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Children in need of a Savior

Babies in India 'dedicated' to lives of prostitution

By Kate Taylor

Karnataka, India—Imagine a society in which a family is judged by its station in life, determined by birth than by individual worth or accomplishments. As a member of the lowest rung of society, a husband can barely keep food on the table for his wife and two daughters.

When the wife becomes ill after giving birth to a third daughter who, unlike the son the family had hoped for, will be an unbearable financial burden, there only is one choice: They must dedicate their infant daughter to the goddess as a devadasi, a temple prostitute.

By dedicating the baby, her parents have given her a profession and a way to obtain food for the family. Perhaps the goddess now will show favor to the family, sparing the wife's life and filling her womb with the long-awaited boy child. The young daughter's sacrifice is small compared to the alternative—the family's starvation. If her body is the price the goddess asks, it must be paid.

In India, the devadasi system, a Hindu practice of temple prostitution, has existed for more than 5,000 years, according to David Dass, executive director of the

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When young girls sacrificed under the devadasi system reach maturity, they are exploited by men. "They can never escape from it," one humanitarian aid worker said. (Photo by Miriam Snodell/IMB)



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Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Paul Chitwood (right) greets Gov. Steve Beshear just before leading a prayer to open the governor's State of the Commonwealth address in Frankfort Jan. 4. (Photo by Bud Kraft/Kentucky LRC)

Kentucky Baptists urged to make united stand against gambling

By Robin Bass

Frankfort—It will take the clear, united voice of Kentucky Baptists to stop Gov. Steve Beshear's plan to expand gambling, according to the head of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Citing the tragic consequences already inflicted on Kentucky's families, KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood urged voters to pick up their phones and tell the governor to "abandon his personal commitments to the gambling industry" for the sake of those he has been elected to lead and protect.

"The Kentucky Baptist Convention is adamantly opposed to expanded gambling in Kentucky," Chitwood said. The KBC and its Committee on Public Affairs "continue to use every communication means at our disposal to raise the awareness of Kentucky Baptists to this issue."

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A look back at 2011, a 'monumental year' for Kentucky Baptists

By Todd Deaton

Big changes were in store for Kentucky and Southern Baptists as they entered 2011. The Western Recorder takes a look back at some of the year's top events that continue to shape the days ahead.

For Kentucky Baptists, the year brought an invitation to do "More for Christ." In the first of a three-year initiative to foster deeper spiritual commitments to Christ, the phrase "More for Christ"—which is based in John 3:30—became a rally cry among Kentucky Baptists. They encouraged each other to humbly lay aside our agendas for the sake of God's kingdom agenda."

Downsized workforce. Right out of the gate, though, members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's administrative committee were faced with the tough decision of paring down the state's campus ministry program, dropping seven part-time positions. The move was part of a larger downsizing of the Mission Board staff in preparation for a reallocation of Cooperative Program funds supporting KBC ministries as the state convention moves toward a 50/50 split with Southern Baptist Convention ministries by 2020.

In April, administrative committee members learned the impact of the CP funds shift likely would exceed \$1.3 million in the first year, leading KBC Business Services Team Leader Lowell Ashby to call 2011 "a monumental year" in Kentucky Baptist life.

New directions. Missions took center stage as North American Mission Board trustees signed off on sweeping changes in the entity's focus and a longtime Oklahoma pastor and former SBC president took the helm of the International Mission Board.

NAMB's new president, Kevin Ezell, presented a strategy, Send North America, that focuses on mobilizing missionaries and equipping thousands of churches for evangelistic church planting in 27 of the nation's major metropolitan areas. The new approach also called for the board's work to be divided into five geographical regions, each with its own vice president.

IMB's new leader, Tom Elliff, introduced a plan by which each of the 3,800 unengaged people groups can be embraced by a Southern Baptist congregation.

'Quantum shift' occurring. State convention executive directors unanimously

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Advisors: January is ideal time to make legacy gift plans

By Dannah Prather

Louisville—For many people, January is a time to set goals for the new year. One item that should go on many to-do lists for 2012 is "make a will," financial planners urge.

Kentucky Baptists have many options should they wish to continue support of specific ministries through their estate plans. They also have access to estate stewardship consultation through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Foundation President Barry Allen said it is natural for individuals to procrastinate putting down on paper what they want to be done with their assets after

they die, but making a will does not have to be a time-consuming or complicated process.

With the Internet, estate-planning resources have never been easier to access, Allen noted.

The foundation has an online estate-plan organizer that takes users through the process step by step. They can save their work and access it again later.

Also available are free telephone seminars on wills and trusts. Upcoming teleseminars are set for Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 16 at 4 p.m., and March 20 at 6 p.m. (all times are EST).

"These teleseminars are led by estate-planning specialists at PhilanthroCorp, a

Christ-centered estate-planning firm," Allen said. "They provide estate stewardship education services to organizations such as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

"The information presented in the seminars will help participants understand the critical issues of providing for family and reducing taxes and expenses while stewarding their estate for God's glory," Allen added.

Cooperative Program support

An option for legacy giving that some Kentucky Baptists may not have considered is the Cooperative Program, noted Billy Compton, executive associate for

Cooperative Program and resources for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program is the unified fund among Southern and Kentucky Baptists that makes possible ministries in Kentucky, North America and the world.

"There are so many Kentucky Baptists who have faithfully and generously supported CP throughout their lifetimes," Compton said. "Some of these folks have been giving to CP since the day they joined the church or got their first job.

"What a legacy to continue to support missionaries and mission causes on earth even after they've gone home to the Lord." (KBC)

Expanded gambling

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Beshear announced his two-fold plan to balance Kentucky's budget by reforming the state tax code and increasing revenue through expanded gambling. During his state of the Commonwealth address Jan. 4, the governor said a bill would be introduced in the Senate allowing for a constitutional gambling amendment to be put to a referendum. If voters approve, each of Kentucky's eight horse racing tracks could add casino-style gambling.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue are leaving our state as thousands of Kentuckians drive to Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia and elsewhere to spend their entertainment dollars on some form of expanded gambling," Beshear said. "Kentucky money is funding early childhood education, schools, libraries, police officers, roads and bridges in our neighboring states. We might as well be backing up trucks filled with cash up to the Ohio River and dumping that money into the water."

Chip Hutcheson, chairman of the KBC's Committee on Public Affairs, said Beshear's plan to push casino-style gambling comes as no surprise.

"It is unfortunate that Gov. Beshear did not make expanded gambling an issue during his gubernatorial campaign, but now views his re-election as a go-ahead to pursue this agenda," Hutcheson said. "It is our hope that the governor will hear loud and clear that this is not in the best interest of Kentuckians."

Kentuckians want to vote?

But the majority of Kentuckians want to vote on expanded gambling, Beshear said, citing two recent surveys as proof.

The first survey, conducted by the Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group and sponsored by the horse industry, indicated 32 percent of those polled would vote against expanding gambling, while 71 percent of want the issue decided by a ballot vote.

The more recent Republican Party poll revealed that roughly 80 percent are in favor of voters—not elected officials—making the decision to change the constitution. Fifty-three percent said they would be in support of the state expanding gambling.

"It is important to consider that legislators passing the buck by saying they

Excerpt from Chitwood's prayer:

"Lord, let us never fall prey to seeking solutions to our current problems or betting our future prosperity on new vices rather than on timeless virtues."

are willing to put it on the ballot and 'let the people decide' is not the way the legislature is supposed to govern in Kentucky," Hutcheson said. "By taking that approach, the legislature is in essence giving its endorsement."

While the governor may consider revenue from expanded gambling to be the answer for the state's financial dilemma, Hutcheson said all one needs to do is look at states like Illinois. He pointed out that the cash-strapped state increased income taxes by 60 percent last year even with gambling revenue.

Martin Cothran, a spokesman for the Family Foundation of Kentucky, said legislators likely would face intense pressure from the gambling industry and other parties seeking to benefit from the increased revenue potential.

"Every time the gambling industry lures politicians into pushing its agenda, the political process is distorted," Cothran said. "High-priced lobbyists are being hired right now, and soon we'll see a legislator or two who is opposed to expanded gambling surreptitiously disappear from the committees that deal with the issue. And then we'll see the votes of legislators being bought by projects for their districts—and threatened with not getting them if they don't go along."

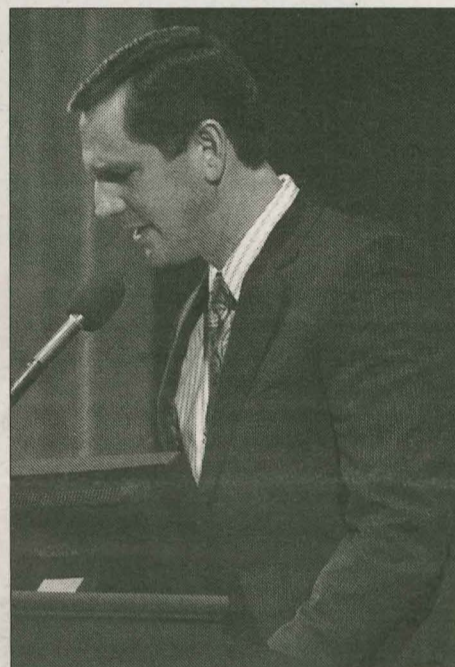
Cothran said the Lexington-based family advocacy group would continue to oppose any action that would expand gambling in the state and expressed confidence in their success.

No debate

Last week, Family Foundation Executive Director Kent Ostrander challenged Beshear to a public debate on the issue.

"After almost five years of pushing the issue rigorously, I believe the governor should be ready to explain to the people of Kentucky why this is such a good policy," Ostrander said.

Beshear turned down the debate



INVOCATION Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Paul Chitwood leads the opening prayer before a joint assembly of Kentucky's Senate and House of Representatives prior to Gov. Steve Beshear's State of the Commonwealth address Jan. 4. In his two-minute prayer, Chitwood asked God to instill a "passion for justice" and a "thirst for righteousness" among the state's elected officials and prayed that their actions would be a blessing to the state and its people. (Photo by Bud Kraft/Kentucky LRC)

request and his office released the following statement: "This issue has been debated for 15 years now. ... The governor's focus right now is giving Kentuckians an opportunity to speak for themselves at the ballot box."

This would not be the first time Kentucky Baptists have been called to take a stand against gambling. Joy Bolton, director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, said an effort called WAGE (Women Against Gambling Expansion) was formed in 2008 after Beshear was elected to his first term.

Bolton said once again she finds herself looking for ways Kentucky WMU can help get the word out about the pitfalls associated with expanded gambling.

"I believe that this time we must go after the economic issues," Bolton said. "Expanded gambling is not the panacea for budgetary shortfalls or economic development that the proponents claim. In fact, just the opposite is true."

Educational resources about gambling can be found at www.KyBaptist.org, by typing the word "gambling" in the search box. (WR)

Barna reflects on 2011 trends

Ventura, Calif.—Americans are struggling to determine how faith, Christianity and church fit into modern life, The Barna Group said in its reflection on six top trends of 2011.

"Only Billy Graham, the Pope, Barack Obama and Joel Osteen were mentioned by more than 1 out of 50 adults as the most significant Christian leaders," Barna said. "What's more, 41 percent of Americans are unable to identify who they consider to be an influential Christian."

Also among last year's trends:

- People are living with a redefined American dream that includes less spending, more saving and less charitable giving. A growing number believe the economy will not recover from its current slump.

- Nearly 85 percent of 18- to 29-year-old Christians admit they have no idea how the Bible applies to their field or professional interests, Barna found. Young adults who are interested in creative or science-oriented careers often disconnect from their faith or from the church.

- Technology has become a modern addiction and, while bringing notable good to everyday life, has increased conflict within families. Barna said churches can help families navigate the digital world by helping them reimagine the role of sabbatical living, such as taking meaningful breaks from technology.

- While most Americans claim to be Christians or at least spiritual people, the spiritual transformation of lives is hard to find. Most Christians "simply do not understand the obstacles they face on the spiritual journey," Barna said, identifying four common barriers: lack of commitment, unwillingness to fully repent, confusing activity for growth and failure to engage in genuine, accountable community.

- More than ever, young women are preparing to live independently by getting educated and finding jobs, Barna said, adding that teenage girls aspire to most of the same careers as teenage boys, including the military, law enforcement, firefighting and government (BP)

2011: 'Monumental year' for Ky. Baptists

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affirmed a portion of the Great Commission Resurgence report that requested a 50/50 division of Cooperative Program receipts—after consideration for shared ministry funds—between state conventions and the SBC.

The state execs' affirmation represents "a quantum shift in methodology," SBC Executive Committee President Frank Page said at the time, acknowledging that "it will take time for some conventions to achieve the goal."

Bold evangelism strides. Kentucky Baptists broadcast the message of Christ's love on more than 100 radio stations across the commonwealth during the two weeks leading up to Easter. Following up on the 2010 "Find It Here" campaign that shared the gospel with 1.3 million households, churches took a more focused approach by sharing the faith through Scripture distributions at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, college campuses and prisons.

Devastating storms. After one of the most devastating tornado outbreaks in our nation's history swept across the South in April, killing at least 350 people in six states and damaging many church buildings, a massive Southern Baptist disaster relief effort was mounted.

In Alabama alone, as many as 250 people died in 16 counties and more than 1 million were left without power. Nine Kentucky Baptist teams were deployed to Henegar, Ala., during the first few days and more would later respond.

Leadership transition. Kentucky Baptists said farewell to Bill Mackey, their executive director for the past 13 years. In June, Paul Chitwood, formerly the pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, was elected as the next executive director.

At his commissioning during the KBC annual meeting in November, Chitwood remarked, "I feel blessed to come into this role as director of Kentucky Baptists at a time when Kentucky Baptists are saying, 'We want to do more for Christ.'"

Growing diversity. Meeting in Phoenix, SBC messengers approved new ministry assignments for its two mission

boards and elected Fred Luter of New Orleans as its first vice president. Many speculate Luter now is poised to become the denomination's first African-American president when the SBC meets in his home city this year.

In related news, registration totals barely passed 4,800, making Phoenix the least attended convention in 65 years.

Two anniversaries. Southern Baptists also observed the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. A key thrust of the Reformation was to put the Bible in the hands of the common people, historians noted. The KJV was heralded as the most important piece of literature in the West in the past 500 years, profoundly shaping language and thought.

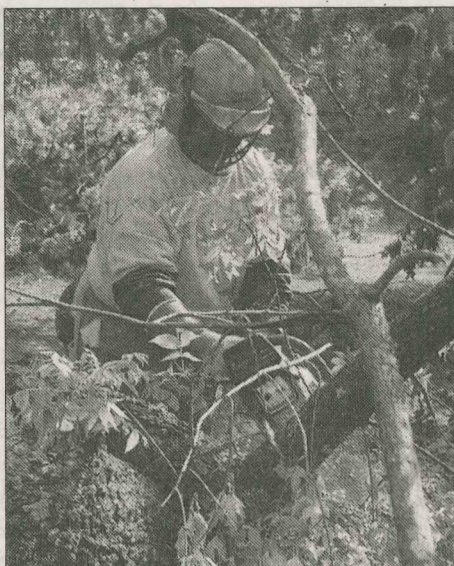
On Sept. 11, many churches remembered the terrorist attacks of 10 years earlier, when planes brought down the World Trade Center towers in New York City. Kentucky Baptists joined in paying tribute to hundreds of volunteers who provided relief. Out of tragic loss and chaos, though, came significant advances in Southern Baptists' disaster relief response and greater opportunities to present the gospel.

'Golden Age' foretold. Church planting rose to the forefront again at the NAMB trustees' November meeting when President Ezell set a goal of 55,901 Southern Baptist congregations by the end of 2020. The goal would mean a net gain of 5,112 congregations in less than a decade.

"This should be the golden age of church planting in the Southern Baptist Convention," Ezell predicted.

Shift taking shape. In November, keynote speakers focused on the "More for Christ" theme when Kentucky Baptists gathered for their annual meeting at Florence Baptist Church. Messengers approved the first budget since the KBC's adoption of the Kentucky Great Commission Task Force Report, which called for a 50/50 division of CP funds with the SBC by 2020.

Although the new budget of \$23.5 million reflects no change from the previous year, it continues the significant shift of



A YEAR IN THE LIFE ■ **Top Left:** Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer Jeff Peters, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Somerset, works to clear a fallen tree at a family's home in Section, Ala., following the deadly tornadoes that struck parts of the South in late April. (Photo by Robert Reeves/KBC) ■ **Top Right:** Kentucky Baptists send off retiring executive director Bill Mackey with a portrait that now hangs outside the Bill Mackey Board Room at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville. (Photo by Robin Bass) ■ **Above:** Mackey's replacement, Paul Chitwood, is surrounded by Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers as they pray over and commission him to lead them as their new exec. (Photo by Robin Bass)

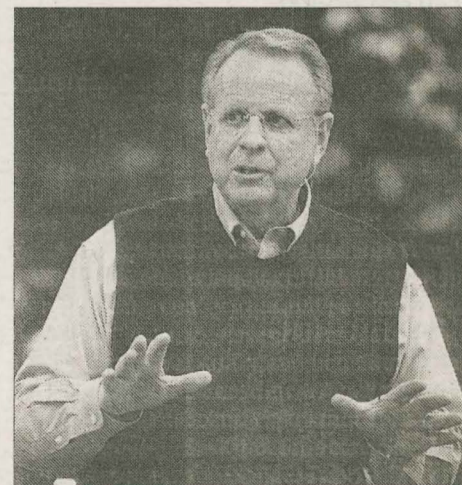
funds from KBC ministries to SBC missions work. The budget includes a Kentucky allocation of 56.46 percent, while 43.54 percent will be forwarded to the SBC.

Name change ahead? As the year closed, a 20-member task force appointed by SBC President Bryant Wright to explore changing the denomination's name announced it would bring a report when the SBC Executive Committee

meets in February.

Chairman Jimmy Draper said, "We are driven by only one great question: How can Southern Baptists be most faithful in reaching people for Jesus?" He also assured, "We cannot envision a name change that would not include 'Baptist' in the name."

While 2011 saw more than its fair share of leadership transitions, refocusing of missions strategies, 'monumental' budgetary realignments and "quantum" shifts in methodology, the task force's announcement serves notice that even greater changes may lie just around the corner for Southern Baptists in 2012. (WR)



EMBRACING A NEW ROLE Tom Elliff was unanimously elected president of the International Mission Board in March and promptly introduced a strategy to get individual Southern Baptist churches involved in reaching each of the 3,800 unreached and unengaged people groups around the world. (IMB photo)

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New Year's resolutions for Kentucky Baptists

With this first 2012 edition of the Western Recorder, I'm hoping a New Year's resolution list for Kentucky Baptists will be well received. I offer no earth-shattering new insights. I simply challenge us to be faithful to the basic call of Christ upon our lives and obedient to the fundamental teachings in God's word.

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

If every Kentucky Baptist would commit themselves to the following resolutions, our churches would flourish, every lost person in the Commonwealth could hear the gospel, and the cause of the Great Commission would be rapidly advanced.

First, would you resolve to walk closely with Jesus through concerted prayer and daily Bible reading?

Our Lord exhorts us in John 15:4, "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." The first call of the gospel is the call to be in Jesus Christ. He is the source of spiritual life and spiritual power. Apart from Him, we will remain powerless.

Second, would you resolve to obey Jesus in all things?

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it" (Luke 11:28). Matters like sexual purity, financial stewardship, personal honesty, sobriety and refraining from gluttony are not negotiable for those who have confessed Jesus as Lord of our lives.

Third, would you resolve to share Jesus with at least one lost person each week?

The command to be witnesses and the promise of the Spirit's empowerment to that end are clearly stated in Acts 1:8. As for the lost, "how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard" (Romans 10:14)? Yet, multiple studies and surveys reveal most of us never take the initiative to tell lost people how to be saved. Pray that God would give you the opportunity to share the gospel with just one person each week.

Fourth, would you resolve to love and serve Jesus' bride with more passion than ever before?

Your church isn't perfect, but it needs you. And you need the church. We simply cannot be faithful followers of Jesus apart from His church. Love and serve her.

Fifth, would you resolve to commit more of your resources to Jesus' Great Commission?

The sin of greed has captivated us. Rather than starting with a tithe and giving generously beyond that, the average church member gives less than 3 percent of their income. If we merely gave a tithe, church ministry budgets and the Cooperative Program mission budget would triple, resulting in an exponential harvest of souls in Kentucky and around the world.

More for Christ.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Searching for meaning in life's pursuits

From its opening lines, Ecclesiastes admittedly is a hard and disheartening book to read: "Absolute futility," says the Teacher. "Absolute futility. Everything is futile." Hardly a page turner! But stick with it, and the contemporary mind soon finds that the aged sage has a great deal to teach us about life and the source of real and lasting hope.

In 12 short chapters, the Teacher of Ecclesiastes provides a crash course in philosophy, covering such topics as the limits of pursuing knowledge, the emptiness of worldly possessions, the futility of work, the fleeting nature of acquired wealth, the conflicting-yet-routine seasons of life, the ever-present problems of injustice and oppression, and the inevitability of facing our mortality. The Teacher takes us on a pilgrimage of discovery as he examines the worth of everything "under the sun," seeking to find purpose and meaning.

God has placed eternity in each of our hearts, the Teacher tells us. "For to the man who is pleasing in His sight, He gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy," the Teacher reveals as the secret to a satisfying life. But to the sinner, he observes, God gives the task of gathering and accumulating, warning that these, too, are nothing more than "a pursuit of the wind." His harsh words remind us of the desperate reality of those who choose to build their lives on the shaky ground of success, fame, fortune, power, physical ability or intellectual acumen, rather than anchoring their lives on the firm foundation of God's truth.

Many Kentucky Baptists are going

through the book of Ecclesiastes now as they participate in the SBC's annual January Bible Study. The study uses Union University President David Dockery's excellent resource, "The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions," and cartoonist Joe McKeever has drawn about a dozen cartoons for church leaders to use as they teach the book of Ecclesiastes. One of his cartoons on Ecclesiastes accompanies this column, and more can be found at www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?id=36890.

In the end, "when all has been said or heard," the Teacher concludes that what life is ultimately about is learning to fear God and keep His commands. His instructions are "an invitation to worship and adore God, living faithfully before Him," Dockery explains. "The Teacher has clearly and boldly shown us that all other pursuits apart from the fear and pursuit of God, are futile."

Reflecting recently upon the Teacher's journey in Ecclesiastes brought to mind the words of the hymn, "The Solid Rock," penned by Edward Mote, a cabinetmaker and later pastor of a Baptist congregation south of London, England, in the 1800s: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. ... His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. ... On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand." Now, there's a truth worth discovering!

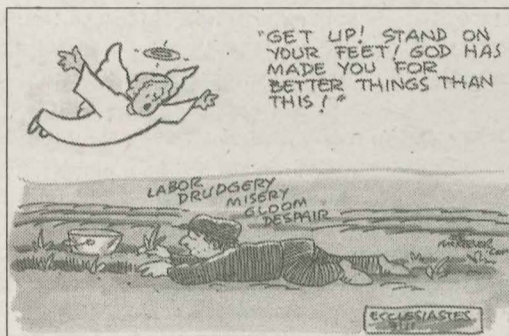
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After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Something's smelling mighty bad in Frankfort

By Robert Reeves

The big gambling corporations think they are smelling victory on bringing casinos to Kentucky and it's an odor that stinks to high heavens. The gamblers are planning to go all out this coming legislative session to win approval to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November. They think they have what it takes to finally push through the General Assembly what they've been thwarted from doing for more than a decade. And guess what? If citizens who are concerned about having state government and lawmakers beholden to gambling entities for significant amounts of state revenue do not speak up, they may very well be holding their noses for many years to come.

The campaign to dupe the state's voters is already well underway. First, a poll funded by the racetracks, was released on Dec. 27 to say that the vast majority of Kentuckians favor putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot to authorize casino gambling. Surprise, surprise—a poll funded by the gambling

industry shows that people want more gambling. The poll was what is known as a "push" poll which is designed to elicit a specific result.

Next, Gov. Steve Beshear announced on Dec. 29 that a bill to put a "simple" constitutional amendment on the

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November ballot would be filed in the state Senate in the first week of the new year. The word "simple" is key because according to the governor, the details of what the amendment would actually mean in terms of how gambling would be expanded would be left to another day. This essentially means the voters would be asked to approve something without being fully informed. Wow!

The next phase will involve using lobbyists to put massive amounts of pressure on state senators to approve a bill authorizing a ballot question. The cover line will be to "let the people decide." The senators and the gambling industry know, however, that although this sounds on the surface to be wonderfully democratic, voting to put such a question on the ballot will simply be a vote in favor of expanded gambling. The

big gambling corporations have so much to gain and such deep pockets that they will be able to simply flood the airwaves with messages about how wonderful life will be once gambling is expanded. Expanded gambling opponents, on the other hand, have nothing to gain financially and very few resources.

This is one reason why Kentucky's government is set up the way it is. We don't make major decisions of this type by ballot initiative. We do so by electing legislators who are given the task of studying the issues and making wise decisions that promote the welfare of all citizens. A legislator who wants to put this issue on the ballot is both telling you that he favors expanded gambling and that he is defaulting on fulfilling his obligation as an elected official.

This is a very dangerous time for Kentucky. Please begin contacting your state senators now to share your views. To call and leave a message for your legislators, dial 1-800-372-7181. It's okay if you do not know who your state senator is. The operator will help you get your message to the right spot.

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Looking ahead at significant family milestones

50, 70, 21, 30, 1 and 50.

No, those aren't the signals Tim Tebow calls at the line of scrimmage or the combination to the gold vault at Fort Knox. Those numbers represent the milestones that our family will celebrate in 2012.

50—We start the year celebrating 50 years of marriage of Joe and Vicki Ball, my mom and dad. I have had the privilege the past couple of weeks of going through stacks and stacks of old pictures and scanning them onto a jump drive for a media show at the anniversary celebration. Being able to do this has reminded me what godly examples they have been—not only to my brother Kenny and me, but to countless others through the years. We have been blessed with parents who taught and lived before us the truth of Scripture. We will take time to celebrate with family and friends the influence this couple has been on scores of people.

70—My dad will turn 70 in February. It doesn't really seem possible that he can be that age. He can still work circles around me. We can spend the day cutting and splitting wood, and at the end of the day he is still going strong and I am dragging myself into the car to go home. What a legacy his life has been to an entire community. He has helped plant two churches, been scoutmaster of a local scout troop for over 45 years, is a deacon at his church and is the community gardener and handyman. This is in addition to raising two boys, helping raise four grandkids and now enjoying the first great grandchild.

21—Our son Jordan turns 21 in May. As unbelievable that it is to me that my dad is turning 70, it is even more so that our son will be 21. It seems like only yesterday that Gina and I brought him home from the hospital and began the incredible journey of parenting a son. It has been amazing to see God work in him and to hear from his friends of the faith they see in Jordan.

30—This fall marks the 30 anniversary of my first date with Gina. We went to Gatti's in Campbellsville following the homecoming basketball game. Who would have thought that splitting a pizza on a double date with Gary and Sharon would lead to this incredible journey?

1—In early December we will celebrate the first birthday of Emerson Kate, my great niece and the first of the next generation. Time truly marches on.

50 (again)—This one is mine. In December we will close out the year by celebrating my 50th birthday. Of all the things on the list, this seems like the most improbable of them all. How in the world will I be half a century old? There is so much I wanted to do before I turned 50. I wanted to shoot under 85 in golf, own a new truck, hit a homerun, shoot and skin my first deer, learn to sail, and go skydiving. I know that 50 is not the end of the world and there is still the possibility

of doing most of these, but it is a significant milestone. What does any of this have to do with youth ministry? After all that is the point of this column.

In his book, "Shift: What it takes to finally reach families today," Brian Haynes talks about the importance of recognizing milestones in the life of a family. Some of these milestones are the birth of a baby, salvation experience, turning 13, commitment to purity, beginning high school, learning to drive and graduation. There are a significant number of milestones built into a student's life that we can partner with parents and families to help celebrate. These can serve as great times of celebration and teaching spiritual truths to both our students and their parents. But these will not happen if we don't have a plan.

As we begin 2012, let's take some time to look at our calendars and see how we can use the approaching milestones in the lives of our students and their families as times to honor Christ and move students into deeper relationships with each other, their families and God.

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

Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

Influencing your teen's time

By Scott Wigginton

Q: How much influence should I as a parent have over my teenager's schedule?

A: The general rule of thumb is that parents should have more influence over younger teens' schedules and less influence as teens move toward graduation.

This, of course, is dependent on older teenagers demonstrating that they are making good choices and being responsible.

Challenges for parents tend to fall on either end of the continuum of activity. Some teenagers seem to be more prone to chronic inactivity or a lack of structure. Their lack of structure and organized activities makes them vulnerable to temptations such as excessive video gaming and internet use, substance abuse, unhealthy relationships and depression. Parents need to be directive early on in letting young teens know that they are expected to participate in structured extracurricular activities.

On the other end of the continuum of activity are teens that are chronically busy. Their packed schedules can make parents feel like flight controllers at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. With these teens, parents will need to step in at points and look at what is being sacrificed in the name of constant activities, even if these are good things. Is family time being minimized or neglected? Is the teenager getting enough sleep? Is there sufficient time left to complete homework? Is the teen's life balanced in regards to school, work, exercise, meals, time with parents and siblings, church? Richard Swenson once wrote, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling," but the world is shouting and waving its hands."

As with the rest of our lives, it is critical that parents continue to ask the question, "What am I modeling?" To what extent is my teenager either following my example or reacting against it?

Scott Wigginton is associate professor of pastoral ministries and counseling at Campbellsville University and minister of counseling at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Federal tax benefits: Some change, some stay, one goes

By Laurie Valentine

As a new calendar year begins, we see—as we do in most years—some federal tax benefits have changed, some remain the same and one has been lost.

The standard mileage rates for use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck have not changed: 55 cents for business miles; 23 cents per mile for medical or moving expense deductions; and 14 cents per mile driven in ser-

vice of charitable organizations.

The 2011 payroll tax cut that reduced the Social Security withholding rate from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent of wages has been extended by Congress until Feb. 29, 2012.

The payroll tax cut extension includes a new "recapture" provision for employees who receive more than \$18,350 in wages during the two-month extension period. A 2 percent additional income tax is imposed on the portion of such employees' compensation earned during the period that exceeds \$18,350. This is an add-on to the employee's general income tax liability and not subject to reduction by credits or deductions.

The personal and dependent exemptions increased \$100 and the standard deduction increased for all filers: \$300 for married couples filing jointly; \$150 for singles and married individuals filing separately; and \$200 for heads of household. Tax bracket thresholds also increased for each filing status.

The unified credit against federal estate and gift tax increased to \$5.12 million from \$5 million. The new credit amount is available to estates of those dying in 2012 and for gifts made during 2012.

One federal benefit that was not extended is the IRA Charitable Rollover which permitted gifts of up to a total of \$100,000 each year directly to qualified charitable organizations from the giver's IRA. It expired Dec. 31, 2011.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



Are you serious, change the name? May I asked why?

By Paul Hampton

It is unlikely that even 1 percent of leaders or pastors of our convention ever share an opinion that becomes public. This is sad because such a small minority of leaders directs our paths. Some do it in a less than careful manner.

We are hearing from elected and appointed leaders that our name, Southern Baptist, is a bad thing. I disagree not only with the conclusion, but also with the assumptions.

Those of us who have talked to men and women who serve in foreign or domestic missions know that there is much respect for our convention ministries. The respect comes from and is given to our servants who represent the Lord, and from what we do and understand as the New Testament principles Southern Baptists have espoused from our beginning.

As one of our convention leaders recently stated, many people do not reach out to or join in with Southern Baptists because of the hard stand we take on moral issues or biblical judgments.

I say "hurray" for that. Why should we tuck our coattails in and run to a name change because

someone doesn't like us? Wonder what Jesus would say about that!

People do not run from a name when the representation is clean and clear. The problem is not the name; it is churches and leaders who are compromising what we are and what we stand for.

What do we do? Every time someone does not like the color of our Bible, do we change it? Every time some disagrees with our position on abortion or liquor, do we change it?

Paul suggested that running the race, as we began, is a worthy application of God's call to us. I say it is not as important to change a name as it is to represent the call to which we have been committed for a long time.

Yes, there has been a decline in Cooperative Program giving. We must take note that there has not been a decline in missions activity or missions giving. There are more volunteers, more missions activity by churches, more disaster relief teams, and more gifts than ever before.

Cooperative Program giving is down not because of a need for a name change, but because of a lack of support of what God calls us to do—as individuals, as churches, as associations, as state

conventions and as the Southern Baptist Convention.

God called us to be the strongest evangelical group in the world, and we are. We have faltered not because of a need for a name change, but because of an identity crisis brought on by a lack of understanding of whose we are!

Are we so ashamed of His call to what we have been and can be that we will say to our history that we never believed in ourselves to start with?

Do we consider that every time we change something to suit the lost man that we lose one more moment of ministry and witness?

Go ahead and tell the world that we will accommodate each of their desires. Let them think we care more about publicity than about them. Tell them that our history is insignificant.

Well, Lord, I need to ask, "Are you ashamed of me because I am called Southern Baptist or because I am ashamed to be called by a name that has always honored you?"

Maybe we need to grow more commitment in greater ways to what we are, instead of running away from the heritage and history He has given.

Paul Hampton is pastor of Karns Grove Baptist Church in Philpot.

GUEST VIEWPOINT

State's pregnancy care centers save, change lives

By Kristie Randolph

Pikeville—When Lisa Welch began volunteering at the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, she had no idea that one day she would find herself relying on the center's support during her own.

At the time, Welch was teaching abstinence throughout the community. Her husband served as a supply preacher for local churches, and their family was actively involved at their home church. Yet in 2008, Welch learned that her 15-year-old daughter, Katie, was pregnant.

Though she tried to remain strong for her daughter, Welch said she was struggling and turned to the center for help. Over the coming months, counselors guided Welch and her family through the difficult journey of an unplanned pregnancy.

On Jan. 15, Kentucky Baptists will observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday by focusing on life issues, as well as the critical role played by pregnancy centers such as Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center in helping women choose life.

"It was like God sent the pregnancy center just for me," Welch said. "We were in the ministry, I taught abstinence, and then my own daughter was pregnant. I was in shock. I knew I needed good, strong, biblical advice."

According to Welch, the center encouraged Katie to stay in school and helped her complete her high school diploma. The center also counseled Katie's boyfriend, who "didn't grow up with a father figure and needed guidance on how to be a dad," Welch said.

Three months after the birth of their baby girl, Katie married her boyfriend.

Welch continues to serve as a volunteer at the center and will be hired on full time there in May.

According to Kay Hammond, director of Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, more than 1,000 clients have been served through the ministry since it opened in 2007. It is just one of 52 centers across

Kentucky connected with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

According to Eric Allen, the KBC's director of mission service and ministries, the convention supports these centers by raising awareness of their ministries, encouraging church partnerships, providing grants to the centers, enlisting volunteer teams to help with maintenance and repair, and praying for their work.

"Many organizations promote abortion. The church has a responsibility to promote and take a stand for life that God has created," Allen said.

In 2011 alone, an estimated 3,367 abortions were performed through November at the EMW Women's Surgical Center in Louisville, according to statistics provided by Right to Life of Louisville.

Allen encourages churches to actively support pregnancy care centers as a way to demonstrate their commitment to life. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday also provides an opportunity for churches to teach what the Bible says about life issues, Allen noted.

"It's easy to condemn abortion, but my prayer is that Kentucky Baptists will put forth an even greater effort by partnering with local pregnancy care centers that are showing the love of Christ through their ministry to women in need."

Pregnancy care centers play an especially critical role in the lives of clients who are "abortion-minded" when they first enter the clinic. Marie Thomas is just one of the many women who have been helped by the intervention of counselors prior to an abortion.

Not long after finding out she was pregnant with her boyfriend's child, fear and shame motivated Thomas to seek an abortion. She already had two children from a previous marriage, and her boyfriend felt unprepared to father a child.

Thomas soon learned about A Loving Choice Pregnancy Center in Shelbyville, walked inside, and immediately asked

been banned by the government of India and Karnataka," said Joseph Paul, a Christian pastor. "But there are underground practices."

In the Hindu religion, devadasis have hope for a better life only through the cycle of rebirth. Few devadasis have ever heard the name of Jesus Christ.

"Their lives have been ruined, and they feel like trash that's just been used over and over again," Romick said. "They need to know the love of Christ, and the only way that they're going to have that is if we go and tell them."

A devadasi who discovers a relationship with Christ, Dass said, becomes a powerful witness in her community. "It's like the woman at the well," he explained. "Jesus asked questions and finally she realized, 'Hey, here is the person whom I know that He is the Messiah.' Then she goes out, calling other women and bringing them and telling, 'Here is the answer for our problem.'"

Of the women themselves, Dass said, "Equip them, empower them, mentor them, train them, disciple them and put them back (in their communities) and you'll see what the Lord does." (IMB/BP)

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Jan. 15

the volunteers to help her find a place that would perform an abortion.

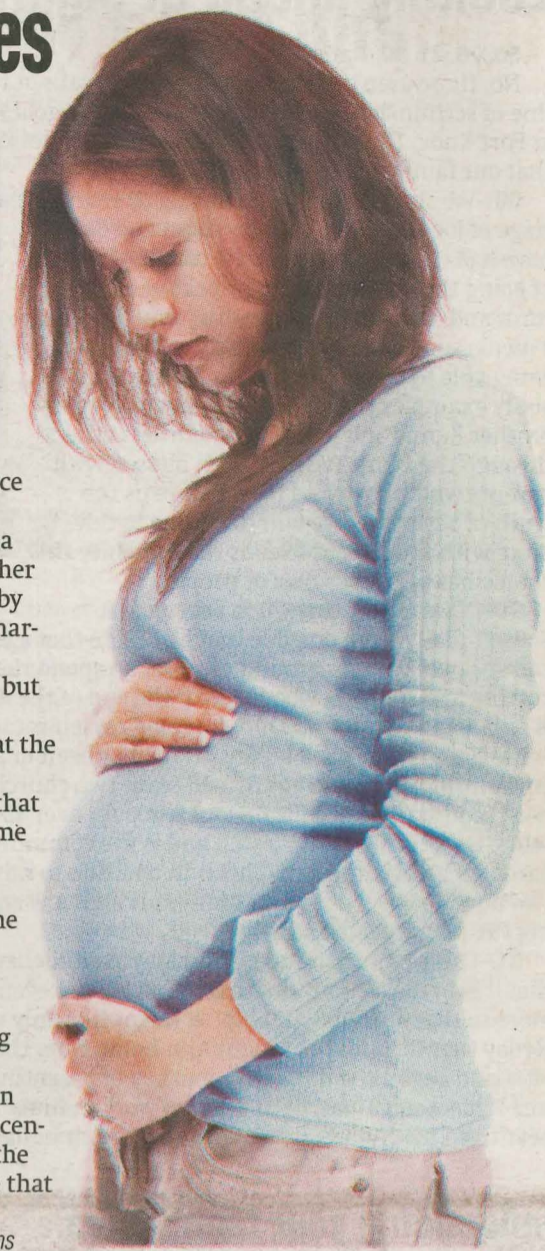
After several conversations with a counselor, Thomas decided to keep her child and gave birth in 2009 to a baby boy. Just before the birth, Thomas married her boyfriend.

"I don't even believe in abortion, but sometimes you get desperate," said Thomas, who was active in church at the time and was afraid of what people would think. "I felt like I had to do that at the time. The counselors helped me think and calm down, and they prayed with me."

Thomas said she is grateful for the ministry of A Loving Choice and believes "it's really important work because women need that kind of support. They let you know it's going to be OK."

Director Jan Antos said more than 900 clients have been served by the center since its inception in 2006, and the lives of at least 10 babies saved since that time. (KBC)

**Names have been changed for privacy reasons*



Children in need

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India Gospel League. In the state of Karnataka, where he and his wife live, starving families dedicate hundreds of girls each year to the goddess Yellamma. The children are forced to begin a life of prostitution at age 11 or 12.

"From the very beginning, they're being exploited as babies," said Annette Romick, a humanitarian aid worker in India. "Then, when they hit maturity, their bodies are exploited by men. ... It's a trap that they're stuck in. It's a living hell that they're experiencing."

The word devadasi literally translates to "god's female servant." Parents usually choose to dedicate their daughters as infants to the goddess Yellamma, in hopes of gaining the goddess' favor or easing a financial burden.

Once dedicated, a girl is considered to be married to the goddess and is never allowed to marry a man. When the girl reaches physical maturity, she is forced to begin her life as a prostitute.

"Since 1982, the devadasi system has



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Training tomorrow's leaders at festival for young preachers

By Robin Bass

Louisville—Seventeen-year-old Tim Cloud has felt drawn to the ministry for more than a year, but has wrestled with a choice between pursuing the pastorate or his second love—music.

"I generally know what God wants me to do," said the high school senior and member of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville. "Music and ministry are the areas where I feel most confident and get the most enjoyment. I'm not sure exactly which way I'm getting pulled yet."

Cloud said he hopes his experience at the 2012 National Festival of Young Preachers will give him the fearlessness to make that decision.

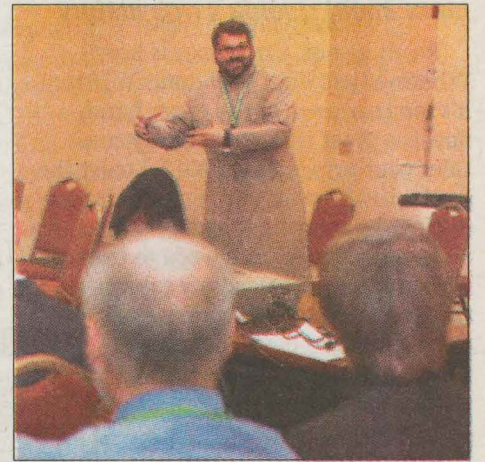
That is part of the event's purpose, said Dwight Moody, founder and president of the Academy of Preachers. He described the festival as a "discernment event" where young people can test their skills as preachers and "try it on for size." Participants do not compete; they use the opportunity to find inspiration and encouragement.

The 2012 festival drew 120 participants representing 28 different Christian denominations and 30 states. Participants, their mentors and preaching evaluators gathered this year at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville Jan. 2-5.

"Our goal is to inspire young people whom God has called to preach and to



PREACHING PREPARATION
Left: Tim Cloud, 17, presents his sermon during the 2012 National Festival of Young Preachers at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville Jan. 4. Cloud, a member of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville was among 120 aspiring preachers representing 28 different Christian denominations at the Academy of Preachers event. Right: Sergius Halvorsen provides feedback to a young preacher at the 2012 National Festival of Young Preachers.



spark the holy imagination of talented young people with the social significance of preaching," Moody said. He expressed enjoyment in watching the young preachers gain inspiration from each other and listening to how the experience has a transformational effect.

For Cloud, the evaluation of his preaching performance was the most beneficial.

"What I learned is I need to think through ideas more thoroughly and that I need to be more prepared," he said. "It helped to hear I needed to expound on the ideas. I appreciate hearing that because I want to know how I can make it better so I can write better sermons in the future. I like hearing not just what I did well."

Each participant is required to have a preaching mentor and the endorsement of a Christian congregation or institution. Cloud's mentor was his father, David Cloud.

"It's a great blessing for me as a parent," said the young preacher's dad. "He has always been a student of the word, eager to speak and eager to proclaim God's word."

Alan Redditt, pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church, also attended the festival as a mentor. Redditt was there in support of former intern Sam Chinn, a 23-year-old graduate of Georgetown College now studying at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology.

"I think I was mainly there to calm his nerves," Redditt said.

Georgetown Baptist played host to the first Campus Festival of Young Preachers in Kentucky last September. Georgetown College collaborated with the Academy of Preachers to sponsor the event.

Redditt said he was humbled to be in the presence of God's next generation of church leaders while at the festival in Louisville. "Anyone anxious about the future of the preaching ministry should find comfort that the Academy of Preachers is a clear sign that God has a plan for proclaiming the gospel."

The Academy of Preachers was created in 2009 and is funded by the Lilly Endowment, a private philanthropic foundation of the pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Company. For more, check out www.AcademyofPreachers.net.

The Invitation Stands

Consider This Your Invitation to Save a Life.

If you believe in the sanctity of life but aren't sure what to do about it, this invitation is for you. Southern Baptists across the nation are seeking to build closer relationships with our pregnancy resource centers, for the purpose of evangelizing center clients and helping women to choose life for their unborn children.

How to Help Your Local Pregnancy Care Resource Center:

- Donate baby clothing, baby furniture, car seat, or formula
- Provide food, clothing and a safe place for an expecting mother
- Train ladies in the church to mentor expecting mothers
- Sponsor a baby shower for the center with gifts of clothing, furniture, diapers or formula
- Partner with the center to teach young women good parenting skills
- Plan a mission trip to the center for maintenance, painting and re-decorating, if needed

How Do I Get Involved?

- Find a pregnancy care center near you.
- Pray that God will use that center for his glory.
- Contact the center to see how you can help.

To find a center near you, visit www.kybaptist.org/pregnancycare for a list of Southern Baptist-affiliated ministries in Kentucky.



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Happy New Year!

2012 brings new opportunities to learn about Oneida's rich history

Ready or not, a new year is here! Whatever you didn't get done in 2011, it's too late now. On the other hand, now is a great time to seriously consider your priorities for 2012. I trust the Lord will bless you in a very special way during the months ahead.

I would like to say a word to friends who may have misread my column in the Dec. 6 Western Recorder. Once a month I have our campus minister, Paul Davidson, write an article for my regular "This Is Oneida" column. This gives someone else the opportunity to write about OBI through his or her eyes—and it gives me a week off. Believe it or not, I sometimes struggle to come up with an interesting article.

Dr. Davidson wrote the Dec. 6 column titled "Lives Turned Upside-Down." He shared the concerns our students and staff were having about one of our students who had to go home in order to treat thyroid cancer. I'm happy to report that by the time you read this article, the young lady should be back on our campus. Though she still is treating her cancer, things now look much better.

Additionally, Dr. Davidson stated in his column that our students and staff had lost two longtime staff members to cancer a little more than a year ago, only months apart. Understandably, many of our students automatically associate cancer with death. He wrote that he knew his students would be very concerned to learn he recently had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He shared that he was trying to reassure our students that having cancer does not necessarily mean death is

eminent. Second, he was asking for the prayers of our students and staff.

I am happy to report that Dr. Davidson had surgery and the prognosis is very good. By the time you read this, he likely will be back in the classroom and doing very well.

The confusion was that many who read the article thought I was the one who had prostate cancer. I received dozens of letters, cards and calls from concerned friends, including my sister, who had either misread the column or had gotten the misinformation from a friend. So, though I deeply appreciate the prayers of all who thought I was dealing with a serious health issue, it was not me but rather Dr. Davidson talking about his prostate cancer. But, thank you again for your concern.

Finally, for the next several weeks, I am going to share information about the history and heritage of our school. On Jan. 1, we began our 113th year! For our centennial celebration in 1999, my staff and I collected 100 years of historical information that we put in a booklet. I have considered doing this in January several times, but if I don't do it now, I'll never have the opportunity again.

In the weeks ahead, I hope you enjoy reading about some of the special events in our school's history. God has indeed blessed our school, and even in some of our darkest days, He has surrounded us with a bountiful group of friends who have provided the support we needed to keep our doors open. Thank you ever so much for caring and sharing in the Oneida ministry.

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

Surrendering it all

Student realizes joy that comes from total surrender to God's will

Making a decision to leave home and come to Clear Creek is more than just making a decision to attend college. Every student who decides to come here also is struggling with the decision to surrender to God's call on his or her life. First-year student Emily Ball, from Greeneville, Tenn., recalled the joy of being totally surrendered to God's will for her life.

"I initially heard about Clear Creek from my father after he attended a pastors' conference and heard some information about Clear Creek," Emily said. "He brought the information home to me, and I felt like God wanted me to find some things out about Clear Creek. I was also able to meet and talk to some people who were from Clear Creek, and I stayed in contact with them for a few months talking about the college.

"Prior to this, I had been working a full-time job and was going to the local community college," Emily recalled. "After talking to people about Clear Creek, I knew I needed to visit the college. The visit affirmed that God was

calling me to attend Clear Creek, and I knew I needed to make the change in my life if I was going to be completely in God's will.

"Even though I was months away from starting at Clear Creek," Emily continued, "God also began to impress upon my heart that I needed to quit my full-time job that I was working at the time. I had no idea where I would get the finances I would need for Clear Creek, but I went ahead and quit my job to make preparations for my move.

"God immediately led me to a local Christian camp called Camp Jubilee, which is located close to Clear Creek," she said. "I was able to serve as a camp counselor until it was time for me to start classes. During this time, God was so faithful in providing the finances I needed to get started at Clear Creek. God also used this time to show me the importance of complete surrender to His will as I prepared for my time at Clear Creek."

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Educational, inspirational events help kick off 2012 KBC calendar

Louisville—In 2012, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will offer many events designed to equip and encourage church members, pastors and ministers serving in all aspects of ministry.

"This is one of the things the KBC Mission Board does best," said Paul Chitwood, KBC executive director. "Not every church can host these types of events, but because of Kentucky Baptists' gifts through the Cooperative Program, we can provide these in many areas of the commonwealth."

■ There are two opportunities to get Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief training early in 2012. The sessions are for new and current volunteers.

The first session is Jan. 21 at Buck Creek Baptist Church in Calhoun. Chaplaincy training is two days and begins Jan. 20. On Feb. 4, training will be offered at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville. Chaplaincy training is two days and begins Feb. 3.

The fee for new volunteers is \$40 per person. Returning volunteers pay \$20. Register at www.KyBaptist.org/DR.

■ Those interested in learning more about starting new churches are encouraged to attend Basic Training Journey for Church Planting, Feb. 9-11, at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville.

Those who register before Feb. 1 pay \$30 per person with a maximum charge of \$120 for teams. Register at www.KyBaptist.org/BasicTraining.

■ Preschool and children's ministry

leaders are invited to the Imagine Conference Feb. 10-11 at Parkway Baptist Church in Bardstown.

Last year's inaugural event drew hundreds of children's ministry participants.

The fee is \$25 per person for those who register by Feb. 6. After that date, the fee is \$35 per person. Register online at www.KyBaptist.org/Imagine.

■ Deacons and pastors are invited to one of three sessions on Strength in Numbers: Building Deacon-Led Ministry Teams, Feb. 6, 7 or 9.

Roy Saint, associate in the leadership and life development department of the Florida Baptist Convention, will lead this year's training.

The Feb. 6 session will be held at First Baptist Church of Danville; Feb. 7 is at Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville; Feb. 9 is at Lone Oak First Baptist Church of Paducah.

The registration fee is \$10 per person with a maximum of \$50 per church team. Register online at www.KyBaptist.org/DeaconTraining before Feb. 3.

■ A workshop on Teaching English as a Foreign Language will be offered Feb. 18 at the Kentucky Baptist Building. It is for those who are going to teach English in a foreign country on a short-term basis or for those who will serve in an existing ministry here in the U.S.

The registration fee is \$20 per person. The deadline to register is Feb. 10 and can be done at www.KyBaptist.org/EFLTraining. (KBC)

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BWA, SBC leaders meet for first time since 2004 parting

By Bob Allen

Nashville, Tenn.—Leaders of the Baptist World Alliance traveled to Nashville, Tenn., last month to meet with leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, a founding member of the BWA that withdrew affiliation in 2004 over theological differences.

Initiated by BWA General Secretary Neville Callam, the joint meeting was part of a commitment made in 2004 for continued dialogue between the

two groups.

Joining Callam in the BWA delegation were John Upton, current BWA president and executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia; George Bullard, general secretary of the North American Baptist Fellowship; and Sam Chaise, general secretary of Canadian Baptist Ministries.

Representing Southern Baptists were SBC President Bryant Wright; Frank Page, president of the SBC Executive Committee; Albert Mohler, president of

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A BWA press release described the Dec. 19 meeting as cordial, frank and respectful. Participants agreed the discussion was needed not just because of the pledge in 2004 but also "because of the vocation of Christians to live at peace with everyone."

Bullard said the commitment was made in 2004 for annual meetings between the groups but it was not indicated when they would begin. In an effort to follow up, the BWA Executive Committee authorized Callam to write to the SBC to request a meeting. He received a favorable response, and the first meeting was scheduled for Dec. 19 at the SBC offices.

Bullard said the meeting was primarily intended to begin a dialogue without strategic or organizational goals and was planned as fellowship and relationship.

"The two teams needed to get to know one another," Bullard said. "My impression is that we accomplished that goal. It was a very congenial meeting. People were able to talk openly. We did not generate conclusions other than that relating to one another is a positive thing, we need to meet again next year, and we need to offer fraternal invitations to be observers in various meetings of each group."

Bullard acknowledged there would be speculation about whether at some point in the future the two organizations might reunite, but that was not the reason for the meeting. (ABP)

Sunrise fires counselor charged with sexual abuse of teenager

Mount Washington—A former employee at a Sunrise Children's Services facility was arrested last month, charged with the rape of a teenager in her care.

Charges were filed Dec. 19 against Brooke Briscoe, 27, a direct care worker at Sunrise's Spring Meadows Center in Mount Washington, a residential facility for adolescent boys.

The Bullitt County Sheriff's Department said Briscoe had sexual relations with a 17-year-old male resident at the facility.

Sunrise President Bill Smithwick told the Western Recorder: "We were shocked when we learned of the allegations and we immediately took action by reporting the allegations to authorities and putting Ms. Briscoe on administrative leave."

In a statement released after Briscoe's

arrest, Sunrise said it has since terminated her employment.

"We work every day to protect the children in our care and to provide them a better future," the statement read. "We take this situation very seriously and are shocked and saddened to find out the allegations are true. But we are grateful that someone stepped forward to alert us to the situation so we could stop it."

Bullitt County Det. Scotty McGaha said the legal age of consent in Kentucky is 16 years old, but that the charges were filed because Briscoe served in a "caretaker role" for the 17-year-old victim.

The incident has prompted Sunrise to conduct an internal investigation and review policies and procedures at its facilities "to avoid a situation like this in the future," Smithwick noted. (WR)

Former pastor claims that his reassignment was race-based

Louisville—A former staff member at Kentucky's largest African-American congregation claims in a recently filed lawsuit that he was reassigned from a pastoral position because he is black.

Billy Hollins, a North American Mission Board-appointed missionary who worked as a pastor in Kentucky and Illinois for more than 25 years, says St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville hired him in August 2001 to serve as pastor of the church's satellite campus in Jeffersonville, Ind. He claims the church's senior pastor, Kevin Cosby, removed him and gave him a new job title in 2007 because he wanted the pastor of the Southern Indiana campus to appeal to white members.

After his reassignment as executive assistant pastor at the Louisville campus, Hollins says he was injured in a work-related traffic accident. After he filed a

worker's compensation claim and was told he could not return to work until he was off medication, he was terminated in August 2011.

Hollins claims his reassignment was discriminatory because it was for reasons unrelated to his work performance and based on his race. His subsequent termination, he says, was retaliation for seeking worker's compensation and disability discrimination in a job he claims he was able to perform.

Neither side is commenting to media on the facts of the dispute, but the church's attorney, Gordon Rowe, told Louisville radio station WFPL that he expects both sides to begin the discovery phase of the case in the next 30 days.

Cosby has led St. Stephen Church since 1979. During his tenure church membership has grown from 500 to 10,000. (ABP)

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The temporary nature of camp

Despite short tenures, many camp staffers have made great impacts

Many aspects of camp and conference ministry certainly are based on what can take place in a very temporary setting. Seldom do we have a group stay with us longer than six days. Many groups during this time of year stay with us less than 48 hours.

Not only do our guests stay for short durations but our staffing is similar, just with longer timeframes. With Crossings so centered upon summer camp, the majority—by number—of our employees every given year work with us about 10 weeks. Many of the summer staff will join our permanent staff as their first job or perhaps while they or their spouses are completing their seminary degrees.

All that is to say, the vast majority of our staff typically are 25 years old or younger. At that stage of life, it is a great time for us as a ministry to come alongside them as they work out their calls in life and, more specifically, their calls in ministry.

I can think of numerous staff mem-

bers who have been so key to us during their tenures even though they may have been with us only two to four years. We have great friends and collaborators for the kingdom who have gone on to serve overseas, to other ministries, into local churches, and on to secular positions where they are used greatly as they live for Christ.

Camp and conference ministry is very unique. It is in some way like a revolving door as we come alongside our guests and even many of our staff for a special time in their lives that is somewhat brief. The greatest blessing is that we see God do amazing acts in the lives of His people as He continues working on them in the sanctification process and in their journeys on this earth. The biggest heartache is that we do send so many of them out, missing them greatly while remembering we all are here for just a short time.

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January

- 19-20** Disaster Relief Chaplain Training, Buck Creek Baptist Church, Calhoun.
- 19-21** Shepherding the Shepherd, Hilton Downtown Hotel, Lexington.
- 20** Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Phase I and II, Buck Creek Baptist Church, Calhoun.
- 26-28** Southeast Conclave, Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, Tenn.

February

- 3-4** Disaster Relief Chaplain Training, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.
- 4** Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Phase I and II, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.
- 6** Strength in Numbers Deacon Ministry Training, First Baptist Church, Danville.
- 7** Strength in Numbers Deacon Ministry Training, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 9** Strength in Numbers Deacon Ministry Training, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- 9-11** Basic Training Journey for Church Planting, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 10-11** Imagine Preschool and Children's Ministry Conference, Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown.

Fitts, longtime Clear Creek professor, dies at age 98

Richmond—Robert Fitts, who taught at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College for more than two decades, died Jan. 3 in Richmond. He was 98.

Fitts taught Old Testament classes at the Pineville college from 1963-86. His tenure nearly paralleled that of former Clear Creek president Claude Fox whose son Donnie now leads the school.

"The Fitts family came to Clear Creek at the same time our family did," Donnie Fox recalled. Claude Fox was president from 1962-87. "Our families grew to be great friends and I became good friends with two of their children."

Fitts was known as an Old Testament scholar who left a lasting mark on Clear Creek, Fox said. The hand-painted Old Testament maps Fitts made and taught from still hang in classrooms at the school, the president noted.

"To this very day, wherever I am traveling and visiting with alumni, someone always has a story of how their ministry was

strengthened by Robert Fitts because of his dedication to teaching the word of God while he was here at Clear Creek," Fox said.

A Rhode Island native, Fitts was a retired Army major and a veteran of World War II. He earned degrees from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Ohio.

Fitts' legacy, however, is as a teacher who helped prepare many Clear Creek students for careers in the ministry, Fox said.

"Bro. Fitts was dedicated to the task of equipping God-called students for ministry," Fox said, "and he was dedicated to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College."

Fitts is survived by four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Velois.

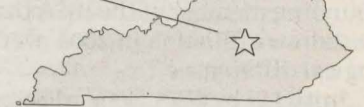
Funeral services were held Jan. 6 at Harrodsburg Baptist Church, where Fitts was a member. (WR)

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

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Spotlight on ...

Berea



Bethel Church will hold a youth worship and fellowship event Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m., with **Greg Lakes**, pastor of Pilot Knob Church in Berea, as guest speaker. **Kenny Davis** is pastor.

367-0218. **Geoffrey Lacefield** is pastor.

The Louisville Christian Business & Professional Women's organization will hold a luncheon Jan. 19, noon, at Hurstbourne Country Club. The cost to attend is \$13. Reservations must be made by Jan. 16. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact **Christine Ward** at (502) 931-2918 or cbpwest@gmail.com.

■ **BARBOURVILLE**—East Barbourville Church recently called **Joshua Smith** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Springfield Church in Bimble.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville University will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. memorial worship service Jan. 18, 7 p.m., with **Bruce Williams**, pastor of Bates Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville, as guest speaker. For more information, call (270) 789-5520.

■ **GREEN ROAD**—Green Road Church recently called **Mickie Smith** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Salem Church in Flat Lick.

■ **HICKORY**—Pleasant Grove Church recently called **Cortez Merrell** as pastor.

■ **IRVINE**—**Tom Sowers** recently retired as pastor of Knob Lick Church.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will host the **Crossmen Quartet** in concert Jan. 14, 7 p.m. For more information, call (502)

UC player's miracle shot gets ESPN top play spot for 2011

Williamsburg—When University of the Cumberlands' Stephanie Quattrociochi swished an 86-foot, last-second heave to end the first half in a game against in-state rival Campbellsville University, it gave the Patriots a seven-point lead. It also earned Quattrociochi and the UC women's basketball team plenty of acclaim on ESPN and the web.

The play earned the No. 1 spot on the Jan. 22, 2011 segment of ESPN Sportcenter's "Top Plays" and earned Quattrociochi a live interview on the sports channel. Video of the shot went viral as well; more than 200,000 people have watched it on YouTube.

And as ESPN revisited all of its top plays from 2011, what's come to be known as the "shot seen 'round the world" was voted the No. 4 "Top Play of the Year."

"It was really an exciting moment at the time it happened and something I have never seen before," UC Athletic Director Randy Vernon said. "The publicity was spectacular and possibly the most coverage of a single event at the university that we have ever had."

The shot was named ESPN's "Best of the Best" play for eight consecutive days last January and generated plenty of buzz around the Williamsburg campus and

around the world. On Feb. 2nd, Quattrociochi was interviewed during the live edition of Sportscenter by ESPN anchor John Buccigross.

"I'm absolutely shocked and appreciate all the support from everyone at Cumberlands and home," Quattrociochi said of the renown her miracle shot brought with it. "It's a dream come true and I'm just glad that I can share it with everyone."

"It's a great tribute to Stephanie and the University of the Cumberlands to be included in the 2011 ESPN "Top Plays of the Year," head coach Melissa Irvin said. "She has been an exemplary student-athlete



SUPERSTAR Cumberlands' Stephanie Quattrociochi has received plenty of attention from ESPN and on the Internet for her 86-foot buzzer-beater.

and has represented our program well throughout the past year as well as throughout her career. I believe it proves that you can make a big statement at a small school." (UC)

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Here's a resolution: Welcome visitors

By Diana Davis

A tattoo artist, a CEO, and a homeless guy walk into your church's worship service ...

No, that's not the first line of a joke. It could become a weekly reality. Thousands of churches will plan "attractational" events during the GPS emphasis this spring, with the purpose of inviting their community to church.

But when those strangers walk into church, will they receive a warm welcome? How can a church assure that outsiders are accepted?

The answer is spelled with just three letters: Y-O-U.

Yes, you—the normal Christian person sitting in the pew on Sunday morning. It's nice when the greeter at the door says hello, and it's great if the pastor or church leaders have a moment to speak to guests, but what really makes a difference is when you offer a sincere hand of friendship to a guest.

Will you make a New Year's resolution to welcome every guest who sits near you during worship?

■ Say a silent prayer as you enter church. Ask God to direct you to those who need a welcome and to give you boldness to show His love to them.

■ Make a specific commitment. Look at your church layout and select an area, such as a section of seats, or three pews nearest you. Make a personal commitment to God to welcome anyone who sits in that area.

■ Just say "hello." A simple "Hi, Teresa" can mean the world, even to regular attenders. Watch for ways to encourage people.

■ Keep an index card in your Bible. You'll discover that many people sit in the same general area, and you'll soon be calling them by name. This also makes it easier to recognize guests.

■ Intentionally watch for visitors. It's difficult to be a first-time guest, but just one willing person—that's you—can help put

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them at ease. Introduce yourself, and repeat his name in conversation. Write it on your index card or make a note on your smart phone. Make a goal to call him by name when he returns. Tell him you're glad he came.

■ Introduce the guest to at least two other people. For example, help a young mother meet another mom, then escort her to meet the pastor.

■ Offer a "next step." Invite the guest to your small group, Bible study or an upcoming church fellowship event.

■ Offer friendship. Give her your personal contact info, and encourage the guest to email or call with questions. Invite her to join you after church for lunch or for coffee one day this week.

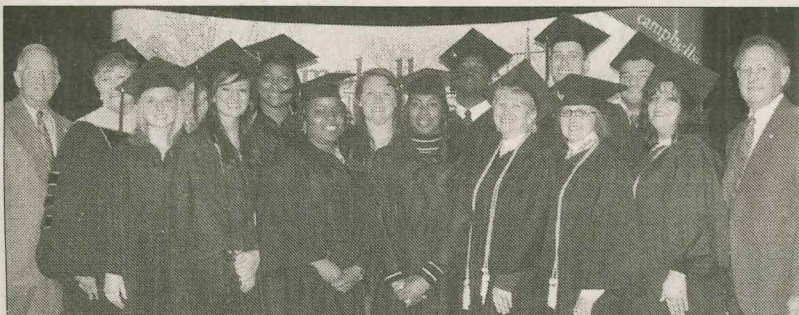
What would happen if the world began to walk into your church doors next Sunday? Would those guests be shunned or warmly embraced? The answer is in your hands.

You thought the first line was a joke, right? Instead, it's the crux of the gospel, the serious work of loving others to Jesus. Will you make a resolution to welcome guests?

Diana Davis is an author, speaker and wife of the North American Mission Board's vice president for the Midwest region, Steve Davis.



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PINNING Campbellsville University students participating in its first School of Education pinning ceremony included (from left): Front row—Lauren Thornsberry, Campbellsville; Brittany Asbury, Louisville; Lakesha Frye, Elizabethtown; Tonya Lewis, Radcliff; Bonnie Webster, Campbellsville; Felechia Wainscott, Worthville; and Melissa Taylor, Liberty; with Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs; Second row—Jay Conner, chairman of trustees and Brenda Priddy, dean of the School of Education, with Whitney Vaughn, Canmer; Morgan Bullock, Frankfort; Geoffrey James, Campbellsville; Drew Simpson, Campbellsville; and Evan Pierce, Benton.

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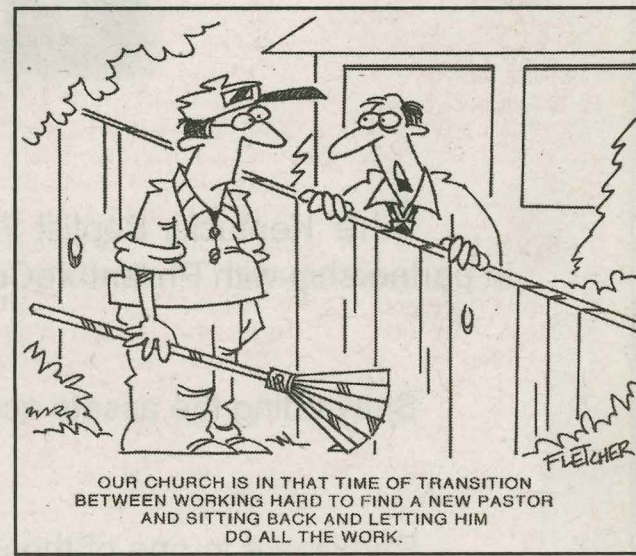
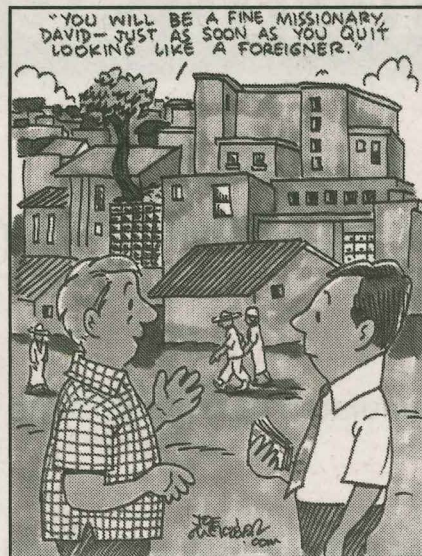
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Bible Crosswords

By Teri Grottko

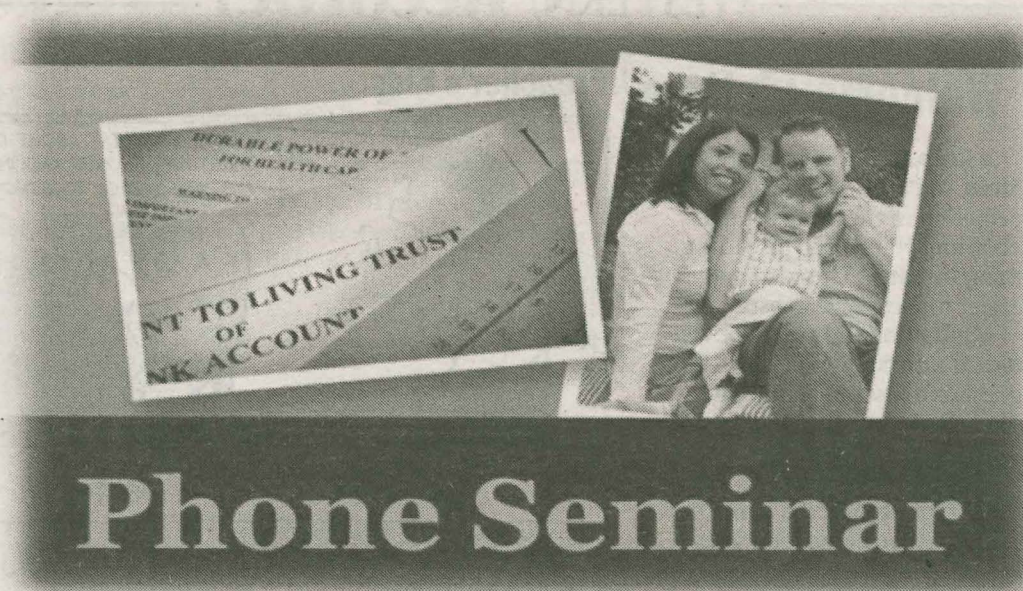
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- 1 Tiny insect
 - 4 Facts
 - 9 Undergraduate degree, abbr.
 - 11 "By his name ____" (Psalm 68:4)
 - 12 "____, and make thy bed" (Acts 9:34)
 - 13 Small arms ammunition, abbr.
 - 14 "____ Lord God! behold" (Jeremiah 1:6)
 - 15 Liquid extracted from a fruit
 - 16 "In the province of ____" (Daniel 8:2)
 - 17 A family of returning Nethinims (Nehemiah 7:48)
 - 19 Scold
 - 21 1004, Romans num.
 - 22 Walked at the head of the line
 - 23 Bedad's son (Genesis 36:35)
 - 24 Give instruction
 - 27 Single
 - 28 Decay
 - 30 Exclamation
 - 31 Brawling
 - 34 Capture
 - 37 Not, prefix
 - 38 Traps (Psalm 140:5)
 - 39 Preposition
 - 40 "Ye shall be ... ____ upon her knees" (Isaiah 66:12)
 - 43 Announced
 - 47 Heber's father (Luke 3:35)
 - 48 "And ____ also the Jairite" (2 Samuel 20:26)
 - 49 "They must ____ be borne" (Jeremiah 10:5)

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- 1 Zibeon's son (Genesis 36:24)
 - 2 "Azariah, Raamah, ____" (Nehemiah 7:7)
 - 3 Thorium, chem. symbol
 - 4 Smear
 - 5 Opera solos
 - 6 Muscle twitch
 - 7 One who takes advantage
 - 8 Myself
 - 9 Chief idol of the Canaanites
 - 10 Identical
 - 13 Slip
 - 15 Indonesian island
 - 16 Always
 - 18 This man had 70 sons (Judges 8:30)
 - 20 Father of Hophni (1 Samuel 1:3)
 - 23 Aaron's grave (Numbers 20:27-28)
 - 24 Daylight time, abbr.
 - 25 Son of Caleb (1 Chronicles 4:8)
 - 26 Definite article
 - 28 Hospital caregiver, abbr.
 - 29 King of Bashan (Numbers 21:33)
 - 32 Implement
 - 33 Baby
 - 34 Iniquity
 - 35 Terminates
 - 36 Land surrounded by water
 - 38 One of the twelve spies (Numbers 13:11)
 - 40 "And the fallow ____" (Deuteronomy 14:5)
 - 41 One of Christ's words on the cross (Mark 15:34)
 - 42 Challenge
 - 43 Unclear
 - 44 Before
 - 45 Able
 - 46 Real estate investment, abbr.
 - 50 Southern continent, abbr.

Last puzzle's solution

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