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## 'What more can I do for Christ?'

Leading CP supporter looks to do more than ever for Christ

Cooperative Program Sunday  
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By David Roach

Marion—Even though Mexico Baptist Church already was giving 25 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program, the rural Crittenden County congregation wanted to do more for Christ.

Led by Pastor Tim Burdon, the congregation set a goal of giving more dollars to CP than ever before by asking each member to increase his or her weekly gift to the church by \$3.

Because it gives to CP on a percentage basis, leaders knew increased offerings would mean more dollars for local ministry, as well as for Southern Baptists' unified program of missions and ministry around the world.

So far Mexico Baptist is on pace to break its previous CP giving record of approximately \$102,000 in a year.

"It's real easy to look at our current

Dolls created by members of Mexico Baptist Church are used to share the gospel with children. They are just one example of several goals the Crittenden County church adopted earlier this year as part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "More for Christ" initiative. (Photo courtesy of Mexico Baptist Church)

situation and just say, 'We're already giving more than everybody else. What more can you expect?' Burdon said. "But what I encouraged the church to do, and myself as well, is to look at it individually. We shouldn't compare ourselves to what other people are doing. We're just asking ourselves as individuals, 'What more can I do for Christ?'"

The church's renewed focus on CP came in response to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "More for Christ" initiative, a call to repentance and spiri-

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## Gospel exclusivity: Pastors, laity disagree

Nashville, Tenn.—More than eight in 10 Protestant pastors disagree that eternal life can be obtained through religions other than Christianity, according to a survey by LifeWay Research.

The full 77 percent of the Protestant pastors surveyed strongly disagreed with the statement: "If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity." Another 7 percent said they disagree with the statement somewhat.

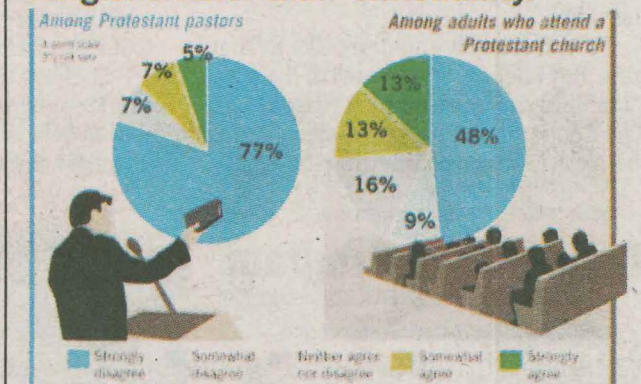
"Rob Bell's book, 'Love Wins,' kicked off a discussion about the exclusivity of the Christian gospel," said Ed Stetzer, president of LifeWay Research. "But most pastors are more in line with historic Christian beliefs than Bell, who suggested that other faiths lead to heaven."

Pastors' beliefs regarding the exclusivity of Christianity differ from those of their parishioners, according to a new study conducted for the upcoming book "Transformational Discipleship" by Eric Geiger, Michael Kelly and Philip Nation.

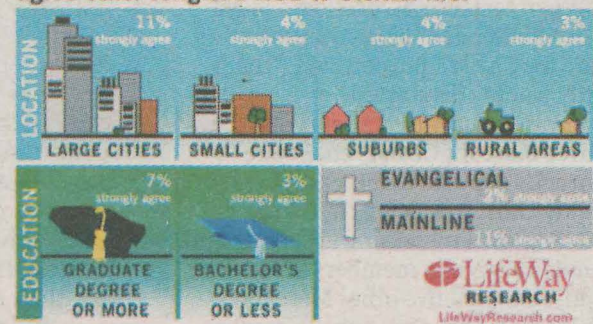
When presented with the same statement, just 48 percent of adults who attend a Protestant church once a month or more disagreed strongly and 9 percent disagreed somewhat. A total of 26 percent agreed. Sixteen percent indicated that they neither agreed nor disagreed.

"One fact is clear: Pastors are less universalistic than their church members," Stetzer said. "A few heads nodding or an occasional 'Amen' does not indicate everyone believes Christianity is the only way. Church leaders will never know where their congregation stands unless they ask." (LW/BP)

**"If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity."**



**Demographics of Protestant pastors who strongly agree other religions lead to eternal life.**



## Kentucky-connected ministry gets increased help from NAMB

By Tobin Perry

Syracuse, N.Y.—Pastor Matthew Hallenbeck received a phone call no pastor wants to get. His church was on fire.

An incapacitated driver had plowed into Bellewood Baptist Church in Syracuse, N.Y., early that morning causing massive damage and a fire. That morning the church decided—as they worshipped together outside—to rebuild. Yet no one knew exactly how the congregation would come up with the hundreds of thousands of dollars it would take to do so.

Now, a year and a half later, Bellewood Baptist is just months from worshipping in a brand-new church

building, thanks, in part, to a church nearly 900 miles away and the Appalachian Regional Ministry that connected the two.

Looking for a new mission trip to replace one that had been cancelled, First Baptist Church of Barnwell, S.C., learned of Bellewood's need through Bill Barker, the longtime executive director of ARM. The church then scheduled a construction trip to help Bellewood. It was the first of several volunteer connections made by ARM to help the church.

"One of the reasons I'm Southern Baptist is that I believe in the Cooperative Program," Hallenbeck said of the

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# Page 'cautiously optimistic' about Cooperative Program's future

*SBC Executive Comm. president says Southern Baptists must find way to put face on missions*

By Benjamin Hawkins

Fort Worth, Texas—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee president told a seminary audience last month he is "cautiously optimistic" about the future of the Cooperative Program.

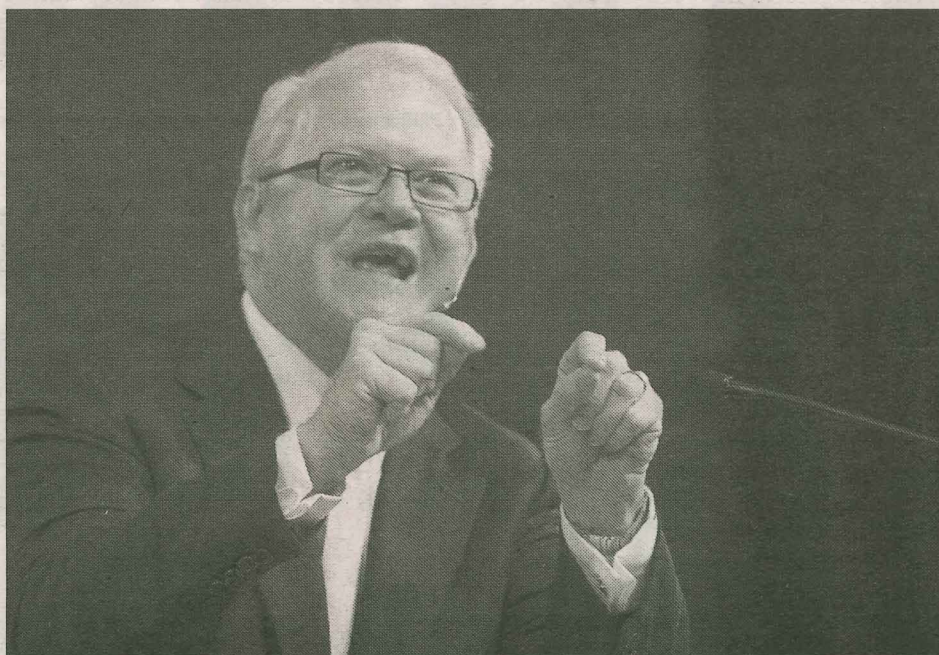
The comments came during a Q&A session with students and faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

"There is caution because in the 21st-century world, most every movement is toward societal giving, back to where we were before the convention started the Cooperative Program in 1925," Page said. "And that is, each entity, each organization, seeks its own donors for its own causes. And we are moving in that direction. That is the 21st-century mentality. We're in a time when everybody knows better how to do it themselves than trusting others. So, there is some caution there."

"I am also optimistic because there are some seismic shifts going on," Page added. "There are some changes, not only among the younger demographic but in leadership and in how we promote the Cooperative Program."

Page encouraged Southwestern's faculty and students to model faithfulness to CP and to "study and evaluate" the program for themselves. The CP has had its flaws, but by studying it, Southern Baptists can see its overwhelming advantages and repair any defects it may have, he said.

"If you study it and don't like it, that is fine. But I believe it has worth," Page said. "I believe there are biblical reasons why the Cooperative Program is good. I believe there are compelling logistical



**CP FUTURE** Frank Page, seen here speaking to messengers at the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual meeting last November, told a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary audience that he is "cautiously optimistic" about the future of the Cooperative Program and warned of a return to societal giving methods in the Southern Baptist Convention like those that preceded the adoption of the Cooperative Program in 1925. (WR file photo)

Frank Page:

**"I believe there are biblical reasons why the Cooperative Program is good. I believe there are compelling logistical reasons why it works well."**

reasons why it works well. In fact, I do believe that if we were to go to a totally societal method, I don't believe it would even be another generation before people would come back and say, 'Give us that Cooperative Program back.' There is economy of scale in it. There are logistical reasons."

Noting advantages to the Cooperative Program, Page said that Southwestern and the other seminaries benefit greatly from Southern Baptist cooperation.

"I believe that we need students who can leave here and not be ridden with school debt, so that they can be serving (in small churches) and be on the

mission field without having to pay back tens of thousands—if not hundreds of thousands—of dollars in school debt."

Following Page's opening remarks, those in attendance were invited to ask questions, the first of which was asked by SWBTS President Paige Patterson.

"Have you ever noticed," Patterson asked, "the strange parallel between the Cooperative Program and Communism? ... Communism has never worked anywhere it has been tried. It has always been a colossal failure. And yet people keep on propping it up and trying it. But by comparison, the Cooperative Program, certainly not a biblical concept by



**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

that name, has worked incredibly.

"And yet the only people that seem not to appreciate it are Southern Baptists," he continued. "And so Communism doesn't work and people keep trying it. The Cooperative Program does work. Unbelievably, it has worked, now boasting the largest mission movement in the history of the world funded by the CP. Out of the 10 largest theological seminaries in America, six of them are ours, and they're funded largely by the Cooperative Program."

"All that to set up the question: How on earth are we going to get our people to appreciate the Cooperative Program as much as all the rest of Protestantism appreciates it?"

In response, Page noted that many Southern Baptists "think they are giving to a program instead of giving to a (missions) project in Zimbabwe or in Beijing." They will appreciate the Cooperative Program if they see the students, church planters, missionaries and the lost around the world who are impacted by it, Page concluded.

"We have got to do a much better job of putting a face on missions," he declared.

Page added that "the Cooperative Program, unlike communism, is the voluntary submission of ourselves to the needs of others. The Cooperative Program will only work in an atmosphere of Christlike selflessness." (SWBTS)

## Cooperative Program

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tual renewal that messengers to the 2010 KBC annual meeting formalized as a three-year focus.

When former KBC president Floyd Paris "challenged the convention to do more for Christ," Burdon said, "that's really where this started."

It was Paris who came up with the "Three More for Christ" challenge to Kentucky Baptists to increase their weekly church offerings by \$3.

Along with increasing CP giving and individual giving, members of Mexico Baptist adopted five other More for Christ goals that they hope to accomplish over the next three to five years:

- Increase involvement in GROW, the church's outreach ministry, which involves contacting prospects by phone, writing them letters and visiting them.
- Offer additional evangelism training opportunities.
- Individually, spend more time with

God in private devotionals.

- Achieve an average Sunday School attendance of 200, up from 174 in 2010.

- Increase hands-on involvement in mission work, particularly through the Kentucky-St. Louis Partnership launched this year.

After the adoption of these goals in December, Burdon preached a series of sermons related to them. Then in January, Mexico Baptist held an official goal kickoff with Billy Compton, the KBC's executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources, as the guest preacher.

According to Compton, the church was packed that day with people eager to reach their community, their state, their nation and the world for Christ.

"Our overall goal as a convention to do more for Christ wasn't just for big churches," Compton said. "Here's a (smaller) church that's having a tremendous impact. I pray that God will multiply the Mexico Baptist churches of the world."

For longtime member Denny Mott,

giving to CP sacrificially is an important way to work to fulfill the Great Commission—a concept he said always seems to catch on with new members.

"Even though we've got lots of new people in the last two years, it seems like as they come in, they sort of jump on the bandwagon, too," he said of CP giving. "That's just something the Lord has laid on the people here."

Mott credited Burdon with casting the More for Christ vision, but "the people have really embraced it," he said, adding that the new goals can help the church bolster its spiritual health.

Already Mexico Baptist is making progress, according to Burdon. Giving has increased, new people have joined the outreach ministry and Sunday School attendance is up slightly, he said.

To advance the missions goal, the church's Woman's Missionary Union group has made more than 100 witnessing dolls that serve as visual aids for gospel presentations.

Still, the pastor said he knows that enthusiasm could wane over time. So, he

has planned special events and emphases "through these three to five years that will ... remind us and challenge us to continue to work toward that end means of our goals," he said.

KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood praised Mexico Baptist's example and held it up as a model for churches around the state.

"Pastor Tim Burdon and the church family of Mexico Baptist are among our best examples of a Kentucky Baptist Convention church committed to being a part of something bigger than themselves," he said. "While they faithfully share Christ in their community, they have not lost sight of our Lord's command in Acts 1:8."

"Through their sacrificial support of Cooperative Program missions, they provide a witness for Christ throughout Kentucky, North America and to the very ends of the earth," Chitwood continued. "I pray more KBC churches will follow the lead of Mexico Baptist and embrace the vision of cooperative mission work to advance the gospel." (KBC)

# Established congregations become inspired planters

By Ken Walker

**Bowling Green**—During a 2008 interview with a representative from the North American Mission Board, Pastor Tim Colovos said he felt very positive as he recalled the ministry of his Bowling Green-area church.

That is, until the man asked how many churches Oakland Baptist Church had planted.

"That question convicted me," Colovos said. "I had to say 'none'—and we were 100 years old. On the way back to church, God began to break my heart."

In response, Oakland Baptist held extensive discussions and formed a committee to investigate starting a new church. That led to the launch in 2010 of Community Church at Cedar Springs.

Community Church's pastor, Graham Lewis, was a member of the church-planting committee. Among other support, Oakland Baptist provided the new congregation with a building and assistance in renovating it.

The \$60,000 for the purchase came from a \$500,000 building fund dedicated to a new Christian life center at Oakland.

"God convicted our heart," Colovos said. "Since we gave that money, so far we've done \$800,000 of construction and haven't had to draw one penny from the bank. What seemed to be a deduction has turned out to be an addition."

Such stirring stories show the value of church planting, said Larry Baker, leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions growth team. However, he cautions that it requires planning and commitment.

"Church planting is messy," Baker said. "It's hard work."

But, Baker added, established churches that perhaps are not ready to plant a congregation can seek out new works in their communities and assist those budding congregations in a variety of ways.

"I would hope more of our churches and pastors would look at church planters in their area and look for ways to encourage them," Baker said.

Spiritual and financial

encouragement has been the key to a stellar church-planting record in Kentucky. In recent years, Kentucky Baptists have seen a 90 percent success rate with church plants, compared to a 68 percent ratio nationwide.

In 2009, Kentucky Baptists started 47 new churches. That number increased to 52 in 2010.

Baker said the 2011 total was 28, because of the ongoing sluggishness of the economy, and because Kentucky Baptists planted several Hispanic churches in a brief period of time.

The KBC does "a real good job vetting the church planters," Baker said. "In most cases where there is a church planter, the local association is involved. I don't know that every (state) has that kind of support."

Ray Woodie:

**Church planting "helped us see that missions was more than a name in a prayer book. Several people saw that they could go across the street or across the county. They realized that God had a greater purpose for them."**

Now averaging 65 to 70 on a Sunday, the boost that Community Church received from the KBC and Oakland Baptist has been invaluable, Lewis said.

"It has been a tremendous relief (for us, that we didn't have to fight and struggle with finances," said Lewis, who baptized 16 converts the first year. "It's been a godsend to allow us to get on our own feet. In the next few months we expect to be a standalone church."

Church planter Sellers Johnson has enjoyed a similar experience in the south central Kentucky town of Glasgow after starting Community For Christ with help from Coral Hills Baptist Church and the KBC.

Formerly a pastor in Cleveland, Johnson got to know Glasgow during a two-year ministry partnership that Victory Baptist Church in Cleveland had with Coral Hills.

First appointed as a church planter to Cleveland by NAMB, Johnson moved to Glasgow to help start a congregation for the African-American community.

After prayerwalking and doing surveys two years ago, Community For Christ began weekly Bible studies in a community center.

Now a multi-cultural church, it meets in an old storefront about a mile from downtown Glasgow. Last October, it moved its Tuesday youth Bible study to 11:30 a.m. on Sundays so young people could join adults at the 1 p.m. worship service.

Although averaging 20 to 30 for Sunday services, Johnson said 70 people accepted Christ as Savior last year because of the new church's outreach. He credits Coral Hills with making that possible.

"Without their help we probably wouldn't be in the building we're in and we probably wouldn't be as far along as we are," the pastor said. "It's truly important to the work being done."

This is the second plant for Coral Hills Baptist. About three years ago, it formed an 18-month-long partnership with River Pointe in Munfordville, a KBC High Impact church that received financial assistance and other support from the convention.

Coral Hills' pastor, Ray Woodie, traces the congregation's participation in planting to a mission trip several years ago to North Carolina. As members returned from that and other trips, he said it stimulated additional interest in missions, with two families later becoming international missionaries.

"It helped us see that missions was more than a name in a prayer book," the pastor said. "Several people saw that they could go across the street or across the county. They realized that God had a greater purpose for them."

In addition, church planting helped Coral Hills redefine success. They realized that a church's purpose is not defined by how many people are coming to services, but how many are going out to serve, Woodie said. "And if that's the measure of success, then any church can be successful." (KBC)

## BRIEFLY

### SBC kids, student registration open

Registration is open for pre-school child care, as well as Children in Action and Youth on Mission programs in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's June 19-20 annual meeting in New Orleans. Preschool child care and activities for grades 1-6 will be housed at the annual meeting site. Students in grades 7-12 will meet at the convention center before going into the community with Baptist Friendship House for hands-on mission work. Students will return to the convention center prior to the close of the afternoon session each day. Registration is handled online at [www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net](http://www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net) under the "Children and Students" tab. Space is limited. Child care is \$20 per child for each of the events, not to exceed \$40 per family per event. Youth on Mission is \$50 per child. In addition, there is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee per child.

### Judge: Imprecatory prayer legal

The theology of such "imprecatory prayer" may be a matter of debate, but a Dallas judge has ruled it is legal, at least as long as no one is actually threatened or harmed. District Court Judge Martin Hoffman April 2 dismissed a lawsuit brought by Mikey Weinstein against a former Navy chaplain who he said used "curse" prayers like those in Psalm 109 to incite others to harm the atheist and founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation and his family. Hoffman said there was no evidence that the prayers by Gordon Klingenschmitt, who had been endorsed for the Navy chaplaincy by the Dallas-based Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches, were connected to threats made against Weinstein and his family or damage done to his property. According to the lawsuit, Klingenschmitt posted a prayer on his website urging followers to pray for the downfall of MRFF.

### Poll: Christianity good for poor

Americans feel the "Christian faith" has a positive impact on help for the poor and raising children with good morals, according to a new poll, but it gets a bad rap on its impact on sexuality in society. In a new study, 72 percent of those surveyed said Christianity is good for helping the poor and for raising children with good morals. Around half (52 percent) said Christianity helps keep the U.S. as a "strong nation," and nearly as many (49 percent) said the faith had a positive impact on the role of women in society. Ron Sellers, president of Grey Matter Research, said he wasn't surprised that Americans hold their most negative perception for how Christianity impacts sexuality: 37 percent felt there was a negative impact, compared to only 26 percent who felt it

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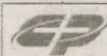
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## Lead members to engage in personal evangelism

"Pastor, we want to see our church grow!" might qualify as the most frequent statement uttered by a pastor search committee to a prospective candidate.

### Points to Ponder



Adam Greenway

While such a candidate may indeed be genuine, too often the burden is placed squarely upon his shoulders to do that which brings about biblical church growth—namely, the conversion of lost sinners.

Many church members see no need or responsibility to actually engage in personal evangelism, while those believers who do desire to take the Great Commission personally oftentimes struggle with fear or doubt that God can actually use them. How can a faithful pastor motivate ones who lack the desire to share the gospel and encourage those who lack the confidence to witness?

Some practical suggestions:

**Lead by doing.** It seems self-evident, but in order to lead church members to engage in personal evangelism, the pastor needs to lead out by example. Many commentators have remarked that gospel passion is more "caught than taught." It is far too easy in pastoral ministry to devote large amounts of time to sermon preparation, counseling, administration, team/committee/ deacon/elder meetings, hospital visitation, Bible teaching, and various other priorities, yet neglect the pastoral mandate to "do the work of an evangelist" personally (2 Timothy 4:5). A pastor who regularly cultivates relationships with lost persons in order to share Christ with them will inevitably have a greater effectiveness in mobilizing others in the church to do likewise.

**Prioritize and promote.** A heightened atmosphere in the church is critical to moving church members toward greater involvement in personal evangelism. Provide training opportunities utilizing various methodological approaches to sharing the gospel. Incorporate testimonies of witnessing encounters and conversion experiences in corporate worship gatherings. Make the ordinance of baptism a time both of celebration and gospel proclamation. Do everything you can to communicate how important personal evangelism is in your church's life.

**"Try tears."** Attributed to Salvation Army founder William Booth, this two-word phrase was his response to tired and discouraged individuals in his ministry. Yet the sentiment is applicable today when thinking about the plight of the billions around the globe who have not obeyed the gospel, including family members, friends and colleagues we know personally. Our Lord personified compassion and was genuinely broken over the spiritual condition of those who rejected him (see Matthew 23:37). Until our hearts begin to break and our eyes begin to weep over the lost souls perishing daily in our midst, our churches will never make the transformational impact Christ intended.

Adam Greenway is president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## Masters champion also a champion for the Master

"I've got to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," Bubba Watson said, just after donning the green jacket. Standing on one of professional golf's most revered sanctuaries, the pristine, azalea-lined fairways of Augusta National—with its hallowed "Amen Corner"—Watson fittingly intoned a humble prayer of gratitude. Even though others have expressed similar praises, it is always refreshing to hear professional athletes publicly declare that the most important things in their lives are faith and family, not their careers or titles won. This Masters champion desires to be a champion for the Master.

It had been another unforgettable finish at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga. On the second playoff hole, Watson made an incredible shot from the spot where his ball rested some distance off the fairway atop pine straw. When it seemed he wouldn't even have a shot, he amazingly hooked the ball sharply onto the green more than 135 yards away. The ball rolled to within nine feet of the flag, setting up a par for the playoff win. Earlier, Louis Oosthuizen, the other golfer paired against Watson in the playoff holes, had made an albatross. For the non-golfers out there, that's a double eagle, a score of two on a par 5 hole—nearly unheard of. There have only been four in the entire history of the Masters. I can't recall ever seeing one until Oosthuizen's second shot from about 250 yards away landed on the front of the green and rolled about 90 yards to drop dramatically—as if in slow motion—into the cup.

As remarkable as it was to see those two golf shots in the same round, even on television, I was more thrilled by what I later learned about Watson from an article released by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (see page 6) and from other reports. Although he has won three other recent tournaments—the Travelers Championship, the Farmer's Insurance Open and the Zurich Classic—until last Sunday I had not followed Watson. But I must admit, it's hard not to like this Southern golfer with long locks and a Puckish grin, who says he never took a golf lesson; who couldn't resist hollering "Go Dawgs"—for Georgia, his alma mater—during his interview; who was nicknamed "Bubba" shortly after birth by his dad (his real name is Gerry); and who is restoring the General Lee, the orange Dodge Char-



### After Thought

By Todd Deaton

ger that the Dukes of Hazzard drove in the 1970s hit television series, which I frequently watched as a small boy.

What really grabbed me, though, was the bold manner in which he shares his Christian faith. I love the way he puts it: "Just showing the light." That's homespun eloquence. I also was struck by his visibly apparent love for his family. After he sank the putt, his mom rushed out and hugged him on the green, and at just the mention of his recently adopted, six-week-old son, Caleb, the new dad chokes up and has a hard time fighting back his tears. "It's more amazing than winning the green jacket," he told a Fox News reporter on "Happening Now." Watson then added, "That's why I cry all the time, that's why I feel like I am so blessed. It's because of being a Christian, being a Christian family, my wife, too. It's a special time for us because we know these things are not just from us. It's God helping us out, and we know that the green jacket is a big honor, but at the same time, we can't take this to heaven with us."

On Twitter, many have found significance in how Watson describes himself as a "Christian, Husband, Daddy" and then pro-golfer, and that he sometimes tweets Scripture verses. He also regularly attends a Bible study during the PGA tour, and he contributes to several charities. In fact, the pink Ping driver with which he hits those insanely long drives reportedly promotes cancer awareness. In the BGA story, Watson states that golf is "just an avenue for Jesus to use me to reach as many people as I can." What a terrific missions-minded perspective! It also is one that is easily adapted to any career setting.

I first began playing golf in high school when a friend asked me to try out for the team. I wasn't very good then, and I'm not very good now. Yet, I still enjoy playing for some odd reason, and the church where I attend today has a group of men who play together regularly each spring. They have found golf to be a great way to get to know other Christians and to share their faith. Perhaps that's the best point Watson reminds us of: "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). Best of all, even though you may never be a Masters champion, you can always be a champion for the Master.

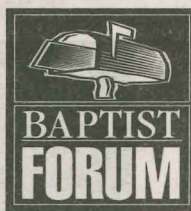
## Everyday witnesses

I was very appreciative to read in a recent column by Paul Chitwood about "relational evangelism." I agree with him that it isn't the only way to share our faith, but I would suggest that it is the primary way for average, everyday Christians to share their faith. Whenever the laity (not a vocational minister like Timothy, for example) are addressed in the New Testament letters, they are told to be good family members, to be good church members, and to be good neighbors. In short, the emphasis is on the Great Commandment, not the Great Commission.

My point is that "relational evangelism" has been the approach for

non-apostles and non-ministers from the beginning of the Church. It has always been about loving people into the Kingdom of God. The vast majority of Christians are simply to witness by the way they live, where they live. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves and be ready to share the hope we have, and it should be done in a sensitive, respectful way. (To be sure, short-term mission projects are not to be discounted.)

Over the years, I have met so many Southern Baptists who feel guilty for not being a kind of "vocational evangelist," which is what they've been told they must be. In the process, they simply give up trying to witness at all.



I think this situation is unfortunate and unbiblical. Every Christian is not called to be a pastor, a teacher, or an evangelist, but all are called to witness with our lives where we live. This lifestyle is "relational evangelism," and that was the initial model for the church as led by pastors, teachers and evangelists.

Mike Dixon  
Middletown

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## Trayvon Martin and our justice system

By Richard Land

The Trayvon Martin case embodies a multiplicity of tragedies that should cause Americans of every ethnicity to grieve for those who have been hurt by its far-reaching impact.

We grieve for the loss of a young black man who had so much of his life left to live.

We grieve for the fact that he will never experience the joys of marriage and parenthood. We grieve for his parents and his loved ones. We lament that a community has been torn apart by racial division and growing mistrust of authorities.

We also have sympathy for the person who pulled the trigger, George Zimmerman, a 28-year-old Hispanic man who was a captain in his neighborhood crime watch program. Whether he is found guilty by a jury of his peers or not, his life will never be the same.

And we are deeply distressed that some have used the occasion of this tragedy to fan the flames of racial unrest in the community and nation. The rush to judgment by a handful of activists, aided and abetted by willing and complicit elements in the national media, have trampled our justice system's bedrock principle of "innocent until proven guilty."

The premise that each of us is innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of our peers is the greatest guarantee of our individual liberty. That principle protects all Americans, regardless of ethnicity, from government abuse of power. When it is undermined, we suffer a collective loss of freedom.

If a person is tried and the facts prove his innocence in a court of law, where does he go to get his reputation back? If millions of Americans already are convinced he is guilty before the evidence is presented before an impartial judge and jury, what hope does he have of reclaiming normalcy in his life? Let's ask the Duke University lacrosse players from 2006 and Atlanta's Olympic security guard Richard Jewell from 1996.

Should George Zimmerman be crucified in the court of public opinion for the sins of past generations of whites, sins with which he was not involved? How does

that foster the cause of racial reconciliation, or simple decency and justice?

This is dangerous behavior on many levels. It is undeniable that African-Americans have suffered unimaginable abuses at the hands of a sometimes racist justice system. Does this justify the equivalent of yelling "Fire!" in a crowded theater by hurling charges of racism and denied

justice before the facts have been thoroughly reviewed and adjudicated?

The multiple investigations currently being conducted by local, state and federal authorities will determine whether or not George Zimmerman is guilty and what his punishment should be. When an organization like the New Black Panther Party distributes posters claiming George Zimmerman is "Wanted: Dead or Alive" with a monetary reward attached, justice is being denied. This kind of irresponsible vigilante behavior is inexcusable and must not be tolerated in a nation ruled by law. It is anarchy run amuck.

To assert that George Zimmerman is guilty of murder is, at this point, premature. It is irresponsible for anyone to say they "know" that which is currently unknowable—namely, what actually happened on that tragic night in February. The authorities are investigating reportedly conflicting evidence and eyewitness accounts. The exploitation of this tragic event by people who should know better is shameful.

Some have said that I, by criticizing this rush to judgment, have set back the cause of racial reconciliation. Real racial reconciliation, to which I have been committed for my entire ministry, involves treating people as equals. Among other things, it means speaking the truth in love and not being called a racist when you are the bearer of uncomfortable truths. True racial reconciliation means you can criticize black leaders when you believe they have been wrong without being labeled as a racist. True racial reconciliation means that you do not bow to the false god of political correctness. (BP)

*Richard Land is president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.*

### FIRST PERSON

## How much is enough?

By Doug Strader

I attended a stewardship conference when I was a young pastor, and although I do not remember very much of the content, there was one thing I learned that has stayed with me through many years: "Our ability to get will always be one step behind our desire to have." That statement has proven to be true for many people.

Several years after that workshop, a stewardship program was produced by LifeWay entitled "How Much is Enough?" Larry Burkett was the author, and the theme of his material was similar to the earlier stewardship

lesson that I had learned. When we live in affluence, it is very easy for us to get caught up in the "Great American Dream." It happens to many subtly. The power of advertising and a general feeling of entitlement cause us to feel that somehow we have earned the right to expect these things because everyone else has them, or that we have worked hard enough to deserve them.

In the United States, success is measured by how much money one makes, what kind of automobile one drives, what kind of house one lives in, the kind of clothes one wears, or where one vacations. That kind of thinking flies in the face of Jesus' words in the story of the rich farmer. Jesus said one's life is not measured by the abundance of things one possesses.

Somehow many Christians have not learned this very important teaching of Jesus. Many are ruining their health by working hard to accumulate things for themselves and their families. The Bible teaches us to save money for the future, but it also teaches that it is a sin to hoard money and possessions. Moreover, the Bible teaches us to use our abundance to help meet the needs of the less fortunate and to take care of widows and orphans.

God does not bless me with more to hoard and spend on myself. He blesses me so I can help others.

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



## Arrogance in marriage

By Valerie Vincent

**Q: My spouse can be incredibly arrogant. Even if you have achieved a lot in life, how do I keep living with such arrogance?**

**A:** Living with a spouse that seems consumed with self and is not aware of the impact that he or she has on a spouse or family is very challenging. It is clear in Scripture that God is not pleased with arrogance (Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil—Proverbs 3:7).

Specific instructions are given to us to be humble ("Too much pride brings disgrace; humility leads to honor"—Proverbs 29:23); to boast about the Lord ("Therefore, as it is written: 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord'"—1 Corinthians 1:31); and to view ourselves with the right perspective ("Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips"—Proverbs 27:2). Often when we compare ourselves with others we may look better, seem smarter, or appear more valuable, but when we compare ourselves to Jesus Christ, we will always fall far short. So this is the only comparison we are to make and so strive to be like Christ.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). Jesus had every right to value Himself above others, but we do not. Consider telling your spouse how valuable he or she is to you as well as to God. Let your spouse know that some of what is said or done you find hurtful and offensive. Then gently ask them to consider the impact of their words and attitude on their relationships. Be clear that the attitude of arrogance is coming between the two of you and eroding true intimacy.

*Reprinted from WR March 29, 2011. Valerie Vincent is a Christian counselor with Hardy Associates in Louisville.*



## Why we're hungry for 'The Hunger Games'

By Dick Staub

"The Hunger Games" has sold 26 million copies and is the first young-adult book to sell a million copies on Kindle. When it was released in theaters on March 23, the film version broke box office records for a new non-sequel release.

People who know only the basic plot are asking why the series is so popular. "The Hunger Games" is, after all, a dark story set in a post-apocalyptic future, featuring 24 teenagers who are released into the wild with a mandate to kill or be killed until just one is left standing.

Like characters in reality TV, these killer teens are televised for the entertainment of an elite and pampered audience. A game master introduces dramatic elements—forest fires, mutant attack dogs—to keep the games exciting. Bets are placed on winners and losers, and sponsorships are provided for the audience's favorite warriors.

These gladiatorial games are the invention of a tyrannical government that seeks to suppress any attempted uprisings within a war-ravaged North America, where the hard labor of citizens on the outskirts sustain the pampered lifestyle of the capital city.

*Author Suzanne Collins said she conceived of "The Hunger Games"*

one night as she flipped television channels from teenagers on a reality TV to teenagers serving in the Iraqi war. She couldn't shake this jarring juxtaposition.

So does the popularity of "The Hunger Games" offer good news for those of us concerned about American culture and the younger generation? I say yes, for a few reasons.

First, it is a morality tale that's being devoured by a generation raised on situation ethics. The cynical citizens of the capital say, "May the odds be ever in your favor" about a game in which the odds are 24 to 1 that you will be killed. Neither Katniss Everdeen, the heroine, nor Peeta Mellark, her teammate, want to take human life, and as the last two survivors, both seek an alternative to killing the other. In the end, both eschew their self-interests by helping each other.

Second, "The Hunger Games" celebrates the heroic efforts of a few who inspire hope for the many. Like the young Theseus in Greek mythology, who overthrew decadent political and religious powers to establish Athens, underdogs Katniss and Peeta set out to beat the system. They raise hope in the enslaved districts and concerns in the capital. President Snow warns the game master, "Hope, it is the only thing stronger than fear. A

little hope is effective, a lot of hope is dangerous."

Third, "The Hunger Games" is a searing, angry commentary that exposes our entertainment culture as a diversion from the injustices and superficiality of contemporary life. Like Neil Postman's "Amusing Ourselves to Death," "The Hunger Games" reveals the dark side of a society whose minds and consciences are numbed by amusements. Before it collapsed, the Roman Empire offered the spectacle of humans killing humans in Coliseums. Ironically "The Hunger Games" puts viewers in the stands of today's Coliseum, the theater, as we are amused by a story about a sick culture whose entertainment mirrors our own. As one character says, "If no one watches, then they don't have a game."

Finally, "The Hunger Games" is a love story for a generation trying to distinguish between love and friendship. "Harry Potter," "Twilight" and now "The Hunger Games" each feature a triangle of friends in which friendship and romance become intertwined, and the central character must make a choice for love. It's all juvenile fiction, but it makes you think. The themes are big, and dark and the stakes are high—something like real life. (RNS)

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### FIRST PERSON

# Masters champ Watson not ashamed of Christian faith

By Trevor Freeze

Augusta, Ga.—There's something different about Bubba Watson. And he doesn't care if you know it.

The 2012 Masters champion realizes he's not like most famous athletes.

In fact, he welcomes it.

"People always ask 'Why is Bubba different?'" said Watson during a pre-Masters interview. "They're just trying to figure it out."

Watson's identity is not wrapped up in his freakishly long, left-handed drives. Rather, take one look at his Twitter page: "@bubbawatson: Christian. Husband. Daddy. Pro Golfer. Owner of General Lee 1." It's the order that matters.

Watson is an outspoken Christian who uses his Twitter account and his PGA Tour platform to share about his faith in Christ.

"For me, it's just showing the light," the 33-year-old golfer said. "There's people who want to put down Christians. I try to tell them, 'Jesus loves you.' It's just a way to be strong in my faith."

After winning the Masters, Watson thanked "my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." His first Tweet after the win: "To



God Be the Glory!!!"

During the 2011 Masters, Watson Tweeted out two Bible verses on the morning of the final round. He followed it up by talking about his faith, his relationship with God, sharing more Scripture verses and listing the Christian art-

ists on his iPod.

Some started complaining about his 140-character witnessing tactics, but Watson's response was simple: Feel free to unfollow, but the talk about God isn't going away.

When someone tells him "Your God Tweets are lame," Watson responds with, "I will pray for you and your family."

Watson's win at the Masters was his first major PGA tournament win and only his fourth career victory. But winning isn't everything for the golfer. There was a time in his life where drives slicing into the rough or putts rimming out would get the best of him.

"I was so wrapped up in, 'Why am I not winning?'" Watson said. "It created frustrations in my head and in my life."

Things got so heated on the golf course that Ted Scott, his caddie since 2006, finally gave Watson an ultimatum.

"My caddie finally stepped up and said, 'You're going to have to change, or I'm going to quit,'" Watson recalled.

Watson's temper-driven manner was replaced with what some call "Bubba Golf," which puts less focus on golf mechanics and more emphasis on just playing golf and having fun.

And it's working.

Watson credits three strong believers, his caddie Scott, with his trainer Adam Fisher and his wife, Angie, as the difference in his attitude.

"I've really got a good team around me trying to help me succeed," said Watson. "Not just in golf, but off the golf course, (I want) to be a light for Jesus."

Perhaps the most powerful Christian witness Watson has experienced is the PGA Tour's weekly Bible study, held every Wednesday night during tournament weeks.

Rickie Fowler, Matt Kuchar, Zach Johnson, Jonathan Byrd and Webb Simpson, along with Watson, are some of the regulars, with attendance ranging from 16 to 50 people on a given week.

"For me it's a way to get back connected with the Bible and with God and Jesus," Watson said. "Now you know other people you can talk to, ask questions to, tell them what you're thinking, tell them what's going on in your life."

Watson said the study gives him the opportunity to get "more in the word and realizing that golf is just an avenue for Jesus to use me to reach as many people as I can." (BGEA/BP)

# All-American Barrett Jones enjoys 'every second' on mission

By Laura Fielding

Jinotega, Nicaragua—Barrett Jones, a 6-foot-5-inch, 300-pound football player for the University of Alabama would stand out anywhere.

But his love for God and his commitment to sharing the gospel also makes him stand out from most of his peers.

"I don't want to be known as a football player who happens to be a Christian, I want to be known as a Christian who happens to play football," said Jones, an All-American for the 2011 national champion Crimson Tide.

A longtime member of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., Jones organized and led a missions team to Jinotega, Nicaragua, during his spring break last month.

The team participated in several nightly revival services at Shalom Baptist Church in Jinotega and visited three public schools and an orphanage. At each location, they gave their personal testimonies, presented the gospel story and interacted with the children by playing games.

The 21-year-old Jones shared his testimony at a revival service.

"Tonight, I want to talk to you a little bit about what I'm really passionate about," he told the crowd, "and that's not football—it's Jesus Christ."

It was the third mission trip Jones has organized and led—the past two spring

breaks he has taken mission teams to Haiti where they constructed bathrooms for refugees, painted a school building and built a basketball court.

"I love this trip (to Nicaragua) because it's all about presenting the gospel—that's the main purpose of it," Jones said.

"This trip could have an eternal effect, hopefully, on some people's lives."

Jones has garnered an impressive list of academic, athletic and community service honors and awards. He graduated as an accounting major in three years with a 4.0 GPA. He will play his fourth season at the Alabama Crimson Tide as a graduate student in accounting.

He is involved in Campus Crusade for Christ and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In 2011, his football prowess was recognized with the Outland Trophy as the most outstanding interior lineman, the Wuerffel Trophy for exemplary community service, as well as athletic and academic achievement, and the 2011 SEC Scholarship Athlete of the Year.

Between classes, study, football practice and games, spring break is the only free time Jones has during the year.

Jones said people will tell him, "Man, that's awesome that you're giving up your spring break to go on mission trips, and I say to them, 'I'm not giving up anything.'"


"This is the most fun I could ever have


... to go on a trip like this and experience this with like-minded Christians and spread the gospel. ... That's what I love to do.

"I've been to the beach a million

times," Jones said, "and I don't really remember one specific beach trip. But I remember every second and every day of every mission trip I've ever been on."

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At Shalom Baptist Church in Jinotega, Nicaragua, Barrett Jones (left), University of Alabama offensive lineman, shares a message on how God—not sports, money, success or relationships—can fill a person's heart while Rafael Castro translates. (BP photo)



## SBC theme to spotlight 'Neighborhood & Nations'

New Orleans—"Jesus: to the Neighborhood and the Nations" is the theme for the Southern Baptist Convention's June 19-20 annual meeting in New Orleans, SBC President Bryant Wright has announced.

Drawn from Luke 24:47-48, the theme is meant to convey the importance of dual missions at home and abroad, Wright said.

"Sometimes people feel like it's either/or, that they must focus on those at home to the neglect of those in the uttermost parts," Wright said. "Sometimes people are so focused on the uttermost part that they neglect their own neighborhood, their own mission field. ...

"(S)ome people think unless they are reaching their neighborhood first, they don't have the right to focus on going to the nations," Wright continued, adding, "This is a specifically worded theme. Christ is clear. We are to focus on both. It is not either/or—it is both/and.

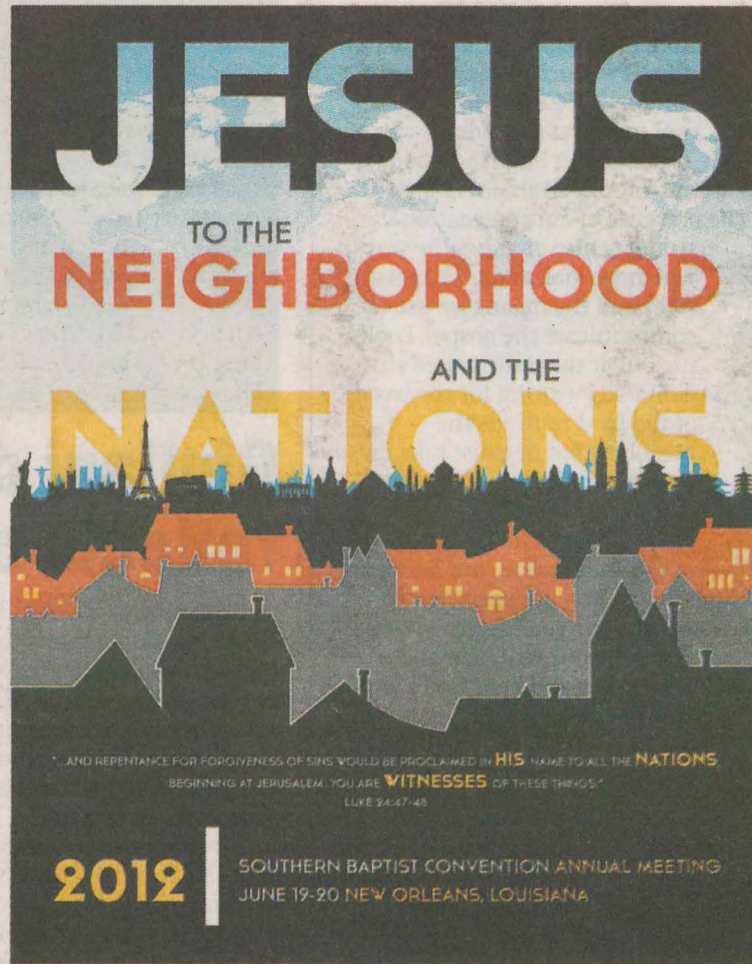
"They ought to be our focus all the time."

A radical reprioritization of Christ's Great Commission is Wright's prayer for the annual meeting, which is to be held at New Orleans' Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

"I'm praying this will be Spirit-led," Wright said, that there will be a "powerful conviction of the Holy Spirit as we focus on carrying out Christ's Great Commission in a unified spirit."

Wright chose the passage from the book of Luke to expound on the disciple Luke's frequently quoted rendering of the Great Commission in Acts 1:8.

"That's the beauty of the Gospels, to look at parallel teachings in different Gospels," Wright said. "It gives us a sense of freshness, an understanding of what Jesus is teaching us. ... I think it just allows us to expound more on the very crisp, clear mission Jesus gives us in Acts 1:8." (BP)



## Texas pastor to be SBC 1st VP nominee

Lutz, Fla.—Texas pastor Nathan Lino will be nominated as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the annual meeting in New Orleans this summer.

Ken Whitten, pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Fla., shared his intention to nominate Lino, saying, "I believe Nathan's vision and leadership are exactly what we need in Southern Baptist life."

Lino, 35, has served as pastor of Northeast Houston Baptist Church in Humble, Texas, for 10 years and formerly served as first vice president of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Born in South Africa, Lino's family immigrated to the United States when he was 11, settling in Texas. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. After completing his master of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lino returned to Texas and led Union Baptist Church in Normandy before planting the church he currently serves.

Lino and his wife, Nicole, have four children. (BP)

## Appalachian ministry

Continued from page 1

help his church received from ARM volunteers. "Southern Baptists learned a long time ago that we can do a lot more together than we can by ourselves. This just proves it to me—these people coming together and working with us to build the church. It's not something we could have done on our own."

Started in 1999 in partnership with 13 state conventions, the North American Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Union, ARM has involved nearly 600,000 volunteers in ministry throughout the Appalachian region. More than 60,000 people have come to faith in

Christ through ministries associated with ARM.

Because of its unique role in penetrating lostness in one of the poorest and least-churched regions of North America, NAMB has increased its role, taking full responsibility for funding the ministry. NAMB will pay all the salary and benefits for Barker and cover the ministry's operational expenses as well. Because of some of the similarities to Southern Baptist ministry in the Midwest, ARM will relate to that NAMB region.

"By making this ministry a full part of NAMB, it guarantees our commitment to the spiritual needs of the Appalachian region for the long term through our Send North America strategy," said Steve Davis, NAMB's vice president for the Mid-

west region.

ARM began as a Southern Baptist response to the immense spiritual and physical needs of the region. The region runs from the state of New York to Alabama, following the path of the Appalachian Mountains, including much of eastern Kentucky. Barker said ARM focuses on five key areas: church planting, ministry centers, construction projects and church strengthening within Appalachia.

"There are still so many needs in this region and our foremost concern is the spiritual need," said Kevin Ezell, NAMB's president. "With NAMB's increased role, we plan to mobilize more churches and more Christians to become involved in the ARM ministry."

As recently as 2009, ABC News reported that some parts of central Appalachia had a poverty rate three times the national average. Barker, a former Kentucky Baptist Convention staffer who grew up in West Virginia, says poverty in the region is greater today than it was when the ministry started 13 years ago.

"Just in the area of West Virginia where I live, 950 people lost their jobs recently," Barker said. "They shut down several mines. These are permanent layoffs."

The spiritual needs are vast, too. Barker estimated some counties within the region are close to 90 percent unchurched with little to no evangelical work. In an effort to reach the region with the gospel, ARM helps church planters in a variety of ways.

To meet the physical and spiritual needs in the region, ARM connects Southern Baptists to ministries within Appalachia. Barker speaks at 125 churches a year sharing the needs of the area's ministries and churches, along with sharing church planting opportunities within the region. Barker also keeps an updated list of ministry needs and volunteer opportunities on the ARM website, [www.ARMInistry.org](http://www.ARMInistry.org).

Last Christmas, ARM collected and distributed more than 5,000 boxes stuffed with toys, gloves and school supplies to children in Appalachia which came from Southern Baptist churches.

Through meeting ARM volunteers and seeing the massive amounts of donated items churches sent through the ministry, one non-Christian, eastern Kentucky couple came to Christ. Eventually the entire family was baptized at the church started by Lester and Bessie McPeck in Letcher County.

"Pray for laborers," Barker said. "We need people to come here long term and start churches, and we need people to help us fight the poverty, too." (NAMB)

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## Culture fair & cultural challenges

### Annual event offers reminder that OBI is international mission field

Sushi from Japan. Muffins and corned beef from Ireland. Beef and pork dumplings from China. Ingera (spongy flatbread) from Ethiopia. Rice cakes from Korea. Meat pies and puff-puffs from Nigeria—that's just a sampling of the food offered at our 2012 Culture Fair.

Our student body includes approximately 100 international students who have come from some 24 countries. They come from every continent except Australia and Antarctica. Some are the only representatives of their country with us; others are part of a much larger group.

The annual Culture Fair is sponsored by our student council. The festival of foods involved the help of many OBI faculty and staff. Students chose recipes and submitted lists of ingredients. Our director of international admissions made an all-day shopping trip to an international market near Cincinnati. Students from various countries went to staff houses and cooked. Many students dressed up in their traditional indigenous attire. Then it was time to eat!

The presence of such a large contingent of non-Americans in our student body does make our campus different from many high schools. It changes the languages you hear as you walk around the campus. It keeps the computer lab open on Saturday mornings to facilitate the communication of these students with their parents from whom they are separated by thousands of miles.

It changes the shapes and colors of the faces and the eyes which come to

class, gather to worship, act in our plays, compete on our sports teams, and sing in our choir. It changes the shape of our curriculum as we include English as a Second Language for every level of our high school program so students can become proficient in English, graduate and attend an American university.

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Paul Davidson

The presence of our international students also changes the way in which we look at our chapel services and the means we use to communicate the gospel. Looking out at the multi-toned student body waiting for the word of the Lord reminds the preacher that he must take extra steps to make himself understood across the potential barriers of culture and language.

For that reason, our Scripture readings frequently are projected so that those who can read English better than they can hear it will have the opportunity to see and hear God's word. Extra hours are spent producing presentations so that all students, especially our internationals, have as much help as possible understanding the message the Lord is sending them.

Striving to reach those who struggle to interact in English moved us to show multiple versions of the "JESUS" film recently, each in a different language to a different group of students during the chapel period. I don't have the full count of those who made first-time decisions; but I know of one: a young lady who struggles with English but who came forward to ask for prayer and to say she had accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. Hallelujah!

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## Carried by the Lord

### Soon-to-be graduate reflects, says he is thankful for God's strength

Senior David Daniels recalls a few short years ago when he just didn't think he was college material. Looking back now as he prepares for his graduation, he realizes it only happened for him because of the Lord's strength and guidance.

"When I got out of high school, I thought about college but my heart just wasn't in it," David recalled. "I ended up getting into the sales business and did really well as far as finances go. One of the drawbacks, though, was always working on Sunday. I can remember literally crying on my way to work on Sunday because I knew that was not where I needed to be.

"Business started getting bad with the downturn in the economy," David said. "I would have a lot of deals I was working on just quit; nothing would seem to work out. God used that time to get my attention. I knew He was calling me into the ministry, and He was telling me that I needed to trust Him. I remember visiting Clear Creek and thinking that it was impossible for me to even come here. I didn't have any

confidence in myself that I could do college-level work. But God worked it out for me to come here, and now I am getting ready to graduate.

"God has provided and blessed so much during my time here," David said.

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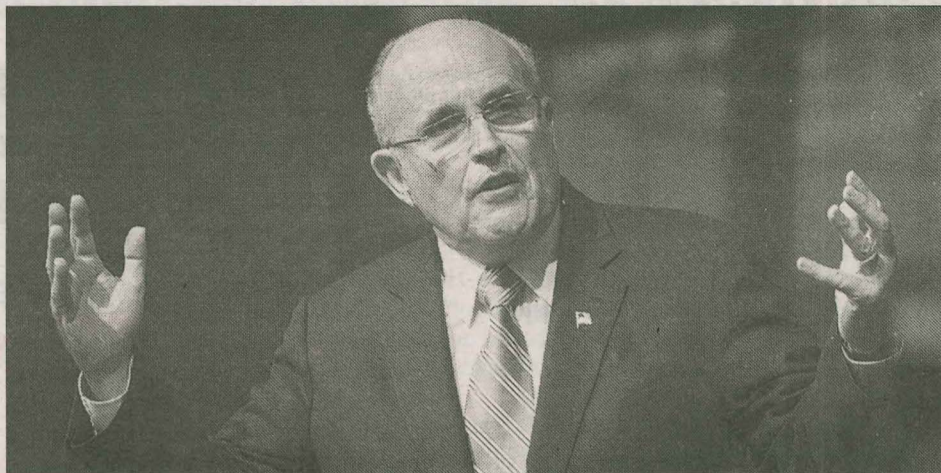
"I remember bowing my head in class one day so worried about bills, finances and my ability to handle an increased class load. I was just so worried about how I was going to make everything happen. I remember God constantly telling me just to draw closer to Him. As I did just that, God would give me the strength to budget my time, to handle my class loads, and provide for my finances.

"I'm currently serving at a local church involved with many of the ministries," David said. "I know God has called me to pastor a church. Whether that works out now or later, I don't know. But I do know God will make it happen in His time.

"God gave me the strength to do everything He had called me to do. As I look back now, I see His footsteps carrying me."

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## University of the Cumberland



## Giuliani discusses leadership, reflects on events of Sept. 11

Williamsburg—During times of crisis, citizens look to leaders for reassurance and answers. Eleven years ago, millions of New Yorkers looked to Rudy Giuliani for leadership, reassurance and answers. He delivered, becoming one of the most beloved and respected public figures in American history.

"America's Mayor" recently spoke to a capacity crowd at University of the Cumberland's O. Wayne Rollins Center as part of the school's "Forcht Group of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Leadership" series. Bringing a direct tone, Giuliani encouraged those in attendance to be the leaders of tomorrow.

The former New York City mayor spoke on courage and his six principles of leadership: beliefs, optimism, courage,

relentless preparation, teamwork and communication. The former mayor focused on leading in all aspects of life; as a student, as a professional and as a family.

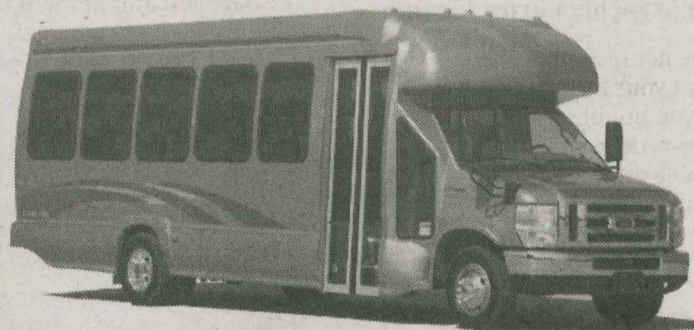
Giuliani encouraged the UC crowd not to shy away from fear.

"What defines courage is what you do with fear," he said. It is a reminder, he noted, that being a leader means being courageous in times of adversity.

Giuliani also reflected on the events of Sept. 11, 2001 and shared his memories of that day. He recalled standing outside of the World Trade Centers as the fires burned above, he recalled the lives that were lost, and the heroism and courage of the first responders and volunteers. (UC)

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## Colson showing signs of recovery

Washington—Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson remains in critical condition following surgery on the surface of his brain but has made “slow” yet “encouraging” progress toward recovery, according to a statement from his ministry.

Colson has been hospitalized since March 30, when his speech became slurred during a conference. Doctors performed surgery the next morning, removing a pool of clotted blood from the surface of his brain.

Over the Easter weekend, Colson “hit some important milestones,” the April 10 statement said.

“He was awake for several hours on Holy Saturday, and he was taken off the ventilator. He was also able to speak for brief periods,” the statement said.

His improvements are proceeding at a “slow pace” but his medical team says his vital signs are “excellent.”

Prison Fellowship CEO Jim Liske asked for continued prayer for Colson and his family, saying that “in situations like this, bad things happen fast and good things happen slowly,” and encouraged them to remain diligent in prayer over the weeks to come.

It was the first time in 34 years that Colson did not spend Easter in prison telling inmates about Christ.

Author Eric Metaxas is filling in for Colson and voicing the Breakpoint radio commentaries. (BP)

## D.C. pastor: False conversions ‘suicide’ for churches

By Bob Allen

Louisville—Thousands, if not millions, of church members sitting in America’s pews aren’t really born-again Christians, a Washington, D.C., pastor said April 10 to a pastors’ conference in Louisville.

Mark Dever, senior pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in the nation’s capital, warned those attending the 2012 Together for the Gospel Conference that “false conversions” are “the suicide of the local church.”

Dever was one of four religious leaders—along with Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; C.J. Mahaney, president of Sovereign Grace Ministries in Gaithersburg, Md.; and Ligon Duncan, senior minister at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Miss.—to convene the first Together for the Gospel event in 2006 to combat what they viewed as false teaching in many churches today.

This year’s conference, the fourth, was drew approximately 8,000 pastors and ministers last week to the Kentucky International Convention Center and KFC Yum! Center, with messages uploaded daily on the website t4g.org.

Dever described “members of the church who live worldly, carnal lives” as a “serious problem” in American Christianity.

“The problem I am pointing to is not just that of the occasional hypocrite lost in their own unrepentant sin,” Dever said. “I’m talking about systems which seem to produce false converts so much that it’s not just one man ... but whole congregations that

like Israel of old are typified and characterized not by holiness but by worldliness.”

Dever said that is a problem for church members who are “deceived about their own state before the Lord.”

“It’s just not right for a congregation to leave men or women made in the image of God with the impression that they are reconciled to God when the truth is, other than some decision recorded in 1973, there is no evidence whatsoever that they are reconciled to God,” he said. “That is not a loving thing to do for them.”

It also is a problem, Dever said, for the churches they attend, especially if they do so in large numbers.

“Congregations are to be composed of born-again, repenting sinners,” Dever said. “When a congregation is made up of many people whose lives more resemble the works of the flesh than the fruit of the Spirit, the experience of following Christ together, of love and encouragement and spurring on and mutual advocacy and accountability, all of this is eroded and cooled and diminished. The church becomes more like the world.”

That, he said, harms the church’s witness.

“The church’s witness to the nations is subverted,” Dever said. “We become so much like the world they have no questions they want to ask us. It appears that we have no hope that is any better than theirs. ... When the world is in the church, then the church begins to disappear from the world.”

Worst of all, Dever said, “God’s

name is defamed.”

“Our churches are to reflect the character of God so that He will be brought glory among the nations,” Dever said. “That’s His plan. We work against Him when we build churches that camouflage His character, that seem to hide it rather than display it. False conversions obscure God’s plan.”

Dever said pastors unwittingly contribute to false conversions with watered-down teachings aimed at drawing bigger crowds.

“Avoiding the doctrine of hell is one step away from denying it altogether,” Dever cited as one example. “When you begin to teach regularly and clearly that there is a judgment, then there is an appropriate care and humility that begins to characterize your congregation’s life together.”

Dever said it also is important for preachers to point to the dangers of self-deception, citing 2 Corinthians 13:5: “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.”

Dever said a lot of preachers are tempted to overlook unregenerate membership because they believe everyone is a sinner and don’t want to come across as being judgmental or uncharitable. But Dever said there is a lot to be gained by having a congregation where all members are serious about following Christ.

The D.C. pastor said whimsically that if pastors want to ensure their successor fails after they leave a church, they should accept as many members as possible who show no evidence of being born again.

“False teachers create false converts,” he said. “And false converts—guess what they do? They hire false teachers.” (ABP)



Mark Dever

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## Teens ‘go forth’ for the gospel

### EBO-funded missions events encourage teens to serve others

This month, the Eliza Broadus Offering is having an impact on teenagers. Because a portion of EBO is used by Kentucky WMU for missions education, the offering helps to provide missions opportunities for youth and their leaders. This includes our statewide events for teen girls, Exalt, and for teen guys, For Guys Only (4GO).

Exalt and 4GO recently were held simultaneously in Campbellsville to allow churches to make the best use of transportation options. Maryann Lee, Kentucky WMU’s youth and college consultant, planned and directed Exalt at Campbellsville University. Jon Auten, our Royal Ambassadors and Challengers consultant, led 4GO at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Using the theme “Blank Canvas” and 2 Corinthians 5:17 as the theme Scripture, Exalt featured Kristi McCartney as the keynote speaker and Bo Warren as the music leader. Girls participated in general sessions and breakout seminars. They brought canned goods for Taylor County Baptist Association’s food pantry and received an offering for missions.

“Go Forth with the Gospel,” based on

Mark 16:20, was the 4GO theme, featuring Shawn Clark as the keynote speaker and Chris Gardner as the music leader.

The guys’ event featured general sessions and breakouts which introduced ministry opportunities. On Saturday, the guys were to “go forth with the gospel” as they participated in ministries utilizing what they had learned the night before. The guys also brought canned goods and one of the projects was to deliver and stock the food pantry with the donations from both events.

Thank you for your gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering which helped us to provide these events for our teens. Teenagers are at a critical time in their lives, often making significant spiritual commitments. It is vital that we first point them to a personal relationship with Christ as Savior, then help them discover their callings to serve Christ.

Next month: EBO and summer camps. Please note: The early bird registration rate for camp is effective until May 25. Learn more at: www.KyWMU.org/Camp.

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### EBO at Work



Joy Bolton



## April

- 19-21 Ministers in Transition, Louisville.
- 20-22 All-State Children's Choir—East and West, Cedarmore Camp and Conference Center, Bagdad.
- 21 Region 4 RA Congress and Rally, First Baptist Church, Mount Washington.
- 21 Youth and High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament, Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown.
- 23 Senior Living Celebration, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- 24 Developing and Managing People, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 24 Iron Sharpening Iron, Bowling Green Ballpark.
- 24 Senior Living Celebration, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
- 26 Iron Sharpening Iron, Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati.
- 26 Senior Living Celebration, First Baptist Church, London.
- 26-27 Ministry Assistants' Training and Interest Conference, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin.
- 27 Children's Bible Drill, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 27-28 Women on Mission Regional Retreat, Camp Schafer, Hawesville.
- 28 Children's Bible Drill, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 30 Iron Sharpening Iron, Whitaker Bank Ballpark, Lexington.

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

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■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Rich Pond Church will host a showing of the "Love and Respect" marriage and relationship video conference April 20-21, sponsored by The Family Foundation of Kentucky and the Kentucky Marriage Movement. **Steve Hussung** is pastor.

■ **BRODHEAD**—Ottawa Church will hold revival services April 22 with **Jesse Buell** as evangelist. **Jim Craig** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—Liberty Point Church will host Little River Association's Vacation Bible School clinic April 24, 7 p.m. **Monty Flanigan** is pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville Church will hold the "Telling Your Story" women's event April 21, 10 a.m., with **Lois Jane** as guest speaker. The cost to attend is \$10, which includes lunch. For more information or to buy tickets, call (270) 465-8115.

■ **CLINTON**—Second Church will hold homecoming services April 22. **Larry Fraser** is pastor.

■ **CORBIN**—Central Church will hold "Abandon Yourself for Christ" services April 22-25, 6:30 p.m., with KBC Executive Director **Paul Chitwood** as guest speaker.

■ **EAST BERNSTADT**—Hazel Patch Church will hold revival services April 22-25. **Randy Bingham** is pastor.

Pilgrims Rest Church will hold a women's prayer breakfast and

cooking class April 21, 9 a.m. **Carl Allen** is pastor.

■ **GREENVILLE**—Second Church's youth ministry will present a spring banquet April 22, 6 p.m. **H. Ray England** is pastor.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—First Church will hold an "Experiencing God" weekend April 20, 6 p.m., and April 21-22, 9 a.m. **Rick Stevens** is pastor.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Boone's Creek Church will host Boone's Creek Association's youth rally April 21, 7 p.m.

Immanuel Church will host Elkhorn Association's children's Bible drill April 22, 2:30 p.m.

■ **LONDON**—Corinth Church will hold a "Sunday on Monday" service April 23, 6:30 p.m., with **Hershael York**, pastor of Buck Run Church in Frankfort, as guest speaker. Special music will be provided by the **Fair Haven Quartet**. **Andrew Dyer** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Fern Creek Church will hold a "VELCRO Church" training event April 22, 5:30 p.m., with **Mike James**, discipleship and assimilation coordinator for the KBC, as guest speaker. **Linda Barnes Popham** is pastor.

Walnut Street Church will host the Kosair Children's Choir in concert April 22, 6 p.m. For more information, call (502) 589-5290. **Rusty Ellison** is pastor.

■ **LOWES**—Mount Olivet Church

will hold revival services April 22-25, 7 p.m., with **Ben Stratton**, pastor of Farmington Church, as evangelist. **David Sphinx** is pastor.

■ **MAYFIELD**—Bethany Church will hold revival services April 22, 6 p.m.; April 23-25, 7 p.m., with **William Strong**, pastor of Lynnville Church in Sedalia, as evangelist. **Cloys Bruce** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT VERNON**—First Church will host Rockcastle Association's Vacation Bible School clinic April 23, 7 p.m. **Eddie Nation** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church will host **The Inspirations** in concert April 19, 7 p.m. For more information, call (502) 538-7361. **Billy Compton** is pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—First Church will hold a mother/daughter tea party April 21 for girls in grades K-2; May 2 for girls in grades 3-5. The cost is \$15 and reservations must be made by April 18. To make reservations, call (270) 683-3505. **Paul Strahan** is pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Bellview Church will host the West Kentucky Pastors' Conference and luncheon April 24, 11 a.m., with Evangelist **Jerry Spencer** as guest speaker. **Mike Nolen** is pastor.

■ **RICHMOND**—Hays Fork Church will hold revival services April 22-25, 7 p.m., with **Butch Pennington**, pastor of Kirksville Church in Richmond, as evangelist. **Vincent**

## Spotlight on ...

## Fort Mitchell



Fort Mitchell Church will hold a "Blueprints for Sunday School Growth" event April 23-24, 5:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$25, which includes meals and materials. For more information, call (859) 331-2160. **Terry Fields** is pastor.

## Carman is pastor.

Red House Church will host Legacy Five in concert April 22, 6 p.m. For more information, call (859) 623-8471. **Butch Tanner** is pastor.

■ **WACO**—Bethlehem Church will hold revival services April 22-25. **Mark McGuire** is pastor.

■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—First Church recently called **Ande Myers** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Cornerstone Church in Valdese, N.C.

■ **WILLISBURG**—Brush Grove Church will hold revival services April 22-27, 7 p.m., with **Bobby Chesser**, pastor of Mount Pleasant Church in Lawrenceburg, as evangelist. **Everett Hood** is pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Central Church's worship ministry will present "Fear Not Tomorrow" April 22, 6 p.m., and April 29, 10:45 a.m.

## Former 'Biggest Loser' among women's conference speakers

Shelbyville—Abby Rike, a 2009 contestant on the NBC reality show, "The Biggest Loser," is one of the guest speakers at this year's Encounter: Women of Worth Lifestyle Evangelism Conference, May 21 in Shelbyville and May 22 in Benton.

Rike is a former high school teacher and a gifted speaker, but most Americans had never heard

of her until May 2009 when she embarked on a very public journey of change on the TV show.

"The Biggest Loser" is only part of Rike's inspiring story according to Shelly Johns of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The theme for this year's conference is "There Is Still Hope." Johns said Rike's story is powerful and encouraging.

"So many women are hurting, lost, weary and feeling abandoned by family, friends and even God," Johns said. "Through this conference, we want to remind women that there is hope."

Leading in worship at both events is singer/songwriter Crystal Lewis, a multi-Dove award winner and Grammy nominee.

Early-bird registration extends

through May 11 and is \$20 per person. After May 11 the rate is \$25 per person.

First Baptist Church of Shelbyville is hosting the May 21 event. Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton is the site of the May 22 conference.

Online registration is underway at [www.KyBaptist.org/EWOW](http://www.KyBaptist.org/EWOW). (KBC)

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**SEEKING:** Administrative assistant. Little Flock Baptist Church at 5510 N Preston Hwy. in Shepherdsville, is accepting resumé for a part-time secretary (scheduled hours: 8:00-4:30, Monday-Thursday). Duties will include church membership, missions and discipleship. Secretarial experience is required, along with strong skills in grammar. Send resumé to Mary Thomason at [maryt@littleflock.com](mailto:maryt@littleflock.com); or call (502) 995-8760, ext. 236.

**SEEKING:** Director of missions for Pike Association of Southern Baptists in Pike County. Email resumé to [bill@eliteky.net](mailto:bill@eliteky.net); or mail to Bill Staggs, moderator, PO Box 2973, Pikeville, KY 41502. Resumé will be received by May 4. Pike Association consists of 12 churches and one mission. For more information, call (606) 434-3289.

**SEEKING:** Full-time associate pastor/minister to youth and young adults at Pleasant View Baptist Church, Waynesburg, Ky. Please forward resumé to [pvcsearchteam@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcsearchteam@yahoo.com); or mail to 13571 Ky. Hwy. 1247, Waynesburg, KY 40489, Attn: Search Team/Don Story.

**SEEKING:** Bivocational music director for Bullittsburg Baptist Church. Must have working knowledge of music; be able to play one or more instruments; and be responsible for providing worshipful music for all applicable services. Annual salary: \$5,200. Submit resumé to [music@bullittsburgbaptist.org](mailto:music@bullittsburgbaptist.org); or to Music Search Committee, 2616 Bullittsburg Church Road, Petersburg, KY 41080. Church phone: (859) 689-4945.

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# Are you on Twitter? Biblical ethics apply there, too

By Chuck Fuller

Just six years after its advent, Twitter boasts around 500 million users and has been recognized by MLA as a citable source in academic papers.

With no "friendships" to maintain, Twitter offers the ultimate in low-maintenance networking. Any user may follow or unfollow any other user. With hashtags, anyone may join any conversation on any topic at any time (using 140 characters or less, of course). Twitter is social media simplicity and freedom.

Such freedom, though, brings accountability and breeds etiquette. Users who show little restraint will annoy others, resulting in fewer followers. Those who Tweet carefully will build larger networks, find themselves more connected, and be able to exert more influence. (See [www.klout.com](http://www.klout.com) to explore social media styles and strategy).

Ethically, Christians must think of Twitter no differently than other forms of speech. The biblical instructions concerning one's words broadcast from the mouth apply also to words broadcast over social media.

Try reading James 3:1-12, and replace each instance of the word "tongue" with "Tweet." Really. Do it. See what I mean?

While Twitter etiquette is still at its dawn, I offer my simple seven rules for Tweeting with class:

1. Venting your petty frustrations only frustrates others. Complaining about poor service, a homework assignment or your neighbor's dog isn't helpful. You may feel better, but your followers won't. Besides, since when is venting—in any format—OK? (Read that James 3 passage again.)

2. Say what builds up (Ephesians 4:29). This one should go without saying, but be encouraging. I'm often energized and exhorted by what my Christian friends and heroes post on Twitter. In fact, by carefully selecting those I follow, Twitter has actually become very helpful in my own sanctification, as their Tweets remind me of the gospel and God's calling on my life. Am I doing the same for those who follow me?

3. Tweet the "C'est La Vie" (your "such is life" moments): the funny, the strange, the random and the interesting. A child's birthday, an exciting development, an unexpected visit, your favorite team. Sharing life is what makes social media just that—social. Even the apostles shared

their very lives (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

4. Seize the platform, but don't make Twitter your pulpit. Tweet Bible verses, quotes from sermons and books, and even your own insights and convictions. Share the gospel and gospel-centered

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thoughts. Resist the urge, though, to make Twitter your personal sermon to the world. Casual conversation doesn't afford you such privilege, and neither does Twitter. Your followers are your followers only in the loosely connected, free-to-come-and-go-as-you-please sense, not in the we're-your-disciples sense.

5. Save your privacy and avoid TMI. As my father once told me, "You can get your skeletons out of the closet without hanging them in the yard." Not everything should be Tweeted. If you wouldn't share it in a room full of people at a casual event, then don't post it on Twitter. Life is peculiar in that the darkest and most delightful moments are deeply personal, even intimate. You can flatter your spouse without embarrassing him or her (or the whole world!). You can share some of your pain without spewing all the mess.

6. Exerting influence isn't building your brand. In Twitter's early days, it seemed OK to RT (re-Tweet) a compliment paid to you. As time passed, this practice became less acceptable, and now is nearly Twitter taboo. If, when in public, you don't say, "Mr. So-and-So said I'm awesome and smart," then, when on Twitter, also refrain.

7. Keep personal conversations personal. Some back-and-forth is fine, and even a little light-hearted banter can be fun. Remember, though, no one wants to hear a personal conversation in public space—whether in an elevator or on a Twitter page. Use DM (direct message) for private exchanges (even though the true privacy of such information is debatable). Better yet, for very personal matters, use that mobile phone to talk to someone.

These are my simple seven. A common thread runs through them. Twitter is a semi-public space. Tweeting is the equivalent of saying something very loudly in a large room full of people with whom you have varying degrees of relationship. Don't Tweet what you wouldn't say in that room. Rather, "give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29). (BP)

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## Preacher's Kids



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Dennis Fletcher



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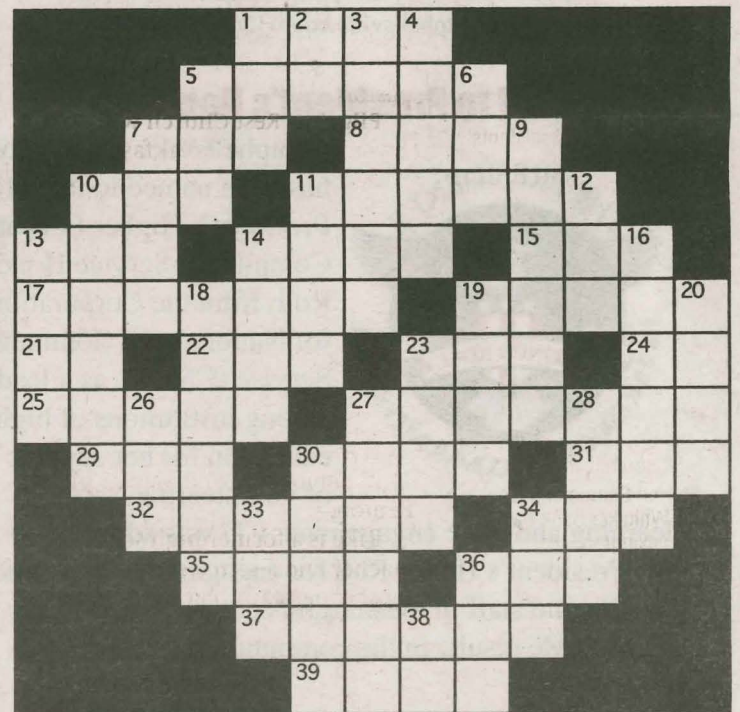


## Bible Crosswords

By Janet Adkins

### Across

- 1 Priestly garments
- 5 "Except your righteousness shall \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of the scribes" (Matthew 5:20)
- 7 Linking verb
- 8 Replied
- 10 "Give unto the Lord the glory \_\_\_\_\_ unto his name" (Psalm 29:2)
- 11 "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her \_\_\_\_\_?" (Jeremiah 2:32)
- 13 Of flying (comb. form)
- 14 Son of Seth
- 15 "Israel did \_\_\_\_\_ manna forty years" (Exodus 16:35)
- 17 "Yea, the \_\_\_\_\_ hath found an house" (Psalm 84:3)
- 19 "Employer" of Hagar
- 21 Oft-used abbr.
- 22 One (Ger.)
- 23 Rate of speed (abbr.)
- 24 Where Montauk is (abbr.)
- 25 "All they that cast \_\_\_\_\_ into the brooks shall lament" (Isaiah 19:8)
- 27 "They \_\_\_\_\_ in thee, and were not confounded" (Psalm 22:5)
- 29 "Agnus \_\_\_\_\_"
- 30 Pay attention
- 31 "Yet will I bring \_\_\_\_\_ plague more upon Pharaoh" (Exodus 11:1)
- 32 "\_\_\_\_\_ ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15)



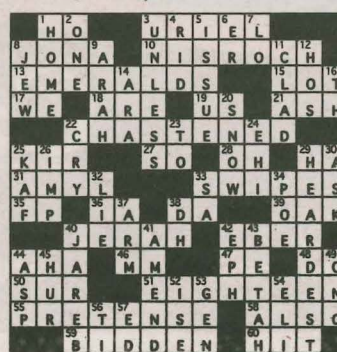
- 34 "And Nathan said to David, Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the man" (2 Samuel 12:7)
- 35 End or line
- 36 John, to a Scot
- 37 "He made a \_\_\_\_\_ about the altar" (1 Kings 18:32)
- 39 "He shall be like a \_\_\_\_\_ planted by the rivers" (Psalm 1:3)

### Down

- 1 Chopping tool
- 2 Public national library (abbr.)
- 3 "Upon these we \_\_\_\_\_ more abundant honour" (1 Corinthians 12:23)
- 4 "He hath put down the mighty from their \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 1:52)
- 5 Before (poet.)
- 6 502, according to Cicero
- 7 Charismatic atmosphere
- 9 God spoke in Bible times through these
- 10 Rely
- 11 Immediately (arch.)
- 12 Serving of corn

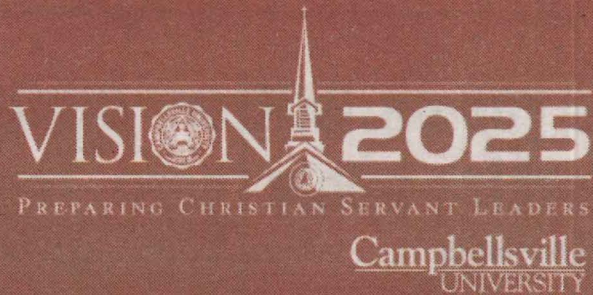
- 13 "All they which dwelt in \_\_\_\_\_ heard the word of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:10)
- 14 Great Lake
- 16 "I was afraid, and went and hid thy \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth" (Matthew 25:25)
- 18 Trusted, with "upon"
- 19 Potato
- 20 "I flee unto thee to \_\_\_\_\_ me" (Psalm 143:9)
- 23 "\_\_\_\_\_ not thyself because of evildoers" (Psalm 37:1)
- 26 European lang.
- 27 "Leah was \_\_\_\_\_ eyed" (Genesis 29:17)
- 28 Ripped
- 30 "If thou seek him with all thy \_\_\_\_\_" (Deuteronomy 4:29)
- 33 Favorite
- 34 Sighing sound
- 36 "He casteth forth his \_\_\_\_\_ like morsels" (Psalm 147:17)
- 38 Compass dir.

## Last puzzle's solution



'This is my body  
given for you; **Do this**  
**In remembrance of Me.'**

Luke 22:19" theme of Campbellsville University's Holy Week community chapel service coordinated by the Robertson Worship Committee.



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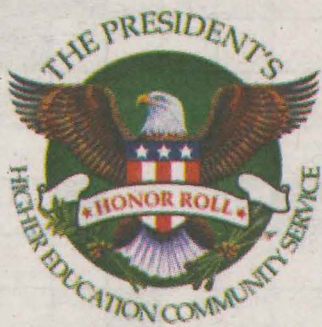
Cleaning out homes, playing softball with prisoners, teaching English as a second language and most of all planting seeds is what several groups did over spring break.

CU students went on mission trips to New Orleans, La.; Panama City, Fla.; New York City and Central Florida over the break. At right Tomohiro Suko, a senior of Japan, left, and Trent Creason, a 2008 CU graduate and campus ministries intern, work on a New Orleans home during spring break missions.

**Football players ministering to prisoners in Central Florida witnessed 84 people accept Christ and many others were exposed to the gospel.**

For the full story on spring break missions, visit [www.campbellsville.edu/03262012missions](http://www.campbellsville.edu/03262012missions).

**CU named to President's Honor Roll**



Campbellsville University has been named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as a leader among institutions of higher education for her support of volunteering, service

learning and civic engagement. CU was admitted to the President's Honor Roll for engaging her students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

**All church leaders invited to CU for Transformational Church Summit**

Pastors and church leaders will be challenged and equipped with tools to bring about transformation in the church. The event is Sept. 27-28 on CU's campus. For more information, contact the CU Office of Church and External Relations: [jchowning@campbellsville.edu](mailto:jchowning@campbellsville.edu), 270-789-5520, [www.campbellsville.edu/summit](http://www.campbellsville.edu/summit).

**CU hears Jay Lowder; 100 professions of faith made in two services at Ransdell Chapel**

Jay Lowder, founder of Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries of Wichita Falls, Texas, spoke at CU's weekly chapel service, and in a special non-denominational student rally attended by several hundred area youth.

**CU welcomed guest speaker KBC executive director Paul Chitwood**

"As you enter into the world, many of you will be witnesses for the gospel," Paul Chitwood, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said. Chitwood spoke recently at CU's weekly chapel service and encouraged students to wait on the Lord.

*"God has promised that his work on earth isn't done," he said. "But until that day, we should strive to let the Lord use us however He wants."*

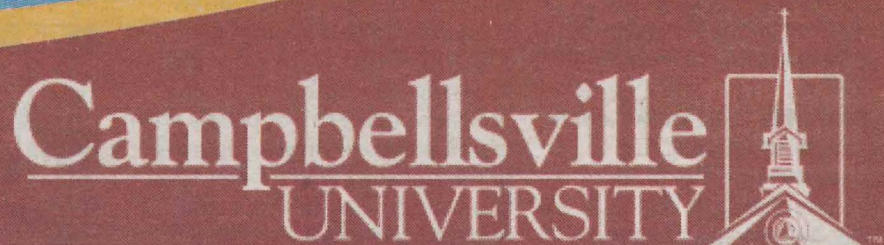
**Church Relations Council provides guidance and support**

Dr. John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer for the Florida Baptist Convention, was the keynote speaker for the 35th annual Church Relations Council meeting March 29-30. The theme for the event was "Campbellsville University -- More for Christ via Vision 2025" with John 3:30b as the scripture. Sullivan was made an honorary member of the Church Relations Council during the banquet March 29. From left are:

John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president; Dr. Michael V. Carter, CU president; the Rev. J.W. Hatfield, CRC chair; Sullivan and Dr. Joseph Owens, chair of the CU Board of Trustees.



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