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NAMB conference to link churches with mission field

By Adam Miller

Alpharetta, Ga.—Dean Sisk is bringing four men to Georgia in July from Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn., hoping they gain a new vision and new connections for expanding their reach.

“We came to a conclusion that our primary focus in missions needed to be on planting churches,” said Sisk, who has led the congregation in assisting a half-dozen church starts across North America.

Belle Aire began seeking out ways to engage its people in reaching out locally and globally a number of years ago. This led the church to sponsor new churches and send out its people to start new works.

“I grew up in a generation whose concept of missions was giving and praying,” Sisk said. “The personalized concept of missions has caught on, and we’ve had hundreds of people go on dozens of mission trips.

“But we also want to be strategic in sending people and resources long-term to the places with the greatest needs,” the pastor said.

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Military & their families focus of church plants near Fort Campbell

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By Kristie Randolph

Oak Grove—At first glance, rural Oak Grove with its estimated 9,000 residents would not be a likely spot to start 10 new churches.

Actually, it couldn’t be better.

Todd Gray, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, believes the Kentucky town is ideal for one important reason—it is home to Fort Campbell. With more than 30,000 soldiers, it is one of the United States Army’s largest installations.

Gray is partnering with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Christian County Baptist Association to start 10 new churches to reach the transient and largely unchurched soldiers of Fort Campbell, and their families, with the hope of the gospel.

“Ten churches trying to reach soldiers would make a big impact. There is a real need,” Gray said. “We know we’re

supposed to do this and the Lord just has to lead.”

Gray did not feel specifically called to military ministry when he became pastor of First Baptist, but he quickly understood the great spiritual need. For the past 10 years he has led the church to maintain a strong military ministry.

“First Baptist is very evangelistic. We reach a lot of people, and most of them are military,” he said. With an average Sunday attendance of 375, at least half of those attending are on active duty, and many others are retired from the military.

Yet Gray knew the church could not accomplish the work alone and began pursuing partnerships among more local congregations eager to reach the Fort Campbell community. Gray sought feedback and found affirmation from ministry partners locally and at the state level.

Last December, Gray led the way in

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Western Recorder launches new online subscription model

Since 1919, the Western Recorder has been the official newspaper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, but it has been published since 1825, making it the second oldest state Baptist newspaper. Each week, more than 23,000 homes receive a print edition of the Western Recorder, and we are excited that a growing audience now reads much of our award-winning content on their computers, smartphones, tablets or other mobile devices.

During the past two decades, the Western Recorder, like all newspapers, has seen many changes in journalism, particularly with the rise of the Internet and the ability to instantly access news

not only on computers, but also laptops, smartphones and tablets. Our website has become a primary portal for Kentucky Baptist news, carrying stories and now video segments often before the weekly print edition arrives in your mailbox. We also have begun producing a digital edition, a replica of our print version, available through our website. An email engine will be coming soon that will allow us to alert subscribers whenever stories are posted and new

digital editions become available.

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Florida convention held liable for not vetting jailed pastor

Tavares, Fla.—A jury found last week that the Florida Baptist Convention is liable for failing to do an adequate background check before recruiting and training a former church planter who now is in prison for molesting a 13-year-old boy.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, witnesses during a two-week trial testified that former pastor Douglas Myers, currently serving a seven-year prison term, faced allegations of inappropriate behavior with young boys at churches in Alabama and Maryland before he started Harbor Baptist Fellowship in Eustis, Fla., in 2002. That's where Myers met the boy he confessed to molesting over a six-month period in 2005.

Myers, 63, had no previous convictions prior to his arrest and guilty plea. The convention's lawyer argued that Myers was not employed by Florida Baptists and that criminal, credit and motor-vehicle background checks on him turned up nothing.

After his arrest, however, a former deacon came forward to say that his suspicions about Myers split a previous church in Alabama, prompting the deacon and about half the active-members to leave, and that he was told by the current pastor of one of Myers' former churches in Maryland that if the Alabama congregation had contacted former employers, they would have been advised that he was unfit to be a pastor or to work around children.

A 2007 lawsuit filed by the mother of a victim accused the state convention, Lake County Baptist Association and mission sponsor Bay Street Baptist Church in Eustis, Fla., of "wanton, willful acts and gross negligence" by failing to do an adequate check into Myers' background prior to retaining him as a church planter and pastor.

The lawsuit claimed that as a church planter, Myers acted as an "agent" of the convention, association and church, receiving organizational support including health insurance, retirement services and support through the state convention's Cooperative Program budget. (ABP)

Tennessee Baptists approve sale of longtime headquarters

By Lonnie Wilkey

Brentwood, Tenn.—The Tennessee Baptist Convention's Executive Board has voted unanimously to accept a \$9 million offer for the convention's office space in Brentwood, Tenn., where it has been headquartered since 1969.

The two buildings which comprise the Baptist Center (the original structure and a conference center added in 1989) along with 5.25 acres will be purchased by Franklin Land Associates LLC.

Rich Wallace, an attorney and member of First Baptist Church of Sevierville, Tenn., brought the recommendation to sell the property from the administrative committee which he chairs.

The Executive Board began a feasibility study of selling the property in 1996, Wallace said. In 2005, a committee was

formed to deal with inquiries arising from the sale of an adjoining property. Three years later the Executive Board approved the sale of the Baptist Center for \$13 million, but the sale did not occur, Wallace told board members.

Stewardship was the primary reason for selling the property, Wallace said.

Since 1989 when the conference center was added, the number of full-time employees has dropped from 135 to 105. Eighty-eight of those positions are assigned to the Brentwood office and about half of them work with churches in the field, board members were told.

In addition, Wallace said nearly \$1.5 million in capital improvements would have to be made should the board remain in its present location.

Following the unanimous vote to sell, Davis characterized the moment as "a

significant, historical, game-changing day in the life of the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

For 43 years, "we have called 5001 Maryland Way home," he said. "But, motivated for the right reasons, it is time to go in another direction."

While stressing that the Executive Board does not know where it is going on a temporary or permanent basis, "We know why we are going," Davis said. "We understand very clearly why we are selling the building. Stewardship and strategy have driven this decision."

The decision, Davis said, did not stem from financial difficulties, because Tennessee Baptists are giving faithfully.

"We are on solid financial footing thanks to prudent decisions such as the one made by our Executive Board today," he said. (Tennessee Baptist & Reflector/BP)

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establishing the Oak Grove Church Planting Fellowship, an independent organization that is working to identify and support church planters called to the task.

Under the leadership of Larry Baker, the KBC's missions growth team leader, the convention is supporting the church planting fellowship through a formal covenant agreement that extends through 2020.

According to Baker, the KBC is providing some financial resources for the effort and is prepared to assist in the selection and training of the new planters.

"The military is a significant people group in Kentucky, and they have a very unique culture that needs to be understood," Baker said. "New churches and church planters that understand this culture are much more likely to penetrate the spiritual darkness among the military."

"This type of ministry can be a strategic avenue for trained disciples to be missionaries throughout the world," he added.

Southern Baptist Chaplain Jared Vineyard agreed that more churches are needed to reach the Fort Campbell community.

"It is a wide-open mission field. The harvest is here, but the workers are few,"

Vineyard said. "There are just not enough churches here. Even if all 10 churches start and do well, that still wouldn't be enough."

Vineyard described the spiritual climate at Fort Campbell as "a pretty dark environment, but pretty fertile ground as well."

While deployed with his battalion to Afghanistan from August 2010 to August 2011, Vineyard saw 28 soldiers come to Christ.

"A lot of times with deployments, you see guys start to question, 'What is the meaning of life?' For the most part, there is a fog in their minds on what life is about," he said, noting the high numbers of soldiers struggling with depression and thoughts of suicide.

Just as military chaplains are uniquely positioned to minister in these situations, Vineyard said he believes local churches play an equally critical role.

"A church has the unique capacity to help because they are putting love in action," he said. "I try to partner with local churches as much as I can. Churches off-post are going to touch people that we might not touch on-post. It's an inside-outside partnership."

One important way local churches can impact the military is by supporting families of soldiers, especially during deployments.

"Obviously Christ is their main anchor, but that local church can be

such an anchor for soldiers who are gone," he said.

David Coram, pastor of Living Waters Fellowship in Oak Grove, knows what it's like to be on both sides of military ministry. A retired Army chaplain, Coram felt led to plant the Kentucky Baptist church in order to reach those stationed at Fort Campbell.

"I would drive through the community and weep because I saw such a need," he said.

Like Gray, Coram pursued local and state partnerships as his vision was forming. In addition to participating in the KBC's Basic Training Journey for Church Planting, Coram was able to apply for funding grants through the KBC.

Since it first launched in 2004, Coram estimated that Living Waters Fellowship has "directly reached somewhere around 1,000 people, and indirectly reached more than 8,000 others."

Last year alone, Coram had the privilege of baptizing more than 20 people.

"For a church running 70 people, that's pretty significant," he said. "Everything we do is related to evangelism or discipleship. We don't see ourselves as ever being a megachurch."

"The challenge we have here is that our community is a very transient community," Coram added. "We know we have a limited amount of time to get people into the church, get them involved and prepare them to be a witness when they are gone." (KBC)

Chuck Colson memorial steeped in prison, redemption themes

By Adelle Banks

Washington—Prison Fellowship founder and former Nixon aide Chuck Colson was memorialized May 16 at Washington National Cathedral in a service steeped in Scripture and prayers about prison and redemption.

Colson, who died April 21 at the age of 80 after a brief illness, was known as Nixon's "hatchet man" and served seven months in prison on Watergate-related charges. But at the 90-minute service, he was recalled as a transformed "friend of sinners."

"Chuck was not perfect, but he was forgiven," said Timothy George, the homilist and dean of Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala.

Colson, a former Marine captain, was buried with full military honors at a private service at Quantico National Cemetery on April 28.

The cathedral service drew about 1,200 people, from members of Congress to evangelical luminaries such as GOP strategist Ralph Reed, Focus on the Family founder James Dobson and Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman.

His daughter, Emily Colson, recalled how her father's faith transformed both him and his family and how he cleared his schedule to spend time with her autistic son.

"Today is a celebration of my father's life but today is also about us," she said. "I encourage you to continue the work God has begun through my father's life.

Do the right thing, seek the truth, defend the weak, live courageous lives."

The service included prayers for Colson's family and for prisoners across the globe.

George noted that Colson, who became a Christian shortly before heading to prison, clung to the same Scriptures that were read amid the hymns inside the storied gothic cathedral.

"He never forgot Jesus' words, 'I was in prison and you visited me,'" George said.

Chaplain Danny Croce, an ex-convict who came to lead a prison ministry after receiving a scholarship in Colson's name, spoke of his fellow ex-con's tradition of preaching at prisons on Easter Sunday and sending thousands of volunteers into prisons across the world.

"Though they don't give you a Bible in school, Chuck made sure you had one in jail," said Croce, founder of New Hope Correctional Ministry in Plymouth, Mass.

Speakers recalled how Colson, a Southern Baptist, reached out to people of other denominations in the Evangelicals and Catholics Together initiative, as well as the movement that sprung up from the Manhattan Declaration, a 2009 manifesto opposing same-sex marriage and abortion and affirming religious liberty.

He also was remembered for his ability to ask for forgiveness and forgive others.

"I had known no one who could forgive so completely as Chuck does," said former Minnesota Gov. Albert Quie, who



MEMORIALIZED Approximately 1,200 people gathered May 16 at the Washington National Cathedral to remember Chuck Colson, a former Nixon aide who later founded Prison Fellowship after serving time himself. (Photo by Donovan Marks/Washington National Cathedral)

was Prison Fellowship's acting CEO in the late 1980s.

In her tribute, Emily Colson said her father left instructions that the service should be joyful because he expected to

be enjoying the presence of God.

"I don't want people to be sad," her father instructed, "because I believe with every ounce of conviction in my body that death is but a homecoming." (RNS)

Faculty leave Shorter over 'lifestyle' statement

Rome, Ga.—More than two dozen faculty members have resigned from Shorter University, a Georgia Baptist school, after it required them to sign a "personal lifestyle statement" that condemns homosexuality, premarital sex and public drinking.

An online campaign called "Save Our Shorter" says the lifestyle pledge, adopted in the fall of 2011 along with a statement of faith, has led to dozens of resignations. School President Donald Dowless confirmed last week that 36 faculty have resigned and at least 25 cited

disagreement with the personal lifestyle or faith statement. The school usually has about 100 full-time faculty.

In a statement, Dowless said he and the board recognized there are "strong feelings on both sides" about the new employment rules but the decided to "reclaim our Christian roots" even if the consequence was a loss of faculty.

"Our university was at a crossroads to either take steps to regain an authentic Christian identity in policy and practice or we would become a Christian university in name only," he said. (RNS)

Send North America

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Sisk and other Belle Aire leaders will join hundreds of leaders in an effort to refine their strategy for the difficult, heavily populated areas of the continent.

This could mean sending members or it could mean supporting a missionary already working in an area, Sisk said.

"There are very few of us who are truly original thinkers, and often a mission strategy will be the result of putting together bits and pieces of lots of conversations," he said, noting what he sees as a key need to interact with leaders and planters. "I think the relationships are a big part of what makes the mission effort work."

And relationships are a key ingredient to the Send North America Conference in July.

Designed to draw leaders interested in partnering to reach North America, the North American Mission Board's Send North America Conference at First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., will feature leading practitioners in church planting and other key ministry areas.

Send North America is NAMB's

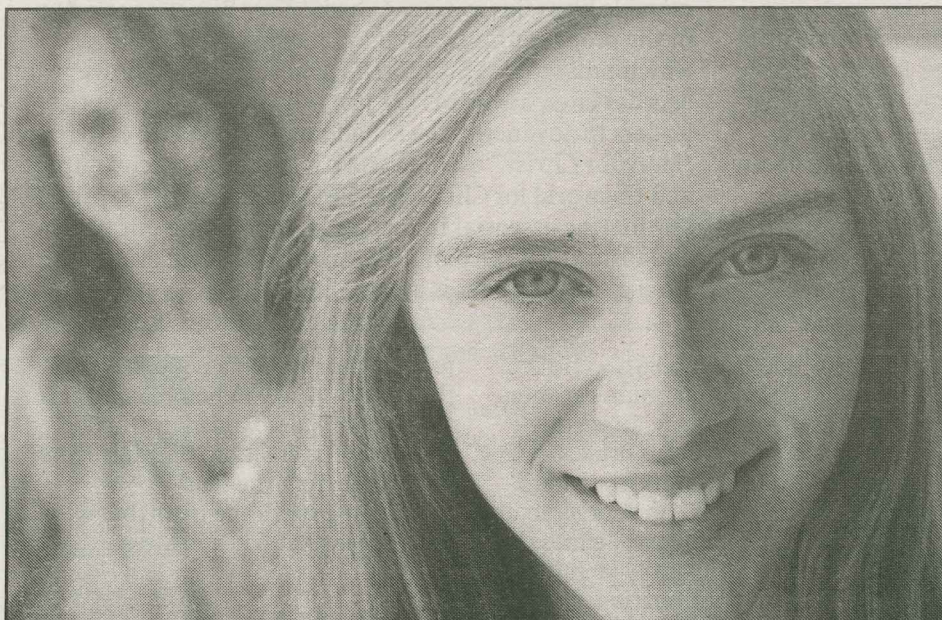
strategy to mobilize Southern Baptists to share Christ and start churches in 29 major cities and elsewhere throughout North America.

The July 30-31 conference will provide a new focus for leaders who have attended the Church Planting Missionary Forum and Summer State Leadership Meeting in the past, and will engage a broader range of lay leaders.

"We hope this gathering will inspire and inform leaders who are seeking to plant healthy, evangelistic Southern Baptist churches," said Aaron Coe, NAMB's vice president of mobilization and equipping. "When you can get key people under one roof for a few days praying, learning and networking together, God can work in some pretty big ways. And not just for church planters but for anyone who wants to plug into this strategy."

A schedule of workshops will include breakout sessions on church planting, evangelism, leadership, effective partnerships and role-specific training.

"If a church is thinking about planting a church or has already committed to doing so, this conference will provide the next steps in the church planting process," Coe said. (NAMB/BP)



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According to North American Mission Board research, approximately 2.8 million Kentuckians have yet to place their faith in Christ and experience salvation. That reality alone justifies the existence

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a missions agency created by churches, for churches, to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ.

Great Commission obedience requires our investment of resources in reaching the *panta ta ethne* dispersed around the planet. It also requires our investment of resources in reaching

the people groups found in our Judea, i.e., Kentucky. Those peoples have come to us from Asia, Africa, India, China, Europe, and Central and South America. Regardless of national or ethnic heritage, every resident of Kentucky holds one thing in common: without Christ they are destined to spend eternity in hell.

In 1837, Baptists in Kentucky determined they could do more to reach the lost in Kentucky and around the world by cooperating together and so formed the KBC. That decision has been bearing eternal fruit for 175 years, and I am convinced our cooperative mission efforts can continue to bear fruit until Christ's coming.

On May 8, our Mission Board embraced a new vision for the future. A careful look at the components of that vision reveals, however, that the vision is more old than new. It is, in fact, an intentional recovery of the vision that pulled together Kentucky Baptist churches 175 years ago: working together to reach Kentucky and the world for Christ.

As a missions agency facilitating that vision, what, specifically will the KBC do? The following bullet points set the parameters for the ministry of the KBC moving forward:

- Provide comprehensive ministry consulting for KBC churches.
- Facilitate training and networking opportunities for leaders and churches.
- Facilitate missions partnerships and church planting opportunities in Kentucky, North America, and to the ends of the earth.
- Facilitate relationships between Kentucky Baptist churches and their agencies and institutions.
- Promote and process Cooperative Program giving in order to assist churches in their Great Commission obedience.
- Mobilize Kentucky Baptist churches to influence society with the Christian principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love.

These parameters provide focus for our Mission Board staff by helping us limit our ministry to the essential roles of a state convention. In so doing, they allow us to set priorities for utilizing the Cooperative Program funds that will be invested in reaching Kentucky and enable us to invest a growing percentage of those funds in getting the gospel to places in the world where it is yet to be proclaimed. That equals Great Commission obedience at home and abroad.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Revisited: Why Kentucky Baptists need a newspaper

Several weeks ago while doing research, we rediscovered Show missions and unity were twin heartbeats in the rebirth of the Western Recorder as the official newspaper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. As part of enlisting and encouraging Southern Baptists in the \$75 Million Campaign, Baptist papers were seen as "the leaves of light" and essential in uniting the churches in kingdom work. So, with the Aug. 28, 1919 issue, the Board of Missions took the first step toward the publication of one paper for all Kentucky Baptists, the Western Recorder.

Eldridge Hatcher, editor of The Baptist World, a publication of Southern Seminary that merged with The Western Recorder, served as its first news editor. In the Sept. 4, 1919 issue, Hatcher wrote: "The hope now, for the second step, is that through the new paper our Kentucky Baptists will be welded into one people, and that the paper will uplift a standard around which all our people in every part of the state will promptly and enthusiastically rally."

Hatcher urged his fellow Kentucky Baptists: "It befits the rank and file of us to catch their viewpoint, to lift up our eyes to the goal of true unity and wholehearted triumphs to which they are looking and to give them our entire confidence and cooperation. Let nothing be put on the track. Give Conductor Bryan (KBC corresponding secretary) and his crew an open way and let the Western Recorder Empire Express, with its glad message and glorious purpose have the open track as it goes thundering through Kentucky's green fields and lovely homes and beloved churches, and let all waft it onward toward its great UNION depot."

The 75 Million Campaign Committee issued a bold call for 100,000 new annual subscriptions to the Baptist state weeklies, and Kentucky Baptists responded enthusiastically. An editorial in the Western Recorder expressed dismay that there were 600,000 Southern Baptist homes at the time to which no Baptist paper came:

"Such a condition is truly appalling, and easily explains the sad lack of interest in our denominational work. No man can reasonably be expected to sacrifice for something of which he has but scant or no knowledge. It is just as true that the denominational weekly is far away the most effective means of communicating a knowledge of our work. Indeed, without it a general and working knowledge of our work is practically impossible."

Moreover, L.R. Scarborough, general director of the 75 Million Campaign, emphasized "the importance and significance of the denominational papers in this great

forward movement, as well as in all other matters touching the progress and advancement of the Kingdom of God."

"The fact is, our people are not making enough of our denominational papers," he charged. "It is a great peril to all the interests of our cause that so many of our people do not keep up with the movements of Christ's Kingdom, and the interests of their own denomination." That same sad statement could well have been made today. The Western Recorder's circulation has fallen from a peak in the 1970s of around 70,000 readers to approximately 23,000. Much of our denomination's woes may be tied to a general lack of interest among so many of our people, who in failing to see the significance of

After Thought

By Todd Deaton



becoming better aware of the cooperative missions work of Southern Baptists so often remain uninvolved in and uncommitted to fulfilling the Great Commission.

In giving the "heartiest and fullest endorsement" for increasing circulation, Scarborough said, "In doing this we are thinking not of the advantages to the editors and papers, ... but we are thinking of the glory of Christ, the salvation of souls, and the enlightenment, enlistment, mobilization and organization of our people." And, he gave some great reasons why Baptists need a state newspaper:

- "The people need the message the papers carry. In the main these papers are full of light, inspiration and the message of the truth. They carry blessings to every phase of our church and home life. They carry the news to the people. They give vision and grow spirituality and develop liberality. The people need all this.

- "They give solidarity, conviction, loyalty and strength to our people. The papers, with the spirit they now manifest are great unifiers. They back our board, and help put over every good thing and make possible the success of our denominational campaigns, and the people need all this the papers carry to them."

Scarborough perceptively observed, "Untold and innumerable blessings to all the work of our Savior are tied up in the proper enlightenment and enlistment of our people, which must come through the denominational press." Nine decades later, his words are just as instructive to Baptist leaders in advancing the Kingdom of God. As we embark on "More for Christ," a call to work together to reach Kentucky and the world for Christ, the Western Recorder's role of disseminating essential information, mobilizing our people, and fostering a spirit of unity in missions and evangelism among our churches is as vital now as then.

Speak truth, in love

For the better part of the past two decades, the debate over the definition of marriage has steadily intensified. Numerous states have undergone referendums banning homosexual arrangements or, contrarily, allowing civil unions. Recently, our President came out in favor of gay marriage. As a pastor, I have to ask, "How should the church of God respond?"

I believe the answer is twofold. As Christians, we must decide if we desire to be obedient to the culture or to the Scriptures. The Bible makes clear that

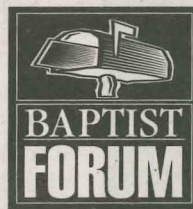
marriage is not simply a legal contract, but rather a covenantal union between one man and one woman, an earthly portrayal of Christ and His bride, the church. Believers must stand firm in their convictions about a relationship that defines the very core of family identity and the continuation of society through procreation.

Yet, believers cannot simply end the conversation there. We must learn to love our neighbors as ourselves, for every person on this planet has been created in the image of God, including those with whom we disagree. While we cannot endorse homosexuality as a marital union, neither can we

promote homophobia nor behave as if those who engage in homosexual acts are somehow less valued by the God who loves His creation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We must speak the truth, but we must speak that truth in love.

Barry Fields, pastor
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
Buffalo



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Overuse of antibiotics affecting our future

By Steve Willis

Since we don't live in a major metropolitan area, I never dreamed that our town would be part of an issue touching all Americans' lives—the overuse of antibiotics in our food supply.

In picking up a prescription from our local pharmacy last year, I innocently asked pharmacist Rick Griffith (also our mayor in Kenova, W.Va.) if I should finish the entire four-week prescription if I felt fine after two weeks.

"Not only should you finish the prescription," Griffith replied, "but you owe it to your fellow man to do so."

The reason: Every time someone takes an antibiotic, weaker strains of bacteria are quickly and most easily destroyed. While this often leads to temporary relief, stronger bacteria can remain. Unless I finished the prescription I would make the resistant bacteria stronger, Griffith explained.

Otherwise, he warned, "you've inoculated the bacteria so that it becomes immune to the antibiotic it was exposed to, and it will take a more powerful antibiotic to destroy it in the future."

It doesn't stop there. Although I may feel well, I could pass along that stronger bacteria to someone else. If the next person fails to kill the strain, that bacteria becomes even more resistant to antibiotics. On it goes until we end up with serious problems. Hospitals everywhere are having a terrible time trying to treat people with these infections, Griffith said.

If something doesn't change, the veteran pharmacist said these evolving bacteria could become so resistant to antibiotics that we will have to develop something else to fight the infectious diseases that simple penicillin previously cured.

Then Griffith said something that knocked my socks off: "It's not just human consumption of antibiotics that is causing the problems. We're feeding so many drugs to animals right now, it's beyond belief."

I never would have thought our nation's problems with overeating and antibiotics are interrelated. Nearly half of all antibiotics used in the United States are administered to animals, a process that is leading to antibiotic resistance in humans.

A primary reason our farm animals need so many drugs is because many in the food industry pack animals into concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) instead of allowing them to grow in open fields like animals have done for thousands of years.

In these CAFOs, animals stand shoulder-to-shoulder at the corn trough in their own manure and urine. This spreads illnesses among them, such as Mad Cow disease and infections from E. coli and other dangerous bacteria.

At the heart of our problem lie meat-driven diets that have stimulated a three-to-one ratio of livestock to human beings. The need to quickly fatten animals leads ultimately to chopping down more forests to grow more corn, which reduces access to antibiotics God has provided through nature.

The net result, said Griffith: "It causes us to depend more on pharmaceutical companies to develop man-made, synthetic antibiotics, which are very, very costly."

So how is this relevant to the average Southern Baptist? It matters because good health and caring for our environment are moral issues. We not only have an obesity problem, our food consumption is leading to things like increased resistance to antibiotics and deforestation.

And people are dying because of it.

Earlier this year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed limiting the use of certain antibiotics on factory farms. While this attempt failed, this battle isn't over. Average citizens can continue to press Congress to curtail such abuses of our food system.

You can make a difference at the grassroots level. Food and retail companies respond quickly to consumer demand. If not, they go out of business. If we don't buy their product, they quit producing it.

Start asking your grocer and favorite restaurants about the sources of their meat and poultry and what methods were used to get it to you.

The path from farm, to table, to a visit to the drug store is a long and complex chain. In the end, your health and our nation's survival are at stake. It is time for churches and concerned citizens to get involved. (BP)

Steve Willis is lead pastor of First Baptist Church in Kenova, W.Va., and author of "Winning the Food Fight."

FIRST PERSON

Of little interest

By Jeremy White

If you were hoping to save some money and live off the interest, those dreams have been dashed with the record low interest rates. You need a microscope to find the interest yield on a savings account or a certificate of deposit.

Here's what you're probably thinking: "I was borrowing money in the late 1970s and early 1980s and paying interest of 14-20 percent for a mortgage. Now that I have no debt and have savings, my money earns almost nothing." See, one more reason why you shouldn't gamble—no good luck at all for you.

The interest rates paid by financial institutions show a big zero to left of the decimal. You have to look to the right of the decimal to see numbers. It's depressing for savers. If you have \$100,000 in a savings account or money market fund, you'll only earn \$150 a year at a typical 0.15 percent rate.

The Federal Reserve has indicated the rates will likely remain low for the next couple of years. You can't change the sluggish world economy or the banking system interest rates, but here are some considerations in the current low-interest rate environment:

- Pay off debt aggressively. Rates on many loans, such as credit cards and student loans, have not fallen as much as savings rates. Put your money to work by reducing interest charges.
 - Keep an adequate emergency fund. Despite low rates, an emergency fund still has a purpose. Its purpose is to be available for surprises, not to earn a high return.
 - Invest excess savings in something besides typical CDs. Depending on your circumstances, consider municipal bonds, corporate bonds, life insurance, dividend-paying stocks, real estate, or rental property. Besides typical financial solutions, think outside the box and check out a charitable annuity, owner-financing of assets sold, or investing in a business.
 - Give more to kingdom causes. Now this is where you can truly put money to work offering eternal yields that are out of this world. If you have excess savings doing nothing, give generously.
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How to get better sleep

By James Stillwell

Q: As a single guy living alone, I find that I'm not getting enough sleep for some reason. Please give me a checklist so I will be able to figure out what might help.



- If you drink caffeinated drinks in the hours before going to bed, you are waking yourself up.
- If you are on the computer or watching TV, you are simply waking yourself up with the bright light bulb that is in the electronic device. Turn it off.
- Go to bed at the same hour each night. Your body clock will be set that way.
- Get up at the same time every day. Your body clock will be set that way.
- Don't eat a lot of calories (calories = energy) the few hours before bed.
- Get exercise every day, preferably in the morning. It helps you to be tired at the end of the day.
- Make your bedroom a relaxing place.
- Take a warm bath/shower or at least run warm water over your hands before bedtime.
- If you smoke, the nicotine can keep you up. Quit!
- Have a good balance of mental stimulation and not too much stress during the day.
- Journal your thoughts, capturing your blessings of the day just past.
- Meditate on the Psalms and other Scriptures that are comforting to you.
- Meditate on God's love for you. God wants you to trust Him. Leave the universe up to Him for around eight hours each night. He can handle it.

James Stillwell is minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

Tapping America's sports-craziness for Christ

By John Garner

The boy came to the altar during invitation time with a simple salvation tract and told the inquiring pastor, "I did what this book said—I asked Jesus into my heart."

The boy had participated in a basketball league and learned of salvation during each week's practice as the volunteer coach utilized basketball terminology to introduce the gospel. The boy, having learned that we are all sinners and God forgives our sins through Christ, accepted Jesus.

What's more, he asked if he could give his testimony during the banquet at the end of the season. He stood in front of that large gathering and shared the booklet with fellow players, their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, clearly explaining the plan of salvation.

Only God knows the eternal impact the young boy had.

America is sports-crazy—crazed enough to spend billions each year on everything from Frisbees, fishing, golf, softball, water and snow skiing to tickets to all kinds of sporting events. Athletics and athletes command a huge influence—

both good and bad—on our culture.

Consequently, churches have an exciting, culturally relevant opportunity to share the gospel with participants and spectators alike in their communities through sports and recreation. Opportunities

abound for churches to use this nonthreatening environment as an entry point to evangelism and discipleship.

Folks may come to a sporting event who would never think of coming to a worship service. They will especially come to an event that includes their children. The key for the church is intentionality.

Several ministries have come on the scene that use sports and recreation as an intentional evangelism tool. Entities such as Upward Unlimited, In His Grip Golf, Connect Ministries, Outdoor Ministry Network, Infinity Sports, Sports Crusaders, Sports Reach and others are ready to help churches capture the imagination of our sports-crazy society. These ministries' core goal is that every participant at every

event hears the gospel.

Growing churches are not doing "SOS" (same old stuff). They are using every tool at their disposal to spread the gospel. With sports, kids want to play; parents want their children to have quality learning experiences; and churches want to reach their communities.

If we wait on the world to come to our Sunday morning worship services, we will miss a majority who are unaware of the value of what we offer. Conversely, if we use all available tools and meet them at their point of interest, we have a great opportunity to capture their imaginations.

If you can capture a person's imagination, you have access to their time, a channel to influence the mind, impact the heart and introduce them to Christ the Savior.

The message is eternal; tools are ever-changing. The question for each church is, how do we impact our world? (BP)

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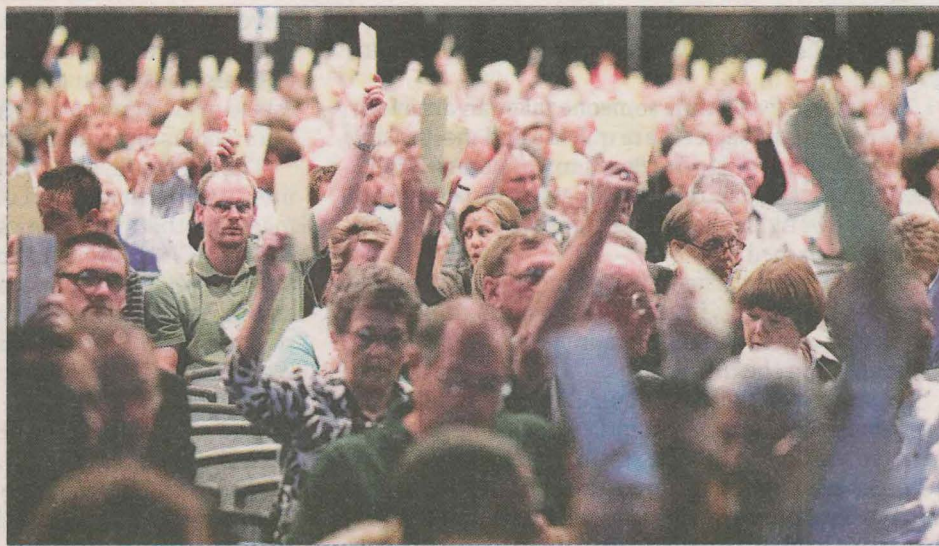
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New 'descriptor,' historic election ahead for Southern Baptist meeting



By Diana Chandler

New Orleans—The recommendation of "Great Commission Baptists" as a descriptive name and the prospective election of the first-ever African-American president are on the horizon for the Southern Baptist Convention's June 19-20 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Messengers will decide whether to adopt the informal, non-legal "Great Commission Baptists" descriptor as recommended by the SBC Executive Committee, embracing the suggestion of a task force appointed to study changing the SBC's name, deemed by some a regional barrier to the gospel.

"The overwhelming acceptance of the Executive Committee was the first major step," SBC President Bryant Wright said of the proposed name. "Obviously, the decision of the convention will be most important. If approved, our entities will lead the way in using the descriptor. I think it will be a 10- to 20-year process of helping Southern Baptists and the general public to think, 'Those people really are Great Commission Baptists,' when they think of us."

Historic election ahead?

Fred Luter, the pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans and current SBC first vice president, currently is unopposed for the SBC presidency. Luter would be the first African-American to hold the post, on the heels of the SBC's 2011 measure calling for greater accountability among its entities regarding ethnic diversity in leadership. David Crosby, the pastor at First Baptist Church of New Orleans, is expected to nominate Luter.

"Our election of Fred Luter as the first African-American president of the SBC will send a great, hopeful, powerful message to our city, our culture, our convention and our country," Crosby said. "For many, it will make them rethink who Southern Baptists are, and it will help us reach the new diversity that we find in our cities."

The annual meeting will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center,

the 2005 scene of troubling images as thousands suffered hunger, thirst and lack of medical care as victims of Hurricane Katrina. Since then, it has undergone \$92.7 million in improvements.

Meeting theme

"Jesus: to the Neighborhood and the Nations" is the annual meeting theme, drawn from Luke 24:47-48 and worded to convey the importance of dual missions at home and abroad, Wright said.

"Last year in Phoenix, God moved so powerfully it seemed more like a missions conference than a denominational business meeting," he said. "It is my hope that ... we will once again see God's Spirit convicting us and motivating us to fulfill Christ's Great Commission."

Wright said his prayer is that messengers will have a "loving and caring Christian witness," and "that the spirit of our messengers will be Christ-like to all we come in contact with."

Concluding his final term as SBC president, Wright described his tenure as faith-enriching, energizing and exhausting, noting the passion of young seminarians, the church-planting efforts of the North American Mission Board and frequent travel opportunities.

"It has been energizing to see how God is leading us to embrace the unengaged and unreached people groups of the world," Wright said. "It has been energizing to preach the gospel in so many settings."

"Two years is plenty," he said of his tenure. "Although by the time you have some idea of the vast scope of Southern Baptist ministries around the world you're going out of office."

Registration

Online registration is available at www.SBCAnnualMeeting.net, under the "Messengers" tab.

After registering online, each messenger will receive an eight-digit registration code to present at the annual meeting's "Express Registration" lane. There, the registration code can be entered into a computer and a name tag will be printed. (BP)

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AND THE
NATIONS

...AND REPENTANCE FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS, WOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN HIS NAME TO ALL THE NATIONS.
BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM, YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS."
LUKE 24:47-48

SBC Program Highlights

Tuesday, June 19

8:45 p.m.

Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary welcomes Southern Baptist messengers to the 2012 annual meeting.


9:15 a.m.

Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Wanda Lee reports on the work of national WMU over the past year.

11:15 a.m.

Concluding his second and final term as SBC president, Georgia pastor Bryant Wright addresses messengers.


2:50 p.m.

Southern Baptists elect a new president. The only announced candidate is Fred Luter, who would become the SBC's first African-American president.

3:50 p.m.

SBC Executive Committee President Frank Page presents the motion to adopt "Great Commission Baptists" as an informal descriptor for SBC churches.


4:55 p.m.

Tom Elliff, president of the International Mission Board, reports on the more than 4,800 missionaries seeking to reach the world's lost with the gospel.

Wednesday, June 20

11:40 a.m.

Messengers hear from David Uth, pastor at First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., during the annual convention sermon.


4:55 p.m.

North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell details the entity's focus on getting Southern Baptists more involved in planting churches.

Nine Kentucky Baptists tapped for SBC roles

New Orleans—Nine Kentucky Baptists have been selected to serve on Southern Baptist Convention boards and committees.

SBC President Bryant Wright, pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., appointed three Kentucky Baptists to serve on committees during the SBC annual meeting June 19-20 in New Orleans.

The Kentuckians selected for service are:

Chad Fugitt, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, Committee on Committees.

Tom James, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Committee on Committees.

Greg Nimmo, director of missions for Crittenden Baptist Association, Credentials Committee.

The Committee on Committees is responsible for selecting members of the Committee on Nominations, who then will nominate trustees next year for the boards of SBC entities.

The 2011-12 Committee on Nominations, which includes **James Hill**, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville, and **Dudley Reaves**, a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Louisville, selected six Kentucky Baptists to serve on various SBC trustee boards.

Kentuckians nominated to a first term of service are: **Susan Bryant**, a member of Graefenburg Baptist Church in Waddy, International Mission Board.

Patricia Skelton, a member of Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

John Smith, pastor of Munfordville Baptist Church, Executive Committee.

Lynn Traylor, pastor of Buckner Baptist Church in La Grange, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Those Kentuckians nominated for a second term are:

Ellie Coursey, director of preschool and children's ministries at First Baptist Church of Henderson, Southern Seminary.

Randall McGee, a member of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Southern Seminary. (WR)

Conference organizer prays for 'change' among pastors

By Amanda Sullivan

New Orleans—Change is in the air for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, June 17-18 in New Orleans, with the theme "Changing: Lives, Communities, the World."

"I am changing. You are changing. The world around us is changing," said Grant Ethridge, president of the Pastors' Conference and senior pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton, Va.

"But there is one thing that has not changed: God's plan for getting the gospel to the ends of the earth is still the local church," Ethridge said. "Changing lives, communities and the world is not optional. It is the command of Jesus."

Ethridge said he is praying that the Pastors' Conference will impart "a burning desire to see lives changed in their community," to encourage pastors in "believing that their church, no matter the location or size, can be used of God to change lives around the world."

David Jeremiah, David Platt, Fred Luter, Johnny Hunt, Jack Graham and Herb Reavis, Jr. are among the featured speakers. Charles Billingsley, Jeff Askew, Sounds of Liberty, the Liberty Worship Choir and Chi Alpha will lead in worship.

Father-son preaching teams

Honoring Father's Day, the Pastors' Conference will spotlight four father-son teams as speakers: Don and Rob Wilton, Ronnie and Nick Floyd, Tony and Anthony Evans, and Bailey and Josh Smith.

Josh Smith, the lead pastor at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving, Texas, said he's excited about God's work in and through the SBC.

"Too often the statistics we give and the

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THE CRESCENT CITY Sightseers pack the French Quarter, enjoying local jazz street musicians. Southern Baptists will make their way to New Orleans next month for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting and its many accompanying activities, meetings and evangelistic events. (Photo by Chris Granger/New Orleans Convention & Visitors' Bureau)

messages we communicate at the SBC paint a grim picture of the current and future state of the SBC. I don't buy it. God is at work," Smith said. "My desire is to simply encourage pastors to continue to be faithful to their local church, faithful to the mission of the church and faithful to their cooperation with the SBC in fulfilling the Great Commission."

Smith said he wants to give and gain encouragement at this year's conference.

"I don't want to gather together this year and leave discouraged by statistics that communicate all we are not doing," he said. "I want to leave encouraged, equipped and empowered to continue to work hard for the sake of the gospel."

Pastors' Conference sessions at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans will begin at 5:30 p.m., June 17. The three June 18 sessions start at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.sbcpc.net. (BP)

SBC MEETINGS

WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting—June 17-18, La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Theme: "The Story Lives On." Keynote speakers: National WMU President Debby Akerman; David Crosby, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans; WMU Executive Director Wanda Lee; and International and North American Mission Board missionaries.

Directors of Missions Conference—June 17-18, Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Theme: "Igniting Passion." Keynote speakers: Richard Blackaby, president of Blackaby Ministries International; IMB President Tom Elliff; NAMB President Kevin Ezell; and Fred Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Pastors' Wives' Conference—June 18, 8:30-11:45 a.m., Hall B-1 of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Keynote speakers: Jeannie Elliff, wife of IMB President Tom Elliff; Susie Hawkins, wife of GuideStone Financial Resources President O.S. Hawkins; and Pam Tebow, missionary wife and mother of NFL quarterback Tim Tebow.

Seminary Luncheons—The six Southern Baptist seminaries will host luncheons for alumni and guests June 20. **Golden Gate:** noon, rooms 240-241 in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Tickets: \$10, (888) 442-8709 or rsvp@ggbts.edu. **Midwestern:** noon, rooms 220-222 in the convention center. Tickets: \$15, (816) 414-3747 or iaoffice@mbts.edu. **New Orleans:** noon, campus picnic and worship gathering. Tickets: \$8, www.nobts.edu. **Southeastern:** noon, La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom, Section C in the convention center. Tickets: \$25, www.sebts.edu/alumni/events. **Southern:** noon, La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom, Sections A & B in the convention center. Tickets: \$25, (502) 897-4142, rdraper@sbts.edu. **Southwestern:** noon, rooms 243-245 in the convention center. Tickets: \$20, (877) 467-9287 or www.sbts.edu/sbclunch.



SBC Annual Meeting 'There's an app for that'

For the first time, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting can stay up to date with an SBC Annual Meeting smartphone app, which will include more than a dozen features.

The free app is available for iPhone, iPad, Android and Blackberry users and can be downloaded by searching "SBC Annual Meeting 2012" in the smartphone's app store.

It will include:

- Push alerts that give users up-to-date news, such as changes in the meeting schedule.
- An interactive exhibit hall map.
- Programs for the SBC Pastors' Conference and annual meeting.
- An alphabetized list of speakers, including their scheduled speaking times.
- PDF versions of the Book of Reports and the Daily Bulletin.
- A Twitter stream of discussion about the annual meeting. (BP)

Learning to be champions

OBI tennis team looks to Jesus in garden of Gethsemane for drive

It was a grueling week for the OBI tennis teams and their coaches, Mike and Cindy Waslewski. Last Sunday afternoon (yes, I also wish they didn't have to play on Sunday, but at least all of our student-athletes went to church in the morning) the boys' and girls' teams played in the KHSAA 14th Region tennis championships. These matches would determine which individuals would go directly to the Kentucky state tennis championships in Lexington and which teams would go on to compete in the sectional championships, then, hopefully, on the way to the team championships in Lexington.

When Wednesday's matches were over, we knew this much: One of our girls, one of our boys and one of our boys' doubles teams had qualified for the state championships. What was uncertain was the outcome of the boys' team championships. There was a possibility of a tie between our boys' team and that of another school. That meant that on Thursday, the entire boys' team had to travel again, even those who had been eliminated from the competition earlier. All six of the boys had to lace up their tennis shoes and get ready to return to the courts.

By the time our state-bound boy finished his match on Thursday, all doubt had been removed: The OBI boys' team was tied for the regional team championship. A tiebreaker of four additional matches had to be played. It already was very late, and it already had been a long week for the boys, but they played until around midnight.

When all the scores were recorded,

OBI was the 14th Region's boys' team champion and would represent the region on Saturday in the sectional competition!

Normally, such a victory would spark a long and loud celebration, but that was not the case this time. Two of our students' favorite events—Spring Fling and the annual student talent show—were scheduled for that Saturday. In their exhaustion, there was serious talk of our team not going to the sectional competition so the boys could join their friends at our campus festivities.

After consulting our principal and athletic director, it was obvious to me what our boys had to do: They had to act as the champions they were and represent our school and the region at sectionals. In the meeting I had with the team and their coaches before announcing the championship to the student body at Friday's chapel service, I talked about what it means to be a champion and make the difficult choice to face a battle we would rather not fight. Jesus gave us an example of that in Gethsemane. The boys decided they would go and play their best—which they did.

On Saturday, the KHSAA 14th Region boys' team champions—Barnabas Kim, Isaac Waslewski, Mikyas Tesema, Jin Woo Jeong, Sherman Weatherby, Donald Chick Jr., and Eric Grant—played Russell County. We lost, but on the way home we celebrated the championship with pizza and still got home in time for some of our players to perform in the talent show—and they won! God is good.

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Senior memories continued

Clear Creek graduates reflect on God's provisions while on campus

Here are some more favorite memories from our graduates this year:

"My fondest memory took place on a Clear Creek day in West Virginia. I had prepared a sermon and spent many hours in doing so. When I woke up at 5:30 in the morning, God told me I was not going to preach that text, but to preach a text I had not yet prepared. I felt at peace about the situation, and upon arriving at the church before Sunday school, God gave me an outline for the text. The service went wonderfully but the lesson of learning to trust Him through all things and be obedient no matter the situation and however uncomfortable it might make me feel has been paramount in my Clear Creek experience and not one I will be likely to forget. God does bless an obedient heart!" (Daniel Hugh Dennis)

"Having the opportunity to learn how to study the Bible more effectively, as well as watching my two younger brothers attending here and growing in the Lord." (Joseph Dowell)

"When I look back at the good times and the bad times here at Clear Creek,

there were three things consistently present: God, family and friends. God's call for me helped me persevere to obtain my degree, but He also provided support through my friends and family every step of the way. They laughed with me during the good times and encour-

aged me in the rougher times. My time here has helped me grow in so many ways. I will truly miss being here, but am thankful for the preparation I have now for whatever God has planned next for me." (Alexis Lynn Giudici)

"I just really enjoy getting to know the faculty and staff. I appreciate so much the everyday conversations I've had and learning from them. I thank God for the chance to learn under and around such wise Christian leadership." (Stephanie Grace Seiber)

"I was once a fighter with my fists. Then I became a fighter with my words and wanting to be right. God has taught me much humility, and now I have become a fighter for the restoration of relationships between people and people with God." (Jeremiah Joseph Evans)

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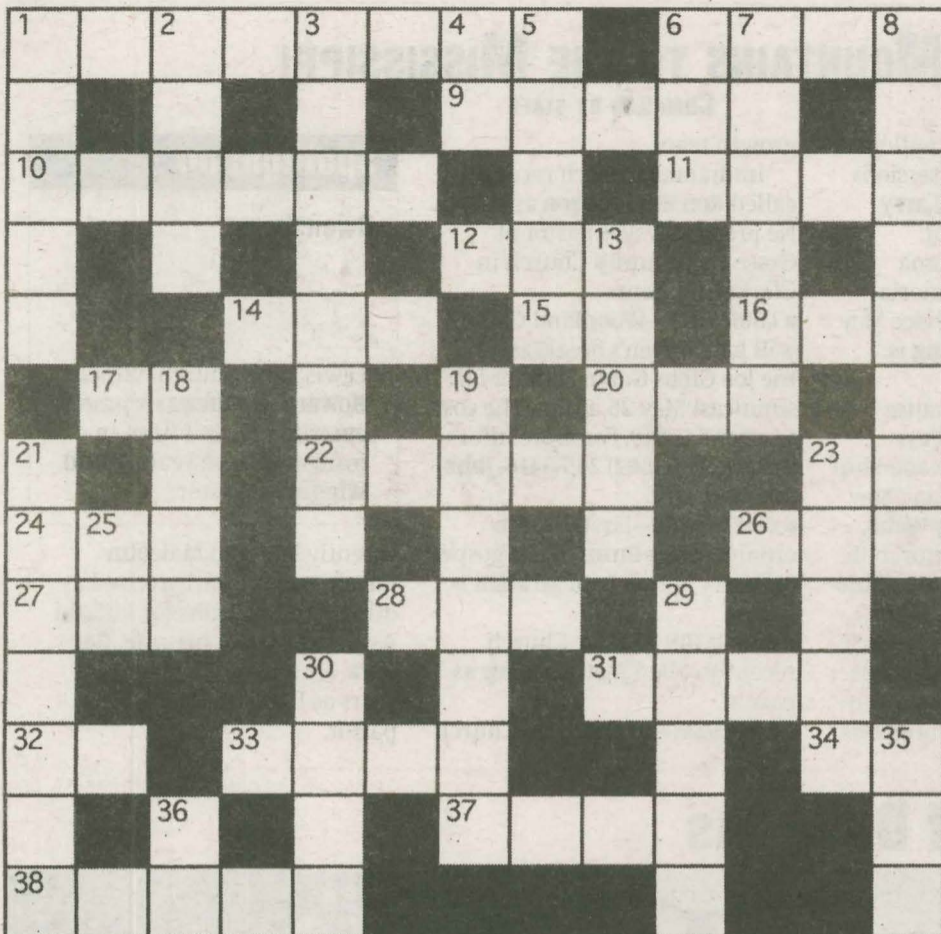
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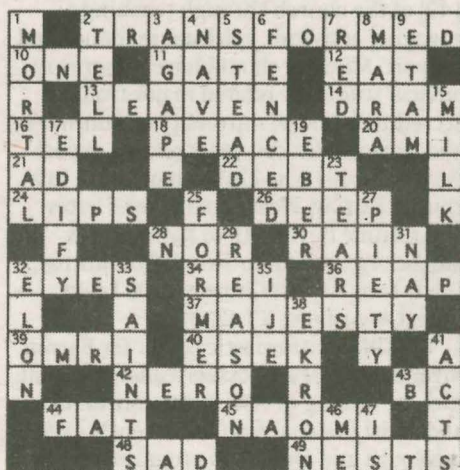
By Michael J. Landi

Across

- 1 Saul fought against them (1 Samuel 14)
- 6 "There shall they rehearse the righteous ____ of the Lord" (Judges 5:11)
- 9 "He shall ____ with his teeth, and melt away" (Psalm 112:10)
- 10 Actress McDaniel
- 11 "My ____ shall be joyful in my God" (Isaiah 61:10)
- 12 "Out of thine hand the ____ of trembling" (Isaiah 51:22)
- 14 Word heard on movie sets
- 15 Preposition
- 16 "By the rivers of Babylon, there we ____" (Psalm 137:1)
- 17 Land of Job
- 20 "____ unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" (Matthew 23:15)
- 22 Tenth part of one's income
- 23 ____ of the Chaldees
- 24 Town of the tribe of Benjamin (1 Chronicles 8:12)
- 26 "Go and ____ in the ears of Jerusalem" (Jeremiah 2:2)
- 27 Joshua, the son of ____
- 28 Gershwin
- 31 "The Lord make his ____ shine upon thee" (Numbers 6:25)
- 32 Word with grade or braid
- 33 Father of Ehud (Judges 3:15)
- 34 Scale unit (abbr.)
- 37 ____ Behind (LaHaye/Jenkins book)
- 38 "All we like ____ have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6)

- 4 Common abbr.
- 5 "As a jewel of gold in a swine's ____" (Proverbs 11:22)
- 6 Balaam's beast
- 7 "They hated knowledge, and did not ____ the fear of the Lord" (Proverbs 1:29)
- 8 "He went out, and departed into a ____ place" (Mark 1:35)
- 13 "To see thy ____ and thy glory" (Psalm 63:2)
- 18 "David took the strong hold of ____: the same is the city of David" (2 Samuel 5:7)
- 19 Without end
- 21 Languages (arch.)
- 23 Father of Michaiah (2 Chronicles 13:2)
- 25 Greek letter
- 29 "If ye have ____ as a grain of mustard seed" (Matthew 17:20)
- 30 "I ____ where I sowed not" (Matthew 25:26)
- 35 Nephew of Abraham, the son of Nahor (Genesis 22:21)
- 36 Biblical pronoun

Last puzzle's solution



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Down

- 1 Item worn by the high priest (Exodus 28)
- 2 "Because the Lord loved you, ... he would keep the ____" (Deuteronomy 7:8)
- 3 "The tongue is a fire, a world of ____" (James 3:6)

New ministry opportunities

Crossings continues growth, adds youth ministry, Kentucky Changers

This year certainly is like others, similar in that no two are alike. One could imagine camp is the same year to year; well, honestly, it is not like that at all.

This year we have many "firsts." Our staff always is full of new faces, our properties look different and we have more churches and campers attending than ever before. Finally, the ministry we are doing certainly is changing to be much more than just camp and retreats.

Not only is camp different, but if you have been reading about Baptist life in Kentucky, you have heard we now have some new responsibilities. Our entire staff is excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve our churches in the areas of youth ministry and Kentucky Changers. Honestly, I never would have imagined God would orchestrate the circumstances to allow this, but at the same time, as we look back, it seems like our path has been leading to something like this.

In the coming months, you will see more details of what the future will look like. Even now we are meeting with

representatives from churches all over our state. These meetings are an extension of much of what has happened through the relationships that have developed in camp. Our purpose is simple, we want to support, resource and

help equip our youth ministers to reach and disciple students. That will be best accomplished as we do work together.

This summer we are excited to meet the groups with Kentucky Changers. Our desire is to learn from these groups, build on the foundation of the ministry and seek to involve more students in serving God through the Changers program.

Ultimately, our desire is to be faithful with what God has entrusted to this ministry.

For this to take place, we need your prayers, support and involvement. Please keep us in your prayers this summer through the camp season.

Pray specifically for safety, a clear gospel presentation and for a great number to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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- 15-16** Father/Son Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 15-16** Mother/Daughter Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 17-18** National WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 18-22** Mission Adventure Camp for Boys and Girls, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 19-20** Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 22-23** Father/Son Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 22-23** Mother/Daughter Overnight, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 23-29** Kentucky Changers, Paducah.
- 24-7/1** All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Tour, Campbellsville University and various locations.
- 25-29** Mission Adventure Camp for Boys and Girls, CedarCrest Camp, Bagdad.
- 30** Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship Summer Meeting, Elizabethtown.

Construction begins on \$1.7 million dormitory complex at Georgetown College

Georgetown—To coincide with the celebration of its 225th year, Georgetown College officials have begun construction of a new \$1.7 million, 85-bed townhouse complex on Military Street, between College and Jackson streets in Georgetown. The new complex is expected to be completed and ready for students to move in by the fall 2012 semester.

The new facility, being built by Barlow Homes (whose CEO, Jim Barlow, is a Georgetown alumnus and current trustee) will feature a series of joined townhouses, each with three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Exteriors will be brick, and the new complex will closely resemble Rucker Village, the residential townhouses on Dudley Ave. that were dedicated during homecoming festivities last September.

"We are blessed to have Jim Barlow and his amazing organization as part of our college family," said Todd Gambill, Georgetown College's vice president for student life. "This new project, when completed, will be very similar to the very popular, nearby facility also built by Jim's team, and we're excited about giving even more Georgetown students an opportunity to live in such outstanding accommodations." (GC)

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- **CADIZ**—Cadiz Church will hold CPR and AED training sessions May 23 & 30, 4:30 p.m. **Larry Wilson** is interim pastor.
- **CAMPBELLVILLE**—Saloma Church will hold a Memorial Day "Singspiration" service May 27, 6 p.m. **John Chowning** is pastor.
- **GREENVILLE**—New Paradise Church will hold the "Pass Another Brick" men's leadership conference May 25, 6 p.m.; May 26, 8 a.m., with **Tommy Webb**, pastor of Buck Creek Church in Calhoun, as guest speaker. **Timothy Adcock** is pastor.
- **LEXINGTON**—Cane Run Church recently called **Larry Martin** as pastor. He previously was a consultant with the KBC's missions

growth team.

Immanuel Church recently called **Ron Edmondson** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Grace Community Church in Clarksville, Tenn.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Woodland Church will hold a men's breakfast and the Joe Gibbs Game Plan for Life simulcast May 26, 8 a.m. The cost to attend is \$10. For more information, call (502) 245-5416. **John Abel** is pastor.

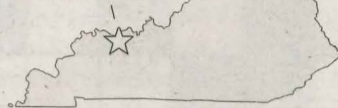
■ **OWENSBORO**—First Church ordained **Wes Dunn** to the gospel ministry May 6. **Paul Strahan** is pastor.

■ **PRINCETON**—Crider Church recently called **Justin Ramey** as pastor.

■ **SOMERSET**—Buena Vista Church

Spotlight on ...

Owensboro



Lewis Lane Church named **Howard Matthews** its pastor emeritus. He has been in ministry for 62 years. **David Wiggins** is pastor.

recently honored **Malcolm Cheek**, who recently retired as director of missions for Pulaski Association, and his wife, **Barbara**. He served more than 14 years as DOM. **Mike Stacey** is pastor.

Decades of Deacons



First Baptist Church of Somerset recently honored 22 deacons who, combined, have served the church for nearly 1,000 years. Each deacon received a plaque commemorating his number of years served. "They have paved the way and set the standard high for those of us who follow," Pastor French Harmon said of the deacons. "I thank God to be able to serve beside them." The deacons pictured are, on the front row, from left: Jim Vaught (55 years of service), Clarence Floyd (46 years), Bob Freeman (54 years), Conley Manning (50 years), Cy Waddle (47 years), Dean Stewart (46 years), Jim Gooch (43 years) and Clyde Ping (58 years). On the back row, from left, are: Clarence Love (46 years), Win Dodson (42 years), Joe Vanhook (48 years), Bob Sullivan (45 years), Art Boone (55 years), Joe Ball (48 years), Don Duell (36 years), Richard Keith (33 years), Pastor Harmon. Those deacons honored but not pictured are: Colburn Barger (35 years), Gary Crockett (36 years), Robert Neikirk (40 years), Danny Ross (40 years), Herman Schoolcraft (47 years), Ben Wesley (38 years). (Photo courtesy of First Baptist, Somerset)

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SEEKING: Part-time worship leader (16-20 hrs/week), Buckner Baptist, Oldham County. Above-average pay for above-average minister. Worship band, choir leadership, keyboard skill preferred. Email resumé with references and cover letter to bucknerbaptistchurch@insightbb.com.

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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 pioneerbaptistchurchpsc@gmail.com. by May 31, 2012.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music to lead our active congregation at Gardenside Baptist Church in a blended style of worship. Ideal candidate must have a music degree, a minimum of two years experience, and exemplify strong spiritual maturity. Applications will be accepted in PDF (Adobe) or DOC (Microsoft Word) format. You may email your resumé, including contact information, to gbcjobsearch@gmail.com; or mail a copy to: Music Search Committee, Gardenside Baptist Church, 1667 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504. For more information about Gardenside Baptist Church and a PDF version of the full job description, go to www.gbc-lex.com. Resúmes will be accepted through June 15, 2012.

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SEEKING: Enthusiastic pastor for Barren River Baptist. Must possess leadership qualities, be willing to visit in the community, and assist in expansion of currently existing youth and children's programs. Please mail resumé to Pastor Search Committee,

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Barren River Baptist Church, 5630 Barren River Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. All resúmes must be submitted on or before May 21, 2012.

SEEKING: Full-time senior pastor at Hebron Baptist Church (www.hebronbaptist.org), a conservative Southern Baptist church affiliated with SBC, KBC, adhering to 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. Send resumé to Pastor Search Committee, Hebron Baptist Church, PO Box 92, Hebron, KY 41048; or email hbcpastorSearchTeam@googlegroups.com.

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.

A Hollywood 'freak'?

Once a prime-time hearthrob, outspoken Cameron now mocked by fellow actors

By Lauren Markoe

Hollywood, Calif.—Kirk Cameron once was one of Hollywood's babies, the spunky, handsome teenager who starred in the 1980s hit "Growing Pains," and whose picture was taped inside many a schoolgirl's locker.

But now, Hollywood scolds and even mocks Cameron who, at 41, is a vocal evangelical Christian, and, in the view of many of his fellow celebrities, kind of a jerk.

Cameron's more recent acting and directing projects almost always carry a deeply Christian message, and he knows he now is the darling of only a certain segment of the country. He even seems to take some pride in the fact.

"I'm kind of a Hollywood freak," he said in a recent interview. "I didn't really turn out the way most people turn out growing up in this industry."

Which raises the question: Can an actor be both a pop-culture icon and an outspoken Christian?

The latest chapter of Cameron's tense relationship with Hollywood played out as the actor promoted his new documentary, "Monumental," in which he argues that American civilization will self-destruct if it continues to spurn its

Pilgrim forebears' God-inspired blueprint for a righteous society. "You look at the state of the world that we live in and all signs say 'panic,'" he said.

Talking about the film with CNN's Piers Morgan, Cameron gave his unvarnished opinion when asked about homosexuality. It's "unnatural," he said on the April 2 show. "I think that it's—it's detrimental, and ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization."

The response drew rebukes from gay-rights organizations, and ridicule from several Hollywood stars, including an off-color video from a group of fellow former child actors.

To his fellow believers, Cameron was attacked merely for speaking truth; the very secular forces that he warns of in his movies and ministries had once again proved just how eager they are to silence a believer.

"Finally someone had the courage to speak up for the word of God," one viewer posted on Morgan's website. "Thank you, Kirk, you made me proud to be a Christian woman."

But Cameron's choice of words still sounded mean and backward to many in a country where a slim majority now supports gay marriage.

Hollywood evangelicals work in all



parts of the industry, said Patton Dodd, who writes on religion and culture and has worked closely with evangelical pastors Ted Haggard and Rick Warren. But Cameron takes a different approach than most.

"It's kind of like the difference between Peyton Manning and Tim Tebow," Dodd said. Both are NFL star quarterbacks and believers. "But Manning is quieter about his faith. It's just as fervent and strong by every indication. But he hasn't made it part of his public image and Tebow has—and Cameron's the same way."

Well before he appeared on Morgan's show, Cameron had made himself a hero to many conservative Christians, in both his personal and professional lives.

At 17—still starring in "Growing Pains"—he was an avowed atheist raised in a family that did not attend church. Then he went to a service with a friend's father, and, as he has attested many times, realized he was headed to hell.

Soon after, Cameron became born again and married "Growing Pains" co-star Chelsea Noble. The couple adopted four children, had two more and founded Camp Firefly in Georgia for terminally ill children and their families.

The Cameron family still lives in Los Angeles, not far from the Hollywood sign. His acting and directing, though, has kept him almost exclusively in the realm of Christian media.

In the past 15 years, Cameron has starred in the "Left Behind" franchise, a series of Christian thrillers based on the end of days. The books have sold 65 million copies, and the movies have fared well within Christian markets.

He also headlined the 2008 drama "Fireproof," the highest-grossing independent film of 2008, about a firefighter who saves strangers but neglects his wife.

As he has pursued his Christian film projects, Cameron also founded, in 2002, a radio and television ministry, "The Way of the Master," with New Zealand preacher Ray Comfort. The two men joined forces to inspire and teach Christians to evangelize.

But the choice to partner with the

often brash Comfort also helped define Cameron as the kind of Christian who is bound to find himself marginalized in Tinseltown, said Larry Poland, an evangelical minister whose Los Angeles consulting firm aims to bridge the gap between Christians and mainstream Hollywood.

"I wouldn't have picked Ray Comfort," Poland said. "Ray Comfort brought to the TV show and to their writing a kind of acidity and an attitude. That didn't help Kirk perpetuate that image of the gracious, reasonable Christian."

"Monumental" promotes the gospel of American exceptionalism, rooted in the religious zeal of the Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic to build a more divinely inspired society than the one they left in England.

Though educators say most American public school children are taught of the Pilgrim's religious motivation, Cameron complains of a nationwide campaign to strip Christianity from U.S. history. He refers to public schools as "government schools," and deplores an "all-out assault on the Christian heritage of our country."

In Plymouth, Mass., he finds the Pilgrims' faith-based blueprint sculpted into a little-known, towering granite monument that was dedicated 123 years ago. Cameron spends a good part of "Monumental" with an evangelist, trying to decipher its message.

"Monumental" does not rail against homosexuality or abortion. Cameron asks his audience to help the nation reclaim its godly heritage, but makes few specific demands.

But Cameron, despite his star status with some evangelicals, may never reach the larger, more diverse audience that made "Growing Pains" a prime-time hit. And maybe he doesn't care. But given the monumental goal of his latest big-screen endeavor, it seems as if he does.

"The moral fabric of our nation is unraveling so quickly," he said. "If we care about our kids and the world that they're living in, we need to change course before the whole thing goes down the toilet in the next 20 or 30 years." (RNS)

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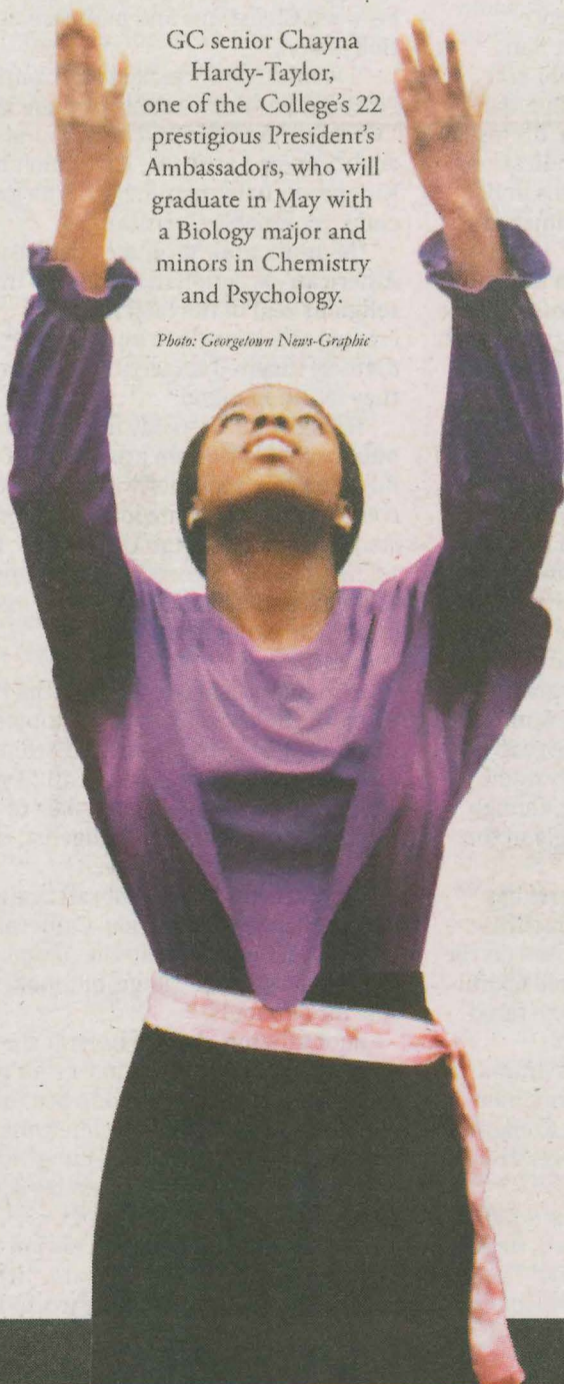


Front row, left to right: Avis Anderson, Alexis Anderson, Brittney Hutchison, Kenneth Spears, Kaylah Bozman, Dwight Davis. Back row: Paul Edwards and Bishop Kenneth Spears. *Paul Atkinson/Rockledge Photography*

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When Georgetown College reached out to the alumni of the now defunct Bishop College of Dallas, Texas, no one could have known the positive impact the initiative would have on the lives of students nationwide. This unique partnership has increased student diversity at Georgetown College, provided more than \$1.5 million in scholarships to students from states as far away as Texas, California, and Oklahoma, and given the alumni of Bishop College a new place to call home. The creation of 'legacy' scholarships for children of Bishop College alumni, as well as other scholarships to students recommended by Bishop alumni (known as *Bishop Scholars*) have proven highly successful, as has the Bishop College Heritage Foundation to fund future scholarships.

The Bishop Scholars have made a place for themselves at Georgetown and impacted the campus with their leadership. This year's seniors have been cheerleaders, President's Ambassadors, members on the football team, Ambassadors of Diversity and have studied abroad. Helping students succeed at college and in life is what this partnership is all about.



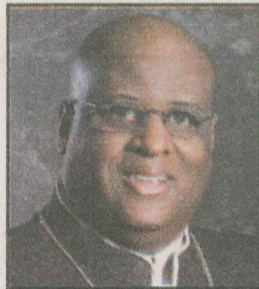
GC senior Chayna Hardy-Taylor, one of the College's 22 prestigious President's Ambassadors, who will graduate in May with a Biology major and minors in Chemistry and Psychology.

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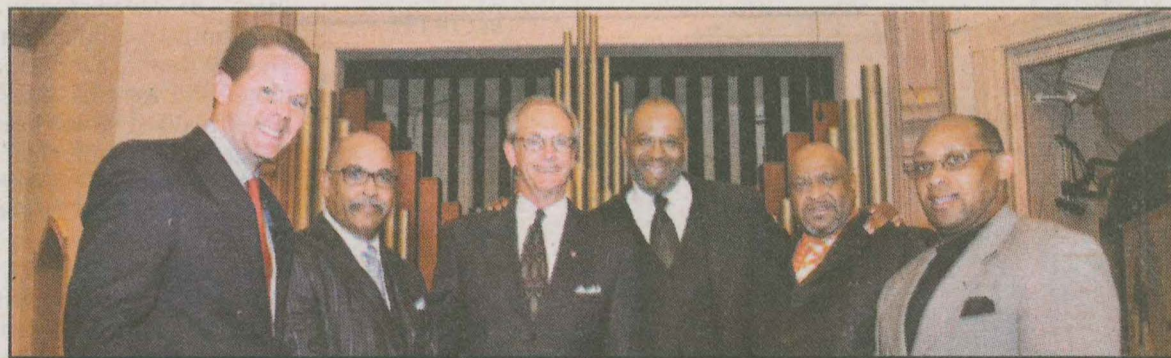
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From left: Alan Redditt, of the host Georgetown Baptist Church; Frank Houston, First Baptist Church of Georgetown; Bill Crouch, President of Georgetown College; Dr. Ralph Douglas West, Pastor/Founder, The Church Without Walls, Houston, TX; Bishop Kenneth Spears, Pastor/First Saint John Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX; John Travis, pastor of Maddoxtown Baptist Church. *Paul Atkinson/Rockledge Photography*

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