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## Short on support?

### Group claims governor's gambling push a long shot

By Robin Bass

Frankfort—Gov. Steve Beshear's efforts to expand gambling in Kentucky may be futile, according to one family advocacy group, because he is short on support in the state Senate.

"We've talked with enough members to know that the governor does not currently have the votes," said Martin Cothran, spokesperson for the Family Foundation of Kentucky.

Cothran explained that 23 votes—60 percent of Senate lawmakers—are required to pass a constitutional amendment. "We only need 16 and we have more than that," Cothran said, adding that he knows of at least one Democratic senator who plans to vote "no."

During the governor's budget speech Jan. 17, Beshear reinforced his position that there are only two paths to meet the state's revenue needs: tax reform and expanded gambling. He vowed a bill to amend Kentucky's constitution by allowing for a referendum would be introduced in this session of the General Assembly. March 1 is the deadline to introduce new bills.

#### "Get-rich-quick scheme"

Beshear again pointed to Kentucky's loss of revenue as residents cross the state line to gamble. He quoted a 2010 economic analysis estimating that

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A former KBC president draws criticism for denouncing the expansion of gambling in Kentucky prior to Gov. Steve Beshear's budget address.

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Kentuckians spent \$451 million in neighboring state casinos.

"That same analysis estimates that ... our tracks alone would bring in one-time license fees of \$266 million and \$377 million annually into the General Fund," Beshear said, calling those estimates "conservative."

Cothran labeled the governor's plan a "get-rich-quick scheme."

"Instead of rolling up his sleeves and doing the hard work of rethinking our tax system, he wants to roll the dice on an unreliable source of revenue,"

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## Poll: Churchgoers just as digitally engaged as rest of U.S.

Washington—American churchgoers are just as likely to use Twitter, Facebook and the Internet as non-churchgoers, according to a recent study that shows the impact technology can have on

spreading a church's message.

The survey by Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project showed that:

- 9 percent of those actively involved in religious groups use Twitter, the same percentage as the general population.

- 46 percent of those in religious groups use social networking sites—almost identical to the 47 percent of all adults.

- 60 percent of both groups use text messaging.

- 79 percent of those actively involved in religious groups use the Internet while 76 percent of all adults do so.

Attendance, though, was a factor in determining the percentage of churchgoers involved in social media and electronic communication. For instance, 54 percent of weekly churchgoers use Facebook, MySpace or LinkedIn—a much smaller percentage than

the 71 percent of monthly churchgoers and 65 percent of less frequent churchgoers. Pew said the average age of weekly churchgoers could explain the disparity.

The survey also revealed that:

- 9 percent of weekly churchgoers use Twitter (15 percent of monthly churchgoers and 14 percent of less frequent churchgoers do so).

- 26 percent of weekly churchgoers make donations online (35 percent of monthly churchgoers; 27 percent of less frequent churchgoers).

- 70 percent of weekly churchgoers who have cellphones send or receive text messages (80 percent of monthly churchgoers; 77 percent of less frequent churchgoers).

- 36 percent of weekly churchgoers use their cellphones to access the Internet (51 percent of monthly churchgoers; 45 percent of less frequent churchgoers). (BP)

## The ABCs of Missions



### 'Reflections' journal helps missions experience last

By Ken Walker

Louisville—Connie Meredith is such a strong believer in the mission trip journal she has compiled that if you call her up to talk about it, she will knock \$5 off the price.

"Reflections: A Mission Trip Journal" was released last June. The 60-page book seeks to equip missions teams before they leave, help them record details of their trips, and reflect on them later.

"If you as a mission team leader know how to use it and understand its purpose, you're more likely to use it," said Meredith, a member of Crestwood Baptist Church. "If people contact me, it's \$10 instead of \$15."

The journal is Meredith's second book. She released her first, "Partnering in Lynch, Benham & Cumberland," in 2010 after several mission trips to eastern Kentucky.

Both are offered for sale on her Mission Alphabet website, [www.MissionAlphabet.com](http://www.MissionAlphabet.com). In addition to the cost, there is a \$2 per-book shipping cost, although she will lower that for bulk orders.

A retired teacher and elementary school librarian, Meredith's book effort is a labor of love. Because of her

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# Ky. pastor calls for boldness in gambling battle

By Robin Bass

**Frankfort**—A former Kentucky Baptist Convention president announced his plan to call an assembly of Christian pastors and form a united front against expanded gambling.

"The governor cannot and will not win a moral debate on this," said Hershael York, senior pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort.

York said last week he would be organizing a meeting of Kentucky pastors—both liberal and conservative—to accept a "prophetic role" and boldly speak out against Gov. Steve Beshear's attempts to expand gambling in Kentucky.

The governor again outlined his strategy to improve Kentucky's financial standing during his budget speech Jan. 17 by clearing the way for casino-style gambling. Beshear said a bill would be introduced in the General Assembly that would allow voters to decide whether to amend the state's constitution. If legislators approve a bill and the referendum is passed by voters, Kentucky could have up to nine casinos.

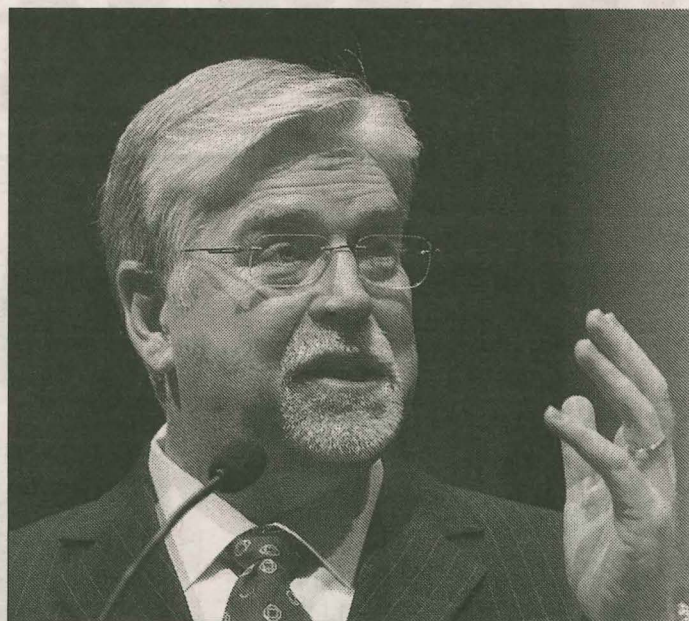
York assured he would fight the gambling push at every step.

"If a bill is introduced, I'm going to shame the legislators who call themselves Christians and would inflict this seductive evil on their fellow citizens," he said. "I'm going to ask their pastors to be bold and to preach on it while the ones who vote on it sit in the congregation."

"And if the legislature ever approves the constitutional amendment and sends it to the citizenry for a vote, I'll pray that God will confound the enemy, regardless of how well financed he is, and let truth prevail."

## Prayer draws criticism

York has received more attention lately for another prayer he said—the one he gave prior to the governor's Jan. 17 budget address. In the invocation, York firmly expressed his opinions about expanded gambling and chal-



Hershael York:

*"If a bill is introduced, I'm going to shame the legislators who call themselves Christians and would inflict this seductive evil on their fellow citizens."*

lenged lawmakers to model the compassion and character of God.

"May they never resort to leveraging vice and avarice to pay our bills," York prayed. "Help us to admit that we cannot truly love our neighbors as ourselves and then scheme to get his money by enticing him with vain hope. May they not lead this state to share profits from an industry that preys on greed or desperation. Help us to foster salaries and not slot machines; to build cars and enable jobs and not license casinos and seduce the simple into losing what they have."

"May our greatest concern not be that we get our share of the family's losses, but that we foster a sense of hope and justice that creates opportunity and leads to success," he continued. "And may the decisions that they make and the judgments they render be consistent with Your eternal character and truth."

Sen. Kathy Stein (D-Lexington) called York's prayer a "disrespectful" political speech, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg) told the Lexington paper York

only said "what was on his heart."

"I never heard Speaker Stumbo speak as kindly toward me or as overtly reserved about expanded gambling as his comments expressed Tuesday night," York said. "I was stunned by his support for me."

York, who also is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was invited to give the invocation by Senate President David Williams.

"Williams has asked me to lead in prayer at every State of the Commonwealth address since Beshear came into office," said York, who noted that he was unable to pray at the governor's State of the Commonwealth speech earlier this month. KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood provided the invocation at the Jan. 4 address.

York said he didn't clear his prayer through Williams or anyone else prior to saying it before legislators.

"My prayer reminded them that not only is this not inevitable, they are going to have to get it done in spite of thousands of praying Christians," York said.

A video of York's prayer can be found online at [vimeo.com/35229060](http://vimeo.com/35229060). (WR)

## Missions

# Forums to explore ministry needs in St. Louis area

**Louisville**—Last November, Kentucky Baptists enthusiastically approved a three-year ministry partnership with Baptists in the St. Louis area to help strengthen existing ministries and to start new churches.

Now, the Kentucky Baptist Convention is offering statewide forums so pastors and church leader can find out how they can help.

The forums are scheduled for Jan. 30 in Lexington, Jan. 31 in London, and March 12 in Paducah.

"St. Louis is a mission field that is close by but very different from Kentucky," said Scott Pittman, director of KBC's partnership missions department.

"In the 60-mile radius around downtown St. Louis, there is only one church per 7,500 people. Compare that to Kentucky where the ratio is one KBC-affiliated church per 1,600."

The KBC will work with the churches of St. Louis Metro Baptist Association to share the gospel among the 2.7 million people who live in the 15-county area in Missouri and Illinois.

"The area is very diverse," Pittman said. "We will be working in the inner city, suburbs and in rural settings."

In addition to the three forums, church leaders interested in learning more about the spiritual needs in St. Louis are invited to a "visioning trip" to the Gateway City Feb. 13-14. The deadline to register for the trip is Feb. 1.

Advanced registration is requested for the forums, but there is no fee to attend.

The Lexington forum will be held Jan. 30 at the Elkhorn Baptist Association offices. The London forum is set for Jan. 31 at the Laurel River Baptist Association offices. The Paducah forum is March 12 at Lone Oak First Baptist Church.

Registration is underway at [www.KyBaptist.org/StLouis](http://www.KyBaptist.org/StLouis). (KBC)

## Gambling

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Cothran said of Gov. Beshear's plan. "This is just not responsible fiscal leadership."

Earlier this month Beshear announced his plans to create a Blue Ribbon Commission headed by Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson to look at Kentucky's tax code. The commission is expected to spend the next several months examining other tax systems and gathering information from experts and the public.

## 'Buying votes'

Cothran said there is a way the governor could get the votes he needs to pass an expanding gambling bill in the Senate—by "buying votes and threatening legislators" with the loss of projects. The Family Foundation spokesperson pointed to a similar gambling bill

in 2010 that included funds for school buildings.

"We would challenge the governor and advocates of expanded gambling in the General Assembly to stick to the merits of their case," Cothran said. "If this bill can't stand on its own two feet, then we don't need it."

The governor told lawmakers last week that much has been said about the pros and cons of gambling in Kentucky, but not one person has said why Kentuckians should not be allowed to vote.

"I don't think there is a legitimate argument," Beshear said. "Kentuckians have made it clear through numerous surveys that they want to vote."

Cothran responded by saying the governor seems to be banking that the state budget will appear so bad voters will pass the gambling legislation eagerly. (WR)

# George: Today's culture war akin to resisting Hitler

**Marion, Ala.**—A Baptist historian compared today's battle for the sanctity of life, traditional marriage and religious freedom to courageous heroes who resisted the Nazis in Germany.

Timothy George, dean of Samford University's Beeson Divinity School, told a group of ministers Jan. 17 that "The Manhattan Declaration," a document he wrote in 2009 with Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship and Robert George of Princeton University, was inspired by the Barmen Declaration of 1934.

At a seminar co-sponsored by Judson College and the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, George handed out copies the declaration that includes a pledge to civil disobedience of laws that would compel religious institutions to perform abortions or same-sex marriages.

"This document isn't a political one, but a moral one," George said, according to a Judson College release. "It's an example of the church taking a stand on issues and reaching across dividing lines to find support from people of various political and religious persuasions. I think this is what the church can and should do."

George said in an article in the spring 2011

issue of the Beeson magazine that the Manhattan Declaration was written on the 75th anniversary of the Barmen Declaration, a statement of the "Confessing Church" done in response to the strongly nationalistic and anti-Semitic "German Christian" movement that supported Hitler.

Early drafts of the Manhattan Declaration cited Barmen as precedent, George said, but those references were deleted because "the plight of the church in North America today, serious as it is, is not analogous to the repression Jews, Christians and many others experienced in Hitler's Germany."

George went on to enumerate parallels between the two documents. Both, he said, "appeal to the authority of Holy Scripture."

"Each offers quotations from the Bible as the theological basis of its statements," he explained. "Each recognizes that the Christian faith can be, and often has been, distorted by accommodation to the 'prevailing ideological and political convictions' of the day."

George said nearly 500,000 people have signed the Manhattan Declaration. Many Southern and Kentucky Baptist leaders are among them. (ABP)

# Campus minister's survey says BCM students remain active in church

By Ken Walker

**Highland Heights**—While many in Southern Baptist circles express concern over the high rate that young adults are dropping out of church, a recent study by a Kentucky Baptist campus minister counters some of that gloom.

The November 2010 study conducted via e-mail and Facebook shows that 94 percent of recent graduates of Kentucky colleges who were involved in Baptist Campus Ministries now attend church at least weekly.

In addition, 67 percent of graduates from 2000 to 2010 hold leadership positions, according to Brian Combs, the Baptist campus minister at Northern Kentucky University. That reflects the large number who participated in prayer, missions, evangelism training and leadership opportunities during school.

"They go into churches with an understanding of what it means to relate to each other and what it means to work with ministries," Combs said. "That is healthy and leads people to Christ. They're going to connect better with young adults."

The average Kentucky Baptist church should pay more attention to recent college graduates and invite these "Millennials" to take active roles, the campus

minister suggested.

He noted, however, that many congregations want young adults to jump through certain hoops first. Eager to serve rather than follow tradition, they tend to gravitate to non-Baptist churches with fewer barriers to participation, Combs said.

"They do serve and are engaging different things, like the social justice movement," he said. "They are doing the work of the church, sometimes outside the church. When they try to engage the church, they often hit brick walls."

The complaints about church aired by young adults in Combs' survey revolved around three primary concerns within congregations:

- Paying too much attention to denominational politics.
- A disconnect between the church's preaching and members' actions.
- A lack of authenticity.

One way congregations can address young adults' changing outlook is focusing on small groups and building relationships, Combs said.

"Pastors and staff need to get involved

in building more relationships and not just preaching at people," he said. "We're seeing the hierarchy of authority in the church flattening out."

"Students and young adults are tired of checklists. They want to know, 'What's going to make a difference in my life?' Sometimes, pastors don't understand they have to teach deacons and leaders how to build relationships."

Like other Kentucky Baptist leaders, Combs said he sees a budding desire among Millennials to serve.

In 2010, NKU and other campuses sent students across the state to help churches distribute evange-

listic materials door to door as part of the "Find It Here" emphasis.

Last spring, Combs' group assisted various ministries at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville and in St. Louis before wrapping up in the London area.

Churches need to tap into this missions-oriented nature by providing tangible opportunities for young people to make a difference, Combs urged.

"Church often doesn't matter to them," the campus minister said.



Brian Combs

## Missions journal

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background, the Louisville resident intended to write some children's books.

That is, until God woke her up around 3 a.m. nearly two years ago and told her, "I have a better idea for you."

Reminding her that several missionaries in southeastern Kentucky had commented on how well organized her mission teams were, the Lord instructed her to write down ideas that she could pass on to others.

Meredith's journal employs an "ABC" format. Different letters are used to explore such topics as concerns, goals, ministry in the field, tasks completed

and stories shared on the trip. It also contains such aids as a planning guide for coordinators, a packing list, a daily log, and ideas for prayer and devotions.

"The journal is designed for people who are not normally 'journalers,'" Meredith said.

"A lot of times people will come back six or 12 months later and say, 'I wish I had written something down,'" she added. "I figure if someone writes down 50 percent of their thoughts, they have something good to use to share their experiences."

Crestwood Baptist leaders say she has done a good job of meeting that goal.

Missions and ministry pastor Chris Platt said about 20 families used the journal on its "Mission-cation" trip last

summer to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"I heard some people talking about it," Platt said. "Some people were very glad to have it as a family resource. It gave them a chance to develop their trip."

"'Debrief' is a pretty good word. It gives you questions and topics that generate thoughts and discussions," Platt added.

Administrative pastor Mark Brockman provided copies of the journal for all 18 members who went on another trip to Lafayette, Colo. The church began visiting there annually in 2004 to do sports camps and Bible schools at a mobile-home community.

The book has a space for users to write down their testimonies, something many team members never had done

"Students need to be told and see how they can plug into the system. We're often not able to help them with concrete ways, explaining how they can incorporate faith into their life."

For example, many churches emphasize sexual abstinence before marriage. However, unless there is a strong connection to those proclaiming that message, they will rebel against it, he pointed out.

When adults take time to help young people understand why sexual purity is good and will strengthen their spiritual walks, they are more likely to listen, Combs said.

Another reason for strengthening relationships with young adults is their need for guidance. Despite his optimism about their outward-looking nature, Combs said he thinks some students pursue service for the wrong reasons.

Students who have grown up being told what to do enjoy the praise that comes with obedience. Many are so used to praise they seek it out, sometimes to their disadvantage, Combs noted. "They find fulfillment in (service) because of the praise they get."

"One thing I focus on is finding out who they are," Combs explained. "I tell them, 'Let's have you be OK with that, find your God-given mission, and plug into that.'" (KBC)

before, Brockman said.

"We used that as a tool," he noted. "We told them it was a good thing to do so they were prepared to share their testimony when the Holy Spirit gave them a chance."

Justin Shults, who led a mission trip to Brazil last June along with two other churches, said the book improved the experiences of those who used it.

"It helped people on the trip to stay focused," said Shults, who has visited Brazil for the past 20 years. "So many times people on trips are so overwhelmed they don't stop and think and write it down."

Cheryl Hatfield of Willisburg Baptist Church said the journal helped prepare six adults and three girls to visit Bright Life Farms in Princeton last fall. The team spent time there with the mentally challenged residents.

Hatfield, the church's Woman's Missionary Union director, said she wished she had ordered it a month in advance instead of getting it the week before.

"It's so easy to use," Hatfield said. "This book helped us focus on our spiritual life and preparing to go on a mission trip. It helped when the day was over. It has questions that sparked conversations about what we learned."

Florida resident Trish Pelletier, who did the book's graphics and artwork, said she, too, has found it personally helpful. A former member of Crestwood Baptist, she accompanied a college missions team to New Orleans in 2007.

Although her recent move means she hasn't used it in a missions context, Pelletier said the journal has bolstered her own spiritual life.

"As a teacher, I like the organization and the idea of preparing for something, experiencing it and reflecting on it," Pelletier said. "I like to reflect and answer the questions: Where is God in what I'm doing? Where am I in God's plan?" (WR)

# Strength in Numbers

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Paul Chitwood

While these months have been incredibly enlightening and encouraging for me, they have also served to

confirm the magnitude of the challenges facing us. With so many families and churches struggling financially, budget deficits in a mission organization like the KBC come as no surprise. Some of our churches, embracing the More for Christ challenge, have elevated their commitment to the mission work funded through the Cooperative Program. For others, simply maintaining their current level of giving is a huge sacrifice. Still others have been forced to make reductions.

With all of that accounted for, figures indicate that average CP giving in KBC churches has plummeted by roughly one third over the past decade, down from just over 10 percent of undesignated receipts to the current level of just under 7 percent. That, along with the commitment of Kentucky Baptists to get more of our resources to the nations without a gospel witness, is dramatically impacting the ministry budgets of the KBC. The time has come to re-envision our work.

To that end, I have been meeting with as many Kentucky Baptists as possible, including state missionaries, pastors, church staff members, directors of mission, and each of our Mission Board staff members. I have listened to their perspective on the work of our convention. Over the course of the next several weeks, I will meet with representatives from some of our churches with strong CP giving records to discuss many of the ideas that have been shared with me.

My prayer continues to be that God will use these ongoing conversations to continue to reveal His vision for our convention. That we will not be able to continue funding all of the work we have undertaken in the past has become clear.

Yet, Kentucky Baptists are still giving a significant amount of kingdom resources through the CP and no doubt want to see those resources invested in ministries that are vital to kingdom advance. Targeting those funds will entail the difficult process of choosing between things that are good and things that are great. More importantly, targeting those funds will entail the process of seeking God's will in knowing that which He would have us do and that which He would have us no longer do.

I covet your prayers and pledge to keep you informed as we move into the future God has planned for us.

*Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.*

## Showing appreciation, care to our 'shepherds'

Shepherding the Shepherd is one of those rare conferences that ministers and their spouses enjoy so much and the messages presented are so inspiring and beneficial that many of its participants not only look forward to coming each year, but they would likely come three, four or even more times a year if they could. In fact, according to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's leadership development team, which partners with the Baptist Healthcare System to sponsor the event, a sizable number of the 120-plus couples who came to Lexington this past weekend have come again and again over the past 14 years. The fact that many faces are familiar ones adds an inviting, family feel to this special time set aside for ministerial couples to relax physically, renew spiritually, refuel emotionally and reconnect relationally.

Jeff Iorg, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary near San Francisco, Calif., was keynote speaker at Thursday's banquet. Iorg also serves as a chaplain for the San Francisco Giants baseball team to stay engaged in ongoing ministry and evangelism outside of the classroom. In his address drawn from 1 Corinthians 4, Iorg emphasized that ministers have two leadership responsibilities: to serve Christ and to be stewards of the gospel. Introducing pastors to what he called "the doctrine of the crowd," Iorg exhorted them, "Do not fall into the temptation to serve people as your ultimate objective." Ministers "play for an audience of One," he said, adding that the one measure of a minister's effectiveness is faithfulness.

After giving a host of examples, ranging from Joseph, Moses, Elijah and David to Paul, Peter, John and even Jesus, Benny Pate of the Georgia Baptist Convention asserted that he had not found a single biblical character who had not wound up in a "wilderness" situation for a time. In the wilderness, one learns to rely on God's leading, presence, provision and protection, Pate observed. But that happens only when one responds with submission, dependence, trust and patience, he noted. "Don't miss the growth opportunity," Pate urged. "Complaining and adopting a 'why me' or 'woe is me' attitude can rob us of blessings," he warned. Instead, choose to thank God for lessons learned in the wilderness, he counseled.

Local program personalities included Nick Sandefur, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, and

Ronny Raines, pastor of Cold Spring First Baptist Church, outside of Cincinnati. In addition to plenary sessions, both pastors led breakout sessions on "Serving on empty" and "Navigating the highs and lows of difficult ministry assignments," respectively.

## After Thought

By Todd Deaton



Recalling some of his unpleasant-yet-humorous early experiences in ministry while serving as a camp counselor, Sandefur observed that some may resist serving others because it takes time, doesn't seem to make a high impact, and they may think they are somehow above it. Pointing out that foot-washing was "nasty, smelly, humiliating business" because "dealing with feet stinks," Sandefur observed that Jesus donned the towel in John 13, and he reminded the ministers that "simple service is a great thing." Service promotes humility, leadership and joy, he emphasized, urging them to "lead from beside," rather than from out front or from the rear. "If Jesus is not above serving others," Sandefur challenged, "we should serve others as well."

To maximize one's potential as a servant leader, the challenge for one is to "pull back the curtain" and allow others to see one's dependency on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, Raines acknowledged. He led the ministers to reflect on five relevant questions: Is love permeating every aspect of your leadership? Are you making healthy leadership decisions? Is your current lifestyle helping or hindering your leadership? What kind of legacy are you praying to leave behind? Is the lordship of Jesus Christ influencing your leadership? "The truth is, effective leaders see love as essential, not optional," Raines underscored, then asked pointedly, "Do the people in your ministry context believe that you love them?" and "are you loving people who are broken, ashamed, skeptical and far from God?"

Just from this quick taste, one can easily see why Shepherding the Shepherd has become a popular and treasured time of rejuvenation for so many ministers through the years. At breakfast, I met Ray and Deanne Estes of Pisgah Baptist Church, a very small congregation in Blackford-Breckenridge Association, which pays the way for one of its ministers to attend each year, and they were grateful to be this year's beneficiaries. Their association also provides several partial scholarships. What a wonderful way to express love and appreciation to some of God's chosen servants!

## Reinstate BWA

In the Dec. 13 issue, I read the article about the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. The author was concerned that USCIRF faced a shutdown on Dec. 16 because of a lack of funding.

My question is: Do we even have USCIRF? Since 1905 we have had the Baptist World Alliance. The BWA seems to do most or all of what USCIRF does.

I am aware that the Southern Baptist Convention pulled out of the BWA in 2002 at the annual meeting in Indianapolis. I am a member of BWA. I would

hope, even pray, that the SBC would request reinstatement as a member of BWA—the sooner, the better.

Louis Shepherd  
Russell Springs



## Change name

Concerning the article about a name change in the Jan. 10 issue, I think the name should be changed to make it more inclusive worldwide. The Civil War is over between the North and South.

Southern Baptists have worldwide ministries and should be more inclusive. Northern Baptists changed their name to American Baptists. Black Baptists are

now called National Baptists. Our convention should be named, for example, Universal Baptists.

Yes, I say there should be a name change. I say "amen" to the name change.

Don Elswick  
Worthington

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## Super Bowl provides super outreach opportunity

By Jason Ellerbrook

Last year, more than 111 million people watched Super Bowl XLV to see the Green Bay Packers defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers. That's a lot of people in one place at one time.

This year, the NFL has given its blessing for churches to broadcast the Super Bowl, relaxing a previously restrictive policy and allowing public showings of the big game on TVs larger than 55 inches. Churches can now legally have a Super Bowl party without violating the league's copyright.

As believers and church leaders, we should be asking questions like, "What is God up to?" and, "How can we use this opportunity to share the gospel?"

Denver quarterback Tim Tebow, along with Focus on the Family's John 3:16 commercial, have increased the national conversation regarding the intersection of faith and football. One reporter even asked his Twitter followers to tell him the meaning of John 3:16.

Other athletes and sports celebrities are finding themselves on The New York Times bestseller lists with books about faith and values. It would be safe to say that the opportunity to springboard the conversation from sports to the gospel is at a zenith.

Many churches and groups will use their Super Bowl party as a launching pad for future men's ministry. Let me make a few recommendations on how to use some of the biggest names in sports to be strategic and successful.

First, do some thorough preplanning. Look for proven resources that your church or small group can show before, during or after the game that will challenge people to know Christ and grow closer to Him.

If you are looking for a way to turn the Super Bowl into an event that will have an eternal impact, then high-quality resources are the way to go.

One resource I'd recommend is from Sports Spectrum, the top Christian sports magazine in the country. They developed a Super Bowl halftime video every year called "Power to Win." A long-time tradition, Power to

Win helps the lost see Christ in a new way and provides great encouragement and hope to those who have been walking with Christ for decades.

For this year's Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis, Power to Win will feature professional football players whose stories focus on character and grace. As always, the video will finish strong with the plan of salvation.

### FIRST PERSON

Here are some practical things to keep in mind for your church's Super Bowl party:

- Test your TV, DVD, microphones and any other electronics you plan to use prior to game time. We've all been in that awkward silence in a Sunday School class or small group when the DVD doesn't play and the leader has to punt. It can kill momentum.

- Ensure you have a strong Wi-Fi connection. Guys like to use social media to trash talk and have fun with their old high school teammates, college friends and workplace acquaintances.

- Finally, announce a new small group, Sunday School class or off-campus meeting just for men. Use this event as a gateway to future men's ministry—but know that you are not alone.

Three-time Super Bowl winning coaches Joe Gibbs and Tony Dungy can help. They have created impactful men's ministry tools that are worth a closer look.

Gibbs was inspired to write a book called "Game Plan for Life" that challenges men to use the Bible as their playbook for the game of life. Dungy is deeply invested in a program called All Pro Dad that challenges fathers to build relationships with their kids that will honor the Lord. He also has written three best-selling books that challenge men to be uncommon leaders.

Men like Gibbs and Dungy provide the credibility for believers and churches to use games like the Super Bowl to reach the lost.

Don't pass on this opportunity to host a creative men's event, share the truth, hope and saving faith of Jesus Christ and "call men up" to greatness.

Jason Ellerbrook is the director of LifeWay Men.

## Did Jesus teach about marriage?

By Valerie Vincent

**Q: Is there anything Christ taught us about being married and having a family?**

**A:** Jesus modeled behavior that all spouses could apply to their marriage and family life.

1. Jesus responded to the needs of others with compassion. When the paralytic man was lowered by his friends, Jesus stopped what He was doing and responded to his needs.

2. Jesus was active in drawing the disciples closer to Him. He took Peter, James, and John apart from the disciples to deepen their relationship.

3. Jesus had been busy learning since He was a child. He took the study of Scripture seriously. He pursued an intimate connection with His Father to teach the truth, give wise counsel, and reveal the kingdom.

4. Jesus learned a trade, His father Joseph's trade, carpentry, to help support His family.

5. Jesus journeyed in an earthly family and endured a wilderness temptation to clarify His mission and ministry. He prepared. He kept focused.

6. Jesus was attentive to the relational needs of others. On the cross, He wanted His mother, Mary, and John to embrace a new relationship so both would have love and support when He was gone.

In marriage,  
1. Respond to the needs of your spouse with compassion and sincere care.

2. Actively pursue and draw your spouse closer.

3. Be a learner. Learn from Scripture and other sources about relationship. Learn so you can live out loving relationship with your spouse.

4. Support your family. Work to provide.

5. Deal with your temptations and be part of your family's life so you can have clarity on your mission and ministry. Keep focused.

6. Pay attention to the needs of your spouse to have friends and family to offer support and love.

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## The law of sowing & reaping

By Doug Strader

The Apostle Paul said, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Paul says that there is a law of sowing and reaping. A farmer who does not sow very many seeds cannot expect to reap a bountiful harvest; a farmer who sows bountifully can expect to reap a bountiful harvest. It is up to the person who is sowing.

When one carries this over to the spiritual life, Paul seems to be saying that if you are not sowing lots of seed in your service for the Lord, then it is not realistic for that person to think they will reap a bountiful harvest. Many Christians fail to see the connection between their financial stewardship actions and the spiritual blessings they receive from the Lord. If one of God's children cannot be faithful to trust the Lord with their tithes and offerings, how is it that the same person still expects God to bless them with bountiful spiritual blessings?

Giving of one's financial resources is a planned activity, because Paul reminds his readers that they should not give reluctantly, neither should they give compulsively. Instead he tells his readers that God does not want his children to give with that kind of attitude. God wants his children to love Him and trust Him so much that they give to Him with a cheerful heart.

Giving of one's financial resources is an act of worship. A Christian should not give because he thinks that God requires it. Rather, they give because it is one way to show God how much they love Him.

Doug Strader, retired director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department, is pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville.

## 'Remembrance is sufficient of the beauty we have seen'

By Duane Bolin

In a 2010 health crisis in my life, we relied on our faith to see us through. During a two-week hospital stay, we leaned on our faith in the God of our Fathers and in His one and only Son, and we depended on family and friends.

At the hospital I felt the Lord's presence, and my family gathered around me. I remember waking up from the anesthesia in the recovery room after my heart surgery, still on a ventilator, to see Evelyn smiling down at me and encouraging me that all was well. My brother, Steve, as always solid as a rock, was with me in the recovery room too, lending his strength. Other members of my family and friends stayed in the waiting room. Evelyn and Steve knew they were not alone.

In the hospital, amidst the heart monitors and IVs, I found myself yearning for the familiar. Still today, I find myself drawn to the old, familiar memories of better, or at least easier, times. In the days and weeks after the surgery, I worried that I could not remember, an important skill for any historian. It seemed as if a week of my life had been erased, and I found it harder to remember names and facts. My family and friends helped me

remember. Old, familiar books also helped me remember. Even in the days immediately after my surgery, I was able to read. And what a blessing! Familiar Scriptures and favorite passages in favorite books came easily to mind.

### A Letter from the Laity



Duane Bolin

Thomas Jefferson said, "I cannot live without books." I came to know exactly what Mr. Jefferson meant.

In a collection of E.B. White's New Yorker pieces, the editor included an essay in which the author of "Charlotte's Web" and "Stuart Little" told of a visit with his 92-year-old Aunt Caroline. White wrote that his

aunt was "in good health and excellent spirits," and that "being so old, she goes back to a more leisurely period, and when she speaks, she speaks with a precision and a refinement rare in this undisciplined century."

"There is nothing stiff-backed about the furnishings of her mind," he said, "but it is her nature to sit erect, to stand erect, and to speak an upright kind of English that is always graceful and exact."

White explained that one day in Maine "we were sitting with her at lunch in the country, and we apologized for not having taken her for a motor ride that morning to see once again the bright colors in the changing woods."

"Why, my dear," Aunt Caroline said without hesitating, "remembrance is sufficient of the beauty we have seen."

"The sentence startled us," White wrote, "as though a bird had flown into the room. ... At any rate, it suggests the beauty that surrounds the day, the sufficiency of remembrance, the nostalgia that is the source of tears." White said that "to any for whom by some mischance the magical moment fails in reenactment, we give Aunt Caroline's resolute words: Remembrance is sufficient of the beauty we have seen."

Although I may not be able to do some things that I once did, at least for a time, precious memories are for now enough. And when in my church we take up the bread and the juice of the Lord's Supper, and my pastor repeats those words of the Master: "This do in remembrance of me," we do indeed remember what the Christ did for each of us. And, as believers, we are renewed and inspired and made alive again in the scandalous beauty of the cross.

We agree with Aunt Caroline: "Remembrance is sufficient of the beauty we have seen." For people of faith, of course, remembrance is only sufficient when it leads us closer to the cross.

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# Tebow's season ends, but QB inspired fans on, off field

By Tim Ellsworth

**Foxborough, Mass.**—Tim Tebow's riveting and tumultuous season ended Jan. 14, with the New England Patriots hammering the Denver Broncos 45-10 in an AFC divisional playoff game.

There were "a lot of ups and downs," Tebow said about his second NFL season after the loss. "Overall, it's been a very special opportunity for me, something I'm really thankful for. There's a lot of things we're proud of. Obviously, it's hard to see them all right now." Tebow was quoted as saying.

Still, Tebow's performance this season earned him the right to be the starting quarterback next season, Denver vice president of football operations John Elway said last week.

The popular quarterback, whose habit of kneeling in prayer on the football field started a nationwide trend of copycats engaged in "Tebowing," inspired millions of fans with his positive attitude, charitable work with the seriously ill, and overt references to his faith in Jesus Christ. He also earned the derision and mockery of others who do not share his religious beliefs.

Tebow's penchant for pulling out seemingly impossible wins also sparked a lively debate about the role God plays in a player's success.

"It may be that Tebow will succeed in spectacular fashion; it may be that he will have the worst game of his life," Owen Strachan, professor of theology and church history at Boyce College, wrote in *The Atlantic*.

"Either way, the Bible assures us that God loves His chosen, God is orchestrating every detail of their lives, and God will lead them through success or failure to the end of all things."

Tebow's status with the Broncos was a touchy subject even from the start of the team's training camp. Several football analysts were pessimistic about his prospects as a successful NFL quarterback, and at one time speculation loomed that Tebow might fall to third string.

Things changed, however, when Denver went just 1-4 under then-quarterback Kyle Orton. The Broncos handed the starting job to Tebow who led the team to a 7-1 record over the next eight games, including several thrilling come-from-behind victories.

Though Tebow struggled late in the season and the Broncos lost their final three games, they squeaked into the playoffs. In Denver's opening-round playoff game against Pittsburgh Jan. 8, Tebow had his best game in the NFL—throwing for 316 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown pass on the first play in overtime to give the Broncos a shocking win.

But Tebow couldn't duplicate that success against the Patriots, completing only nine of 26 passes for 136 yards.

"I just wanted to show character, and any time you get beat like that, you continue to fight," Tebow said after the game. "It doesn't change who you are, how you play, how you go out there. You should be the same at all times, and



that's what I wanted to show."

Throughout the season, Tebow was the subject of mockery and scorn by some—such as Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch, who knelt in a mocking prayerful pose after sacking Tebow in an Oct. 30 game.

Despite the criticism, Tebow has earned the fanfare of writers and fans alike. ESPN columnist Rick Reilly, in an article titled, "I believe in Tim Tebow," reported on Tebow's actions toward those who have serious illnesses.

"Every week, Tebow picks out someone who is suffering, or who is dying, or who is injured," Reilly wrote. "He flies these people and their families to the Broncos game, rents them a car, puts them up in a nice hotel, buys them dinner (usually at a Dave & Buster's), gets them and their families pregame passes, visits with them just before kickoff (!), gets them 30-yard-line tickets down low, visits with them after the game (sometimes for an hour), has them walk him to his car, and sends them off with a basket of gifts."

Reilly said such actions, regardless of the QB's performance on the field, are praiseworthy.

"I've given up giving up on him," Reilly wrote. "I'm a 100 percent believer. Not in his arm. Not in his skills. I believe in his heart, his there-will-definitely-be-a-pony-under-the-tree optimism, the way his love pours into people, right up to their eyeballs, until they believe they can master the hopeless comeback, too." (BP)

## Tebow's 316-yard game leads to Internet salvations

**Charlotte, N.C.**—When outspoken Christian quarterback Tim Tebow threw for 316 yards to help Denver upset favored Pittsburgh in the playoffs, millions flocked to the Internet to search for John 3:16—so much so that the day after the game, the Bible verse was the No. 1 search on Google.

Some of those searches turned out to be of eternal significance.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association reported that more than 150 people made decisions to accept Christ as their Savior as a result of searching for "John 3:16" in Google and then clicking on an advertisement for the BGEA's PeacewithGod.net website.

The BGEA was able to track the data since it began advertising on Google so that people who searched for "John 3:16" saw an ad for PeacewithGod.net. All total, 8,000 people searching for the verse clicked on the website.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association often uses Google ads to advertise its website. Some examples include searches for "What happens when I die?" and "Does God exist?" The website has tallied more than 1 million visitors since it launched in May.

"We can respond to exactly what people are searching for at that moment—and it's often a very simple next step to the gospel," said John Cass, the association's director of inter-

net evangelism, said in a BGEA article.

The fact that an outspoken Christian quarterback threw for 316 yards was, some said, not coincidental. Tebow has been known to write "John 3:16" on his eye black. There were other 3:16 curiosities:

- Tebow's average for his 10 passes was 31.6 yards.

- The overtime drew a 31.6 television rating.

- Pittsburgh's time of possession was 31 minutes, 6 seconds.

Tebow's unorthodox quarterback style and his last-minute heroics have led to a debate over whether God's hand is directly involved in the Broncos' wins.

Boyce College professor Owen Strachan said the answer is neither "yes" nor "no."

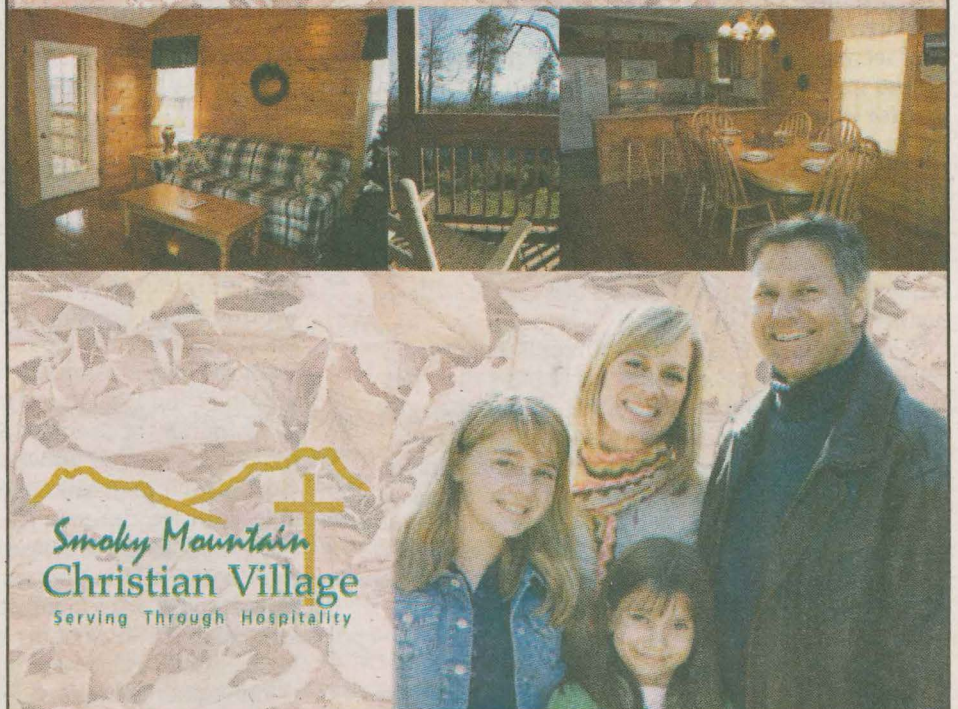
"The Bible says that God oversees everything that happens in this world," Strachan wrote in *The Atlantic*. "But is God directly intervening on the football field in the same way that, for example, He did to cause the virgin birth of Luke 2 (in what is called 'primary causation')? That I don't know."

"It's not clear to my human eyes how this all shakes out. I do know that the Lord is working everything out according to His wise and mysterious counsel which, try as we might, we cannot fully understand." (BP)

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# EVOLUTION

## Survey: Pastors unconvinced concerning evolution, but divided on earth's age

By David Roach

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Pastors overwhelmingly believe God did not use evolution to create humans and think Adam and Eve were literal people, according to a recent survey by LifeWay Research.

The survey also found that ministers are almost evenly split on whether the earth is thousands of years old.

When asked if they believe God used evolution to create people, 73 percent of pastors disagreed. A even higher percentage of pastors (82 percent) say they do believe Adam and Eve really existed.

"Recently discussions have pointed to doubts about a literal Adam and Eve, the age of the earth and other origin issues," said Ed Stetzer, vice president of research and ministry development for LifeWay Christian Resources. "But Protestant pastors are overwhelmingly creationists and believe in a literal Adam and Eve."

Based on a Gallup poll from December 2010, pastors are more creationist (referring to the belief that all things were created substantially as they now exist as detailed in the first chapter of Genesis and not gradually evolved) than the American public at large.

Forty percent of Americans believe God created humans in their present form, 38 percent say God used evolution to develop humans, and 16 percent think man evolved, with God playing no part in the process, according to Gallup.

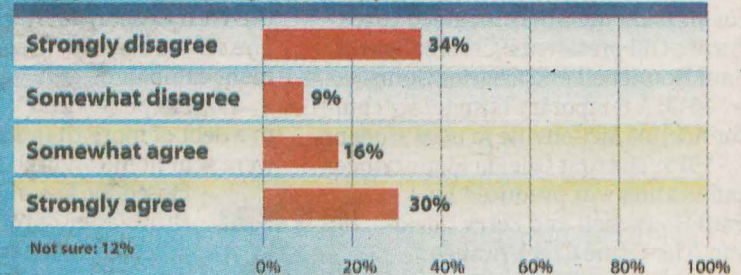
In the LifeWay survey, about one in five pastors agree that most people in their congregations believe in evolution.

About a third (36 percent) teach on creation and evolution more than once a year. That includes 28 percent who teach on the subject several times per year, 4 percent who teach on it about once a month and 3 percent who do so several times a month. Twenty-six percent teach



Among Protestant pastors

"I believe the earth is approximately 6,000 years old."



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on it about once a year, while 29 percent rarely do so. Eight percent never teach on creation and evolution.

Among the statistical differences:

- Pastors in the Northeast are more likely than their counterparts in any other region to strongly agree that God used evolution to create people. While 25 percent of Northeastern pastors strongly agree, only 13 percent in the West, 12 percent in the Midwest and 8 percent in the South feel similarly.

- Pastors of larger churches are less likely to believe in evolution than those in smaller ones. Only 4 percent of pastors in churches with 250 or more in attendance strongly agree that God used evolution to create humans. In comparison, 13 percent in churches with attendance of 0-49, 14 percent with 50-99 and 12 percent with 100-249 feel the same.

- Pastors who indicate they are evangelical are more likely than their mainline colleagues to strongly agree that Adam and Eve were literal people

(82 percent vs. 50 percent).

- Geographically, pastors in the South are most likely to strongly disagree that most of their congregation believes in evolution. While 69 percent of Southern pastors strongly disagree, 47 percent in the Northeast, 60 percent in the Midwest and 56 percent in the West feel similarly.

### Age of the earth

In response to the statement, "I believe the earth is approximately 6,000 years old," 34 percent of pastors strongly disagree. However, 30 percent strongly agree. Nine percent somewhat disagree, and 16 percent somewhat agree.

"Earth's age is the only issue in this survey on which pastors are almost evenly divided," Stetzer said. "But to many of the pastors, belief in an older earth is not the same as belief in evolution. Many pastors who believe God created humans in their present form also believe that the earth is older than 6,000 years." (LW/BP)

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## Our history, part 2

**1912:** This was the year of the famous undefeated Oneida baseball team. Team members included three future OBI presidents: Chester Sparks, Saul Houchell and Charles Goins.

**1913:** A temporary hospital was built for Lizzie McCornay to treat students.

**1915:** The first Oneida Mountaineer publication was produced by Paul Houchell and Perry Davidson. The Crane Creek Branch school opened. The first known African American donation of \$91 was given to sponsor a student for one year. The financial statement dated Sept. 1 showed \$1.10 cash on hand.

**1916:** McMurray Hall burned. R.A. Torrey sent a gift of \$10,000. The Lizzie A. Copp Cottage, a dorm for small boys, Daniel Copp Cottage, a dorm for big boys, and another cottage for smaller girls were completed. A foot bridge was built across the South Fork of the Kentucky River. It was paid for by public subscription.

**1917:** Thomas Leonard Adams was elected associate president. When the U.S. entered World War I, all young men in Oneida 16 and older left for the service—about 100 in all. The community suffered from a devastating flood. Sixty percent of all Clay County teachers had been trained at OBI.

**1918:** The school opened its own coal mine. B.F. Proctor of Bowling Green donated a small herd of purebred registered Jersey cattle. James Anderson Burns had to cancel most of his lecture tour due to a serious bout of influenza.

**1919:** OBI received a grant of \$50,000 for endowment from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Burns submitted his first and second letters of resignation over the course of the year, both of which were emphatically denied by the trustees. Many members of the Oneida community died during an influenza epidemic.

**1920:** Saul Houchell became the principal. James Anderson Burns was on the West Coast from April to September. The school began a \$2 million endowment campaign.

**1921:** Expenses and World War I led to a debt of more than \$18,000. Students were sent more and the school was closed for four months. Burns' third letter of resignation was accepted reluctantly and T.L. Adams assumed the full load as the second president. Oneida's first major bridge across the South Fork of the Kentucky River, known as the wagon bridge, was completed.

**1922:** Sylvia Russell became the third president. Russell requested \$600 for a concrete cistern and bathrooms in Carnahan Hall. Tuition for one year was \$135. The enrollment was 202 students ranging in ages from 12 to 40. Many of the older students were men who had returned from the war.

**1923:** Milo Trent of Pasadena, Calif., promised \$50,000 for a girls' dorm if the school could match it for other buildings. The goal was met with the help of more than 1,300 contributions. The Oneida Mountaineer reached 7,000 readers. Seven students graduated, all of them boys.

**1924:** Under Mrs. Russell's leadership the school's debt was reduced to zero. Burns was on the Chautauqua tour that took him as far as Jamaica. The total raised on this tour was \$50,000.

**1925:** Melrose Hall, a girls' dormitory, was completed. An addition was made to Marvin Hall. Carnahan Hall was remodeled and became a boys' dorm and the first gymnasium was built. Burns married Margaret Benner.

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### This is Oneida



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**SALVATION DECISIONS** Hundreds respond during a gospel invitation given by Evangelist Jay Lowder during a Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries citywide outreach in Nashville, Tenn. (ALRC photo)

## Lowder student rally 'great opportunity' for Campbellsville

**Campbellsville**—Evangelist Jay Lowder will visit central Kentucky next month speaking at Campbellsville University's chapel service and holding a citywide student revival.

The Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries Student Rally will be held at the Powell Athletic Center on the CU campus Feb. 15. The rally will follow Lowder's appearance at the school's chapel service that morning.

According to its website, Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries is an organization that crosses generational divides to share the message of Christ with students in a relevant manner. Founded by Lowder, the ministry has seen thousands of people, mostly students, commit their lives to Christ through the ministries' citywide outreaches.

"We all need to embrace every chance we get to penetrate the culture of our youth," said Dave Walters, Campbellsville's vice president for admissions and student services.

"This is a great opportunity for youth leaders to expose their youth to a powerful communicator who has a passion for young people and the ability to connect with them," added Walters, who also is pastor of nearby Lowell Avenue Baptist Church. "Our hope is that this event will be a catalyst to life-changing experiences

for the youth in this region."

DeWayne Frazier, CU's assistant vice president for academic affairs, was instrumental in getting Lowder's ministry to hold a student rally in the central Kentucky town.

Others also have been involved in bringing Lowder to Campbellsville including Taylor County Baptist Association, Saloma Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

"It is not often that a small community like Campbellsville has the opportunity to hear from an evangelist such as Jay Lowder," Frazier said. "I have listened to many sermons from Bro. Jay, and I am thoroughly impressed with the way he presents the gospel in a clear and concise manner."

Lowder said it will be an honor to preach at Campbellsville University.

"We also cherish, with great anticipation, working with the university, public schools and churches to bring to the community an exciting event ... that offers answers to some of life's most pressing questions," he added.

"Personally, I wait with anticipation to see what God has in store for this event," Frazier said. "Please pray that many lost will come to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ through this event." (CU)

## In memory of Robert Fitts

### Longtime Clear Creek professor recalled as Old Testament scholar

As I travel on behalf of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, alumni from all over ask about professors they came to love and admire during their time on campus. Probably the most asked-about professor among students was Robert Fitts. A lot of students sat under his teaching, a ministry spanning 24 years.

Because he served for so long and so long ago, the first question usually asked is: "What about Bro. Fitts? Is he still living?" It is not an impolite question; he was born in 1913.

I recently attended the funeral of Bro. Fitts. He was an outstanding Old Testament scholar and teacher. He pushed his students to do their very best and is one of the most admired educators to have taught at Clear Creek.

One former student recalled a time when a classmate decided that Bro. Fitts expected too much of them. The student was awake well past midnight when the rest of the world is asleep. He still was working on his Old Testament

studies and decided to "explain" to Bro. Fitts that he was just too demanding.

He went to his home on campus to wake him up and share his mind. When he got there, the light already was on in Bro. Fitts' window. The student could see that not all of the world was asleep after all. The professor was studying so he could feed his students.

The late-night complainer no longer felt a need to knock on the door, and went back to his room to follow his teacher's example.

At Fitts' funeral, Don Mantooth shared the story of Robert asking Addie Velois Sinkhorn to become his wife. She was quite a bit younger than him, so he assured her, "I plan to live a good long life." It seems he had inside information. Addie Velois Sinkhorn Fitts died Dec. 31, 2011, at the age of 90. Four days later, her husband died at age 98. He did indeed live a good long life, and he touched many others in service to the King.

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## Police arrest 43 NYC protestors in conjunction with church ban

By Tiffany Owens

**New York**—Police arrested 43 New York City pastors and lay people on Jan. 12 who were protesting the city's ban on church use of public schools for worship services. The ban is scheduled to go into effect Feb. 12.

The arrests came after more than 200 people gathered outside a Bronx public school where New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was giving his state of the city address. After singing songs and cheering speeches, protesters walked out in orderly groups of five to eight to kneel in front of barricades and pray. Police warned them to leave and then made arrests on charges of disorderly conduct.

The New York Board of Education has banned religious use of schools on Sunday mornings or at other times the schools are otherwise unused—even though the churches rent the space, dropping an estimated several million dollars per year into the city cashbox. If the ban prevails, more than 150 congregations will have to move to other facilities starting next month—and that's hard to find in New York City.

The week before, police arrested New York City Councilman and pastor Fernando Cabrera, pastor Bill Devlin and five others on charges of "criminal trespassing." Their alleged trespass was kneeling and singing two hymns outside the doors of the New York City Law Department. Police held them in custody for three hours.

The following day, the New York Housing Authorities reversed its

position to evict churches that meet inside community centers. Board of Education officials stuck with their ban on churches, though, saying it will protect the minds of "impressionable youth."

On Jan. 9 more than 100 persons from different ethnic, income and denominational backgrounds held a prayer meeting at Calvary Baptist Church in midtown Manhattan. The event concluded a citywide week of fasting and prayer on behalf of pastors and council members who are working to overturn the ban.

Bronx pastor Dimas Salberrios said the ban would be particularly harmful in poorer communities: Churches in boroughs like Queens and the Bronx successfully battle crime and poverty, and uprooting them is "destructive." He pointed to lower crime rates, help for the poor and homeless, and educational assistance for children as examples of what churches contribute.

The Bronx pastor, who has battled homicides in his own neighborhood and been held at gunpoint six times, has been on a hunger strike since Jan. 1 and said he won't eat until the ban is overturned.

Attempts at a legislative fix are underway. New York Assemblyman Nelson Castro has introduced a bill that would allow "the use of school buildings and school sites for religious meetings and worship when not in use for school purposes or when such service or worship is deemed not disruptive of normal school operations." (WNS/BP)

## Supreme Court allows ban on 'Jesus prayers' in N.C. county

**Washington**—The Supreme Court will not intervene in a controversy over Christian prayers before commission meetings in Forsyth County, N.C.

The high court's Jan. 17 decision leaves in place a federal appeals court ruling that held that the predominantly Christian prayers at the start of commission meetings violated the First Amendment.

The court found that more than three-quarters of the 33 invocations given before meetings between May 2007 and December 2008 referred to "Jesus," "Jesus Christ," "Christ" or "Savior."

Americans United Executive Director Barry Lynn hailed the Supreme Court's decision not to consider the case. His organization was one of the groups spon-

soring the lawsuit.

"When government meetings are opened regularly with Christian prayer, it sends the unmistakable message that non-Christians are second-class citizens in their own community," Lynn said in a statement. "That's unconstitutional, and it's just plain wrong."

But David Cortman, an attorney representing Forsyth County, said the ruling makes Christians second-class citizens.

"That's what this case shows," said Cortman, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund. "We believe the Supreme Court has missed an opportunity to clear up the differing opinions among the various circuit courts. It really is disappointing." (Fox/BP)

## Barna survey: Half of churchgoers' lives not affected by time in pews

**Ventura, Calif.**—Almost half of church-going Americans say their lives have not changed a bit due to their time in the pews, a new survey shows.

The Barna Group found that 46 percent of those surveyed reported no change. About a quarter of Americans said their lives were greatly affected by church attendance and another quarter said it was somewhat influential.

Two-thirds of respondents said they had felt "a real and personal connection" with God while attending church.

Among weekly church attenders, 44 percent said they felt God's presence every week and 18 percent said they had that experience once a month.

In a finding sure to disappoint pastors, three out of five church attenders said they could not recall an important new religious insight from their last church visit. Of those who attended in the previous week, 50 percent could not recall walking away with a significant new understanding.

Barna President David Kinnaman said the research shows that many churchgoers see the benefits of connecting with God and others in congregations. "Yet, the research results are also a reminder that faith leaders cannot take these things for granted," he said. "Millions of active participants find their church experiences to be lacking." (RNS)

## A summer bathed in prayer

### Crossings staff request Kentucky Baptists' prayers for record camps

By Kelly Collins, executive assistant

We're only a few months away from our largest summer ever at Crossings. With more than 11,000 students and adults registered for camp and more than 150 participating in Crossings in Haiti, we're excited to see what God will do in the hearts and lives these numbers represent.

James 5:16 instructs us to "confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

One of the greatest gifts you can give to us is your prayers. We invite you to partner with us in prayer in some specific ways during this season of planning and preparation for the summer.

First and foremost, please be in prayer that the gospel is boldly proclaimed and clearly communicated. Crossings exists to see students and adults "cross over from death to life" (John 5:24), and this summer we will have our biggest opportunity yet to share the good news of Jesus Christ with each guest who visits our properties.

A major part of accomplishing this goal is Bible study and small-group materials. We covet your prayers in hopes that each person who engages these resources is challenged to grow in his or her relationship with Christ.

Second, please be in prayer for the summer staff that will serve tirelessly and strive to build relationships with the students they encounter. Our staff spends long hours facilitating activities, working in the dining hall and leading small groups. Please pray for their health, personal growth and the opportunities they will have to break down barriers to share the gospel.

Third, pray for the construction projects and property improvements being done at both Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. We are excited to see students fill our new lodges and fellowship in our improved dining facilities.

We are grateful for the promise in 1 John 5 that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. Pray for God's will to be done this summer and in the days ahead.

David Melber is president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies. Contact him at Box 99918, Louisville, KY 42069-0918; phone (502) 491-7000.

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David Melber

### EBO at Work



Joy Bolton

## 'Hope. Find It Here'

### 2012 emphasis on evangelistic outreach bolstered by EBO funds

"Hope. Find It Here" is the theme of the 2012 Find It Here emphasis, calling for churches and associations to use attractional events for outreach. These are relational bridges and doors to communities that provide opportunities to reach lost people for Christ.

In 2012, attractional evangelism will include block parties, wild-game dinners, sports clinics, antique car shows, skate-a-thons, golf tournaments and other events. The Eliza Broadus Offering is at work providing funds to help with those.

Baptist Press reports that this year's Find It Here will utilize more social media and drive-time radio ads, but less TV advertising, although some TV ads will run in dozens of markets across the U.S. A half-dozen 30-second TV spots in English and Spanish already have been produced.

Groups can find resources to help prepare for Find It Here at [www.KyBaptist.org/FindItHere](http://www.KyBaptist.org/FindItHere). Additional resources can be found at the North American Mission Board God's Plan for Sharing website, [www.GPS2020.net](http://www.GPS2020.net).

Through training and resources to

help in planning, the purpose of NAMB is to help churches see their communities with fresh, evangelistic eyes.

Through Find It Here, churches can host new events or take things they are doing already—such as VBS or community festivals—and make them more evangelistic.

EBO will be a part of "Hope. Find It Here" as churches and associations start a "Chain Reaction" through attractional events. The 2011-12 Eliza Broadus Offering goal of \$1.25 million is vital to the missions chain reactions we want to see across Kentucky.

Please pray for the ministries across our state that receive

EBO funding. Pray that by Feb. 1, the offering goal will be within reach so that Kentucky WMU can proceed with 100 percent of the association special ministry grant funding. As of Dec. 31, EBO stood at \$928,309, far short of the goal. Contributions are received year round, and it is not too late to play a significant part in helping us reach the goal. It all begins with a chain reaction. Start one today as you pray, give and go.

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

**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.

**14** GuideStone Live Church Compensation Issues Conference, Griffin Gate Marriott Hotel, Lexington.

**15** GuideStone Live Church Compensation Issues Conference, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

## Baptist journalist Newton dies at 75

**Jackson, Miss.**—Jim Newton, 75, a longtime Southern Baptist journalist and former assistant director of Baptist Press, died Jan. 16 in Jackson, Miss., following an unexpected late-fall flare-up of his leukemia.

Newton held numerous positions in Baptist journalism, beginning as a press representative for the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1959-65; Baptist Press assistant director, 1965-73; editor of World Mission Journal of the former Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, 1973-80; editor and later director of news and information for the former Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board), 1980-90; and HMB director of public relations, 1990 until his retirement in 1992.

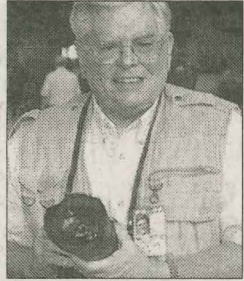
Newton left the HMB in 1987 for a brief stint with Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, an assignment which was to have taken him and his wife, Pat, to Singapore. But an economic slump prevented the move and Newton returned to lead the news department for a second time before it was combined with the public relations office.

After his 1992 retirement from the mission board, Newton accepted a communications position with the U.S. based-office of World Vision International in California. After retiring from World Vision, he and Pat moved to Clinton, Miss., to be near their two daughters, Jana and Kayla, and five grandchildren.

As a journalist, Newton

traveled to all 50 states and more than 70 countries.

He was born into a Kingsville, Texas, family who were editors of weekly newspapers in south Texas. After graduating from Baylor University in 1958, he began his career as associate editor of The Bishop News in Bishop, Texas, before moving on to the BGCT.



While working at the Texas convention, he began a courtship with the former Patricia Tullos, who was employed at the Mississippi Baptist Record. They were married 50 years.

Newton worked extensively as a communications consultant with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism, a ministry of the BGEA; and World Vision. He authored "The Way to Timbuktu," a novel based on missionary experiences in Africa for the SBC's 1981 Foreign Mission Study. The book was published by Convention Press for the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board).

Newton won more than 30 awards from the Baptist Public Relations Association (now Baptist Communicators Association) and the Religious Public Relations Council. He was a three-time recipient of BCA's top journalism honor, the Frank M. Burkhalter Award.

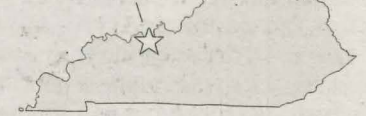
He was a member of Trace Ridge Baptist Church in Ridgeland, Miss., where funeral services were held Jan. 19. (Georgia Christian Index/BP)

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

### Spotlight on ...

#### Henderson



First Church will hold its second annual Parent Summit Jan. 28, 9 a.m., with **Tommy Sanders**, director of the childhood ministry education program at Dallas Baptist University, as keynote speaker. Breakout sessions also will be offered. The cost to attend is \$5 per person. For more information or to register, call (270) 826-2332. **Todd Linn** is pastor.

**Tidwell**, a former FBI agent, as guest speaker. The cost to attend is \$4; teens and boys are free. **Greg Barr** is pastor.

**MURRAY**—First Church will hold a "Come Away and Rest Awhile" women's event Jan. 28, 9 a.m., with women's ministry specialist **Karen Alexander Doyel** as guest speaker. **Sam Rainer** is pastor.

**POWDERLY**—Woodson Church will hold a county-wide worship service Jan. 29, 6 p.m. **Travis Fox** is pastor.

**SONORA**—First Church will hold a Baptist Men's Day breakfast Jan. 29, 8 a.m., with **Dave Tidwell of Carpenters for Christ** as guest speaker. **Tony Carson** is pastor.

**CALHOUN**—Buck Creek Church will hold a wild-game dinner Jan. 28, 6 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are requested. To reserve a spot, call (270) 733-4056. **Tommy Webb** is pastor.

**CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville Church will hold its spring athlete breakfast Jan. 29, 11 a.m. for students from Campbellsville University.

**ELIZABETHTOWN**—Northside Church will hold a "For Better, For Worse, For Keeps" marriage conference Jan. 27, 5:45 p.m.; Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m., featuring author and pastor **Bob Moeller**, at Elizabethtown Christian Academy. The cost is \$20 per couple and \$10 per individual. For more info, call (270) 765-6424. **Kevin Roberts** is pastor.

Severns Valley Church will hold "The Great Adventure" Jan. 29, 2 p.m., for children in grades 1-5. The cost to attend is \$3. **Bill Langley** is pastor.

**FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church will show the movie "Courageous" Jan. 29, 6 p.m. **Michael Hail** is pastor.

**HENDERSON**—Zion Church will hold a winter art exhibit Jan. 29. **Mark Galloway** is pastor.

**LOUISVILLE**—Maple Grove Church will hold a Hymn and Gospel Sing event Jan. 29, 3 p.m. **Ray Hayes** is pastor.

Parkland Church will hold a community dinner Jan. 26, 5 p.m. **Tom Curry** is pastor.

St. Matthews Church will hold a men's ministry breakfast Jan. 27, 7:30 a.m., with **Steve**

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**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of youth at Lakeland Baptist Church, located in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Individuals considered will have a seminary degree and at least five years successful experience. Lakeland offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please email resumé to [Dr. Ron Osborne, rosborne@lakelandbaptist.org](mailto:Dr. Ron Osborne, rosborne@lakelandbaptist.org).

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# Why my sons wear No. 44

By Jeremy Haskins

*Stranger:* Which one is yours?  
*Me:* The one right there.  
Haskins No. 44.  
*Stranger* (looking at me to make sure I am white): Which one?  
*Me:* The black kid right there.

*Stranger:* Oh really?  
Awkward silence.  
Ever since we brought Isaac and Jonah home from Ethiopia, this sort of interaction has been common for us around their sporting events. Parents trying to match each player up with their appropriate family, begin to realize the colors don't exactly coordinate with all the kids on the team.

To break the silence we usually say something like, "I can't believe you didn't notice the family resemblance." And in no way do we begrudge these moments. We actually have become very thankful for the opportunities they provide to talk about adoption and the gospel.

Much of our kids' sports activities have centered around baseball. Right now, we have four boys playing in four different leagues, all at the same park. One benefit to spending so much time at the same ballpark is that everyone knows our family. They have also come to know that the Haskins' kids come in all kinds of shapes, shades and sizes. And yet, there is one thing they all share in common. On the diamond, they all wear No. 44.

When my oldest son, Titus, began playing T-ball, we decided he would wear No. 44. We are big Atlanta Braves fans. And while Chipper Jones will always be our favorite Brave, we thought the history that Hank Aaron represented was important for our family to remember and champion.

I do not agree with everything Aaron has ever said or done. However, I do respect the price he paid to play in the Majors. Jackie Robinson was responsible for breaking the color barrier in baseball. But for men like Aaron, who began his career by playing primarily in the South, there were still many horrible obstacles to endure. I wanted my kids to know this about the "real" career home run king and appreciate it.

To begin with, the No. 44 was just a tool to teach our kids about racism. Honestly, for me, it was more about Braves folklore than anything else. However, now seeing this number underneath my last name on my sons' jerseys causes me to reflect more on my own story than anyone else's.

I remember standing in line at the post office with the first gift I would ever give my two new sons, who were still in an orphanage in Ethiopia. As I prepared to send two Atlanta Braves hats to them, I realized one day these boys would also wear No. 44. I began to daydream about two little boys, once orphaned in Africa, running onto a little league diamond with my

last name across their backs. I began to tear up right there in the post office thinking about how amazing this would be to see.

As much as I hate to admit it, racism was a part of life in the rural Tennessee town where I was raised. Compared to the violence of the 50s and 60s, it could have been considered a quiet racism. But its underlying wickedness was just as loud as the Tennessee orange we wore every Saturday to cheer on our beloved Vols.

The residue of such awful days gone by could still be heard in words used around our dinner tables and in our churches on Sunday. In these private and still very segregated settings, words were spoken and jokes were told that would have started riots in our desegregated lunchrooms on Monday. My stomach still turns to think about the sort of racist hypocrisy that even I was guilty of behind the closed doors of my home and church.

That's why the first time I actually saw all four of my sons, two white and two black, standing with my last name and No. 44 across their backs, this number was more than just neat baseball history for me. For me, it represented a redemptive moment for my whole family. It represented a transformation that I have seen even among members of my extended family as they all have embraced my two newest sons.

Last summer my kids were spending some time with my grandparents in Tennessee. One of my black sons, Isaac, crawled into my (very white) grandfather's lap and asked him, "Are you a Haskins too?" My grandfather responded, "Yes sir. I'm a Haskins just like you!"

There was a day when he wouldn't have been so eager to share his last name with a black grandson. I'm certain my family line included folks who thought Hank Aaron didn't deserve to play Major League Baseball because of his race. And yet, that moment between my granddad and his grandson, formerly from Ethiopia, was a repudiation to such racism.

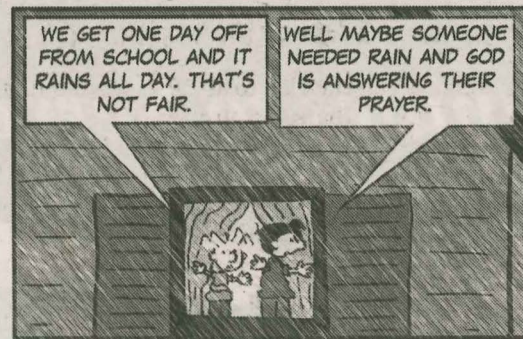
Haskins No. 44 constantly calls my attention to these kind of stories that I thank God my family is experiencing. Haskins No. 44 also reminds me that if the Father is ever asked, "Which one is yours?" He will not be ashamed to say, "That one right there. Haskins the former racist." (BP)

*Jeremy Haskins is associate pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington.*



## FIRST PERSON

## Preacher's Kids



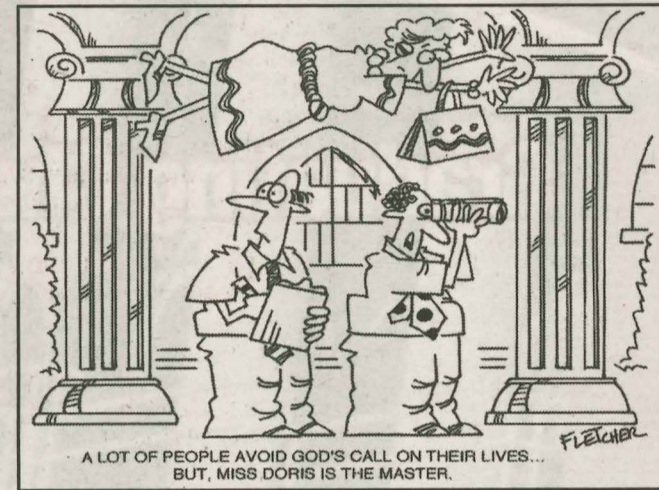
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## Bible Crosswords

### Across

- 1 "Keep me as the \_\_\_\_ of the eye" (Psalm 17:8)
- 5 A person who runs errands
- 11 "For the \_\_\_\_ which is lent to the Lord" (1 Samuel 2:20)
- 12 A citrus fruit the color of its name
- 13 Second day of the week, abbr.
- 14 "And the \_\_\_\_ father shall say unto the elders" (Deuteronomy 22:16)
- 16 "Wert grafted contrary to nature into a good \_\_\_\_ tree" (Rom 11:24)
- 17 Fa, so, \_\_\_\_, ti
- 18 A shot for an air rifle
- 19 "When thou was under the \_\_\_\_ tree, I saw thee" (John 1:48)
- 21 "Orpah kissed her mother in law, but \_\_\_\_ clave unto her" (Ruth 1:14)
- 23 District Attorney, abbr.
- 25 "Our Lord, and his Christ; and he shall \_\_\_\_ for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15)
- 27 Common Era, abbr.
- 28 "I \_\_\_\_ that bread of life" (John 6:48)
- 29 "The sons of Ram ... were, Maaz, and Jamin, and \_\_\_\_" (1 Chronicles 2:27)
- 31 "And Jacob took him rods of the ... hazel and \_\_\_\_ tree" (Genesis 30:37)
- 35 "Where neither moth \_\_\_\_ rust doth corrupt" (Matthew 6:20)
- 36 Advertisement, abbr.
- 37 Drug danger (abbr.)
- 38 "There is none that doeth good, no, not \_\_\_\_" (Psalm 14:3)
- 39 To be idle

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- 40 Spills water upon
- 42 California city, for short
- 43 Heat, abbr.
- 44 Garden of \_\_\_\_ (singular, SS 6:11)
- 46 "When thou shalt hear a sound going in the tops of the \_\_\_\_ trees ... thou shalt go out to battle" (1 Chronicles 14:15)
- 51 Book that follows Jeremiah, abbr.
- 52 A vein of metal ore
- 53 A sour fruit used to make a cool drink
- 15 "Thou that \_\_\_\_ idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" (Romans 2:22)
- 18 Bachelor of Theology, abbr.
- 20 Rio \_\_\_\_
- 22 "I found an altar with this inscription, to the \_\_\_\_ God" (Acts 17:23)
- 24 Air Coordinating Committee, abbr.
- 26 A large Australian bird
- 27 To give up
- 30 A very long time
- 32 "And Jacob took him rods ... of the \_\_\_\_ and chestnut tree" (Genesis 30:37)

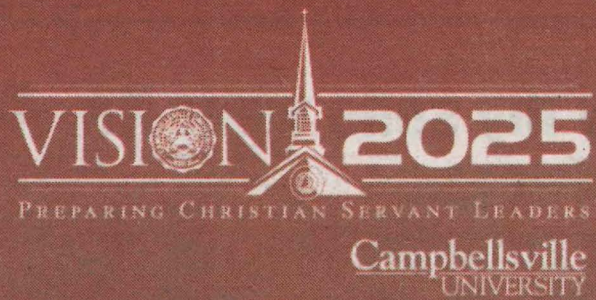
### Down

- 1 "I see a rod of an \_\_\_\_ tree" (Jeremiah 1:11)
- 2 "Go, wash in the \_\_\_\_ of Siloam" (John 9:7)
- 3 A great fear causing loss of control
- 4 Lane, abbr.
- 5 Pom-\_\_\_\_
- 6 American Rocket Society, abbr.
- 7 A Scottish Highlander
- 8 "For I will cast out the nations before thee, and \_\_\_\_ thy borders" (Exodus 34:24)
- 9 Brigadier generals, abbr.
- 10 Old English, abbr.
- 14 Rebels
- 33 "But the answer of a good conscience \_\_\_\_ God" (1 Peter 3:21)
- 34 An examination of knowledge
- 39 A green citrus fruit
- 41 "\_\_\_\_ word is a lamp unto my feet" (Psalm 119:105)
- 42 A northern constellation
- 45 Unidentified flying object, abbr.
- 47 "There was a man in the land of \_\_\_\_" (Job 1:1)
- 48 Bachelor of law, abbr.
- 49 Again, anew, once more, suffix
- 50 "But that the world through him might \_\_\_\_ saved" (John 3:17)

## Last puzzle's solution

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# 2012 ~ New Opportunities to Serve



## SCHEDULE A VISIT

- Preview Days are coming up Feb. 18 and March 17
- Tiger Round Up is Feb. 23 ~ 24

238 seniors received diplomas in December commencement exercises.

## Graduating Christian Servant Leaders

63 Undergraduate Options • 17 Master's Programs  
5 Postgraduate Areas • 8 Pre-Professional Programs

### You're invited to a special Student Rally

Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries Student Rally at the J.K. Powell Athletic Center on the main campus Feb. 15, 2012 at 7 p.m.

### CU Christmas break was a time for serving

CU students, faculty, staff and friends traveled to Texas, Florida and Haiti on mission trips over Christmas break. In Texas, students worked with Mission Arlington's Christmas Store. In Florida, student athletes played basketball with prisoners. CU's School of Nursing served 2,125 Haitians in a medical mission trip. They also gave out food and a small gift. At left, Hannah White, plays with a Haitian child from an orphanage.



Football player Will Warf, above, is among CU athletes serving through sports ministry.

The CU School of Nursing and friends gathered food to give to those in need in Haiti on their holiday missions trip.

- Ranked as a top regional university in the south by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Among America's Best Christian Colleges
- Rated as a Military Friendly School
- Named a Champions of Character Institution by the NAIA

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