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'Faithful, available & teachable'

Senior adult Kentucky Baptists encouraged to be used by God

By Robin Bass

Elizabethtown—Quick: Jot down three words that come to mind when seeing the words "senior adult."

Now be honest. Did the phrase "wise older person" come to mind? How about "God's helpful servant?"

It should, said Sharon Coomer, a pastor's wife from Lifeway Christian Church in Bowling Green. Coomer encouraged older adults to flex their "senior power" during a workshop at the Senior Living Celebration last week at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

"We have got to take back who we are," Coomer told a packed room April 24. "Our society is trying to dictate to us something other than what (the word) senior should mean. We've got the wisdom, we've got the time, we've got the

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Celebrate Senior Adult Sunday

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Wanda Berry (left) and Bonita Reed share a laugh after watching contestants play a "Wheel of Fortune"-like game about missions at a Senior Living Celebration event last week at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. (Photo by Robin Bass)

Chitwood: No mandatory KBC layoffs anticipated

By Drew Nichter

Louisville—With the deadline now passed for employees to decide whether they're staying or going, the head of the Kentucky Baptist Convention said he anticipates no involuntary job losses.

Executive Director Paul Chitwood said enough KBC Mission Board staffers have accepted the voluntary retirement and resignation offers presented in March that the reorganization plan he will introduce next week likely will not include any layoffs for remaining personnel.

In March, all of the KBC's 73 full-time employees were presented buy-out packages. Those 60 and older—or who will turn 60 by the end of the year—were given an early retirement option, which includes health care coverage until age 65 and Medicare supplement coverage past 65. A cash incentive also will be paid out based on an employee's years of service.

The voluntary resignation option includes a package that will pay out 90 days of salary and benefits after June 30. If an employee leaves earlier, the 90-day incentive will be paid upon his or her departure.

The plans were presented at a March 7 meeting attended by KBC Mission Board staff. Those who attended that meeting had until April 25 to accept the offers. Those who did not attend the March 7 meeting were given until April 30 to decide.

There is a seven-day grace period during which those employees who accepted the retirement or resignation offers can change their minds. That means the definitive number of employees departing the convention won't be known until May 7, the first day of the KBC Mission Board meeting, at which Chitwood will present his plan for reorganizing the state convention.

Still, Chitwood said he is confident enough staff members have accepted the departure deals that the positions of those who've opted to remain with the KBC should be safe at this time.

"I do not anticipate any mandatory layoffs during the May meeting of the

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Tabernacle replica in Israel reflects atonement

By Ava Thomas

Eilat, Israel—As the little girl stepped forward to pull back the ornate curtain, her eyes widened.

"Are we going to die?" she asked.

She and hundreds of other Jewish children take it seriously when they enter the Holy of Holies at the tabernacle in Eilat, Israel's southernmost city.

"It's so real to these kids and interactive," said Josh, who helps with the full-size replica along with his wife, Sarah. (Workers at the site asked only to be identified by their first names.)

"Children in Israel study the tabernacle in school," Josh noted, "and they bring their tape measures here with them so that they can make sure this one is the size it's supposed to be."

And it is.

The walk-through model of the tabernacle—which gets about 15,000 visitors a year—is made to the specifications listed in Scripture, Josh said.

It wows the kids, but it's not just for children, nor just for Jews, said Herb, a Southern Baptist representative living in Israel.

And to dispel what some might think, he said, it's anything but boring.

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Jewish children who visit the tabernacle replica in Eilat, Israel, take the Holy of Holies seriously. About 15,000 adults and children visit each year to experience the tabernacle, which was made to the specifications recorded in Scripture. (BP photo)



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KBC's Super Saturday events on hiatus for 2012

Louisville—The Kentucky Baptist Convention has announced the cancellation of five "Super Saturday" training events in August and September because of the pending restructuring of the KBC Mission Board staff.

The convention "is committed to providing high-quality training to leaders and members of Kentucky Baptist churches," KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood said. "We decided that, in 2012, we would be unable to meet the high standards that Super Saturday has come to represent over the past 20 years."

On May 7-8, the KBC Mission Board will vote on a major restructuring plan for the convention staff which provides services, training and other resources to the 2,400 convention-affiliated congregations.

For many years, Super Saturday has been KBC's flagship training event, equipping thousands of church members, church staff and pastors in various aspects of ministry.

Chitwood emphasized that KBC remains dedicated to providing the best training possible for Kentucky Baptists, no matter how they serve or where their

church is located.

"New and exciting training events will be offered in 2013," he said. "We hope Kentucky Baptists will take advantage of them, as well as the other training opportunities currently available through the KBC."

Spanish-speaking Kentucky Baptists are invited to attend the Super Sabado training events Aug. 18 at First Baptist Church of Richmond, and Sept. 1 at Iglesia Bautista Getsemani in Louisville. For details on those events, visit www.CBKentucky.org. (KBC)

Ky. Baptists' CP gifts dipped slightly in March

Louisville—Kentucky Baptists contributed \$1,851,297 to missions through the Cooperative Program in March.

The total was a drop from the \$2 million given in February, but exceeded the monthly spendable budget goal of \$1,820,549.

"With strong CP giving January through March, and because of additional belt tightening among KBC staff in January, Kentucky Baptists now are running slightly ahead in CP missions support this year compared to giving totals for the same time period last year," said Lowell Ashby, leader of the KBC's business services team.

The CP total for the fiscal year 2011-12 remains well behind the \$23.5 million annual budget goal that messengers to the 2011 annual meeting approved last November. This CP goal was revised to \$21,847,130 to form a spendable budget that the mission board staff now is using for the current fiscal year.

"I think 2012 will continue to be a great year for CP giving among Kentucky Baptists," said Billy Compton, the KBC's executive associate for Cooperative Program and resources. "The results of those gifts are all around us, through valuable training, disaster relief, campus ministries and so much more." (KBC)

Association gets DR trailer from campus ministry

Williamsburg—South Union-Mount Zion Baptist Association recently received a trailer to use for future disaster relief call-outs.

The Williamsburg-based association received the 14-foot-long enclosed trailer from the Mountain Outreach student ministry of University of the Cumberlands. The donation was prompted by the great need recognized statewide following the March 2 tornadoes that devastated parts of Kentucky.

"We really appreciate the college for the trailer," David Hampton said. "It means we can do things we wouldn't be able to do, and it's a better trailer than we could afford."

Hampton said the trailer will be equipped with chainsaws, mud-out equipment and a bathroom. It also will be used to transport food and water.

Having the trailer means when a disaster occurs, "we could immediately go and help," Director of Missions David Aker said. (UC)



DONATED Representatives from South Union-Mount Zion Baptist Association receive a 14-foot enclosed trailer from University of the Cumberlands' Mountain Outreach. The association plans to use the trailer for disaster relief. Pictured are (from left) Susan & David Hampton, co-directors of SUMZBA disaster relief; Mountain Outreach Director Marc Hensley; Jonathan Bowman, Mountain Outreach student coordinator; David Aker, SUMZBA director of missions; and Timothy Conlin, associate director and chaplain with SUMZBA disaster relief. (UC photo)

N.M. Baptists ponder Glorieta's future

By John Loudat

Albuquerque, N.M.—A group of about 30 people from New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma gathered April 12 at the Baptist Convention of New Mexico's headquarters to offer suggestions for the future of Glorieta Conference Center.

They met at the invitation of a BCNM ad hoc committee created in January to explore "the future and possibilities of Glorieta," LifeWay Christian Resources' conference center near Santa Fe.

Last fall, BCNM messengers resolved to "strongly urge the Southern Baptist Convention and LifeWay Christian Resources to ensure that Glorieta continues its vital ministry to the people known as Southern Baptists."

The resolution came one month after LifeWay trustees voted to cut back operations and pursue "viable options for the disposition of the property" at Glorieta.

State convention President Maurice Hollingsworth told those in attendance the committee was in a "fact-finding mode" to consider all possible options for what to do with the property.

BCNM Executive Director Joseph Bunce said he had been told that LifeWay was willing to sell the New Mexico

convention the property for \$1, and Hollingsworth added that LifeWay would require the convention to present a detailed and viable business plan.

Specific suggestions offered during the listening session included:

- Dividing the property into two "manageable" units, separating the campus from the residences.
- Finding new ways of encouraging people to come to Glorieta.
- Subletting the property to a variety of Christian ministries.
- Employing a full-time sales staff that would "aggressively" encourage people to attend.
- Taking advantage of Glorieta's excellent access to water.

"We need to rethink throwing in the towel," demanded Jay McCollum, the pastor at First Baptist Church of Gallup, N.M., the church once led by the late Harry Stagg, who served as BCNM executive director from 1938 through 1968.

Stagg led the BCNM to purchase the original property at Glorieta in 1947 and deed it three years later to LifeWay's predecessor, the Sunday School Board, "with the intent that a great Baptist training center would be established and maintained in the West." (Baptist New Mexican/ABP)

Senior adults

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talents and, a lot of times, the finances. We need to change what that (word) means."

While gray hair and wrinkled skin are symbols of wisdom in some cultures, Coomer said, in the Western world, old age often is something to avoid at all costs. Just think of all the advertisements for anti-aging creams, products to cover gray hair, and even prescriptions to help one feel younger and more energetic, she reminded.

"Senior power is the ability to use your characteristics, your hobbies, your education—whatever you are doing—in order to help people come to Christ. It's using what you already have."

Senior adults wanting to serve the kingdom of God should start by making a list of likes and dislikes, Coomer suggested. These might include working with children, cooking or working with one's hands rather than talking in front of a group?

Coomer also recommended expanding one's education by learning new skills—a step that would build confidence and marketability. She also suggested taking a spiritual gifts test. But through the entire process, Coomer said, senior adults should be listening to God with a servant's heart.

"If you have the passion and you are faithful, available and teachable, God will work with you wherever you are," Coomer said.

Retirement? What retirement?

Doris Engles, 74, said she still feels the call to share the gospel.

"That is the Great Commission that was given to us as Christians, 'to go ye therefore and make disciples.' That is our responsibility," said Engles, who is a co-teacher of the Young at Heart Sunday School class at Consolidated Baptist Church in Lexington.

Her 86-year-old husband, Morris, said he only embraced "retirement" two months ago, but that word doesn't apply to service with the church.

"Nobody in the Bible retired. Nobody. I don't know where they get that (word) from," Morris Engles said. "Retirement is not of the Bible."

Coomer said senior adults have something young people don't—wisdom from life experiences. Most older adults have lived long enough to have been touched by sickness, grief and loneliness.

"If you've been through that, remember those things and turn that around to help someone else. Be that person. If you've got a listening ear, use it," Coomer urged. "Take your eyes off yourself and focus on someone else. It amazing what that kind of medicine will do for you." (WR)

Notable SBC leaders to take part in KBC Calvinism conference

By Michael Foust

Crestwood—The Kentucky Baptist Convention will sponsor a conference on Calvinism in August featuring four well-known panelists from divergent viewpoints.

The one-day conference, "Calvinism: Concerned? Curious? Confused?", is advertised as providing an "objective look at today's most discussed theological issue." It is set for Aug. 4, at Crestwood Baptist Church and will be recorded and posted on the KBC website for use by those not in attendance. And despite its regional sponsorship, the conference likely will get widespread attention throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Speakers lined up for the event are:

- David Dockery, president of Union

University in Jackson, Tenn.

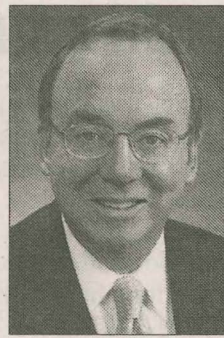
- Steve Lemke, provost at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and director of the school's Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry.

- Frank Page, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

- Hershael York, associate dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort.

KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood said he hopes the conference will have an impact beyond Kentucky.

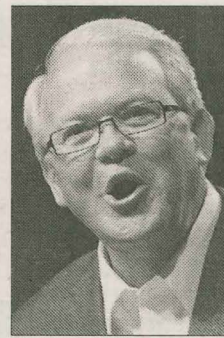
"My primary goal is to be helpful to our pastors and churches in Kentucky," he said, "but my desire would be that the tone we are hoping to set here and the way we're hoping to affect the conversation would spill over and spread beyond Kentucky."



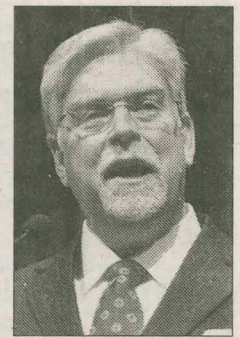
David Dockery



Steve Lemke



Frank Page



Hershael York

Chitwood said Calvinism "is arguably one of the most-discussed theological issues among Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists."

"We wanted to provide a forum for an objective exploration of Reformed theology from a panel of speakers with diverse opinions on the topic," he said in a statement. "Our goal for the event is a discussion that promotes clarity, charity and unity."

Chitwood said he has had a desire to launch such a conference since he became executive director of the KBC last year.

"We wanted to do something that will take us from talking at each other to talking with each other," he noted. "I have talked to each one (of the speakers)

individually. The desire of each presenter and participant is to be helpful—to try to build bridges with regard to this issue."

Only one of the speakers, York, identifies as a five-point Calvinist, Chitwood pointed out.

The conference website noted that the other goals of the conference are to:

- "Learn how others have arrived at their perspectives in good faith.
- "Be better prepared to answer questions from church members.
- "Explore ways Southern Baptists can move forward cooperatively despite theological differences."

For more information about the conference, visit www.KyBaptist.org/Calvinism. The registration fee is \$45, which includes lunch. (BP)

KBC reorganization

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Mission Board," he said in a statement to the Western Recorder.

Chitwood again lamented the decade-long decline in Cooperative Program giving from Kentucky Baptist churches, primarily due to the economic recession.

That, coupled with Kentucky Baptist messengers' vote in 2010 to achieve a down-the-middle split of CP funds between the KBC and the Southern Baptist Convention by 2020, has forced the KBC "to radically re-envision our role as a state convention mission board," Chitwood said.

Because of the May 7 deadline for employees to change their minds, Chitwood declined to release a list or

say approximately how many employees have opted to leave the KBC. He said that while many staffers have recognized that the packages are generous, "many will leave their posts wishing they could continue to serve Kentucky Baptists."

"While I am very excited about the vision God is giving us for our future, a sense of grief accompanies the loss of so many of our Mission Board personnel here in Kentucky," Chitwood said.

The executive director asked for Kentucky Baptists to pray for the staff members who will be completing their tenures with the convention by June 30, as well as those who will remain at the KBC beyond the reorganization.

"I believe we have an incredibly bright future, but we continue to need God's wisdom and grace during these days of transition." (WR)

Chuck Colson to be buried at Quantico

Quantico, Va.—Prison Fellowship founder and Watergate figure Chuck Colson will be buried privately with full military honors at Quantico National Cemetery, with a public memorial service expected later at Washington National Cathedral.

Colson, who died April 21 at age 80, served as a captain in the Marines.

Michelle Farmer, a spokeswoman for Prison Fellowship, said last week there will be a public memorial service "in the coming weeks but no dates have been set in stone at this point."

Colson, a key Nixon aide, pleaded

guilty to obstruction of justice in a Pentagon Papers case, and founded Prison Fellowship shortly after serving seven months in prison.

Colson was a member of First Baptist Church of Naples, Fla. In a commentary last week (which can be found on page 5), his pastor, Hayes Wicker, recalled that Colson once took out a well-used prayer card while on his fishing boat. On it were the names of the pastor and his family.

"Christ transformed the drivenness of his 'hatchet man' days in the White House to single-minded devotion to the kingdom," Wicker wrote. (RNS)

Tabernacle replica

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"When people read the Bible, they often get to the details of the tabernacle and think, 'Boring.' For many people, it's the driest part to read," Herb said. "But it really is exciting when you get into the details. It lays the foundation for our history of faith."

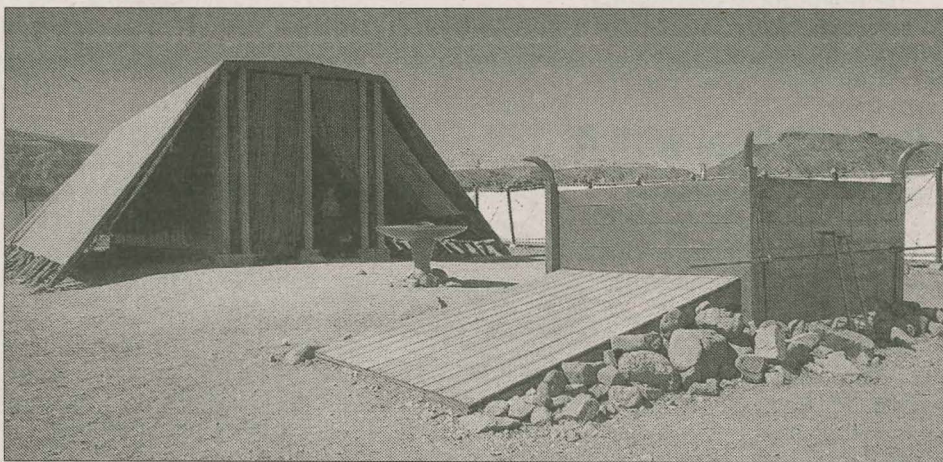
That's why he and others decided to bring the tabernacle replica to Eilat, Israel, from Germany in 2000—so that people could see that foundation for themselves.

"Without recognizing His dwelling presence in the camp," Herb said of the wilderness account from the book of Exodus, "how could we understand His dwelling presence in our lives? This is something we need to be able to see."

The tabernacle screams out the message of atonement, Sarah said.

"How many kids in the U.S. have learned about the details of the tabernacle in Sunday School? Not many. But the sacrifices that happened at the tabernacle were the first way God gave His people for atonement," she said.

The tabernacle replica is a picture of reconciliation in more ways than one,



SACRED SITE About 15,000 adults and children come to Eilat, Israel, each year to walk through a tabernacle replica made to the stipulations listed in Scripture. "Our vision for the tabernacle in Eilat is for people to get a vision for the Word of God," one of the workers at the site noted. (BP photo)

said Yohannus Vogel of the Bible Center in Breckerfeld, Germany.

The German school chose to build the 23-ton tabernacle model to honor Israel for the school's 30th anniversary in 1986, Vogel said. Built on the school's campus, the tabernacle had 15,000 visitors in its first two months, 30 of whom decided to follow Jesus Christ as Savior.

"We prayed and prayed over the project, and it had a great start. Many visitors had an intense response to the taberna-

cle," Vogel recalled.

Students manned it and gave tours seven days a week, and some time later the school decided to send it on tour around Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

"It had 500,000 visitors in all, but afterward it ended up in storage," Vogel said. "We were thinking over it and knew that God hadn't intended for it to end up in boxes."

And that's when he got a call from

Herb asking if he could rent the replica and put it in Israel. The same week, Vogel received a call from someone who had space for it in southern Israel, near where the Israelites passed through with the tabernacle on their way to the Promised Land.

"In one week, two people with the same burden of their heart called me in Germany about the same tabernacle," Vogel said. "One had the money to move it but not the land, and the other had the land and not the money."

It was a divine appointment, he said, and in 2000 the tabernacle found its home in Eilat.

"Our vision for the tabernacle in Eilat is for people to get a vision for the word of God," Josh said. "We don't want them to think, 'Wow, what a pretty picture,' as much as we want them to think, 'Wow, I want to go read God's word.'"

As visitors walk through the details of the tabernacle and see it come to life, the message of redemption becomes vibrant, Sarah said. And the way it points to Christ becomes evident to those who are open to seeing it, she explained.

"When people ask questions, we say, 'Go back and read the Bible for yourselves. If they go home and even open their Bible, that's a huge step.'" (BP)

Investing in missions through Clear Creek

On May 4, I will have the privilege of being the commencement speaker during graduation activities at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Clear Creek is one

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

of our Kentucky Baptist Convention institutions, receiving more than \$550,000 of Cooperative Program funds each year. Is Clear Creek a good investment of the mission dollars of the Kentucky Baptists?

According to its mission statement, "Clear Creek Baptist Bible College exists to provide theological preparation for adults called of God to Christian service." Yet, from its beginning, Clear Creek has embraced a unique ministry role and setting. Lloyd Caswell Kelly, pastor of the Pineville First Baptist Church, founded Clear Creek in 1926, in order "to establish a base for a mountain mission program."

Starting with 12 students, Clear Creek determined to meet the challenge of providing quality education for preachers in the mountains. Today, under the committed leadership of President Donnie Fox, annual enrollment at Clear Creek is close to 200 students.

Alan Dodson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington and current KBC first vice president, is a graduate and member of the trustee board at Clear Creek. Regarding his experience as a student, Dodson recently remarked to me, "I learned the Bible at Clear Creek. I also had instilled within me a passion for evangelism and preaching. My time at Clear Creek still shapes my ministry today."

Another of Clear Creek's distinguished graduates, Chad Fugitt, who serves as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, spoke to me about the role of Clear Creek in his ministry preparation. Fugitt stated, "Clear Creek was very instrumental in framing my ministry and growing my heart for the church. I learned how to shepherd people and love the body of Christ. It was, in many ways, ministry boot camp to prepare me for what God had planned for my future."

When asked about the role of Clear Creek in KBC life, he replied, "Clear Creek is serving Kentucky Baptists well, influencing in ways that maybe aren't as visible, but are very important. Most graduates immediately begin serving in underserved areas of rural Kentucky, taking with them a heart for the gospel and for the lost. You may not read a lot about their work but they have a Great Commission assignment and are being faithful to it."

A product of the mountains myself, I have witnessed the struggle of many of our rural and smaller churches to find qualified pastors and staff members. I recall Clear Creek students who served as staff members in my home church and being passionate about evangelism and their own personal walk with Jesus.

All of that is to say, yes, I believe Clear Creek is a good investment of Kentucky Baptists' mission dollars.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

How do you 'Velcro' people to a church?

How many everyday uses can you think of for Velcro? Let's see, there are baseball caps ... tennis shoes ... golf gloves ... ski mittens ... jackets ... sports bags ... choir robes ... costumes ... backpacks ... purses ... picture hangers ... electric cords ... pant hems ... dart and paddleball games ... seat cushions. Did you think of others?

Chances are, no one thought of churches, right? Mike James and Ken Hemphill did.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could attach one side of Velcro to our church and the other to everyone who visits so that they would become permanently stuck to the body of Christ?" Hemphill and James ask in "V.E.L.C.R.O. Church," recently published by Auxano Press. James' name many will recognize from his ministry as church development strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. And, you likely have heard of Hemphill from his work as national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth for the Southern Baptist Convention. Hemphill is now director of the Center for Church Planting and Revitalization (CPR) at North Greenville University. Both also have served as pastors and have a tremendous passion for seeing churches reach people for Christ.

"Tragically many churches more often resemble Teflon rather than Velcro," Hemphill and James observe. "People come for a visit and then they simply don't return," they continue. "In other cases they actually enroll in a small group or even join the church, but then in time they just seem to 'slip away.'"

Their assessment? "Bottom line: If your back door is open as wide as your front door, you will not experience healthy growth."

But this book is not like so many others that merely attempt to describe the problem in great detail. "We already know that a large majority of churches are plateaued because they fail to attract and keep newcomers," Hemphill and James explain. "We want this book to be encouraging and to provide numerous ideas that you can employ in your community and in your church to solve the Teflon problem" And that they do!

Their solution? Use V.E.L.C.R.O. It's an acrostic that stands for a six-step process to aid in retention. In other words, help them be "sticky." Here is their six-step outline:

- Valuing every person as a gift from God.
- Engaging every guest with intentionality.
- Leading our friends to Christ.
- Connecting to community.
- Recognizing relationships as the key to assimilation.
- Organizing small groups for ongoing care.



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

But don't think that just because you know the basic steps that you have grasped the whole concept and, therefore, don't need to read the book. Hemphill and James not only devote a chapter to each of the steps, but each step is paired with a terrific Bible study with a dozen or more discussion-starter questions, and at the end of each chapter are numerous ideas to help individual members, small groups and churches form their best strategies to implement the steps. "This is no 'cookie cutter' book that gives you a new program of assimilation," they explain. "It is a book that will allow you to plan a process that will work in your community and in your church."

The Bible studies not only can be used by individual readers, but they also provide a great resource for pastors in developing sermon series and for Sunday school teachers or discipleship leaders in preparing lessons. And while some of the suggestions offered may not exactly be new revelations for everyone, there's plenty here to stimulate and motivate creative minds to meet and reach others for Christ.

The aspect I particularly liked is the simple manner in which Hemphill and James explain the 'E' process (By the way, 'E' stands for "evangelism"): Moving people from every sphere of the community to become our guests at a small group or church event. Then our guests become our friends, who we introduce to our best friend, Jesus. Next, we connect our friends to the larger community of the church so that they can become family and experience high-quality relationships with fellow church members and through small groups. Since "effective evangelism is dependent on visible community," at each point along the way, people are becoming stronger attached, or "Velcroed," to a church.

Back in South Carolina, one of my good friends was Jimmy Epting, president of North Greenville University, where Hemphill now works. Epting was fond of saying, "One more for Christ," and with that spirit he led a college to comeback from nearly closing to become a thriving university today. Hemphill and James have a heart for seeing churches grow, and "V.E.L.C.R.O. Church" exudes that same spirit, inspiring and equipping church members to go reach one more for Christ. "The end result will be worth it in terms of intimacy," the authors emphasize. "But beyond that, it will be worth it all to see heaven populated with people who were Velcroed because you cared."

Uncool? Deal with it

By Erich Bridges

I had to sympathize with rock singer Bono when he discovered he was uncool.

Uncool? The frontman for supergroup U2, one of the biggest bands in the world? The activist who travels the globe and meets with kings and presidents? The guy so hip he probably wears his trademark designer shades in the shower?

Yep. Uncool. He learned the hard

truth a few years ago from his teenage daughters. First off, to teenage daughters a dad is uncool by definition, especially if he's pushing 50 (Bono was 48 at the time). But they were particularly mortified when he droned on and on about global issues while some other celebs were visiting their home.

The horror. I can relate.

In truth, I've been uncool so long that I no longer know or care what is cool. I haven't even heard the bands that were topping the charts 10 years ago, much less the ones with the most iTunes

downloads now. On the plus side, there's liberation in being terminally uncool. You don't have to watch trends anxiously and waste time and money trying to keep up with fads. That's for teens. There's something sad about a middle-aged man or woman trying to look and act like their kids—or grandkids.

Too often, however, churches try to do that.

Tullian Tchividjian, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has a "You may be too fashionable if ..." list for Christians.

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Remembering Chuck Colson, the church member

By Hayes Wicker

While multitudes mourn the death of Charles Colson, probably the best-known and most influential American Christian other than Billy Graham, I experience a profound sadness as his pastor of 20 years.

When Chuck joined First Baptist Church of Naples, I urged him to teach a class for non-members, titled "Why Believe?" It became the basis of his book "How Now Shall We Live?"

and gave credibility to our new ministry. Chuck was an unashamed Baptist in doctrine and mission, and a faithful steward.

Chuck had an incredible ability to affirm others. He never missed an opportunity to speak a positive word about his church. Though he might fly in early Sunday morning from ministering to prisoners or meeting with presidents, he was in his usual seat with Patty in worship.

I received untold blessings from how his "iron sharpened" my balsam wood. I learned to move from intimidation of his towering intellect to accountability, knowing that I had an incredible responsibility to teach this godly man the Word and help him to be a better servant. He showed his prayer support while on his fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico by pulling out a worn prayer card, which he carried in his pocket; there was my name and those of my family.

When he received the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, I was with him in Chicago. His response then was the same as when he received the Presidential Citizens Medal: "Hayes, imagine the grace of God to an ex-con like me." I learned much about how to be a Christian gentleman, how to be gracious with every person, whether a prisoner or an executive, and to give attention to details. His love for the needy not only inspired Prison Fellowship, but also convicted me of my own self-centeredness. In 1992, I made one of my lamest statements ever when I asked him why someone with his intelligence, education and political connections would give his life for criminals. His quiet rebuke reminded me that Jesus came "to set the captives free" and died between two murderers.

Setting up a 'special needs' trust

By Laurie Valentine

Creating a plan that will benefit a disabled child after your death, without causing the loss of vital government benefits, requires care.

Leaving a share of your estate outright to a disabled child could result in the child losing government benefits that he or she is currently receiving from Medicaid or other sources. The inheritance becomes an "available resource" that must be spent down before the child will become eligible to re-apply for the government benefits.

Likewise, setting up a standard testamentary trust under which the trustee is directed to use income and/or principal for the disabled child's health, support and maintenance will also endanger governmental benefits. The trust may be subject to cost of care claims, Medicaid liens and Medicaid estate recovery at the child's death.

The better alternative is a "special needs" or "supplemental needs" trust. Under this type of trust the trustee has total discretion on whether to expend any trust funds for the disabled child's benefit. And, expenditures are limited to non-necessities and supplemental services such as dental, medical and drug expenses not provided through governmental benefits; physical, speech and occupational therapy; special equipment not provided by other sources; vacation and travel activities; social, recreational and entertainment opportunities; or training and education activities. The total discretion granted to the trustee means the beneficiary has no legal right to demand distributions. As a result, the trust assets and income are not "available resources" and, therefore, don't effect eligibility for governmental benefits. Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

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Christ transformed the "drivenness" of his "hatchet man" days in the White House to single-minded devotion to the Kingdom. In his 70s he urged me to keep on serving for as long as possible: "Why should anyone retire when there is so much to do?" Chuck saw fulfilling "the Cultural Commission" by being salt and shining light. He deplored compartmentalization and saw Jesus as Lord of all of life.

On more than one occasion, he told me of his last visit with Francis Schaeffer just before Schaeffer's death when he said, "Chuck, the only issue—truth—true truth!" My ministry was forever impacted by learning from Chuck that we must courageously allow our salt to sting and our light to expose, whether in living or in preaching truth, which is not obsolete but absolute.

My most vivid memory of how the Spirit worked through Chuck occurred in the original "smoke-filled room" in the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. A hardened female skeptic was conducting a filmed PBS interview. She asked how he knew that Jesus was real. Chuck related how while he was in prison, Al Quie, distinguished congressman and later Minnesota governor, pleaded with the president that he might take Chuck's place in prison because of Colson family issues. Chuck related, "That was a turning point in my life; for the first time I really understood what it meant for a man to lay down his life for his friends."

Tears flowed down the hardened face of the interviewer. "Cut!" She went to the restroom, fixed her makeup and returned. The cameras rolled as she asked another question, and Chuck declared what it meant to be "born again." Again tears streamed down her face. I have never sensed the power of God to be so real in a room! She told Chuck later that she wanted to come back to God. I looked at the cameraman who had moistened eyes, and I was emboldened to witness to him.

When I learned that Chuck's medical condition had worsened from a brain hemorrhage, I flew to D.C. and was privileged to be with him and the family as Chuck "finished the course." What a blessing to sing his favorite song, "Amazing Grace," at his bedside. He called it "the prisoners' national anthem." However, I felt like Elisha at the rapture of his mentor, Elijah. Like Elisha, I prayed that "the Spirit" of Chuck's God would "rest upon" me in a fresh way. When Chuck met his Savior in Heaven and his hero, William Wilberforce, I believe that old Marine heard, "Well done, Semper Fi." (BP) Hayes Wicker is senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Naples.

Uncool? Deal with it

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You may be too fashionable, he warns, if:

- You look around at church and notice that everybody is the same age and looks like you do.

- You can't stand singing a worship song that was "in" five years ago—much less singing a hymn from another century.

- Your goal in spending time with non-Christians is to demonstrate that you're really no different than they are. To prove this, you curse like a sailor, drink like a fish and smoke like a chimney.

- You've concluded that everything new is better than anything old, or that everything old is better than anything new.

- The church you've chosen is defined more by its reaction to "boring" churches than by its response to a needy world.

- You've decided that everything done by the church you grew up in was wrong and you're now, thankfully, part of a missional "community" that does everything right.

- The one verse you wish wasn't in the Bible is John 14:6, where Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth,

and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." That's way too narrow!

Way back when I was cool (like, 35 years ago), I played drums in a Christian rock band. We took old-time hymns and turned them into 15-minute jams. "Jesus freaks" with long hair and tie-dyed T-shirts were coming into traditional churches in those days, and it caused a commotion. I remember when we played at our church and cranked up the amps. Our pastor's wife, who had really big hair and played solos on a grand piano like Liberace, stood up and walked out on us. We needed a spirit of unity. We found it in the words of a favorite song, "Little Country Church" by Chuck Girard: "They're talkin' 'bout revival and the need for love

That little church has come alive Workin' with each other for the common good

Puttin' all the past aside Long hair, short hair, some coats and ties

People finally comin' around Lookin' past the hair and straight into the eyes

People finally comin' around ... God's house can accommodate many styles. He doesn't have secu-

Ridding a critical spirit

By Scott Wigginton

Q: How can a wife and a mother deal with a critical spirit that poisons her relationships with both her husband and her children?

A: Since authentic transformation must begin with self-awareness and confession, you have arguably already made an important first step.

Many years ago, Catherine Marshall, wife of Peter Marshall who was the Chaplain of the United States Senate, wrote that one morning the Lord "gave me an assignment: for one day I was to go on a 'fast' from criticism. I was not to criticize anybody about anything."

Jesus once said, "Do not judge, or you will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Matthew 7:1-2)

Through her fast on criticism, Marshall said that she learned five things:

1. A critical spirit focuses us on ourselves and makes us unhappy. We lose perspective and humor.

2. A critical spirit blocks the positive creative thoughts God longs to give us.

3. A critical spirit can prevent good relationships and create retaliatory criticalness.

4. Criticalness blocks the work of the Spirit of God: love, good will, mercy.

5. Whenever we see something genuinely wrong in another person's behavior, rather than criticize him or her directly, or—far worse—gripe about him behind his back, we should ask the Spirit of God to do the correction needed.

Richard Foster reminds us that the purpose of fasting is "the voluntary denial of an otherwise normal function for the sake of intense spiritual activity." Fasting from those things upon which we depend, or which control us, opens us to a freedom to move in another direction, God's direction.

Ask God to make you increasingly aware of the ways that criticism places you in bondage and to open your head, heart and hands to releasing the chains that bind you.

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riety at the door deciding which sinners are trendy enough to enter.

There's nothing wrong with seeking relevance and connections to the world beyond the church. Effective missionaries are passionate and respectful students of the cultures they're trying to reach with the gospel. They seek to learn which aspects of culture are bridges they can use to share Truth. As Paul, the greatest missionary of all time, said, "I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22b, NASB).

But Paul never hesitated to deliver Truth straight-up and unvarnished when the situation called for it, regardless of the consequences.

"Christians make a difference in this world by being different from this world; they don't make a difference by being the same," Tchividjian writes. "To be truly relevant, you have to say things that are unfashionably eternal, not trendy. It's the timeless things that are most relevant to most people. ... When the relevance of God's Word reigns supreme among God's set-apart people, we influence the wider culture by expressing His revealed truth with both our lives and our lips." (BP) Erich Bridges is IMB global correspondent.

Prioritizing Southern Baptist missions work in North America

By Kevin Ezell

Sometimes I am asked how the North American Mission Board is prioritizing its work in North America. There are probably a few different ways we could do that, but I tell people we are letting the numbers draw our map and letting God be our guide.

Here's what I mean by letting the numbers draw our map. One of the best ways to gauge spiritual need in North America is to look at the ratio of congregations to population in a particular area. Missiologists tell us it is best to have at least one congregation for every 1,000 people in an area. One to 500 would be even better.

With that ratio in mind, Southern Baptists are doing pretty well in some areas. For instance, we have one congregation for every 1,404 people in Mississippi. In Alabama it is one for every 1,451. And in Arkansas, one for every 1,922.

Those numbers are very encouraging.

We should celebrate how effective Southern Baptists have been in these states and others in the South. But let's look elsewhere.

Our congregation-to-population ratios change dramatically when we look toward other regions in North America. In Iowa there is only one congregation

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for every 30,464 people. In Michigan it is one for every 34,318. In the Pennsylvania-South Jersey state convention it's one for every 40,132 people. In New York there are 62,362 people for every one SBC congregation.

In the Minnesota-Wisconsin convention, there is only one SBC congregation for every 75,799 people. That means there are 54 times more people per SBC congregation in Minnesota-Wisconsin than there are people per SBC congregation in Mississippi. What a difference a few hundred miles can make!

In Canada, Southern Baptists have only one congregation for every

117,212 people.

These needs are huge and as believers we want to do all we can to give people in all of these areas better access to the gospel. But still, we need a strategy as we approach such a large task.

With that in mind, NAMB has identified states and provinces in the United States and Canada based on the level of need, which is based on these congregation-to-population ratios.

Red states—those with the highest need—are any with ratios higher than 1-to-20,000. That includes all of Canada, virtually all of the Northeast and some states in the Midwest and West.

Yellow states are those with between 10,000 and 20,000 people per SBC congregation.

Green states have better than a 1-to-10,000 ratio between people and churches. It won't surprise you to learn that all of the 13 states in the South region fall into the green category. But you might be surprised by some of the

others that show up.

Missouri, West Virginia, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico all fall into the green category.

Does this mean NAMB will ignore the needs in green states? Absolutely not. We still want to help make churches there stronger and help our partners start churches in population centers where our ratios are lower. But as we seek to penetrate lostness at its highest levels in North America, we have to look at sheer numbers.

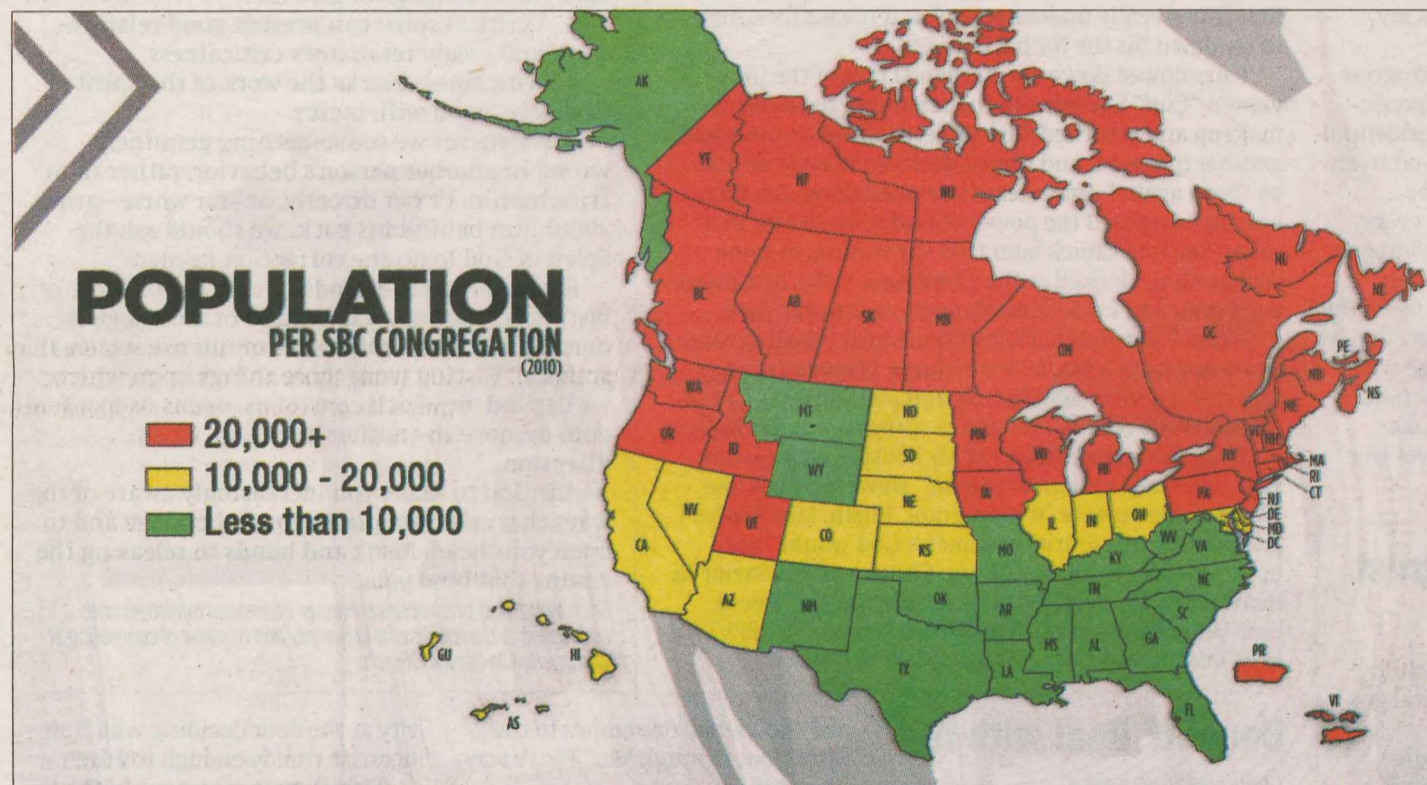
As we look at where most of our funding and church planting resources will go, NAMB must look at red states first. We have to start closing the gap in areas where congregation-to-population ratios are the highest. To impact lostness, we have to give people in those areas better access to the gospel.

Of course, there are other considerations as we chart this course. In some areas, other evangelical churches are proclaiming the gospel effectively. The presence of these churches cuts congregation-to-population ratios considerably. And we also must realize that just because a church exists, doesn't mean it is reaching its community. So these numbers can only serve as a map as we become more familiar with a particular area.

NAMB's Send North America strategy is informed by these numbers. We are especially concentrating on large cities where Southern Baptist congregation-to-population ratios have slipped the most in recent decades. But God is our ultimate guide. That's why we are keeping some of our budget flexible, so when we see God's activity in a particular state or region, we can move quickly to get more funds and more missionaries to that place.

If we let the numbers make our map and let God be our guide, I believe Southern Baptists will be on a better track for penetrating lostness where it looms largest in North America. (BP)

Kevin Ezell is president of the North American Mission Board.



Christians' favorite fantasy land? Narnia, Hogwarts or Neverland?

By Daniel Burke

Washington—Evangelicals prefer Narnia, Catholics have a wanderlust for Wonderland, and mainline Protestants are split between hitching a ride to Hogwarts, Narnia or Neverland.

Those are the results from a unique poll by the television show "60 Minutes" and Vanity Fair magazine. The survey asked 1,000 Americans what fantasy land they'd most like to visit (Washington, D.C., excluded).

Evangelicals showed a clear preference for Narnia, the fantastical world of talking beasts entered through a enchanted wardrobe in C.S. Lewis' series "The Chronicles of Narnia."

Lewis, an Anglican, topped the list for 28 percent of evangelicals. Both his fiction—commonly interpreted as Christian allegories—and also

his nonfiction have become touchstones in contemporary evangelicalism.

Just 8 percent of evangelicals said they would like to visit Hogwarts, the school of witchcraft and wizardry from the Harry Potter series.

Alice's Wonderland was many Catholics' cup of tea, with 21 percent saying they'd like to take a trip down the rabbit hole. Peter Pan's Neverland (18 percent), Hogwarts (18 percent) and J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth (16 percent) weren't far behind.

Mainline Protestants were similarly split between Neverland (19 percent), Narnia (18 percent) and Hogwarts (18 percent).

Among those listed as "other" religions, Hogwarts was the clear favorite (31 percent). And Middle Earth led the way for those who professed no religious affiliation (23 percent). (RNS)



FANTASY LAND A scene from the film adaptation of "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian." According to a recent poll, evangelicals said Narnia is fictitious world they would most want to visit. (RNS photo courtesy Murray Close/Disney Enterprises & Walden Media)

Students draw on faith traditions to fight human trafficking

By Catherine Newhouse

Little Rock, Ark.—For two years of her life, Louise Allison said she looked and felt like trash. She was a straggly-haired teenager sold for sex on Dallas streets. Her traffickers often drugged her and dumped her in a park to await customers.

Allison is one of millions of people who have been trafficked—or sold into slavery—for underage sex or forced labor. Now she directs Partners Against Trafficking Humans, a Little Rock, Ark.-based Christian nonprofit that provides safe housing for human trafficking survivors.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder told a Little Rock audience last week that the Justice Department would have zero tolerance for forced labor and underage prostitution—problems that plague the United States as well as developing nations.

The cause of human trafficking has gained traction within the faith

community, especially among college students who are working across faith lines toward a goal of eradicating the bonds that enslave an estimated 27 million people.

Across the United States, dozens of colleges and high schools planned spring or fall events to bring attention to the problem of human trafficking.

Many of these events, including a Freedom Movement Week held last week, were inspired by Passion 2012 earlier this year. Passion, a 42,000-student worship conference in Atlanta last January, centered on human trafficking and raised more than \$3.3 million from the mostly student attendees to support nonprofits that fight human trafficking.

Claude d'Estree, who directs the Human Trafficking Clinic at the University of Denver, has watched a growing number of faith-based groups take up this issue since he began human trafficking work in 1998. D'Estree noted the importance of religious leaders in U.S.



FAITH FOR FREEDOM Storm Ervin (below) places her handprint on the canvas freedom banner at the Freedom Movement booth on the University of Missouri campus April 23. The Freedom Movement is part of a nationwide effort on university campuses to end human trafficking. (RNS photo)

fight over slavery 150 years ago.

"It's not surprising to me that religious groups got involved again," d'Estree said.

Texas A&M junior John Amini, 21, said he prayed about how to spend the spring semester at Texas A&M while attending the Passion 2012 conference. After hearing speakers on human trafficking, he decided to unite college campuses in a national battle against it.

Amini and friends soon had more than 30 U.S. college campus partners. In addition to the five universities participating in Freedom Movement Week, other schools are creating programs for fall and raising money.

At Texas A&M, students created an anti-slavery benefit album with sales benefiting anti-trafficking nonprofits Tiny Hands International and Unlikely Heroes. Amini said the Texas A&M chapter hopes to raise \$25,000, with about \$6,000 raised so far.

Amini said that although Freedom Movement is driven by Christian values, non-Christians are welcome. On other campuses, Jewish and Muslim student-centered groups are joining the fight against human trafficking.

Seattle-based Robert Beiser, who directs social justice programs at the

University of Washington Hillel, said Jewish students identify with the retelling of the biblical story of Moses leading slaves out of Egypt by groups fighting human trafficking.

"Students were really getting energized about the idea that they could use our cultural identity as Jews and Passover as a starting point to work on this issue," Beiser said. Those students helped launch the national Freedom Shabbat in collaboration with Not for Sale, a nonprofit group.

Students reached out through social media and other means to get more than 100 synagogues and other Jewish communities active in Freedom Shabbat, usually held around Passover. The group also works to encourage grocery stores to carry fair-trade gelt—the chocolate coins given during Hanukkah—in order to guarantee that no slaves helped produce the cocoa.

Not for Sale works most closely with the Jewish community but is looking for Muslim leaders to build a Freedom Salat movement for Muslim students and groups.

Kevin Austin, who manages Not for Sale's faith outreach, said seven Muslim communities have pledged to participate once Freedom Salat is launched. (RNS)



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WMU introduces new logo, tagline



Birmingham, Ala.—National Woman's Missionary Union has introduced a new logo and tagline as key elements for the missions organization's branding.

The new trademark is an updated version of the original one adopted by WMU in 1913. It incorporates two elements from the original version: a fish and a stylized circle or world. It also includes the new tagline, "Missions for Life."

"We believe this new graphic celebrates our heritage while embracing today's opportunities by better reflecting the active, friendly, reliable and invested mindset of those involved in global missions through WMU," WMU spokesperson Julie Walters said. (WMU/BP)

'Can anything good come out of Oneida?'

OBI students recent successes answer question with loud 'Yes'

Oneida: Look for it on the wrong map and you won't even find it. Look on the right map and all you'll see is a tiny dot in the center of the middle of nowhere.

The website, OneidaKentucky.com, describes it this way:

"Located along the Cumberland Plateau in the Appalachian foothills of eastern Kentucky, Oneida is nestled in the Daniel Boone National Forest and the Elk Country Corridor featuring sloping hills, ... narrow valleys, hardwood forests and bottom wildlands. The steep hills have served to insulate and isolate, creating a special landscape of majestic forests, scenic waterways, rugged canyons, ... sandstone cliffs and breathtaking mountain vistas. Goose Creek and the Red Bird River confluence in the tiny town of Oneida to form the South Fork of the Kentucky River. ... Oneida is a natural backcountry paradise for those who want to experience the peace and adventures of raw, untamed nature. ... Natural wonders and fascinating, warm, friendly people await you in wonderfully wild, breathtakingly beautiful Oneida. Changing seasons offer a ... vista of unsurpassed natural beauty. Mild winters, a very low cost of living and unspoiled nature makes Oneida a perfect location for a home, vacation property or retirement property."

Oneida sounds like a great place, but when we're talking about a school, the question comes to mind: "Can anything good come out of Oneida?"

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" The trophy cases along the back of the OBI chapel and the recent successes of the cross country, soccer, girls' tennis and baseball teams all testify to a long

history and a present experience of athletic success.

Even more, many good things have come and continue to come out of Oneida in the area of the arts. This year, OBI rejoices in the graphic design work of senior Jesse Wayne Jackson from Birmingham, Ala. Last week Jesse was named Kentucky's state champion in graphic design for his logo which was part of the set for our play "Money Talks," which our drama department presented last weekend.

What makes me especially proud of Jesse is that he chose to stay at OBI and graduate, even though he had planned to leave school after his sophomore year and get his GED. Even more significantly, Jesse asked Jesus into his heart after about three years here and was baptized. To quote Jesse, "This young man that was full of hatred started to change. ... Coming to Oneida has changed my life for time and eternity."

Other good things have come out of Oneida recently. In February, freshman Grace Kim from Korea was named concertmistress of the string orchestra at the Kentucky Music Educators Association annual session. Sophomore Jacob Bortell has been accepted for the summer program in drama at the Governor's School for the Arts. Two OBI juniors, Anna Davidson and Beimmnet Kebede, who is from Ethiopia, have been accepted for the Governor's Scholars Program to be held this summer.

Yes, many good things can come out of Oneida—athletically, artistically, academically and spiritually. The Lord gets all the glory; apart from Him we can do nothing.

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This is Oneida



Paul Davidson

All in the family

Graduate follows familiar call to teach just like father, grandfather

Graduate Andrew Ditty holds a unique distinction among this year's senior class. He has had the privilege of being taught by faculty members who just happen to be his grandfather (Jim Ditty) and father (John Ditty). The call to teach definitely runs deep in this family.

"As I prepare for my graduation, I feel God is leading me into a teaching ministry" Andrew said. "When I first came here four years ago, I never thought I would be a teacher. I initially never even thought I would end up at Clear Creek.

"Once I did surrender to God's call to come here, I first thought I would be involved in urban ministry as a pastor," he said. "I never really saw myself in a teaching role. Now as I am preparing to leave, God has affirmed the role of a teaching ministry for me.

"I am not sure exactly where this call is going to take me after I graduate, but I know I love teaching," Andrew continued. "I really enjoy teaching college students because that is where I

am right now in my life. I like discussing things with them that are going on in their lives. I want to try and help them with the problems they are facing. I feel like I can relate to them in so

many ways. I can see God leading me to be a high school Bible teacher or a college professor.

"I have already started substitute teaching at one of our local schools systems, and I love it," Andrew said. "Hopefully I have had some opportunities to present a good influence to some of the kids I have been able to be around. I currently have my resumé out to some Christian high schools, and I am waiting

to see where God wants to use me.

"I am so thankful for God's provision while I have been here as a student," Andrew said. "God has always provided food to eat and a job to earn money for my expenses. The scholarships for tuition that so many people have provided for Clear Creek students are a tremendous blessing to all of us."

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Donnie Fox

NYC rule barring churches from meeting in schools challenged

By Tom Strode

Washington—The New York City ban on religious worship in public schools violates both the free exercise of religion and the prohibition on government establishment of religion, a Southern Baptist entity and other groups contend in a friend-of-the-court brief filed in federal court.

The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission joined local and national religious organizations in the April 20 brief that urges a federal court in New York to invalidate a Board of Education policy that bars churches and other faith groups from meeting in schools. The brief, written by the Christian Legal Society, also calls on the court to permanently block the policy from being enforced.

The U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that the ban was constitutional, affecting dozens of churches, including seven Southern Baptist congregations, that used public schools for corporate worship. Some moved their meetings to other facilities.

Some have been able to continue meeting in school buildings because of a Feb. 24 ruling by federal judge Loretta Preska which blocked enforcement of the ban while the case proceeds. The Second Circuit upheld the injunction five days later. The appeals court, however, urged Preska to release a final ruling by mid-June.

New York City's school policy infringes on the opening two clauses of the First Amendment, according to the brief signed on to by the ERLC and other organizations.

The policy "is not one that feigns neutrality on its face, hiding an ulterior purpose to target religious exercise,"

the brief says. "The Board's policy openly and notoriously singles out 'religious worship services' for exclusion from the public space that is otherwise available for other social and civic functions."

The brief contends a social function that includes the same attributes as a religious worship service—such as singing, praying and speaking on "moral" topics—would not violate the policy. "But once these activities are part of a religious event, they suddenly become outlawed," according to the brief.

The school board rule transgresses the First Amendment's establishment clause by trying to define religious worship, the brief states.

"The board cannot get into the business of deciding what does and does not qualify as a 'religious worship service' without entangling itself in issues forbidden to its authority and without discriminating among religious organizations and beliefs," according to the brief.

The brief also contends the use of public schools for worship does not constitute endorsement of religion when the Board of Education makes its facilities available to all groups. "The fact that more churches than mosques and synagogues use school facilities reflects simple demographics, not endorsement," it states.

In addition to the ERLC, others signing on to the brief are the National Association of Evangelicals, American Bible Society, National Council of Churches, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York, Council of Churches of the City of New York, Brooklyn Council of Churches and Queens Federation of Churches. (BP)

Tennessee convention board agrees to explore options for property sale

Brentwood, Tenn.—Members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's executive board have approved the exploration of "options for placing the Baptist Center property in Brentwood on the market and recruiting interested parties to submit proposals on the property."

The convention's executive director, Randy Davis, was authorized to conduct the exploration in a unanimous vote during an executive board meeting in March.

Rich Wallace, a member of First Baptist Church of Sevierville, Tenn., and chairman of the executive board's administrative committee, noted that the board has entertained offers on the property in the past but has not actively pursued them.

In 2008, the board was approached by developers who agreed to purchase the Baptist Center property for \$13.06 million. In March 2009 after a downturn in the economy, the purchaser canceled the contract.

In December 2010, a subcommittee was appointed by the board to "analyze

any proposals that might be presented concerning the sale of the property and to bring those with merit to the administrative committee."

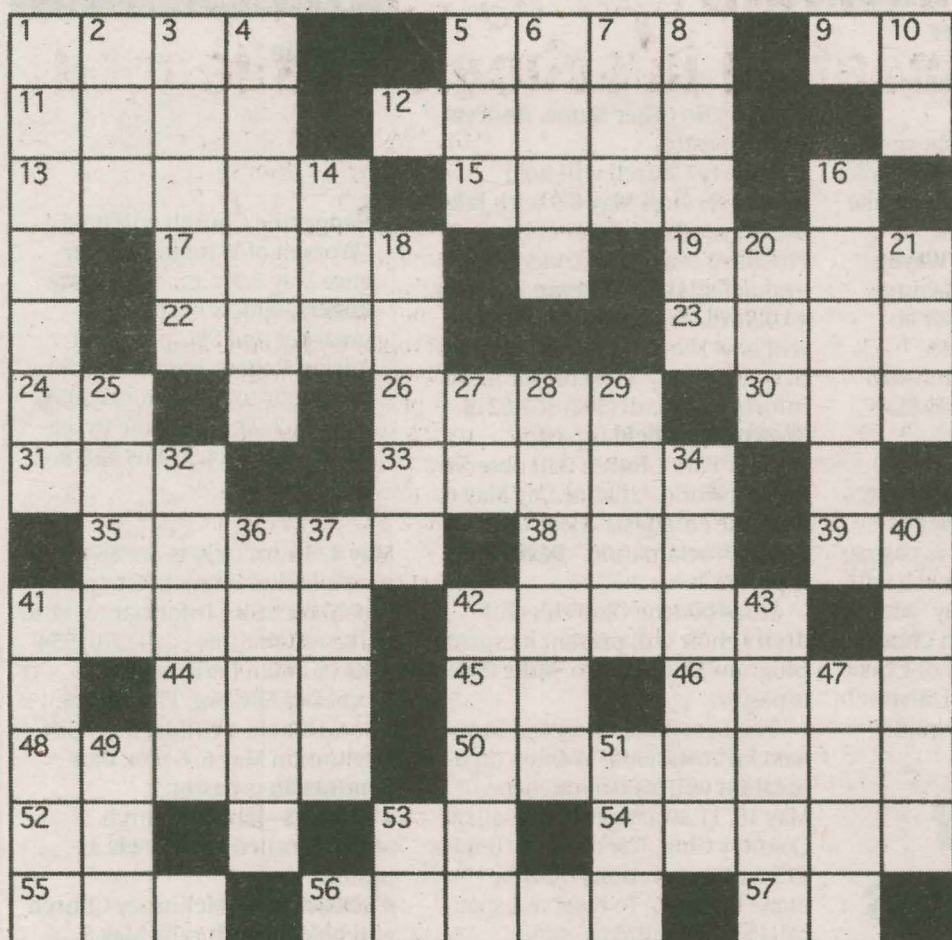
Davis emphasized that the recommendation is "driven by stewardship."

When the board first moved to the property 43 years ago, it was what was needed, Davis said. A conference center building was added to the Brentwood offices in 1989 as it became known as the Baptist Center. The background information provided to executive board members noted that conference and training processes now take the TBC into the field much more than they bring others into the building.

The recommendation also asked the executive director to "initiate a study of options for an alternative Baptist Center location and configuration that would include but not be limited to leasing or purchasing, assigning some employees to work primarily in the field, limiting meeting space and other alternative meeting space." (Tennessee Baptist & Reflector/BP)

Bible Crosswords

By Beverley Barnes



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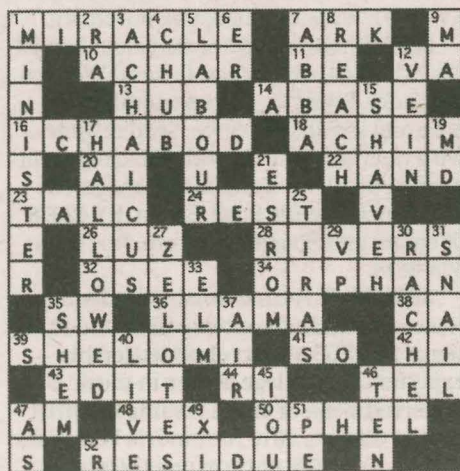
- 1 "We have seen his ____ in the east" (Matthew 2:2)
- 5 Accepts, in a way
- 9 Atlantic seaboard state (abbr.)
- 11 "My ____ is in thee" (Psalm 39:7)
- 12 Warehouse
- 13 "Keep me as the ____ of the eye" (Psalm 17:8)
- 15 ____ de France
- 17 "My ____ shall praise thee" (Psalm 63:3)
- 19 Addiction to (suffix)
- 22 Affirmative (colloq.)
- 23 "Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a ____" (Numbers 21:8)
- 24 Printer's measure
- 26 Secondborn of Adam
- 30 Cambridge college (abbr.)
- 31 "At thy word I will let down the ____" (Luke 5:5)
- 33 One source of evil
- 35 "The Lord is thy ____ upon thy right hand" (Psalm 121:5)
- 38 Soloist
- 39 Peter or Paul (abbr.)
- 41 Book or teller
- 42 "The sceptre shall not depart from ____" (Genesis 49:10)
- 44 "As light of foot as a wild ____" (2 Samuel 2:18)
- 45 Oft-used abbr.
- 46 "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ____" (Joel 3:13)
- 48 Stay ____
- 50 "Thou hast been a ____ for me, and a strong tower" (Psalm 61:3)
- 52 ____ is condition
- 53 Unit of dry measure (abbr.)
- 54 Complete set of events
- 55 "Our word ... was not yea and ____" (2 Corinthians 1:18)
- 56 Sauce made with fresh basil
- 57 Duly noted at a yearly physical (abbr.)

Down

- 1 Hone
- 2 Hat or heavy
- 3 "____ thine heart to understanding" (Proverbs 2:2)
- 4 Depended upon
- 5 Second letter of the Hebrew alphabet (var.)
- 6 "They that wait ____ the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31)

- 7 Thou, to a non-Quaker
- 8 Dismantle
- 10 Masculine nickname
- 14 Gov't. agency
- 16 "Consider the ____ of the field" (Matthew 6:28)
- 18 "Endured the cross, despising the ____" (Hebrews 12:2)
- 20 ____ cat
- 21 "A city that is ____ on a hill" (Matthew 5:14)
- 25 "As an eagle stirreth up her ____" (Deuteronomy 32:11)
- 27 One who takes to the rails (colloq.)
- 28 "Bread ____ and to spare" (Luke 15:17)
- 29 What a bank may do
- 32 Paul's ____ in the flesh
- 34 "For there is a ____ sacrifice there for all the family" (1 Samuel 20:6)
- 36 City on the banks of the Arnon River (Joshua 13:16)
- 37 Changed hues
- 40 "Over ____" (wartime favorite)
- 41 "Get thee behind me, ____" (Luke 4:8)
- 42 Prince of Peace
- 43 Wed, in Dogpatch
- 47 Throw things at
- 49 "Land of the free" (abbr.)
- 51 System or sphere
- 53 "____ of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)

Last puzzle's solution



Jury duty

Civic duty reminder for individuals to plan ahead for future decisions

I've just completed two weeks of jury duty. It was the second time in 11 years I've served; I was never summonsed during the first 30 years of my residency. I am appreciative my employer, the KBF, has a very accommodative policy related to jury duty for its employees.

Jury duty is a responsibility for which most citizens have ambivalence. On the one hand, we dread the inconvenience and the absence from our daily jobs and routines. On the other hand, we recognize the vital importance of the process in facilitating the equitable administration of justice in our community to our fellow citizens, and—we must confess—if we were party to a lawsuit, we would want the jury to include people like ourselves deciding the outcome.

I was selected to serve on the jury of a guardianship case in which we, the jury, had to determine whether or not to take away from an individual all or part of his rights in his personal and financial affairs. What an awesome responsibility that was!

My experience on this jury confirmed everything we in the KBF do to

educate, encourage and enable individuals and families to put a plan in place and to execute the necessary document(s) before it's too late to avoid the human and final trauma and cost associated with the court procedure required for a guardianship trial.

The key document is a power of attorney by which you grant someone of your choosing the power to make personal and/or financial decisions in your behalf should you be temporarily or permanently unable to make those decisions for yourself.

There are three ways the KBF can provide educational assistance in this realm of advance planning:

- Private consultation.
- Provide a brochure on "the right to make informed decisions."
- An educational seminar in your church.

Please call us toll free to make the arrangements for a private personal consultation session, request the brochure and/or schedule a seminar for your church or church group.

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THERE IS STILL HOPE



May 21
First Baptist Church
of Shelbyville

May 22
Briensburg Baptist
Church, Benton

**Encounter:
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Lifestyle Evangelism
Conference**

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May

- 4 Children's Bible Drill, First Baptist Church, Somerset; Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah.
- 5 Children's Bible Drill, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- 7-8 KBC Mission Board, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 9 Iron Sharpening Iron, Louisville Slugger Field.
- 9-11 Directors of Missions Leadership Event, Rough River Dam State Resort Park, Falls of Rough.
- 14 PLACE Workshop, Anchor Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 15 Iron Sharpening Iron, Grove Marina on Laurel Lake, London.
- 15 PLACE Workshop, Warren Baptist Association office, Bowling Green.
- 17 Iron Sharpening Iron, Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center, Hardin.
- 19 The Call Leadership Conference, Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown.
- 19 WMU State Associational Leadership Training, Elizabethtown Baptist Church.
- 21 Encounter: Women of Worth Lifestyle Evangelism Conference, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.
- 21-22 Youth Ministers' Spring Retreat, Thomas & King Leadership and Conference Center, Georgetown.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

- **BENTON**—Sand Hill Church will hold revival services May 6, 6 p.m.; May 7-9, 7 p.m., with **Tim Cole**, director of missions for Blood River Association, as evangelist. **James Oates** is pastor.
- **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church will observe the National Day of Prayer with prayer and worship services May 3, 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. **Donnie Patrick** is pastor.
- **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Severns Valley Church will hold a "Zoo-Per Wild Party" May 3, 10 a.m., for babies, toddlers and preschoolers with live animals, inflatable games, stories and crafts. **Bill Langley** is pastor.
- **FLORENCE**—Florence Church at Mount Zion will honor former pastor **Tim Alexander** May 6. Alexander recently retired after 27 years

- with the church. **Corey Abney** is pastor.
- **HARRODSBURG**—Harrodsburg Church's sanctuary choir will hold a combined performance with the choir from First Church of Shelbyville May 6, 7 p.m. **Wayne Spivey** is pastor of Harrodsburg Church. **Steve Rice** is pastor at First Church of Shelbyville.
- **IRVINE**—Friendship Church will hold spring revival services May 6-9. **Scott Rogers** is pastor.
- **LEBANON**—Muldraugh Hill Church will hold revival services May 6-9 with **Johnnie Bailey** as evangelist. **Vic Stansbury** is pastor.
- **LEXINGTON**—Corinth Church will hold a "Sunday on Monday" service May 7, 6:30 p.m., with **Chuck Fuller**, assistant professor of Christian studies at Anderson University in South Carolina, as guest

speaker. Special music will be provided by **No Other Name**. **Andrew Dyer** is pastor.

- Liberty Church will hold revival services May 6-9 with **Jake Brock**, youth minister at East Pittsburg Church in London, as evangelist. **Larry O'Bryan** is pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will host the **Triumphant Quartet** in concert May 5, 7 p.m. For more information, call (502) 367-0218. **Geoffrey Lacefield** is pastor.

Deer Park Church will observe Baptist World Alliance Day May 6, with the emphasis "Hear the Spirit: Proclamation." **David Platt** is pastor.

Hurstbourne Church's children's choir will present its spring program May 6, 6 p.m. **Mike O'Neal** is pastor.

The Louisville Christian Business & Professional Women organization will hold a luncheon May 10, 11:30 a.m. at Hurstbourne Country Club. The cost to attend is \$13 and reservations must be made by May 7. To reserve a spot, call (502) 931-2918 or email cbpwest@gmail.com.

■ **MAYSVILLE**—Central Church will hold a neighborhood block party May 5, 10 a.m. **Mark Powell** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church will host "The Party," a Fellowship of Christian Athletes-sponsored event for students, May 2, 6 p.m. Also, the church's senior-adult ministry will present "The Gospel Never Changes" May 6, 6 p.m. **Billy Compton** is pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Macedonia Church will hold a teen prayer rally May 2, 6:30 p.m. **Will Zik** is interim pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Lone Oak First Church will host a live simulcast of the 2012 Chick-fil-A Leadercast event

Louisville ministry to host golf outing to help homeless

Louisville—The downtown Louisville ministry Jefferson Street Baptist Center will host a golf tournament next month to raise money for its work with the city's homeless population.

The Mulligan Golf Classic is a "day of luxury and purpose that benefits the people of Jefferson Street Baptist Center," according to event organizers. The golf outing is set for June 1 at Champions Pointe Golf Course in Henryville, Ind.

The tournament will be played "shotgun style" with teams of four players each. The first foursome will tee off at 1 p.m. A dinner and awards ban-

quet will follow.

Tournament organizers are looking for teams to participate and organizations to sponsor the event. The cost for a team of four is \$800.

There are six sponsorship levels available for groups or organizations, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Each level offers various forms of advertising for those involved.

For more information, visit www.MulliganGolfClassic.com.

Jefferson Street Baptist Center was founded in 1888 as the Union Gospel Mission. It became a ministry of Long Run Baptist Association in 1943.

Spotlight on ...

Danville



Hedgeville Church will hold a "Women of Wisdom" conference May 5, 8 a.m., with **Joyce Rogers**, widow of the late preacher and SBC president Adrian Rogers. For more information or to register, call (859) 236-0662. The deadline to register is April 24. **Travis Farris** is pastor.

May 4, 8 a.m. Tickets are \$64, which includes breakfast and lunch. For more information or to make reservations, call (270) 554-1441 or email LWillingham@LoneOakFBC.org. The church also will hold a children's choir celebration May 6, 6 p.m. **Dan Summerlin** is pastor.

■ **SANDERS**—Jordan Church recently called **John Lewis** as pastor.

■ **SCIENCE HILL**—McKinney Church will hold a youth rally May 5, 7 p.m.

■ **SOMERSET**—Barnesburg Church recently called **Tony Hall** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Parlor Grove Church in Waynesburg.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church's children's ministry will present the musical "Go, Go Jonah!" May 6, 10:30 a.m. **John Brandon** is pastor.

■ **WILLIAMSTOWN**—Williamstown Church will hold a "What's In Your Purse?" women's banquet May 4, 6:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10. For more information or to buy tickets, call (859) 824-4102. **Darrell Morgan** is pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Central Church will host the Winchester Chorale's spring choir festival May 6, 2:30 p.m.

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SEEKING: Full-time associate pastor to students at Hebron Baptist Church, Hebron, Ky. Responsible for youth and college/young singles of the church. Minimum requirements are master's degree or pursuit of master's from a Southern Baptist seminary. Email resumé to HBCYouthSearchTeam@googlegroups.com.

SEEKING: Full-time Southern Baptist pastor for Pioneer Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Ky. General Sunday attendance: 80-plus; parsonage on property. Send resumé to Pastor Search Committee, Pioneer Baptist Church 260 Sparrow Lane, Harrodsburg, KY 40330; or email to pioneerbaptistchurchsc@gmail.com. by May 31, 2012.

SEEKING: Are you looking to be a full-time minister of students and education? Christ Baptist Church, Cold Spring, Ky., is seeking an energetic Christian who demonstrates a call from God to full-time Christian service—an experienced individual who can relate to children, students, parents, and the rest of the church. A bachelor's degree is required; a graduate from a divinity school or equivalent is preferred. Our church adheres to the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. Send or email resumé to Christ Baptist Church, 3810 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076; or cbccareers32@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Part-time youth director at First Baptist Church, Danville. Send resumé by May 1 to First Baptist, 1570 North Danville Bypass, Danville, KY 40422; or to colleen@fbcdanville.org.

SEEKING: Full-time associate minister of youth and outreach for a growing Northern Kentucky church. Candidate should have love for Christ, calling to youth ministry, and passion for building bridges to the lost and not-yet committed church members/attenders. Send resumé by May 15 to Union Baptist Church, PO Box 194, Union, KY 41091. www.unionbaptistchurch.org.

SEEKING: Senior pastor for Salem Baptist Church (150+ attendance) in rural Western Kentucky. Prefer 7+ years pastoral experience and seminary degree. Send resumé with references, along with video of recent sermon to: Glenn Gordon, Pastor Search, 1145 Pinckneyville Road, Salem, KY 42078; or email: ggordon@csiweb.com. Fax: (270) 575-4614.

SEEKING: Part-time worship leader experienced in leading contemporary and traditional music (3-5 years choir leadership experience). A college degree in music is preferred. Send or email resumé to Christ Baptist Church, 3810 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076; or cbccareers32@gmail.com.

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SEEKING: Part-time youth director for First Baptist Church in Lebanon Junction, Ky., to lead Bible study on Sunday mornings and evenings, and Wednesday night. For more info., contact Rosie Samuels at (502) 833-4721; or email samu4721@bellsouth.net.

SEEKING: Bivocational/part-time worship leader for blended services, leading an adult choir, and helping to grow a children's program. Responses to New Bethel Baptist Church, 504 Hwy. 2779, Hardinsburg, KY 40143; or newbethelbaptist@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Full-time Southern Baptist pastor for Grace Baptist Church, located 7 miles south of Pikeville at Shelbiana, Ky. (rural Pike County in Eastern Kentucky). Seminary preferred. Average Sunday worship attendance: 105-130. Church provides part-time secretary. Send resumé to Grace Baptist Church, c/o Larry F. Compton, 7129 Millard Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501-8101.

'A lot of hurt' in Seattle meets with church planter's vision

Missionary couple recalls 'crazy' journey to Pacific Northwest

By Joe Conway

Seattle—Crazy. Not the first description that comes to mind for church planting, but for Keith and Kristine Carpenter the word comes up often.

The couple, married 21 years, moved to Seattle three years ago to help launch Epic Life Church. The church plant celebrated its two-year anniversary in September 2011, with God having used a still, small, yet extremely direct voice to call the Carpenters to the Pacific Northwest.

"I was sitting in church, minding my own business," said Keith Carpenter, who was a church's college pastor in Winona, Minn. "I felt like God tapped us on the shoulder and said, 'I want you to go start a church.' And I was like, 'What?'"

One week later, Kristine had "a pretty crazy dream," Carpenter continued. "She'd never been to Seattle, but she said, 'I saw this word, it was just the letters Aurora in Seattle.' So we checked out Aurora in Seattle and found it was a main drag.

"That kind of got our attention."

A trip to explore Seattle and Aurora Avenue four months later confirmed the vision, though they found the Aurora

corridor to be a crazy place.

"Most people, if you ask them about Aurora, they'll say bars and strip clubs and adult bookstores and all this stuff," Carpenter said. "There's just a lot of hurt along the street." The couple started meeting people—"walking up and down (the avenue), talking with the homeless, spending time with them, knowing them by name."

"And people came in from those relationships," Carpenter said.

Epic Life Church, which meets in a movie theater, has grown to a congregation of 100, encompassing the homeless as well as people with comfortable homes and incomes.

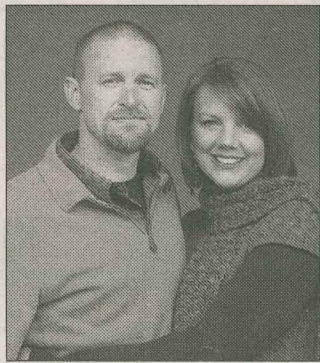
"We have a rocking good time," said Carpenter, a North American Mission

Board church planter missionary. "It's not something we dreamed up. The only way I can explain it is that it's truly God calling us to do this.

"We really have wanted to bring color to the city. This is a colorless city, spiritually colorless. Our vision at Epic Life is to see North Seattle transformed by finding an epic life in Christ."

Another crazy occurrence in the Carpenters' venture to Seattle came when a crack house burned down and became a homeless hangout.

"We prayed for a year and then asked the owners if we could create a garden," Carpenter said. The owners initially said no, but finally agreed. God's allowed us to use this space without paying for it. As we have the money we put in gardening



Keith and Kristine Carpenter



REBUILDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD Community transformation is one of Epic Life Church's ministry evangelism strategies for reaching people along Seattle's Aurora Avenue. Here, the church has created a community garden on a vacant lot formerly known for drug abuse and prostitution.

containers. We see it as transforming people's lives—a place to share the Gospel.

"There's a homeless lady who lives there. She has a botany degree. She sleeps on the sidewalk, but she takes care of the plants. Crazy," Carpenter said.

The Epic Life community is excited that Seattle is a Send North America city, part of NAMB's national church planting initiative in 29 major cities across the continent. Epic Life already is working with a supporting church in Texas, Oakwood Baptist in New Braunfels.

"They brought 131 youth and their leaders this summer," Carpenter said. "When a group like that comes, it puts a lot of hands and feet on the ground. They helped us with a block party for several

hundred people. People along Aurora are not just down and out, they are marginalized. Showing them love and that people truly care has opened a lot of doors," Carpenter said.

Brandon Best, Oakwood's middle school pastor in New Braunfels, said the benefits were mutual.

"We need to get away from our bubble, our place, to be able to experience and see things," Best said. "We came to show some students and some adult leaders who we're giving funds to. And not just giving, but doing as well. And man, we're excited about that."

Epic already is planning to initiate a second church, this one in the south part of Seattle. Connect with Epic Life Church at epiclifechurch.org. (NAMB/BP)



GETTING TO KNOW THE PEOPLE Keith and Kristine Carpenter, North American Mission Board missionaries, spend time building relationships with business owners and workers along Seattle's Aurora Avenue, inviting them into the community that is Epic Life Church. (Photos by Ron Storer/Genesis Photos)

UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

MOUNTAIN OUTREACH

During their annual Spring Break Mission Trip, 34 MO students were hosted by Jeremiah Baptist Church in Letcher Co., KY, where they completed five wheelchair ramps and a drywall project for needy families in the community. During the last part of the week, a group also worked in tornado devastated Henryville, IN, where they distributed food and water, helped with cleanup and repaired the roof of a damaged mobile home.

BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Four BCM student teams ministered around the U.S. during spring break. The New York Team served with Urban Impact, where they taught English to people from Bangladesh, Thailand, Tibet and West Africa. The Illinois Team worked with a NAMB church planter. The Colorado Team ministered at multi-housing units with a NAMB missionary, and the Kentucky Team ministered at the Galilean Children's Home in Liberty; Refuge for Women in Lexington; and aided with disaster relief in Salyersville, with the Christian Appalachian Project.



2012 SUMMER LEADER-SERVANTS

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Tom Crawford
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Amy Roberts
Katie Wash
Danielle Keith
Jonathan Bowman
Jeremy Heming
Riley Perkins
Justin Dyer
Brandon Byrd
Brandon Nance

Other

Sean Bryant: Laurel Lake Baptist Camp
David Intal: Laurel Lake Baptist Camp
Jake Lowe: Boston Baptist Church
Justin Woods: Frankford Baptist Church

+List includes information received through April 23, 2012. Additional placements are pending.

Kentucky

Crossings Camps

Julie Paris: Jonathan Creek
Chris Lowrie: Jonathan Creek
Caleb Lowrie: Jonathan Creek
Jacob Lowrie: Jonathan Creek
Cory Fleenor: Jonathan Creek
Kenny Newton: Cedarmore

Other Ministries

Jake Brock: Laurel River Baptist Association, London, KY
Deana Gabbard: FBC Mt. Vernon, KY
Jake McPheron: Northside Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, KY
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United States

Centrifuge

Ezra Anderson: Jackson, TN

CentriKid

Kelsey Day*
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Jordan Infield*

M-Fuge

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Ryan Poynter: Tigerville, SC

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Tommy Loach: Youth Camp—GA
Shannon Schaffer: Branson, MO

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Madison Wesley: East Asia Team

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Caleb Hetrick
Kayla Smith
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Jazmine Newport
Chad Lawson
Kasey Malone
Mallory Harper
Whitney Hanrahan

Other

Emily Campbell: Russia
Elizabeth Davis: Peru
Elizabeth Hawk: Russia
Mary Beth Lee*: Honduras
Andrew Underwood: ISF - East Asia

*Denotes students serving in multiple ministry positions.