suppressed.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee's chairman, noted one-third of taxpayers itemized deductions last year. Of those, 86 percent claimed charitable deductions.

Higher-income families tend to donate to medical facilities, while lower-income families contribute often to religious establishments and basic-needs

charities, Baucus said. Hatch said an alteration in the current tax code could cause donations to decrease and significantly damage the nonprofits' ability to continue serving the community.

"Charitable donations are the lifeblood of charities, and the last thing Congress should do is interrupt the blood supply," said Hatch, the lead Republican on the committee.

Frank Sammartino, assistant director for tax analysis at the Congressional Budget Office, presented the committee with options for revising the tax handling of charitable contributions. The CBO, he said, categorized 11 possible alternatives into four groups:

- Retaining the current tax deduction

for itemizers but adding a floor or minimum level.

- Allowing all taxpayers to claim the deduction, with or without a floor.

- Replacing the deduction with a non-refundable credit for all taxpayers, equal to 25 percent of a taxpayer's charitable donations, with or without a floor.

- Replacing the deduction with a non-refundable credit for all taxpayers, equal to 15 percent of a taxpayer's charitable donations, with or without a floor.

Expressing his opposition to changing the charitable deduction, Hatch said the goal is not to reward some donors more than others or allow the federal government to experiment by converting the deduction into a tax credit. (BP)

Study links TV profanity, angry teens

Nashville, Tenn.—Teens exposed to profanity in television and video games are more likely to use profanity and also to exhibit physically aggressive behavior, according to a new study published in the journal Pediatrics.

The study of 223 middle school students found that exposure to profanity in the media was "significantly related to beliefs about profanity." In turn, teens who cursed more tended to be more aggressive, if not physically then relationally.

The authors called it the first study of its kind, and they said the results underscore the need for better ratings and content warnings on television and in video games.

"There are many times when programs contain profanity but do not receive the appropriate rating," the authors wrote. "As a whole, the television industry should aspire to be more accurate with ratings concerning profanity. In addition, profanity in television is becoming more frequent, even in 'family-friendly' programs. Such a trend is troubling, especially when taken in the context of our results."

Warnings on video games, the study added, often do not include a warning that a game has a "live" component whereby gamers can chat with each other. In that mode, teens "might be exposed to vast amounts of profanity" from other participants. (BP)

Organizational changes suggested for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Tucker, Ga.—A task force studying the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's organizational structure suggests a smaller governing board than the current 63-member Coordinating Council, along with creation of two new councils to focus on cooperation and global missions.

After gathering input over the course of a year, a CBF 2012 Task Force shared its initial findings Oct. 21 at the Coordinating Council's regular fall meeting at First Baptist Church of Tucker, Ga.

David Hull, chair of the 14-member task force appointed in 2010 to better align the movement's organizational structure with its stated mission, vision and values, termed the report "a

conceptual drawing that may one day end up being a blueprint for our future."

Among the components is creation of a new Global Missions Council that could be two or three times as large as the current nine-member global missions committee.

Another component is a Cooperative Ministries Council to work with staff in areas of collaboration and networking with churches, state and regional CBF organizations and partners.

Task force members met with Coordinating Council members to develop formal recommendations, which then would come as recommendations to the 2012 General Assembly. (ABP)



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'More for Christ' via your will

Ky. Baptists encouraged to make, reassess wills in January 2012

Traditionally the month of January has been set aside by churches as "make your will" month. Since 60 percent of the population dies without a will, and it is estimated that 70 percent of the 40 percent who have a will do not have a currently updated will, the "make your will" month emphasis is a worthy one indeed.

Since the Scriptures clearly reveal everything we possess, regardless of how much, is from God, and He has entrusted it to us to use wisely and for His purposes; and since how we plan our estates likely will be the single most significant act of stewardship we shall ever perform, it is vitally important to use the best resources available to you in this process. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation is one of those resources, and specifically, our estate stewardship consultation service.

I encourage you to set aside some time between now and January to consider prayerfully a "more for Christ" provision in your estate plan. Perhaps you should consider a tithe or more of your estate to advance Christ's kingdom in the future through your church and

other Christian ministries in which you are involved. Offering plate gifts alone will not be sufficient.

A "more for Christ" provision in your estate plan offers you the opportunity to make a lasting difference for the cause of Christ beyond your lifetime. A "more for Christ" provision could be in the form of a bequest provision in your will or trust or a beneficiary designation of retirement plan assets or a life insurance policy. You may be in a circumstance where it would be more desirable or beneficial to you to go ahead now and make a "more for Christ" legacy

gift rather than defer it through a provision at death. We stand ready to provide you with information about all of the "more for Christ" giving ideas and their benefits.

Also, I encourage pastors and stewardship leaders to use January 2012 as "make your will" month. Let us assist you with ideas for bulletin inserts, websites and newsletters, as well as our stewardship education seminars.

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- 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.

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- **BENTON**—New Harmony Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary Nov. 5, 4 p.m., Nov. 6, 10 a.m., with **Roy Gibson**, the church's former pastor, as guest speaker. **Rodney Skipworth** is pastor.
- **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville University's handbell choir will present its fall concert Nov. 5, 8 p.m. at the Gheens Recital Hall in the Gosser Fine Arts Center on campus. The school also will host an organ recital by **Robert Bozeman**, canon musician for the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky and Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville, Nov. 8, noon, at the Ransdell Chapel on campus. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (270) 789-5237.
- **CYNTHIANA**—Cynthiana Church will hold a "Sisters" women's ministry event Nov. 5, 10 a.m. Food and child care will be pro-

- vided. **Patrick Whyte** is pastor.
- **FRANKFORT**—Buck Run Church will host a live video simulcast of Secret Church Nov. 4, 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (502) 695-4050. **Her-shael York** is pastor.
- Crestwood Church will hold revival services Nov. 6, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Nov. 7-9, 6 p.m., with **Alan Dodson**, pastor of Cornerstone Church in Lexington, as evangelist. **Michael Hail** is pastor.
- **HARRODSBURG**—Harrodsburg Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its sanctuary Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m., with a reception and fellowship time prior to the morning worship service. **Wayne Spivey** is pastor.
- **HODGENVILLE**—First Church will host **The Talleys** in concert Nov. 4, 7 p.m. For more information, call (270) 358-3193.

- **HOPKINSVILLE**—Casky Church will hold a Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer event Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m., with a prayer time and lunch. **Jesse Brown** is pastor.
- **IRVINE**—Friendship Church will hold homecoming services Nov. 6. **Scott Rogers** is pastor.
- **KUTTAWA**—First Church will hold a discipleship training rally Nov. 7, 7 p.m., with **Thomas Balchan**, a pastor and church planter in Trinidad and Tobago, as guest speaker.
- **LANGLEY**—Maytown First Church will hold revival services Nov. 7-11, 7 p.m., with **Slade Stinson**, pastor of First Church of McDowell, as evangelist. **Robert Varney** is pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Hurstbourne Church will hold a Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer service with area churches Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m. **Mike O'Neal** is pastor.
- **OWENSBORO**—First Church will host a live simulcast of Secret Church Nov. 4, 6 p.m. The cost is \$5. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (270) 683-3505. **Paul Strahan** is pastor.
- **PADUCAH**—Lone Oak First Church will hold the Reflections Women's Conference Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m., with author and teacher **Angela Thomas** as guest speaker and **Lauren Talley** as worship leader. Registration is \$35 per person. For more information or to register, call (270) 554-1441. **Dan Summerlin** is pastor.
- **SHELBYVILLE**—First Church will host a live video simulcast of the Love and Respect Marriage Conference Nov. 4, 7:45 p.m.; Nov. 5, 9:45 a.m. **Steve Rice** is pastor.

Spotlight on ...

Winchester



Boone's Creek Association will hold a Missions Fair Nov. 4, 7 p.m., at the Boone's Creek Camp gymnasium, featuring state and local missions leaders, including KBC representatives **Scott Pittman**, director of the partnerships missions department, **Coy Webb**, director of the Baptist Men on Mission department, and **Teresa Parrett**, missions mobilization coordinator. **John Ryder** is director of missions.

First Church will hold "Life Is Better With Jesus" revival services Nov. 6-9, 6 p.m., with **Steve Ayers**, pastor of Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green, as evangelist. **French Harmon** is pastor.

■ **TOPMOST**—Topmost Church will hold revival services Nov. 3-6. **Greydon Howard** is pastor.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church will hold revival services Nov. 6-9 with **Lonnie Riley**, founder of Meridzo Center Ministries in Lynch, as evangelist and **Luke Garrett** as worship leader. The church also will hold a Ladies' Night Out Nov. 7, 6 p.m., with **Gloria Stuckey** as guest speaker and **The Hilltop Trio** with special music. **John Brandon** is pastor.

■ **WILLISBURG**—Mount Olivet Church will hold revival services Nov. 4-5, 7 p.m. **Joseph Lumbrich** is pastor.

'Courageous' now playing in Maysville

Albany, Ga.—Moviegoers in and around Maysville now can see the latest film from Sherwood Baptist Church, "Courageous."

One month after it opened nationwide, the church-made film "Courageous" remains in 1,000 theaters and opened in more than 100 new cities last weekend, including Maysville.

Made by the same church that produced the 2008 hit "Fireproof," *Courageous* has made more than \$25 million

and is the top-ranked fan film on Fandango.com, a popular film ticketing website. It also has the third-most viewed trailer on that website.

It was the No. 1 new film on opening weekend and is one of only four movies this year to receive an A+ CinemaScore exit poll rating from viewers.

The movie follows the story of five men—four of them police officers—as they seek to become better fathers. (BP)

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SEEKING: Pastor for First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Ky.—a beautiful small town located near University of the Cumberlands. Diverse membership with an average Sunday attendance of 140. Mission-minded, dually aligned church actively participating in local missions and supporting missions around the world. Must have a minimum of M.Div degree and pastoral experience. Send resumé to First Baptist Church, 230 S. 5th Street, Williamsburg, KY 40769; or email to fbccwoffice@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music and worship for Perryville Baptist Church in central Kentucky. PBC enjoys exciting, blended worship of contemporary music and hymns. Interested applicants may respond by sending resumé with cover letters to douglasdavis85@yahoo.com.

SEEKING: Minister of children and recreation for Shelbyville FBC. We are a Bible-driven ministry with a weekly attendance of 500-600 with great potential for continued growth. Candidate should be energetic, self-motivated, well organized, and a creative team player who can relate to children, families and other adults on a personal and spiritual level. A bachelor's degree is required and a master's degree with related experience is a plus. Send or email resumé by Jan. 8, 2012, to Dr. Stephen C. Rice, 1516 Midland Trail, Shelbyville, KY 40065; srice@shelbyvillebaptist.com. Phone: (502) 633-1317; website: www.shelbyvillebaptist.com.

SEEKING: Part-time children's minister, Buckner Baptist. Duties: in charge of children's ministry; select curriculum; recruit volunteers. Ministry experience helpful, but not required. Must have faith in Christ and a heart for children. Background check required. Compensation based on experience. Submit resumé with cover letter by Nov. 20: bucknerbaptistchurch@insightbb.com.

SEEKING: Part-time youth pastor (emphasis on grades 7-12) at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Louisville. Applicant must possess or be pursuing an accredited college or seminary degree. Interested individuals should email resumé by Nov. 9, 2011, to AustinHunsaker@aph37@aol.com.

SEEKING: Part-time youth pastor for a growing suburban church in Northern Kentucky. A calling to youth ministry and love for Christ and teenagers a must. Please send resumé to Youth Pastor Search Committee, Union Baptist Church, PO Box 194, Union, KY 41091.

SEEKING: Full-time custodian (40 hours per week). Experience helpful. Mail resumé to: Bobby Rapp, Parkland Baptist Church, 7206 Shepherdsville Road, Louisville, KY 40219. Email resumé to ladarn2839@bellsouth.net.

SEEKING: Bivocational minister of the gospel for Jordan Baptist Church near Sanders, Ky. Send resumé to: Search Committee JBC, 321 Grobmyer Ave., Carrollton, KY 41008; or email: obiehunt@iglou.com.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music and education at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Waynesburg, Ky. Please email resumé to pvcsearchteam@gmail.com; or mail to 13571 Ky. Hwy. 1247, Waynesburg, KY 40489.

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: Full-time minister of music for Gardenside Baptist Church. Applicant must have two years experience, be an excellent, experienced musician, worship leader and educator, and must exemplify strong spiritual maturity. Please email resumé including references to gbcjobsearch@gmail.com. For more information about Gardenside and a full job description, go to www.gbc-lex.com. Resumé will be accepted through Dec. 31. If you have specific questions, please contact the church office at 1667 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504; or call (859) 277-7391.

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

'Yes, son, we are rich'

When my oldest two sons, Hank and Todd, were small boys, we took a family vacation to the Colorado mountains with two other families. Both of the other families had far more money than the Bentleys. In my opinion, if we were to compare bank accounts at that time, theirs were probably 100 times larger than mine. Based on income or net worth, I could have been considered poor in this mix of families.



Chuck Bentley

For some reason during the vacation, 8-year-old Todd became aware of this. We're not sure how this came to his attention; perhaps the other children had more options when spending their pocket money. Regardless of the reason, one morning the adults were all sitting around a table outside a café, enjoying the morning conversation over a cup of coffee when Todd appeared.

He crawled up into my lap and began tugging on my arm just as I was making some point or other with the adults. I paused and excused myself to allow my curious son to ask his question. He had my full attention and, as I would soon regret, the attention of everyone at the table. All eyes were on Todd.

"Dad, are we rich?" Todd asked matter-of-factly and loud enough for everyone to hear.

I could not believe he was asking me about such a private matter, especially in the presence of the very people who had so much more money than we did.

I blushed and thought about how I was going to answer him. It got very quiet around the table.

"Well, yes, Todd, we are rich."

He beamed with pride as a smile broke out across his face. I thought that would end the conversation and he would get back to playing with the other kids. He wasn't quite satisfied, though.

"How rich are we Dad?"

His eyes locked on mine and I could hear a few folks chuckling from behind their coffee mugs as they waited to see how I would handle this one. This question drew more interest than the first!

"Todd, well, uh ... we are very, very, very rich." My son had to ponder this one for a few seconds. It also raised a few eyebrows on the faces of our friends who were aware of the vast difference in our incomes.

"Richer than Ross Perot?" Todd shot back.

He was not letting go now. He wanted some real answers. I have no idea how an 8-year-old even knew of Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, or why he would want to compare our humble family with this icon of the mega-rich of Texas where we lived at the time. He was not going to let it go, however, even as I silently prayed for him to go back and play like the

other good little children. "Todd, I'm going to have to tell you the truth. Son, I don't know Ross Perot so I can't be certain, but I believe I am the richest man on the face of the earth."

"Wow!" Todd's eyes looked up and beyond into the sky as if he were trying to imagine just how vast my financial holdings might be. I let it hang there for a few seconds as everyone around the table enjoyed this spontaneous moment of intimacy between father and son. There were some quiet smiles on the faces of our friends who thought that this was finally the end of the conversation.

Ann, however, was giving me a look that I knew meant, "Tell him the truth!" Perhaps I would have, but Todd had one more question before his curiosity would be satisfied.

"So, does that mean I can spend whatever I want on anything I want?" Now I finally knew what all this was about.

"No, Todd, you can't spend money on whatever you want, because our riches have nothing to do with how much money we have. I wasn't thinking about money when I answered you."

"Oh, Dad, I thought we were really rich!" he said loudly as he jumped out of my lap and headed back to playing with his friends.

Everyone got a chuckle out of this exchange, knowing that I was on the spot answering such an unexpected question in front of a group of friends. I was about to get back to the regular chit-chat with the adults when one of the other men looked at me and said, "Great answer."

My friend, who had considerable money, went further. "You affirmed to him what is really true. Money and wealth are not the same."

That story has always reminded me of Proverbs 16:16, "How much better it is to get skillful and godly wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver."

As believers, we are rich, richer than all others regardless of how much money they have accumulated, because the root of riches is found in Christ.

We abide in Christ and experience supernatural peace and security. God promised that He will never leave us or forsake us. That promise enables the believer to live without fear, without constantly worrying about not having enough money, or things or status. That believer has already been made rich in every way in God's economy. (BP)

This is an excerpt from Bentley's new book, "The Root of Riches: What if Everything You Think about Money Is Wrong." Chuck Bentley is CEO of Crown Financial Ministries and host of Crown's My MoneyLife radio feature and MoneyLife podcast.

Preacher's Kids

David Ayers

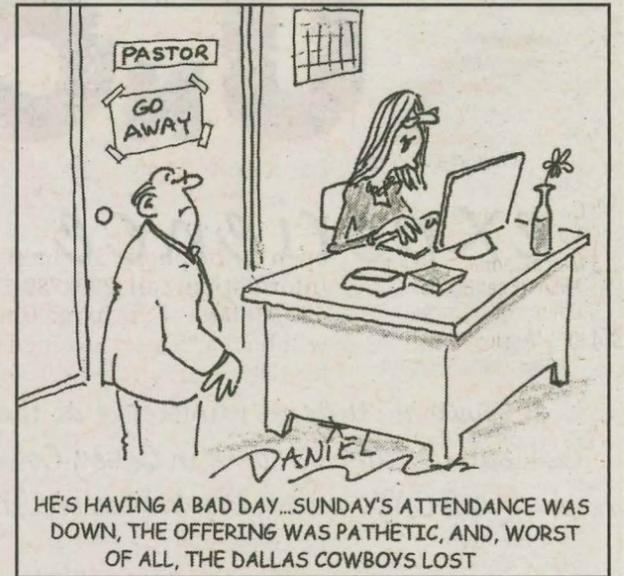


Joe McKeever



Brother Blooper

Dennis Daniel



Bible Crosswords

By Janet Kennedy

Across

- 1 "Meat offering baken in the ____" (Leviticus 2:7)
- 7 Part of a curved line
- 9 The sound of a cow
- 10 "As a man wipeth ____, wiping it, and turning it upside down" (2 Kings 21:13)
- 12 "My heart standeth in ____ of thy word" (Psalm 119:161)
- 14 Sweaty smell, in other words
- 16 Gold, chem. symbol
- 17 Peach state, abbr.
- 18 A cow's baby
- 20 Rounded dishes
- 21 Old Testament, abbr.
- 22 "The tongue of the wise ____ knowledge aright" (Proverbs 15:2)
- 24 Electrical engineer, abbr.
- 25 Compass point, abbr.
- 26 Tap gently
- 27 U.S. island commonwealth, abbr.
- 28 A man's name
- 31 Dish
- 34 Velocity, in other words, abbr.
- 35 Plan again
- 37 "Certain also of your own ____ have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:28)
- 39 By way of
- 40 "Come unto ____, all ye that labour" (Matthew 11:28)
- 41 Occupational therapy, abbr.
- 42 "And he struck it into the pan, or ____, or caldron, or pot" (1 Samuel 2:14)
- 44 A shady place formed by trees or plants
- 46 A Catholic sister
- 48 Of the Navy
- 50 "____ maketh me to lie down in green pastures" (Psalm 23:2)
- 51 Mouths or openings, Lat.

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- 52 "For my ____ are many, and my heart is faint" (Lamentations 1:22)
- 53 "Yet they had a file for the ____, and the axes" (1 Samuel 13:21)

Down

- 1 "A ____ of wine" (2 Samuel 6:19)
- 2 Contraction of I am
- 3 "____ man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18)
- 4 A kind of drinking glass
- 5 Advertisement, abbr.
- 6 Nickel, chem. symbol
- 7 An exclamation of satisfaction
- 8 "Take thou now the spear ____ and the ____ of water" Samuel 26:11)
- 11 Cause to be seen
- 13 "The woman then left her ____, and went her way" (John 4:28)
- 15 "This do ye, as ____ as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:25)
- 16 On guard
- 18 "Ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and ____" (Mark 7:8)
- 19 Belonging to Abia's son (Matthew 1:7)
- 23 A laugh
- 27 "Meat offering baken in a ____" (Leviticus 2:5)

- 29 Poem
- 30 "So the eyes of man are ____ satisfied" (Proverbs 27:20)
- 31 "Make clean the outside of the cup and the ____" (Luke 11:39)
- 32 California city, abbr.
- 33 "Believesth in him should not perish, but have ____ life" (John 3:15)
- 34 "The bowls, and the ____, ... wherewith they ministered, took they away" (Jeremiah 52:18)
- 36 "To him was given the key of the bottomless ____" (Revelation 9:1)
- 38 "And ____ lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran" (Genesis 11:26)
- 42 Knock out (boxing), abbr.
- 43 "And Seth lived ... and begat ____" (Genesis 5:6)
- 44 Average, abbr.
- 45 Barrels, abbr.
- 47 "I am the Lord that brought thee (Abram) out of ____ of the Chaldees" (Genesis 15:7)
- 49 "And Joshua sent men from Jericho to ____" (Joshua 7:2)
- 50 "____, everyone that thirsteth" (Isaiah 55:1)

Last puzzle's solution

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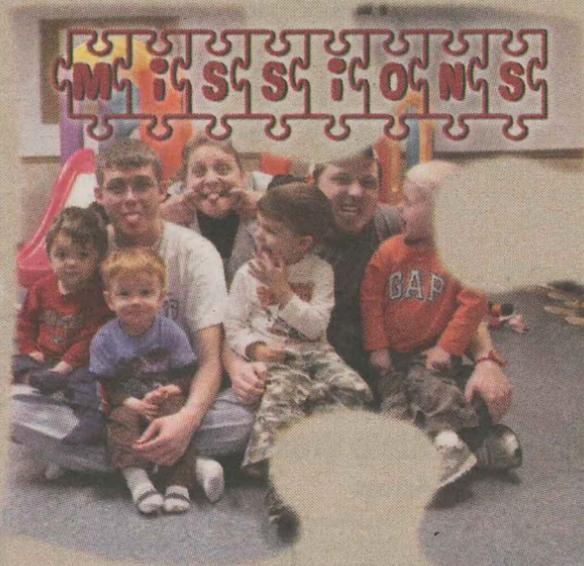
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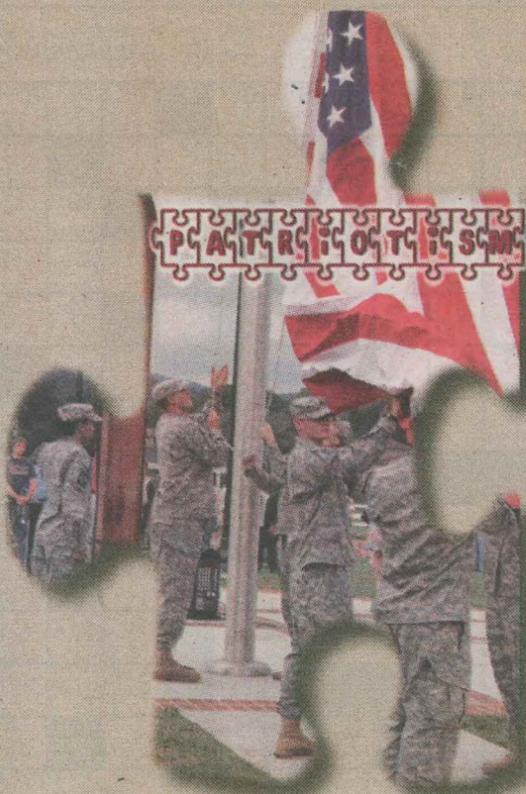
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experience...

A group of students ministered at the Galilean Children's Home in Casey County during BCM's spring break missions trip.



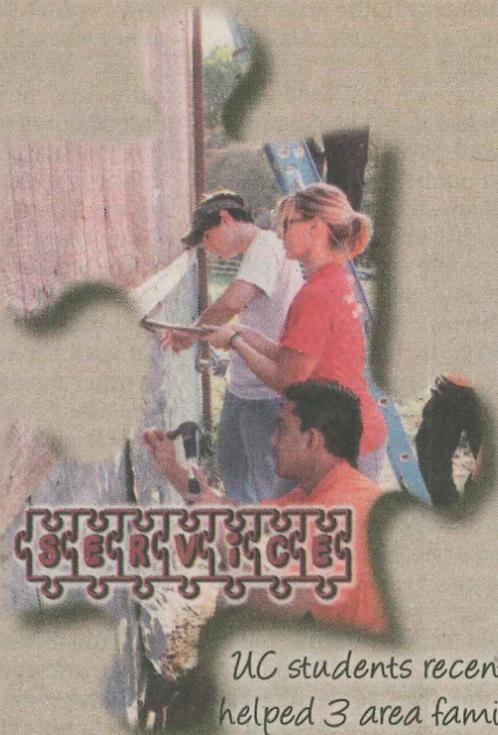
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During a Fall Awakening service, UC students donated more than 200 pairs of shoes after hearing about "Barefoot Sunday," a ministry designed to provide shoes to those in need in developing countries.



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