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Healing & hope in Sandy's wake

Southern Baptists mount massive disaster relief effort following superstorm

New York—Just days after Hurricane Sandy unleashed her devastation on the Northeast, a small team of Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief workers were on the ground in New York mapping a plan to provide hot meals and showers, tree removal and chaplaincy support.

More than 140 Kentucky Baptists have joined a combined effort of nearly 500 Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers—all seeking to share the love of Christ by meeting real and urgent needs along the East Coast.

"The Red Cross has estimated a need of more than 500,000 meals



■ **Above:** Disaster relief volunteer Mary Mulligan of Catawissa, Pa., prepares string beans with a team from the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention at a feeding site in Hammonton, N.J. Teams from several state Baptist conventions, including Kentucky, are serving upwards of 450,000 meals per day to the millions of people along the East Coast affected by Hurricane Sandy. (Photo by Laura Sikes/NAMB)

■ **Left:** A Kentucky Baptist crew prays before setting off for New York last week, where they are serving meals, manning shower units, working on chainsaw crews and providing chaplaincy services. (KBC photo)



To donate to disaster relief efforts, visit www.NAMB.net

daily, just for people in the state of New York," said Coy Webb, disaster relief director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Of that number, the Red Cross has requested 60,000 meals a day from Kentucky Baptists. The convention responded by sending two mobile kitchen units, each followed by a caravan of trained volunteers. Since Nov. 3, Kentucky's two mobile kitchens have prepared 30,000 meals, Webb said. At least 15,000 meals are expected to be prepared each day this week.

In addition to mobile kitchens, Webb said Kentucky Baptists also have sent two mobile shower units and a five-man assessment team to New York. Two chainsaw/recovery teams and a husband/wife chaplain team arrived over the weekend. Another two chainsaw/recovery units were expected to arrive earlier this week.

The 10 Kentucky teams are part of more than 45 SBDR units responding to See Sandy DR efforts ... Page 6

Vote to dissolve KBC-Georgetown partnership could be delayed a year

Lexington—The Kentucky Baptist Convention's administrative committee next week will consider delaying a vote to sever the partnership between the convention and its oldest educational institution, Georgetown College.

The announcement comes after Georgetown President William Crouch said in September he plans to retire next year and the school revealed last week who will serve on the team tasked with finding its next president.

A day prior to next week's KBC annual meeting, Mission Board members will be presented with the See Georgetown vote ... Page 2

What happens when they come home?

Veterans Day offers churches numerous ministry opportunities

By Adam Miller

Norfolk, Va.—This Veterans Day, churches throughout the United States are seeing a rise in the number of military veterans returning home after deployment. Many say it is an opportunity for churches to serve and help meet the needs of transitioning soldiers.

Gary Sanders, founder of the Military Missions Network, refers to the simple but far-from-easy task of being the church to returning military personnel.

"Don't try to be some sort of a therapeutic organization. Just be the church," Sanders suggested. "The best thing we can do is do what we do best and that's community and everything that comes out of that."

First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va.,

where Sanders serves as minister of military ministries, is centrally located to address the needs of service members from all branches of the military from several bases in and around Norfolk.

The needs of returning veterans range from home repair to financial and family strain to the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. Though a local congregation typically is not equipped to handle clinical needs, it is equipped to provide a support community.

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Va., just started its second year of military ministry, and the military community is responding. Through its "Welcome See Veterans Day ... Page 7



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Lone presidential nominee Summerlin discusses goals for KBC

Dan Summerlin, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church of Paducah will be nominated as Kentucky Baptist Convention president when the KBC annual meeting convenes Nov. 13 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. He currently is the only announced candidate.

A former KBC first vice president, Summerlin has served as pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist since 2002. The convention is set to be held at the Paducah church in 2013. If elected, Summerlin would be the first president to preside over an annual meeting in his home church since 1961 when the convention adopted its current name.

Q: If you are elected KBC president, what would be your primary hopes and goals for the coming year?

I hope to encourage pastors and churches to be focused on what churches are called to do. We need to focus on prayer, proclamation and presenting the gospel to lost people around the world.

Q: It has now been two years since the Kentucky Great Commission Task Force report was approved by KBC messengers. What is your assessment of how those recommendations have been implemented?

The convention voted to accomplish a 50/50 split (with shared expenses) within 10 years. It now appears we will be ahead of schedule. This year our CP giving was up for the first time, and we are seeing more churches beginning to give more. According to the SBC Executive Committee report, Kentucky Baptist giving to CP from 2007-12 has risen 15.01 percent, which is one of the highest, while many states in the Deep South actually

decreased their giving during that same time period. It is a process, but looking at the results, it is encouraging what is taking place.

Q: The KBC Mission Board staff has undergone significant changes in recent months with the reorganization plan instituted by Executive Director Paul Chitwood. What are your thoughts on the reorganization as a whole, and how do you feel it has been received by Kentucky Baptists?

First, it is always difficult and painful to reorganize any organization. Making changes for vision purposes can be the most challenging to the organization. That being said, it appears that the reorganization is working well.

I have talked to some KBC staffers who accepted the early retirement, and they had positive words on the way it was handled. Some state conventions and other organizations going through restructuring appear not to have gone smoothly, and the results were conflict and chaos, which we did not have. We are indeed blessed.

Throughout the state, I have heard many positive comments on the KBC strategy for helping local churches achieve their goals through the use of KBC advisors and consultants.

Q: Do you believe further changes are necessary to ensure the convention fulfills its newly stated mission?

Currently there is a committee researching the relationship between the

KBC and its agencies and institutions. As of this writing, the committee has met once, and it is too early to know what they will find and present to the convention.



Dan Summerlin

Q: Kentucky Baptists' Cooperative Program gifts rose in 2011-12, the first such increase in four years. If you are elected KBC president, how would you encourage church leaders to continue the upswing in CP giving and keep that momentum going?

By example and by encouraging people to give through the Cooperative Program; by reminding people it is about missions and evangelism. Monies given through CP reach not only the unreached people groups around the world, but also help Kentucky Baptist churches reach Kentucky for Christ.

Q: One of the primary responsibilities as president is to appoint three individuals to the KBC's Committee on Committees. What criteria would you use to make your appointments?

I would appoint conservative Kentucky Baptists who love and understand the role of the KBC and CP.

Q: How do you identify yourself within the current political/theological spectrum of Baptist life?

I am your basic conservative Southern Baptist pastor serving in a local church.

Q: What do you consider to be Kentucky Baptists' greatest strengths? Why?

I have said this before, but our strength is in the number of strong

leaders throughout the state. I am constantly amazed when I serve on a committee how many strong qualified leaders, both ministers and laity, are represented. Second, there is a vision to win our state, reach our nation and proclaim the gospel around the world. Third is the passion. There is a passion here for being a part of Kentucky Baptists. In some states, one cannot find that passion to be a part of the state convention which we have here. There is identity to being a Kentucky Baptist.

Q: What do you consider to be Kentucky Baptists' greatest challenges? Why?

I believe our greatest challenge is the same challenge that all state conventions, associations and even our national convention are facing: Our challenge is to reach the future generation for Christ and disciple them. Many churches know that in 10 years they will close their doors. They are slowly dying because more people are dying physically than are being born spiritually. Nationwide we are seeing high school graduates leaving the church in great numbers, and that will lead to a crisis of leadership in the future.

A director of missions recently told me that he didn't know what his association would do in five to 10 years because so few people under 65 are participating in associational life, and they are beginning to cancel much of the work. We must start looking at the future and plan accordingly for the work to continue. That will be the one of the greatest challenges for churches. (WR)

Candidate's answers have been edited prior to publication for space purposes.

Cooperative Program gifts fall short in first month of 2012-13 fiscal year

Louisville—Kentucky Baptists gave \$1,275,432 to missions through the Cooperative Program in September, the first month of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's 2012-13 fiscal year.

The total was more than 30 percent behind the budget goal for the month. But according to Lowell Ashby, the KBC's business manager and leader of the finance & business services team, the drop was not unexpected after the outpouring of CP support in August.

"Kentucky Baptists' CP support in August pushed us past our spendable budget goal for the fiscal year," Ashby said. "Gifts in August also made possible the first increase in CP giving from the previous fiscal year since 2008."

The \$1.275 million total was \$557,898 short of the monthly budget goal, and more than \$500,000 less than the previous year's giving period.

"I think this year's annual meeting will provide all of us, as Kentucky Baptists, (opportunity) to re-evaluate what it means to be a convention of cooperating churches," KBC

Executive Director Paul Chitwood said.

"It is only natural when you mark a milestone such as the 175th anniversary of the convention to give some thought as to why Kentucky Baptists so many years ago thought it would be worthwhile to work in cooperation," he added.

"The Cooperative Program embodies that spirit. I think the best days of cooperative ministry in Kentucky are ahead of us." (KBC)

Kentucky Baptist CP gifts at a glance

Giving for Sept. 1-30, 2012 & Year-to-Date



Monthly budget goal*:	\$1,833,333
Actual giving:	\$1,275,435
Under budget:	\$ 557,898
Year-to-Date budget goal*:	\$1,833,333
Year-to-Date actual giving:	\$1,275,435
Under budget:	\$ 557,898

Annual budget goal: \$22 million

Georgetown vote

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proposal to delay a vote on ending a partnership accord with Georgetown. The agreement was reached in 2005 after the school's trustees decided to end a covenant relationship with the KBC and establish a self-perpetuating board.

KBC messengers were to vote on the recommendation Nov. 13, but administrative committee chairman, Floyd Paris, said Crouch's pending retirement led the committee to rethink the decision.

"I think a delay is a good idea since Georgetown is in a transition with leadership," said Paris, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland. "It could be that they might want to strengthen ties with the KBC."

The administrative committee approved a Sept. 11 recommendation from a group tasked with studying the Georgetown/KBC partnership agreement.

At the heart of the decision was Georgetown trustees' approval of an identity statement that describes the college as "Christian" but not distinctly Baptist. The school also has housed the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, which has ties to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, on its campus, and has removed from its bylaws a requirement that 75 percent of its trustees be members of

Kentucky Baptist churches.

"Harmony and unity are always worth a second chance," Paris noted.

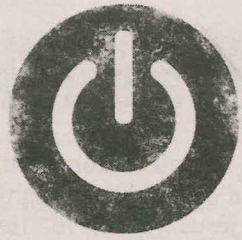
Crouch announced Oct. 2 that he will end his 21-year tenure as Georgetown's president June 30, 2013. A week earlier, KBC made public the administrative committee's recommendation to end the partnership agreement with the school.

Georgetown's board chairman, Earl Goode, according to KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood, said he and his fellow trustees were pleased to hear that the partnership vote may be delayed.

Meanwhile, the committee responsible for finding Crouch's successor has been assembled and will begin meeting soon. William Houston, a business consultant from Oldham County and a former Georgetown board chairman will chair the search process.

Among the 12-member team are two Kentucky Baptist pastors, one of whom served on the search committee that called Paul Chitwood as the KBC's executive director last year. Richard Gaines, pastor of Consolidated Baptist Church in Lexington, also was part of an 18-person group that advised Chitwood on plans to reorganize the KBC earlier this year. He and Greg Barr, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, both Georgetown trustees, will serve on the presidential search team. (WR)

Compiled from reporting by News Director Drew Nichter, KBC Communications and Georgetown College.



POWERING MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES 2011-12 TOP COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING CHURCHES



CHURCHES REACHING NEW MILLION DOLLAR MILESTONES

6 MILLION

Living Hope, Bowling Green

3 MILLION

Central City FBC
Mayfield FBC

2 MILLION

Yellow Creek, Owensboro
Greenville 2nd BC
Franklin FBC
Bellevue, Owensboro

1 MILLION

Red House, Richmond
Graefenburg, Waddy
Cold Spring FBC
Zion, Henderson
South Jefferson, Louisville
Highland, Shelbyville

Cedar Creek, Louisville
Bethel, Harrodsburg
Concord, Hopkinsville
Rosebower, Paducah
Mount Pleasant, Lewisburg
Bloomfield, Bloomfield
Walnut Memorial, Owensboro
Clinton FBC

TOP 100 CHURCHES PER CAPITA GIVING

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| 1. Countryside, Morganfield | 51. Eddyville First, Eddyville |
| 2. Mexico, Marion | 52. Corn Creek, Milton |
| 3. Good Hope, Campbellsville | 53. Community Church at Cedar Springs, Brownsville |
| 4. Briensburg, Benton | 54. Fairview, Waynesburg |
| 5. Grace, Somerset | 55. Versailles, Versailles |
| 6. Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville | 56. Fredonia First, Fredonia |
| 7. Emmanuel, Jenkins | 57. Luz Y Vida, Morgantown |
| 8. Eastwood, Bowling Green | 58. Lone Oak First, Paducah |
| 9. Hillcrest, Hopkinsville | 59. Central City First, Central City |
| 10. Woodland, Greenville | 60. Hopewell, Corbin |
| 11. Bullitt Lick, Shepherdsville | 61. Murray First, Murray |
| 12. Gracey West Union, Gracey | 62. Greenup First, Greenup |
| 13. Buck Run, Frankfort | 63. Mount Olive, Marion |
| 14. Pleasant Home, Glencoe | 64. Beacon Hill, Somerset |
| 15. Christ Fellowship, Bowling Green | 65. Riverside, Owensboro |
| 16. Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville | 66. Temple, Central City |
| 17. New Heights, Pineville | 67. Severns Valley, Elizabethtown |
| 18. Pleasant Valley Community, Owensboro | 68. Christ Community, Shelbyville |
| 19. Mount Zion, Kuttawa | 69. Seaton Park, Louisville |
| 20. Rich Pond, Bowling Green | 70. Altona Missionary, Calvert City |
| 21. Lebanon Missionary, Princeton | 71. Southside, Princeton |
| 22. Bethabara, Philpot | 72. Emmanuel, Shelbyville |
| 23. Concord, Hartford | 73. Horton Flats Community, Olive Hill |
| 24. Owens Chapel, Benton | 74. Owensboro First, Owensboro |
| 25. Dripping Spring, Olmstead | 75. Cedar Bluff, Princeton |
| 26. Dallasburg, Wheatley | 76. Quality, Lewisburg |
| 27. Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg | 77. Jackson First, Jackson |
| 28. Friendship, Campbellsville | 78. Russell First, Russell |
| 29. Wildwood, Ashland | 79. Rodeo, Mount Washington |
| 30. Salem, Campbellsville | 80. Barbourville First, Barbourville |
| 31. Middleton, Franklin | 81. Mount Pleasant, La Center |
| 32. Westport Road, Louisville | 82. Hobbs, Coxs Creek |
| 33. Walnut Grove, Fredonia | 83. Beechmont, Beechmont |
| 34. Clinton First, Clinton | 84. Olivet, Paducah |
| 35. Northside, Murray | 85. Good Hope, Corbin |
| 36. Kuttawa First, Kuttawa | 86. Oak Forest, Smiths Grove |
| 37. New Bethel, Eddyville | 87. Old Salem, Salem |
| 38. Clay First, Clay | 88. Liberty, Princeton |
| 39. Pleasant Hill, Somerset | 89. Northside, Elizabethtown |
| 40. North Oldham, Goshen | 90. Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg |
| 41. River Pointe, Munfordville | 91. Lowell Avenue, Campbellsville |
| 42. Heritage, Winchester | 92. Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg |
| 43. Riverview, Catlettsburg | 93. Guthrie, Guthrie |
| 44. Campbellsville, Campbellsville | 94. Springfield, Springfield |
| 45. Owenton First, Owenton | 95. Covenant, Henderson |
| 46. Pleasant Grove, Owensboro | 96. Twelve Oaks, Paducah |
| 47. Forest Grove, Adairville | 97. Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam |
| 48. Bethel, Salvisa | 98. Immanuel, Madisonville |
| 49. North Livingston, Hampton | 99. Fountain Run First, Fountain Run |
| 50. Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg | 100. Princeton First, Princeton |

TOP 100 CHURCHES TOTAL GIVING

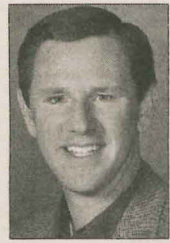
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| 1. Severns Valley, Elizabethtown | 51. Rose Hill, Ashland |
| 2. Lone Oak First, Paducah | 52. Crestwood, Crestwood |
| 3. Living Hope, Bowling Green | 53. Shively, Louisville |
| 4. Owensboro First, Owensboro | 54. Dripping Spring, Olmstead |
| 5. Eastwood, Bowling Green | 55. Pleasant Hill, Somerset |
| 6. Hillcrest, Hopkinsville | 56. Owenton First, Owenton |
| 7. Henderson First, Henderson | 57. Eddyville First, Eddyville |
| 8. Immanuel, Lexington | 58. Kings, Mount Washington |
| 9. Porter Memorial, Lexington | 59. Wildwood, Ashland |
| 10. Central, Corbin | 60. Woodburn, Woodburn |
| 11. Campbellsville, Campbellsville | 61. Simpsonville, Simpsonville |
| 12. Buck Run, Frankfort | 62. Twelve Oaks, Paducah |
| 13. Westport Road, Louisville | 63. Red House, Richmond |
| 14. Rich Pond, Bowling Green | 64. Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg |
| 15. Hardin, Hardin | 65. Elkton, Elkton |
| 16. Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg | 66. Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville |
| 17. Russell First, Russell | 67. Northside, Elizabethtown |
| 18. Paducah First, Paducah | 68. Russellville Second, Russellville |
| 19. Central City First, Central City | 69. Walnut Street, Louisville |
| 20. Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg | 70. Glasgow, Glasgow |
| 21. Briensburg, Benton | 71. Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg |
| 22. Beacon Hill, Somerset | 72. Highland, Shelbyville |
| 23. Central, Winchester | 73. Calvary, Glasgow |
| 24. Southside, Princeton | 74. Parkland, Louisville |
| 25. Mexico, Marion | 75. Fairview, Ashland |
| 26. Mount Washington First, Mount Washington | 76. Kuttawa First, Kuttawa |
| 27. Murray First, Murray | 77. Hillvue Heights, Bowling Green |
| 28. Edgewood, Hopkinsville | 78. Lancaster, Lancaster |
| 29. Richmond First, Richmond | 79. Lowell Avenue, Campbellsville |
| 30. Yellow Creek, Owensboro | 80. Immanuel, Elizabethtown |
| 31. Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam | 81. Mayfield First, Mayfield |
| 32. Princeton First, Princeton | 82. Mount Vernon First, Mount Vernon |
| 33. Burlington, Burlington | 83. Whitesburg First, Whitesburg |
| 34. Hopkinsville First, Hopkinsville | 84. Bethel, Salvisa |
| 35. Greenville Second, Greenville | 85. Cadiz, Cadiz |
| 36. Hickory Grove, Independence | 86. Marion, Marion |
| 37. Shelbyville First, Shelbyville | 87. Cedar Creek, Louisville |
| 38. Pikeville First, Pikeville | 88. Benton First, Benton |
| 39. Ninth and O, Louisville | 89. Madisonville First, Madisonville |
| 40. Barbourville First, Barbourville | 90. Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg |
| 41. Pleasant Grove, Owensboro | 91. Zion, Henderson |
| 42. Corinth, London | 92. Oak Ridge, Covington |
| 43. Versailles, Versailles | 93. Immanuel, Corbin |
| 44. Hurstbourne, Louisville | 94. Rosebower, Paducah |
| 45. Hopkinsville Second, Hopkinsville | 95. Monticello First, Monticello |
| 46. LaGrange, La Grange | 96. Ormsby Heights, Louisville |
| 47. Broadway, Lexington | 97. Lewisport, Lewisport |
| 48. Valley Creek, Elizabethtown | 98. Altona Missionary, Calvert City |
| 49. Unity, Ashland | 99. Northside, Murray |
| 50. Grace, Somerset | 100. Pleasant View, Waynesburg |

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Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

time to download the book and read all of the reports. I assure you it will be a cause for celebration and thanksgiving to God for the work He is doing through Kentucky Baptists. This week and last, I have posted sections from my report here.

As I mentioned last week, we are celebrating Kentucky Baptists' increased Cooperative Program giving over the past year. Why is that a cause for celebration?

Through the Cooperative Program, Kentucky Baptists are planting churches, educating Bible college and seminary students, relieving the suffering of tornado victims, housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, revitalizing churches, training leaders, caring for orphans, doctoring the sick, counseling addicts, sharing the gospel at summer camps, on university campuses, in barns, shelters, prisons and in many other settings all across Kentucky, North America and in 180 countries of the world.

In 1837, our Kentucky Baptist forefathers announced their mission was "to supply the destitute with the preaching of the gospel." Our new vision statement conveys the same urgency for the Lord's work, recognizing that this work ultimately will be accomplished, not by a denomination, but by the Spirit of God working through the local church. The proper role of the denomination, then, is to assist the local churches that choose to partner together. Therefore, our mission statement is: "The Kentucky Baptist Convention: Created by churches, for churches, to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ."

As you review the reports from your Mission Board staff in the Book of Reports, I think you will be as humbled as I. So much ministry was accomplished during a time of great uncertainty. I would be remiss if I did not point out that much of this work was accomplished by staff members who opted to retire or move on to other ministry positions. To say that they finished well as employees of the KBC is an understatement. On behalf of Kentucky Baptists, I again say "thank you" to them.

Twelve months from now, I anticipate new celebrations and new challenges to share with you through this book. I hope you will call upon me and the other members of our Mission Board staff whenever we can be of assistance to you and your church. I thank God continuously for your prayers for me and my family and your faithfulness in sharing the gospel.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Ky. DR volunteers making gospel impact in strategic area

Sandy. Don't let her seemingly innocuous name fool you. This category 1 hurricane, which some clever media dubbed "Frankenstorm," packed quite a wallop that, while it may have caught some cynical New Yorkers off guard, few will forget.

Unmercifully, Sandy brought to bear all four of nature's elements—earth, as beach dunes were washed inland, mounding sand and debris along coastal streets; wind, as 100-mph gusts downed trees and snapped power lines, leaving approximately 7 million customers in 15 states without electricity; water, as torrential rains and record tidal surges swamped businesses and swept buildings off foundations; and fire, as more than 80 homes were gutted in one Queens neighborhood.

Sandy even delivered an uncanny punch not typically associated with hurricanes: heavy snowfall. Tropical rains from Sandy mixed with a Canadian cold front to produce an autumn blizzard across parts of Appalachia, causing more widespread damage and power outages.

More than 90 people lost their lives, and CNN Money recently reported that Sandy could quickly become one of the nation's costliest disasters, potentially producing an economic impact surpassing \$50 billion. The emotional trauma to those displaced by storms can be just as demoralizing—whole communities and family homes in shambles, precious possessions ruined, businesses devastated, livelihoods lost, financial stability faltering.

Inevitably, strident voices emerge pronouncing that such mass destructions are God's hand of judgment wrought on a wayward city, region or nation. I refuse to weigh in on knowing the mind of God, as some do, in these matters, but instead long to see the heart of God shown through His people. These mighty pontifications do little to open hearts to the gospel among those who are hurting and grieving, as compared to a cup of cold water, warm meals, bandages and shelter offered in Jesus' name.

It must also be noted that horrific tragedies often bring out the best qualities in human character. Neighbors comfort neighbors. Compassionate strangers lend helping hands. And with this terrible disaster comes an amazing opportunity for Southern Baptists to demonstrate yet again the love of God in a very visible way to hurting people in New York City and New Jersey. It affords us an opportunity to minister in a significant way in a very strategic region where Southern Baptists are seeking to plant new churches and make an impact for the gospel.

Nathan Tubbs, a Brooklyn pastor, summed it up well: "This is a really important city in terms of our country and in terms of the world, and there's a great gospel void that exists here in New York City. Those of us in ministry know that times of transition or times of great danger are good opportunities for people to consider the gospel," he said. "Maybe churches down South would say, 'We've been thinking about New York for a long time, and it's time for us to get involved,'" he urged.

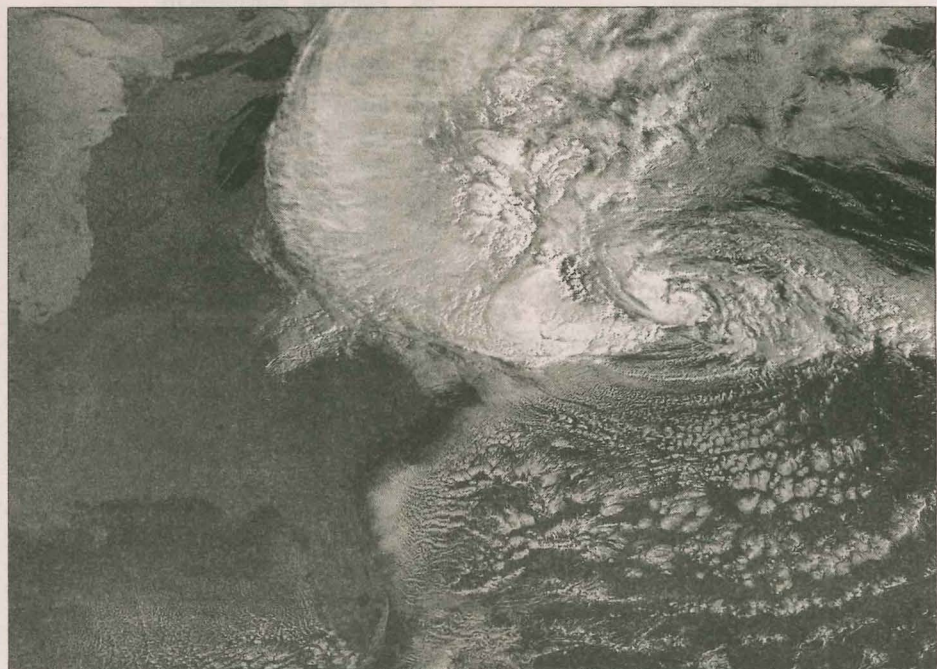
Likewise, Kenny Pritchett, a volunteer from South Carolina, reminds us, "It's just about being able to hug them and pray with them and share Jesus with them." He told Baptist Press, "It's not about the trees, or cutting trees. It's really not about the work. ... It's really just helping folks. They have a tremendous need."

Even before Sandy made landfall, North American Mission Board officials and state convention leaders were mobilizing people and resources, gearing up to provide more than 450,000 meals and distribute water, roofing materials and other supplies. More than 140 heroic Kentuckians stepped up within hours of the storm's assault, courageously manning teams for feeding kitchens, mobile shower units, and chainsaw and mud-out crews.

More will soon follow. They will join hundreds of Baptist volunteers from at least nine other state conventions to deliver aid, comfort, hugs, prayers and a message of God's sustaining love—grace in the storm! Only 72 hours into the response, there already was a lot of ministry taking place, one early responder noted. It's a moment that makes all of us Southern Baptists proud.

After Thought

By Todd Deaton



"Our volunteers are seeking to share the love of Christ in an area that has tremendous spiritual need as they fight challenging circumstances with winter weather conditions and other logistical issues," said Coy Webb, who directs the Kentucky Baptist Convention's disaster relief efforts. "Through it all, their desire has been to shine for Christ to those left hurting by this megastorm that has caused incredible damage and hurt."

Previous responses to hurricanes—Hugo in South Carolina, Andrew in Florida and Katrina in New Orleans, for example—resulted in significant strides in kingdom growth. Many professions of faith were recorded; new churches started; older churches experienced revitalization as new multi-ethnic ministries to communities emerged; numerous volunteers caught the vision and readied for service; and new state and associational disaster relief units were created. Be in prayer for each of our disaster relief volunteers as they help Kentucky Baptists reach our nation and the world for Christ.

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An open letter to Kentucky Baptist messengers

By Roger Ward

I read recently that the Kentucky Baptist Convention was withdrawing scholarship support for Baptist students attending Georgetown College. I am a lifelong Baptist, son of a Baptist minister, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University, a Sunday School teacher, associate moderator of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown, and interim director of the Marshall Center for Christian Ministry and chair of the philosophy department at Georgetown College.

The proposed action by the KBC's administrative committee saddens me, mostly for the families and students who will be affected by this change. I am saddened, also, because of the suggestion that Georgetown is not a covenant sharer with the KBC, and not concerned with reaching the world for Christ. These challenges are troubling and, I think, untrue. But they do raise the question of what makes a college, like Georgetown, Baptist?

Surely, a college is Baptist because of its people. A building or a sidewalk cannot be Baptist or Christian. Our mission at the college, according to the goals affirmed by the trustees, is to pursue the "knowledge of and commitment to the Christian faith." The trustees also have recently affirmed a statement of Christian identity for the college "built on a Baptist foundation."

The trustees of Georgetown College, according to the school's articles of incorporation, must be 75 percent Baptist, and the Baptist faculty and students are the largest denominational group represented in both those categories. We are more Baptist than we are anything else.

But numbers don't tell the whole story. Are we the Christian and Baptist college we could be or should be? No. We have work to do—just as we all are called to a higher calling. Have we made mistakes? Of course, just as we all do. Our goal, however, is clear. We aim to combine confessional Christian and Baptist character with academic excellence, both by assembling talented

Christian scholars and interested students. This is always a challenge, because the pursuit of truth means looking critically at our calling and our faith, as well as the culture we construct on campus and among ourselves as faculty.

We grow intellectually by delving deeper into old ideas and being open to new ones, and new ideas often come attached to new people from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

So, managing intellectual growth within the commitment to faithful Christian learning and practice requires judgment and patience.

And we take this self-examination seriously. In order to be a Baptist college for this century, we have forged alliances with the Baptist World Alliance and with four National Baptist conventions. We send students around the world to work with Baptists in Chile, Brazil, Tanzania and Russia. We recognize that Kentucky Baptists are our home and world Baptists are our aim. The confession that Christ is Lord and that we follow Him in obedience into baptism is a truth that no geographical or political boundary can contain.

Georgetown College has educated Baptist men and women for more than 200 years, and we will continue to do so because of our commitment to the kingdom of God. We earnestly desire that like-minded people of faith and conviction will join us as students, faculty, staff and supporters. As Baptists we honor the strength of cooperation and the principle of freedom. We are called into God's service in order to become the people and the college God wants us to be in a spirit of freedom and love. As Jesus says, we are not to serve in fearful servitude but as blessed children and friends.

I am writing today for those of you who will gather in a few days to decide the future relationship and work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Georgetown College. I hope that the decisions that will be made will honor Christ and our shared desire to live out our callings to extend the kingdom of God here in Kentucky and throughout the world.

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FIRST PERSON

Four types of affairs

By Valerie Vincent

Q: Are there different kinds of affairs? What do you do if you believe your spouse is having an affair?

A: David Carder, author of "Torn Asunder," describes four classes of affairs:

Class 1, represented by David and Bathsheba, is a one-night stand, involving intense passion and lust.

Class 2, represented by Samson and Delilah, is a long-term relationship that develops gradually with an intense emotional connection. Sexual involvement comes later after a friendship is established.

Class 3, represented by Eli's sons, involves multiple partners and increasingly distorted sex. Sexual addiction is active in this type of affair.

Class 4, represented by Abraham and Hagar, results from a specific void in the marriage. This void becomes the focus for the relationship where the emotional connection is strong and the sexual involvement may lack enjoyment.

When a couple experiences infidelity, they need a minister or counselor to guide them through a process to bring hope and healing. Until an affair is disclosed, nothing positive can be done; but once it is clear there has been infidelity, the work can begin.

Carder outlines a process of stabilization, recognizing that a couple will have to decide whether they want to save their marriage. The process begins with clear options, identifying the type of affair, creating structure, separating the spouse from the boyfriend or girlfriend until the marital work is complete, taking a marital history, a disclosure process, and finally initiating forgiveness. From forgiveness, the couple moves to respect, then trust, and then love.

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At this 'Mormon moment,' Southern Baptists, convey truth & grace

By Ed Stetzer

Mormonism is something we cannot escape right now. We are in a "Mormon moment" thanks to Mitt Romney's candidacy. Southern Baptists need to address this moment with truth and grace.

Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, is seldom subtle, speaking boldly and clearly about what he believes. Though I might nuance it differently, I think Southern Baptists would do well to consider his words in the Washington Post, "I wouldn't call (Mormonism) a cult but it claims to be Christian and isn't. Its theology is like a cult, but socially and culturally it doesn't act like a cult. ... They don't withdraw, they don't live in communities and they're not like Jehovah's Witnesses or James Jones."

Land is right to point out the difference. He did not deny that Mormonism is theologically a cult, but he did imply a difference between a "theological cult" and a "sociological cult." That's a helpful distinction that, current discussions aside, is the view taught at almost all Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Furthermore, Mitt Romney is right. At Liberty University, he spoke about people of different faiths, "your faith and mine." Yes, those words were certainly chosen to assure evangelicals, but it hit the right tone—Mormonism is a different faith or religion. Three out of four Protestant pastors (and it's higher for evangelicals) agree Mormons are not Christians.

The problem is that most Mormons want to use the Christian label without believing biblical, Christian theology.

The obvious question is, how divergent can your views be and still be a part of a faith group (in contrast to forming a new one)? Can you believe, for instance, that Muhammad is not the prophet and still call yourself a Muslim? The vast majority of Muslims would say you cannot. For Christians, calling yourself a Christian while not believing God has always existed as the triune Father, Son and Holy Spirit is just as inconceivable. That's what Mormonism does. It's not a Christian denomination. It is a different religion.

In some ways, Mormonism is to Christianity what Christianity is to Judaism. Christianity took basic beliefs from Judaism, but from their perspective added another testament and doctrines that did not match the original. To Christians, our faith is naturally connected to and a product of Judaism, rightly understood. To Mormons, their faith is the natural completion of Christianity, restored and rightly understood. Ironically, Jews don't call us a "theological cult," though I guess from their point of view, they could. As such, Mormonism is a theological cult of Christianity, in the same way that Christian Science and Armstrongism are.

Yet, for me, I have one recurring passion: to get people to live on mission, evangelize their neighbors, plant churches and send missionaries. It's not

about politics for me, but about the gospel. As such, my concern is to reach Mormons, not just label them. So, I don't lead with words like "cult" because the term simply does not carry a theological meaning to most people. For most, they think of a compound in Waco or Jonestown, but that's not Mormonism. As I've said, it is more helpful to talk about Mormonism as a different religion, as we do Islam or Hinduism, and to share the true gospel with

Mormons accordingly.

As such, my suggestion is simple. Do what the North American Mission Board does and says.

■ First, be unapologetic in saying that Mormonism does fit the definition of a theological cult. I am thankful NAMB has not deleted that reality from its website, even when it is being scrutinized in this political season.

■ Second, take a more winsome tone in evangelism and public conversation, in your words and your tone. To do so, learn about Mormonism. There are helpful resources available at the NAMB website.

■ Third, engage in public conversation and in private witnessing in a respectful way, caring more about people than scoring points. Talk about the true gospel. Don't be afraid to explain there are false gospels, but show the love of Jesus to your Mormon neighbor and to the world how you deal with that neighbor.

I hope Southern Baptists—particularly SBC pastors—will love their Mormon

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neighbors enough not to blur the lines and see Mormonism as simply another denomination which, it appears, is the current Mormon desire.

However, I also hope they don't love the word "cult" more than they love their Mormon neighbor. I hope they keep in mind how a lost world understands that term—and how your Mormon neighbor understands the term. We all should ask, "Will it make them more willing to hear the truth?" That's grace.

For example, you can proclaim that your divorcing neighbor is an "adulterer." You can do so with the confident Baptist grin that often comes with such pronouncements, because you know you are right. You may feel better that you stuck it to her and stood against the cultural tide, but people around you will think you are angry and unloving, and you will be less likely to reach her (and others) for Christ.

So, what is my advice for being on mission during this "Mormon moment" and beyond? When we are setting out to theologically define religions, we should call it what it is—a theological cult. But if you want to reach people (particularly Mormons) for Christ, then drop the cult language as your starting point.

As with your divorcing neighbor, it is your call. The terms are technically correct. However, my suggestion is simple. Consider the Richard Land's words, follow NAMB's lead and find a truth-and-grace-filled Southern Baptist plan. (BP)
Ed Stetzer is president of LifeWay Research.

Pastor: 'Power of the local church' on display in New York City

By Diana Chandler

New York—The elderly lady was afraid to open the door. Alone in the dark in her apartment on the 23rd floor of the Fulton government housing complex in Chelsea Park days after Hurricane Sandy struck, she was not accustomed to people helping her.

But Gallery Church in midtown Manhattan was in a position to help. Ministry leader Chris Mills climbed the 23 flights of stairs to reach the elderly woman, one of dozens too frail to exit the building, elevators of no use because of power outages.

"She hadn't seen anybody in three days. She had been without power ... and we were the first people to show up to her apartment, so she hadn't seen anybody since the hurricane," Mills said. "People get scared and don't know what's on the other side of that door. When she did open the door, she saw what we had to give her. She was very thankful and gave us a list of a few more things that she needed."

Mills, a member of Gallery Church for three years, leads a youth ministry outreach in Chelsea Park, a community the church has adopted for ministry.

"We didn't show up until maybe two days after the hurricane, and we're the first ones that they've seen. It just shows you the power of the local church, Mills said. "Usually in a situation like this the local church is the first one on the scene. We're kind of first responders in that."

Gallery Church pastor Freddy Wyatt mobilized 20 volunteers, nearly a third of the membership, to survey apartments in the Chelsea Park and

Stuyvesant Town neighborhoods, looking for those in need. They extended their efforts to include other areas.

"We have found dozens of elderly people," he noted. "We found some that were running out of food, some that were running out of water and some that needed their dialysis, and we were able to make that emergency connection for them. We're a central location that has power, and we're able to distribute the people out to different places."

Wyatt said he is focusing on providing the necessities—food, water and medicine—to those suffering, while looking forward to opportunities to share the gospel.

"I think that the gospel-sharing opportunities will take place over the long haul rather than in the immediate wake of the storm," Wyatt said. "The urgency right now is finding the immediate life-and-death needs."

"The aid that we're providing will open up the opportunity to share the gospel for at least the next couple of years, I think," he added.

Wyatt established a Sandy relief fund on the church's website that had collected \$7,000 as of last week. It will go to help a church family that lost their Jersey City home and 95 percent of their belongings in the storm.

Most Gallery Church members fared well, Wyatt reported. The church building is just on the edge of the power outage but lost electricity for only a day.



THINKING LOCAL Freddy Wyatt (center), pastor of Gallery Church in New York City, has mobilized members to reach out to the residents of nearby neighborhoods, providing them with essentials such as food, water and medicine in the wake of Hurricane Sandy that left many people without power and scared to come out of their homes. (BP file photo)

The basement of the apartment building Wyatt lives in flooded and the building has no power, forcing him to stay in a hotel in midtown Manhattan.

The devastation has impressed upon Wyatt the importance of the local church, which often is in the best position to respond to neighborhoods in need.

"Last night I tweeted that Sandy has shown us why it really would be good to have a church on every block in New

York City," he said, "because the needs are so vast. There's 66,000 people per square mile in Manhattan, and you really do need churches on every corner to take ownership for their neighborhoods."

"God has been very gracious to help us to process all that's going on and to put together a clear, cohesive plan today to mobilize people to meet some of the most critical needs in Manhattan," Wyatt said. (BP)

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the overwhelming needs in the Northeast. A total of nine state conventions are providing disaster relief in at least six states affected by the storm.

In addition to Kentucky, volunteers from New York and Virginia are working at feeding kitchens in New York. In New Jersey, volunteers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina and South Carolina are feeding storm victims. Virginia volunteers continue to serve alongside West Virginia volunteers in the Mountaineer state. Other assessment teams are working in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. Chainsaw and recovery teams also are scattered across the region.

"There is an incredible amount of ministry taking place," said Mark Gauthier, SBDR's area response commander who serves as mobilization director for the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia.

Kentucky Baptist kitchens were serving at Aqueduct Racetrack on Staten Island and at Deer Park on Long Island, all in New York.

Fritz Wilson, executive director for disaster relief for the North American Mission Board, said he expects most of the teams to serve in the New York City area with a capacity to produce 450,000 hot meals each day. Potential requests for



SAFETY MEASURES Twice a day after each use, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers steam and sanitize the cambros, which carry meals prepared by SBDR volunteers in American Red Cross ERV units. "This is the toughest job on the site," said George Kay, communications director with the unit based in Hammonton, N.J. (Photo by Laura Sikes/NAMB)

additional meal-per-day capacity could take the number well above 450,000 meals per day provided by Southern Baptist volunteers.

Carolyn Gray, leader of Kentucky Baptists' mobile kitchen on Staten Island, said that while her unit has experienced many hurdles the first couple of days, she was touched by residents' reactions.

"They didn't think anyone was going

to come and help them. They thought they were forgotten here on Staten Island," Gray said. "Since we started cooking, they have been so gracious. They come in and bring us stuff and many have wanted to volunteer."

When Staten Island residents saw the volunteers were not adequately prepared for the frigid temperatures, some brought coats and long underwear.

Gray said one of the locals has become a regular fixture at the mobile kitchen. Known only as "Joe," the man told volunteers about losing his wife in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and how he just wanted to give back a little bit of the compassion he has seen in Kentucky Baptists.

"He's been here every day. ... He wants to join us. He wants to be certified, and he says if we every go out, he wants to be there with us," Gray said. "We're going to get him certified and he's going to come out and join us" next time as a volunteer.

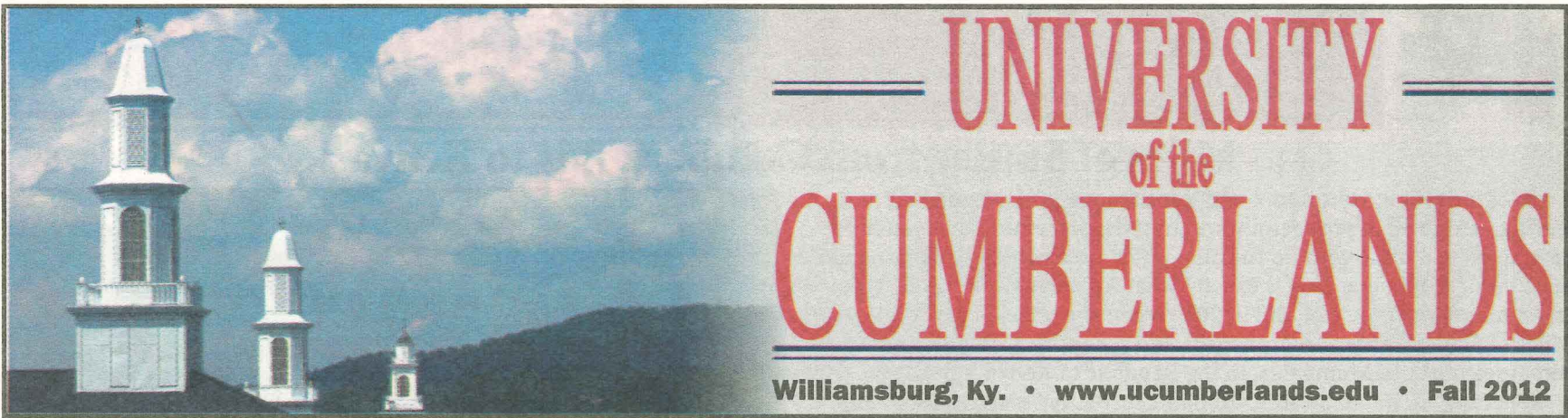
Albert Spencer, Kentucky disaster relief assessment team leader, also remarked about the people he has met while serving.

"The people we have had contact with on Long Island have changed my perception of New Yorkers," Spencer said. "Everyone has been so friendly and appreciative."

Spencer said he has made about 12 contacts so far with residents in need of tree removal or clean-up help because of flooding. Members of North Shore Community Church in Oyster Bay, N.Y., where Spencer and his crew are staying, have provided many of the contacts with homeowners.

"It's a great opportunity just to be there and listen," Spencer said of his assignment. "After a disaster, people need to talk. We listen to them, and pray with them if they want."

Compiled from reporting by the Western Recorder and the North American Mission Board.



Master of Arts in Christian Studies program

UC's Master of Arts in Christian Studies program is a fully accredited, online program that requires students to complete 30 hours of academic credit. The program focuses on providing a thorough understanding of the Bible, theology, education, contemporary culture and ministry strategies to prepare individuals to minister effectively in the 21 century. In addition to being led through courses by UC's own respected faculty members, students will also learn from and interact with some of the most outstanding and influential Christian leaders in the United States.

New Staff Members

This summer, two individuals were added to the university staff to assist in the area of Church Relations:



Rev. Stephen Earle has been asked to assist by serving as a supply preacher for area churches. Rev. Earle is a UC graduate who currently serves as an adjunct instructor in the Missions and Ministry Department. He brings to this position over 32 years of ministry experience, having served as a pastor, interim pastor and supply preacher.



Dr. Steve Thompson has been visiting KBC pastors and church leaders with a goal of visiting approximately 200 churches this year in Indiana, Ohio and central and western Kentucky. He also serves as the director of the Master of Arts in Christian Studies program. He has recently retired as the Assistant Executive Director of the KBC and he brings a wealth of contacts and more

than 42 years of experience as a pastor, Director of Missions and State Convention leader.

University of the Cumberland partners with Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

UC now partners with Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Pineville, Ky.) through a special scholarship opportunity for Clear Creek alumni to pursue a master's degree in Christian Studies (MACS).

"We are very pleased to be able to provide the special scholarship opportunity for Clear Creek graduates. As sister institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, UC and Clear Creek already partner together on many levels through the ministry of Christian education with the goal of reaching others for Christ. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is a fine institution with a long history of training adults for ministry. We are glad that Cumberland can partner with Clear Creek to provide this opportunity for their graduates to pursue an option for graduate study through our MACS program at a greatly reduced cost," said Dr. Jim Taylor, President of University of the Cumberland. "The special scholarship opportunity is named in honor of our son, James H. Taylor, II. Many lives have been impacted through the kindness and generosity of the individuals who have made this scholarship possible."

"One thing that has always made me proud to be a part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as President of a Convention Educational Institution is the cooperative spirit that exists between all the agencies and institutions. I am grateful to Dr. Taylor and his administration for their cooperative spirit in providing the special scholarship opportunity for Clear Creek graduates interested in the Master of Arts in Christian Studies program at Cumberland," said Dr. Donnie Fox, President of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

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Since its beginning, University of the Cumberland has maintained a strong tie with Kentucky Baptists. The histories of Cumberland and the KBC have been intricately woven together through the handiwork of God as both organizations have been...created by churches, for churches to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. Cumberland has always used this rich heritage as the foundation for building what has become one of the nation's premier Christian universities.



Over the years, Kentucky Baptist Churches have become one of University of the Cumberland's greatest sources of support including the thoughts, the prayers, the students sent our way and the goodwill extended our way. We are deeply grateful for the financial investment in the mission of Christian higher education and we always seek to be good stewards of every resource entrusted to us – whether it is leadership and influence to help advance our mission, sending students to enroll in our programs, or through prayers and financial support.

We truly appreciate the financial support that is provided through Cooperative Program gifts received from every individual in every Kentucky Baptist congregation! During the 2011-2012 academic year, Cumberland received 3% of its budget or \$1.3 million in direct CP support. This is a very important part of our total budget and an important investment in the future of God's work throughout Kentucky and beyond. As an example of the return provided on this investment, we provided more than \$6 million in institutional aid to Baptist students.

As a result of our academic advances, the broad appeal of our rigorous academic programs and our emphasis on service to others, our enrollment exceeds 4,300. There is potential for moving beyond the 5,000 mark as a result of continuing enrollments in our Masters programs and the new high school dual credit initiative, making Cumberland the fastest growing university in Kentucky.

It is very humbling to look back over the years and see all that has been accomplished. We are grateful for the continued prayers and support of Kentucky Baptists as we fulfill the ministry of Christian Education and equip students to make a difference in their world as leader-servants.

Mountain Outreach reaches 30th year

This summer, Mountain Outreach completed its 30th year and 141st home. The organization has grown and changed throughout the years...student volunteers come and go, house layouts change...but the heart of what MO does remains the same—to be the outstretched hand of God. Mountain Outreach was formed in the summer of 1982 by two Cumberland students who were overwhelmed by some of the living conditions they saw around Whitley County at the time. Today MO continues to provide homes and support for impoverished families. Dr. Christopher Leskiw, associate professor of political science and deacon at Main Street Baptist Church in Williamsburg, has volunteered with MO for several years.

Although he was not at UC for MO's beginning, Leskiw knows the organization's history. "The story begins with two college students, one local and one from Ohio," says Leskiw. "The one from out of state really never understood about Appalachia, so his friend took him out driving around the county. They drove up to a house where an old man was standing on

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Miles of Smiles from Cumberlands to Kenya

Imagine selling your home, resigning from a job that you love and leaving behind all of your family and friends, everything that you hold dear, to go to a place with no running water, no electricity and none of the comforts of home. That is exactly what Amanda Walton, '02 alum and admissions counselor, did in 2010 when she traveled to the Tumaini Miles of Smiles Center, an orphanage and school in Kakunga, a small rural area north of Mombassa, in the Republic of Kenya.

Meaning "hope" in Swahili, Tumaini currently serves 180 students, 30 of whom are orphans, but the center is constantly growing. Here, Walton helped organize an after-school program for the children. She also taught English, Christian education and physical education. In addition, she made bricks, visited widows and relieved the overworked Tumaini workers.

After several short visits, God impressed upon her heart, "Amanda, it's time for you to return everything that you have to me, because it is mine anyway. I'm going to take what you surrender and make what is good great."

"Once I arrived, I noticed that goals are still important, but not nearly as important as relationships." While she has a greater understanding of Kenyan culture and has learned how to make lasting change and advocate for widows and orphans while here in the U.S., Walton states that many goals still need to be met and others have changed.

"I know that God brought me to Tumaini to be an encouragement to the staff and to provide some small relief to the overwhelming task of looking after orphans," Walton said. "But, by accepting 'African time' I've embraced relationship over task. As a result, I've been blessed



"I look out over God's beautiful creation, and I can hear drums and voices praising God with reckless abandon."

beyond measure to catch a glimpse of what it means to praise God in a new way, and what it means to rely on my relationship with Him as my primary source of sustainable life. He is all I need." She goes on to say, "The greatest blessing has been seeing how alive and active God is in the hearts of the people [in Tumaini]. . . . I look out over God's beautiful creation, and I can hear drums and voices praising God with reckless abandon. They have little by earthly standards, but they are rich beyond belief in that the Lord they are praising is everywhere."

UCPA student experiences medicine differently through medical missions

The first Physician Assistant graduating class of 2012 is made up of an exceptional group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to medical service. It is no surprise that one of them recently found a way to employ his new degree in a higher calling.

This past summer, Jared Nix went to Christiana, Jamaica with Dr. Mike Collins from Bowling Green, Ky., a doctor who visits Jamaica and Africa multiple times a year to do medical missions work. In Christiana, Jared worked at an orphanage clinic, made house calls in rural areas to people who were unable to travel into town, and worked in a clinic in a local church basement.



Nix is hooded at a ceremony preceding his January 2012 graduation.

"We saw patients for nearly 14 hours that day," says Jared of the makeshift church clinic. "It was open and free to any who would come."

Jared's experience in Jamaica transformed his ideas of practicing medicine. "It changed my way of thinking of patients, because in Jamaica I was able to see what a great need they had for basic medical care. Some patients were very ill with chronic illness but others just needed someone to take their blood pressure, listen to their heart and tell them everything sounded okay. I saw others that were older and were showing the signs of a long life in the

sun, farming or working in industry. They were in chronic pain and believed that Tylenol was a miracledrug. They would wait all day in the sun to be seen. At times we would provide them little peanut butter sandwiches because they had been waiting so long. Young and old."

Jared Nix currently works in Lexington, Ky. at Neurosurgical Associates, a group within Central Baptist Hospital, but plans to return to Jamaica within the next year to do more medical work. It is certain, however, that it won't be the last time. "It allowed me to see how much need there is in the world, both abroad and at home," says Jared. "We are at our best as people when we use what we are given to help others."

Cumberlands alumnus speaks at FCA youth revival in Somerset

Forrest Coleman, University of the Cumberlands alumnus and assistant pastor and youth minister of First Baptist Church of Somerset, spoke to hundreds of students at a youth revival that began in the second week of April. The revival services were hosted by FBC of Somerset and sponsored by the Southeast Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FBC pastor Dr. French Harmon is a member of UC's Board of Trustees.



The revival was initially held in the old sanctuary at FBC of Somerset, a facility that can seat up to 500 people; however, by the fourth night, the event was moved to the church's newer sanctuary to accommodate the event's escalating attendance.

"The revival started with 300 guests, and then on the last scheduled day, April 15, it was apparent that the revival was not over; it was just getting started," Coleman said. According to Coleman, attendance reached as high as 1,200 students.

"Basically for 24 days straight, an average of about 700 youth gathered together and worshiped. One hundred students received Christ and hundreds of others made decisions for Christ—re-dedicated their lives," Coleman said with excitement.

"So as long as students were still coming and kids were getting saved, they extended it three more days. It was pretty unbelievable," Coleman said; "Honestly I was in awe of the Lord and of His power. Most of all, I was just excited to see this awesome work of God. I love seeing kids come to Christ."

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a ladder, trying to repair his roof. His house was a tarpaper house, literally just a house that had tarpaper for walls. So these two boys stopped and asked if they could help... and they did."

These two students' experiences captured the attention of the community, and Dr. Jim Taylor, president of UC, agreed to assist the students in setting up Mountain Outreach as a non-profit student run ministry.

Albert Jones, associate pastor at Main Street Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Ky., worked with MO as a Cumberland student from 1990 to 1994 and during his tenure served as assistant student coordinator and student coordinator. Main Street Baptist Church now supports and volunteers with MO projects. Jones remembers how differently MO operated when he was a student.

Jones says, laying emphasis on his words: "When we built houses, we'd build them on a pillar foundation. We basically got the house roughed in. Now when MO builds homes, they build on a block foundation; they've also got heating and air conditioning. They're building better quality homes. That's a real big positive change."

This summer, a team of nine students worked throughout a 10-week period to provide three new homes to families in need. Amy Roberts, a recent graduate of UC, worked on this summer team. "We're not just building houses we're meeting a physical need in order to witness to these people. I like meeting the families because they really are a greater blessing to us than anything we give to them," says Roberts.

In addition to the three houses MO constructed, Roberts and other volunteers also assembled dozens of wheelchair ramps, repaired several roofs and porches as well as equipped homes with working septic systems. Although a smaller project, Leskiw is just as eager to build someone a wheelchair ramp as he is to build someone a house.

"It's easy to focus on the house part of it, but for me, some of the most rewarding opportunities have been..." Leskiw pauses as his words merge into a story, "I remember this one woman. She had not been outside in nearly eight months because she was confined to a wheelchair. There have been lots of incidents where people were literally trapped in their home because they're in wheelchairs, and so when you're building them a ramp, you're not just building them a ramp, you're giving them their lives back."

Although MO is associated with UC, no student funding goes toward MO supplies. Each year President Taylor and MO director Marc Hensley seek financial assistance from thousands of possible donors as well as local businesses and national corporations.

Physician Assistant students feed children through Backpack Club



UCPA students have been quietly serving the Whitley County community for more than a year by providing food to children in need through a program called Backpack Club. Each week PA students gather to pack bags of easy-to-open/prepare foods for community elementary children who have been identified as at-risk for not having enough food to eat over the weekend. Some of these children are believed to eat only the breakfast and lunch they are served at school throughout the week, with the food from the Backpack Club feeding that child over the weekend.

Despite putting in 40+ hours a week in class and study, plus the hours caring for their families and homes, and only a handful of weeks off during the two years they are in the

program, the students make time to gather, sort and deliver food. They also spent \$800 of their own money at the beginning of the school year to buy school supplies and backpacks for 16 children.

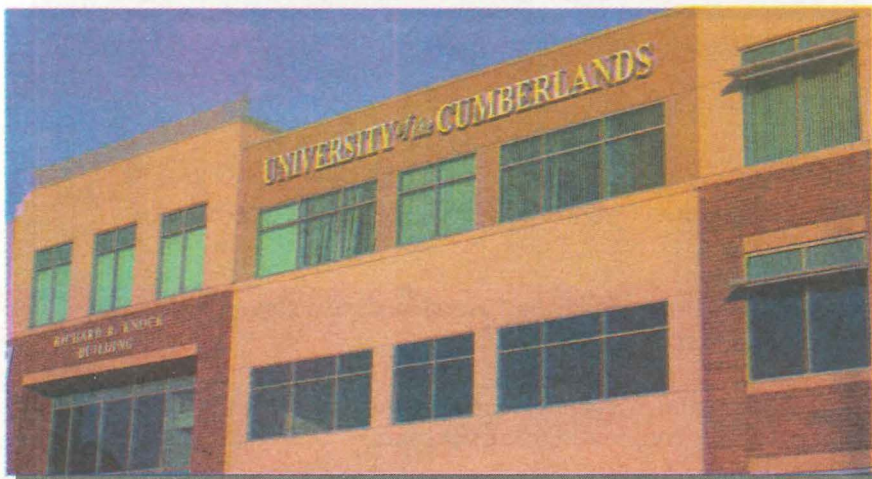
While the time put into Backpack Club is something the PA students find well worth sacrificing, the strain of funding the food mostly falls on them as well, something that they gladly do...when they are able. "It is a humbling experience to realize you have nothing to give," says Kendra Neeley, PA Cohort 3 student. "We think, 'what do we do now?'"

The PA Backpack Club currently feeds 24 children, yet there is still a waiting list of children who qualify for the program. At the time, however, donations and their own contributions can barely sustain the ones they have. They are hoping their letter will reach many in the community who have no knowledge of Backpack Club. But until then, the students will continue using their own resources to provide.

"Without the caring students at the Cumberlands, the food would not be available for the children at risk of going hungry," says Tammy Stephens from the Family Resource Center in Williamsburg. "The families really do rely on this supplemental food source and are grateful for the help that it provides."



One of three MO houses built this summer



New northern Kentucky branch opens

UC will be servicing students through a satellite campus in northern Kentucky beginning this fall. The new branch, located in Florence, Ky., will host three programs: the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology, the master's program in Physician Assistant Studies, and the Lifelong Learning program. Students in the Ph.D. program will meet in classes on site for a one year residency prior to their clinical rotations. University of the Cumberlands initially required a satellite campus to supply more clinical rotations opportunities for students in the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology. "There are no mental hospitals around here that we can use. We looked in Lexington and Louisville as well as northern Kentucky, and in going through the scope of it, we found more facilities in the Cincinnati and N. Kentucky area," said

Cockrum. Students in the PA program will do part of their clinical rotations in northern Kentucky and Cincinnati as well. "We're building a clinical rotation site up there now, and then we'll ask for full program up in that area," said Dr. Larry Cockrum, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The northern Kentucky branch will also host the Lifelong Learning program, a degree completion program for working adults. Presently, the program offers degree completion in the areas of business administration, psychology, human services, and criminal justice.

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Gifts & Endowments


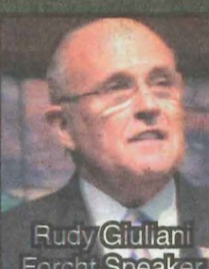
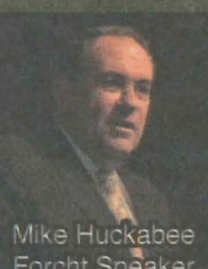
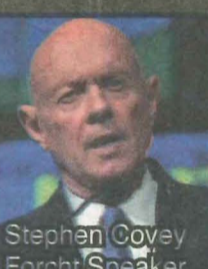

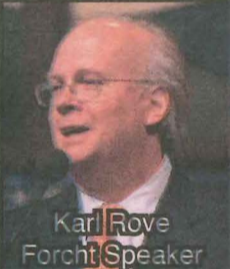
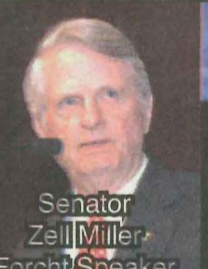






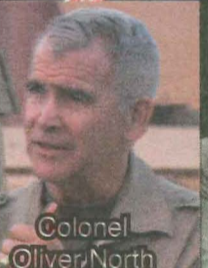





The University has been blessed to receive a number of gifts from God's faithful servants. Recently Kati Lou Rector of Monticello passed away. She was a staunch supporter of President Jim Taylor who served as pastor of South Main Mission, a mission church of Monticello First Baptist Church, when he was a student attending Cumberland College. When President Taylor learned of the \$10,000 bequest reaching back some 45 years, he said, "Now I truly know and understand the Master's words about the widow's mite. This is a very humbling experience."

Other gifts have been received which have truly changed the face of this institution and the lives of thousands of students. Keep in mind that endowed funds are not spent but rather invested. The University is authorized by its Board of Trustees to draw down 5% of the past 12 quarters average market value of the pooled endowment annually. So an endowment of \$1 million throws off \$50,000 in earnings which are spent on the endowment's purpose. The following gifts have been received for endowment:

- \$1.3 million Trust from Dr. Edward & Mary Klein Smith for scholarships
- \$250,000 from the will of an alumnus, Jacqueline Owen for the Jacqueline Day—Floyd L. Owen Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
- \$1 million endowment for Mountain Outreach from a friend in Knoxville
- \$1 million gift from Ward Correll in Somerset for the Ward Correll Health & Wellness Center
- \$500,000 from the Reeves Foundation in New Jersey toward the cost of the Ward Correll Health & Wellness Center
- \$250,000 from the A.V. Davis Foundations in Jacksonville, Florida for the Ward Correll Health & Wellness Center
- \$500,000 from an Atlanta Foundation for the Northern Kentucky School of Lifelong Learning
- 10% of a \$1 million trust from a Somerset couple for scholarships
- \$200,000 from Chartwells for Ward Correll Health & Wellness Center
- \$100,000 from the Hearst Foundation for endowed assistantships for students studying in the sciences
- \$100,000 from a 1957 alumni couple who wanted to "Put Something Back."

Honored Speakers from UC's Past

2013 Forcht Leadership Speaker
Charles Krauthammer
 "Ethical Leadership"
 Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
 Free tickets available
 beginning February 1, 2013.
 Call 606-539-4432
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	Rudy Giuliani Forcht Speaker	Mike Huckabee Forcht Speaker	Stephen Covey Forcht Speaker	Judge Roy Moore Forcht Speaker		
						
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President Jimmy Carter	Colonel Oliver North	Helen Thomas	Patricia Neal	Willard Scott	Ruth Graham	G. Gordon Liddy

Recognitions

Cumberlands Named Military Friendly School

G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named University of the Cumberland to its list of Military Friendly Schools. This list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

UC Named One of "America's Best Universities"

In September, U.S. News and World Report released their 2013 University rankings and University of the Cumberland was named one of "America's Best Universities." University of the Cumberland has been in the top tier of this award since 2005.

UC Ranked by Washington Monthly College Rankings

Unlike most college rankings, which position institutions according to how they benefit students alone, the Washington Monthly's Annual College Guide employs measures that assess how well colleges and universities serve their communities and the country. University of the Cumberland was ranked as one of these top schools.

Cumberlands named to America's Best Christian Colleges

Cumberlands has been named as one of America's Best Christian Colleges, an institution offering the finest educational opportunity in a Christian environment.

President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

The Corporation for National and Community Service have named Cumberland to this Honor Roll in recognition of our commitment to community service. This is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for dedication to community-based service projects.

Carver: As troops, chaplains return, churches must be ready

By Mickey Noah

Alpharetta, Ga.—They're coming home. They've witnessed death on the battlefield and led soldiers, sailors and Marines to Christ. They've baptized converts in water-filled barrels and led worship during rocket attacks. They've risked their own lives and sacrificed time away from their families. They are among the nation's unsung heroes—military chaplains.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has reported that 33,000 troops involved in the Afghan "surge" have been withdrawn, leaving another 68,000 U.S. troops and their chaplains still scheduled to remain and continue serving in Afghanistan until December 2014.

The last 100,000 troops in Iraq returned home last December. Since Sept. 11, 2001, a total of 2.4 million American military service members—including National Guard and reservists—have cycled through the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard—some of them more than once.

"Our troops have been touched and changed forever by the life-and-death issues of war," said retired Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Douglas Carver, now executive director for chaplaincy at the North American Mission Board. "They've seen things people shouldn't have to see. They're coming back home now, many of them bearing the burden of painful stories and bad memories.

"As veterans of war, our troops have forged lifelong relationships with their fellow service members," he added. "They're forever linked to a unique band of brothers and sisters."

Their transition back to the "normalcy" of civilian life will be hard.

"They're coming home to confront re-employment or unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, post-traumatic

stress and, in some cases, substance abuse and suicide," Carver said.

In fact, suicides in the U.S. Army reached a new high in July, when 38 active-duty and reserve soldiers ended their lives, according to news reports. Suicides among active-duty troops have averaged more than 30 deaths per month, according to Pentagon data. Last year's total number of suicides in the military was 283.

"All of our veterans returning home from war require some level of re-integration," Carver said. "This is where the local church can offer a powerful ministry to our veterans and their families."

Carver is particularly passionate about military chaplains, who are returning to the U.S. in large numbers. Carver spent 38 years in the U.S. Army, 29 of them as a chaplain. When he retired in the summer of 2011, the two-star general was the Army's Chief of Chaplains—based at the Pentagon—responsible for about 2,900 chaplains in the Army, Army Reserves and the National Guard.

"Our chaplains come home with the same issues as other veterans, searching for ways to put their lives back together," Carver said.

The church must do better in connecting to deployed and returning chaplains, Carver stressed. Churches can stay connected by adding military members to prayer and newsletter lists, sending video or audio recordings of each week's Sunday services and "adopting" deployed service members and their families through established family support groups for the military.

When they return home, chaplains and veterans should be given opportunities to speak at church so they can tell their stories, Carver said. "Include them in worship services, pastoral conferences, meetings, associations and other



Douglas Carver



WELCOME HOME At Fort Bragg, N.C., Army Staff Sgt. Robert Flaskamp carries the colors of the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team as the brigade's command team returns home from Afghanistan after a six-month deployment. (Photo by Sgt. Michael MacLeod/U.S. Army)

gatherings," he suggested.

"What can churches do to help our veterans find employment? What are they doing to help put chaplains back into ministry?" Carver asked. "Chaplains have extensive training and personal experience in critical ministry areas such as pastoral leadership, conflict management, trauma ministry, family counseling and pastoral care to the dying.

"Chaplains also can make great candidates for church planters," Carver noted. "They have the education, experience and exposure of going into isolated areas, where there's often no ministry effort taking place, and building one. That's what they did in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of them deployed to remote locations, often ministered alone with minimal support and, yet, were continuously successful." (NAMB/BP)

Veterans Day

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Home" team, the church celebrates returning military personnel on their first Sunday after their return.

"We post a 'Welcome Home Hero' banner in our lobby and throw a party," said Chris Ford, director of military ministry at Woodbridge First.

This includes bringing the family down front to a standing ovation, a time of prayer and a gift package, including a book on reintegration, a gift card for a family dinner, a free hotel stay and a coupon for three free hours of babysitting.

"We want to do anything we can to help with reintegration of the military person with their church, their spouse, their family and their community," Ford said.

This is part of what Sanders calls "missional military ministry."

"Just as you would apply the gospel and gospel community to any people group, churches can address the needs and context of military culture," Sanders said. "This applies to discipling military before they deploy, addressing their needs and reintegrating them when they return. And it also applies to outreach within the military community."

First Baptist, Norfolk, does this through simple acts of hospitality. The church provides space and refreshments for pre-deployment family briefings. They also reach out online through MilitaryBeliever.com, where service members can find resources for encouragement before they ever make a personal contact with the church.

The church also reaches out in a significant way to military personnel

who aren't married—a segment of the population who may not have a family support network back home. This outreach recently included assembling and sending 129 care packages to single service members aboard the USS Normandy.

"Many of them don't ever hear from anybody, especially if they come from broken homes," Sanders said. "We're very proactive in outreach and in speaking their language, and we want to connect with them very fast.

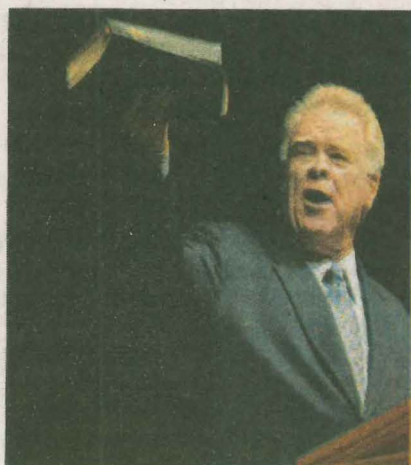
"Hospitality is so important for military ministry," Sanders added. "They move around and it takes too long to connect with people. If they're in our area, we host monthly dinners for new military in the area. Through social networking we connect with them before they ever get to us. Sometimes they end up not coming to our church, and that's OK. The point is to make a significant contact for the sake of the gospel."

Doug Carver, executive director of chaplaincy with the North American Mission Board and former Army Chief of Chaplains, said it's through the local church that the greatest change can happen among the U.S. military. NAMB is the endorsing entity for 1,425 U.S. military chaplains serving throughout the world.

"All of our veterans returning home from war require some level of reintegration," Carver said. "That is where the local church can offer a powerful ministry to veterans and their families.

"When they step into a local Baptist church, veterans should be able to say, 'I'm home with my brothers and sisters in the Lord.' I want the local church to be the champion of change in the lives of our returning troops." (NAMB)

Dr. Paige Patterson At Crestwood Baptist Church Frankfort, KY Sunday, November 11, 2012



Time: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

Location: 1006 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY

Dr. Paige Patterson is President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. With more than 50 years of faithful service and ministry as a pastor, evangelist, professor, college president, seminary president and President of the Southern Baptist Convention 1998-1999.

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'Your help has been amazing,' part 1

'Thank you' note from international student affirms Oneida's mission

In this month of giving thanks for the many blessings which are ours, I want to share (in two parts) the contents of a "thank you" gift from one of last year's graduates:

"My name is Jake Webster. I will remember Oneida Baptist Institute, and I hope you will always remember me because I feel I am one of your most grateful students. If ever someone on your staff gets discouraged, I hope they will read this and feel encouraged.

"I realize why Oneida was concerned about accepting me. I had been taking special-ed classes in public school to try to help me with my English/Russian challenges. I know you were concerned because I was so far behind and that you may not have the staff needed to give me the help I might need. It is only because of you that I now have confidence and knowledge to succeed. I came here at second-grade level one and a half years ago, and now I am graduating!

"Your help has been amazing! Oneida has helped me grow in all of the following ways:

"Socially: Since I had lived in an orphanage in the Ukraine for the first 12 years of my life, I thought dorm life would be no big deal. But four grown guys in a little room, some nice and some not nice, was a challenge. We tried to help a difficult roommate so he could live a better life. It may not have helped him for now, but we tried, and I will continue to pray for him.

"In the Ukraine, I had only one good friend. I was only here last year for one semester, so I didn't really have time to

develop good friendships, but this year I have enjoyed having good friends. I like hanging out with them in the dorm, at school activities and at games. I enjoy movie nights and concerts and even the school play.

"Kids used to make fun of me for not having a girlfriend or trying to be too good. Now I have friends who like me for who I am and who I want to be. I now like being a good kid and having true friends. I have learned how to be a loyal friend.

"Physically: I have enjoyed working on the farm. Actually, the chores are much easier than my chores at home. I also like playing the casual sports, games and activities here at Oneida. I have free time to work with my workout DVD. I have liked becoming stronger because I know that I can work better and hopefully soon work at a job. And everyone needs a strong friend!

"Mentally: You have all worked together to take me from reading at a second-grade level to graduating from high school in just 18 months. I know you truly care about me and want me to do well. You encouraged me with endless patience. You made me be responsible and focus, study and try harder. You taught me to read and write so much better. I now feel I will be able to fill out applications, get my driver's license and get a good job. You have taught me to show up on time, do a job well and try harder. Great thanks to all of you for not giving up on me. I know I was a challenge."

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This is Oneida



Paul Davidson

God is always working

Student recognizes God at work in his life despite many hardships

First-year student Kody Mullins saw God at work in his life despite the hard times he was facing.

"I wasn't raised in church. I really didn't have a clue what church was," Kody said. In eighth grade, "I went through what was probably the two most terrible years of my life that really changed me. My family had two houses burn down within a year. We lost everything. My dad was in Iraq during this time. He was gone longer than he was supposed to be gone and ended up being away for two and a half years.

"When my dad returned from Iraq he would take me fishing and hunting," Kody recalled. "It felt really good to have a father figure back in my life at this time. But my dad wasn't home two months from Iraq when he was diagnosed with brain cancer. The news really affected me. I got really mad at what little I even knew about God. I just didn't understand how God could let something like this happen after all that I had been through.

"Even though this was the toughest two years of my life, I do think it was also the best two years of my life," Kody said. "I saw God work so much through people who reached out and helped my family. I didn't have any clothes to wear, and I remember coming home from school one day and there were bags of clothes in our house from area churches. I believe God used this time in my life to soften my heart. I started to look at life with a different perspective when people started helping us. I realized God was using people to help us.

"During this time I met a girl who asked me to go to church with her," Kody said. "One service I just heard the preacher talking about the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I realized he was talking about me. The next Sunday I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. Now I'm thankful God has called me to ministry, and I can be at a place like Clear Creek where I can train to help others."

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Longtime KBC collegiate leader leaves to take Murray pastorate

By Dannah Prather

Murray—First Baptist Church of Murray has called longtime Kentucky Baptist Convention collegiate ministry leader Keith Inman as pastor.

The church voted Oct. 28 to call Inman, who has been serving in an interim role for several months. In July, Sam Rainer left the Murray church to lead Stevens Street Baptist Church in Cookeville, Tenn. Inman assumes the pastorate full time Jan. 1.

A 1979 graduate of Murray State University, Inman served as director of the Baptist Student Union (now Baptist Campus Ministry) from 1987 until 1999 when he accepted the position of director of the KBC's student department.

"I have loved this church and the community of Murray since my days as a college student," Inman said. "The ministry of First Baptist Church and BSU were a huge part of my spiritual journey."

During Inman's tenure, KBC's young-adult and collegiate ministry has grown to more than 30 Baptist Campus Ministries across Kentucky.

"I have been inspired by Keith's passion for the university campus," said Tommy Johnson, who has served the past nine years as Baptist campus minister at Western Kentucky University. "Some of the most significant spiritual moments for me have been when we have worked together to develop strategies to see this generation become disciples and leaders for Christ."

Gene Parr already was serving through Baptist Campus Ministry when Inman took the position at Murray State.

"As time passed, I noticed that

visionary ideas were consistently coming from" Murray, said Parr, the campus minister at Morehead State University.

"Keith has led our program to advance in student leadership, discipleship and missions," Parr continued. The ministry's "1:8 Leadership Experience," framed around Acts 1:8, is indicative of Inman's "vision of a summer missions experience that also combines a strong discipling component from pastors, seminary professors and campus ministers."

Summer 2013 will be the fifth year for the 1:8 Leadership Experience. Approximately 50 students will serve in Kentucky, as well as throughout North America and overseas.

A native of Caruthersville, Mo., Inman served as associate pastor for youth and recreation at First Baptist Church of Camden, Tenn., after he graduated from Murray State. He also served through LifeWay Christian Resources as a Centrifuge camp and music director. Before accepting the BSU directorship in Murray, he served as associate director of the BSU chapter at Arkansas State University. Inman has a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Keith Inman's work casts a long and profoundly positive shadow in Kentucky Baptist life," KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood said.

"There really is no way to calculate how many people literally across the world have heard the gospel because Keith disciplined and mentored college students who became missionaries, pastors and other Christian servants," he continued. "We are so blessed that he is remaining in Kentucky for this next chapter in ministry." (KBC)



Keith Inman

Cheerleaders' Bible banners allowed

Kountze, Texas—Cheerleaders at a Texas high school can continue their practice of using Bible verses on inspirational banners for football games now that a judge has issued a temporary injunction.

School officials had told the cheerleaders they could not include messages such as, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" on banners that football players run through before games. Students and their parents then sued the school district, and a trial is expected to start next summer.

The ban was prompted by a complaint from the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation, which now is seeking students and parents in the school


district to join a lawsuit.

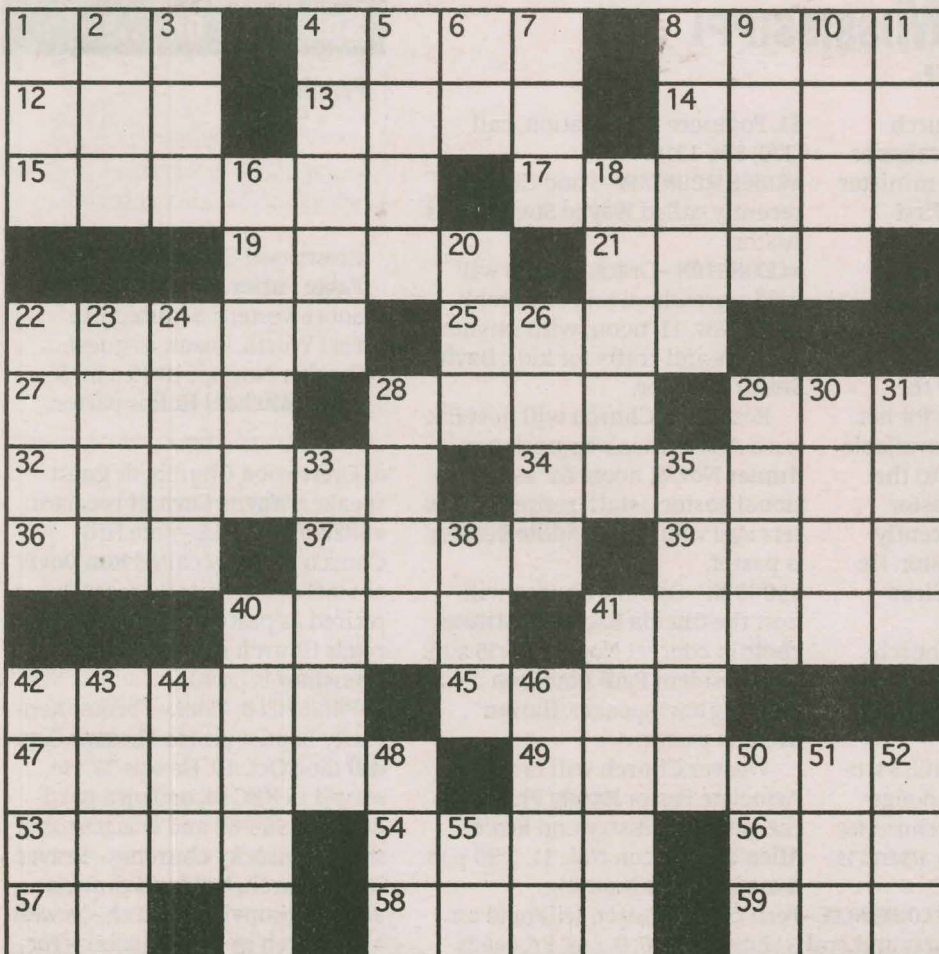
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott intervened in the case.

"Those banners, which the cheerleaders independently produce on their own time with privately funded supplies, are perfectly constitutional," Abbott said.

"Students' ability to express their religious views adds to the diversity of thought that has made this country so strong," he added.

Texas' Religious Viewpoint Anti-Discrimination Act signed in 2007 requires school districts to treat students' voluntary religious expression the same as a student's expression of any other viewpoint on a permissible subject. (BP)

5th Annual Meeting
J.H. SPENCER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

 Monday, Nov. 12
 10:30 a.m.
 Immanuel Baptist Church
 Room 176
 3100 Tates Creek Road
 Lexington, Ky. 40502
 Guest speakers:
Adam Greenway
 President of the
 Kentucky Baptist Convention
Mickey Winter
 Speaking on the life of John Gano
 Everyone is invited to attend.



Bible Crosswords

By Janet Adkins

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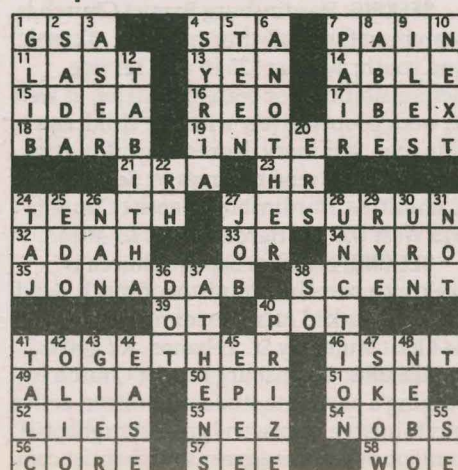
- 1 Juliette Low's organization (abbr.)
- 4 Depot (abbr.)
- 7 ___ reliever
- 11 "The ___ state of that man is worse than the first" (Luke 11:26)
- 13 Desire
- 14 Competent
- 15 Theory
- 16 Old auto
- 17 Wild goat
- 18 Stinging comment
- 19 Welfare; benefit
- 21 "And ___ also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David" (2 Samuel 20:26)
- 23 Part of a day (abbr.)
- 24 One-___ is a tithe
- 27 Righteous, symbolical name of Israel (var.)
- 32 One of Lamech's two wives (Genesis 4:19)
- 33 Conjunction
- 34 Late folk singer Laura
- 35 David's nephew (2 Samuel 13:3)
- 38 "Yet through the ___ of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs" (Job 14:9)
- 39 Certain therapist (abbr.)
- 40 Kitchen necessity
- 41 "Can two walk ___" (Amos 3:3)
- 46 "___ it Romantic?"
- 49 Inter ___
- 50 On or upon (prefix)
- 51 Unit of weight in the Middle East
- 52 Practices fabrication
- 53 ___ Perce, North American Indian tribe
- 54 Heads
- 56 Center; source
- 57 Understand; realize
- 58 "___ unto you, scribes and Pharisees" (Matthew 23:14)

Down

- 1 Speaking too easily
- 2 Actress Thompson
- 3 Tribe to which Anna the prophetess belonged (Luke 2)
- 4 Mideast country
- 5 Problem child?
- 6 "And he [Samson] said ... then shall I be weak, and be as ___ man" (Judges 16:11)
- 7 Matched set
- 8 French clergy member
- 9 Channel, Solomon, Hawaiian, et al., to Christophe
- 10 ___! (word heard in a queue)
- 12 Aka Dorcas (Acts 9)

- 20 Sounds of hesitation
- 22 ___ factor (group of antigens)
- 24 ___ Mahal
- 25 People living in southern Nigeria
- 26 Feminine nickname
- 27 Patient and faithful sufferer
- 28 "But ye have an ___ from the Holy One, and ye know all things" (1 John 2:20)
- 29 Deli loaf
- 30 Footed vase
- 31 ___ a chance
- 36 Period
- 37 Site of Mars' hill
- 38 Thus
- 40 "In a race run all, but one receiveth the ___" (1 Corinthians 9:24)
- 41 Bath powder
- 42 Highly spiced stew
- 43 The ___ eagle (fowl not to be eaten; Leviticus 11:18)
- 44 "Among these nations shalt thou find no ___" (Deuteronomy 28:65)
- 45 Fencer's adjunct
- 47 Garbage ___
- 48 Mount ___, in the land of Moab, gateway to Canaan (Deuteronomy 32)
- 55 Compass point

Last puzzle's solution



Estates & premarital counseling

New KBF tool to assist ministers in advising soon-to-be wed couples

Jane Bryant Quinn said it well, "You own stuff, you will die, someone will get your stuff." The Apostle Paul advised, "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8).

Regardless of how much or how little "stuff" a person owns, inherent in the Christian marriage covenant is the duty to God, to each other and to the families of a couple about to be married to have in place a written plan of (1) asset distribution at death and (2) asset management and health care decision making should one or both become incapacitated due to an accident or a health condition.

Regretfully, most couples enter into the sacred bond of matrimony without having given any consideration to these vitally important planning issues. This lack of planning at this important point in their lives could result in unintended and devastating consequences.

To help alleviate this, Laurie Valentine, our trust counsel, and I have developed a tool for ministers to use

in their premarital counseling ministries. In the development phase, we sought and received the benefit of the wisdom of four experienced Kentucky Baptist pastors, each of whom engaged in a premarital counseling ministry in their churches. We incorporated their ideas and suggestions into the tool to keep it as simple but as effective as possible.

We shall be introducing this new tool at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention on November 13 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. We encourage all ministers who will be at the meeting to stop by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation exhibit to view a sample and to place an order for this innovative ministry tool. Kentucky Baptist ministers who will not be attending the KBC annual meeting can call our office toll free and request the tool.

The KBF is making this tool available free of charge to Kentucky Baptist ministers whose ministries includes premarital counseling. We pray with confidence the Lord will bless its use.

Ky. Baptist Foundation



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- 9-11** All-State Junior High Choir, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 10** GA Jam, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 11** Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorale and Wind Orchestra Concert, First Baptist Church, Paris.
- 12** KBC Mission Board, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 12** Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 12** Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **BENTON**—Briensburg Church held a reception for **C.C. Brashear** Nov. 4 to honor his 50 years in ministry. **Brad Walker** is pastor.

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Living Hope Church will hold an "Unglued" event Nov. 9, 7 p.m.; Nov. 10, 9 a.m., with author **Lysa TerKeurst**, president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, as guest speaker. The cost to attend is \$20. For more information, call (270) 843-9462. **Jason Pettus** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—Buffalo Lick Church recently called **Terry Birdsong** as pastor.

Rock Front Church will hold revival services Nov. 8-11 with **Paul Cannon** as evangelist. **Tony Evans** is pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville University's piano ensemble will present its fall concert Nov. 8, 8 p.m., in the Gheens Recital Hall of the Gosser Fine Arts Center on campus.

■ **CLARKSON**—Clarkson Church recently called **John Whittaker** as pastor. He previously was minister of children and youth at First Church of Martin, Tenn.

■ **CORBIN**—Central Church will hold a "Lottie Moon Christmas" event Nov. 9, 6 p.m.; Nov. 10, 10 a.m., with information about who Lottie Moon was and why the annual offering is named for her. Handmade crafts will be available in return for a donations to the offering. **Chad Fugitt** is pastor.

Lynn Camp Church recently called **Eddie Barker** as pastor. He currently is a student at Clear Creek Bible College.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Buck Run Church will ordain **Joshua Ruwet** as a deacon Nov. 11, 6 p.m. **Hershael York** is pastor.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—First Church's student ministry will hold a dodgeball tournament for area churches Nov. 10, 5 p.m. The cost to attend is

\$1. For more information, call (270) 886-1216.

■ **KINGS MOUNTAIN**—Pond Church recently called **Wayne Stephens** as pastor.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Grace Church will hold a preschool and children's event Nov. 11, noon, with missions projects and crafts for kids. **David Smith** is pastor.

Rosemont Church will host Elkhorn Association's appreciation dinner Nov. 8, noon, for associational pastors, staff, retired ministers and volunteers. **Eddie Benton** is pastor.

■ **LONDON**—Calvary Church will host the **Oneida Baptist Institute choir** in concert Nov. 11, 10:55 a.m. OBI President **Paul Davidson** also will be guest speaker. **Harlan Avera** is pastor.

Weaver Church will ordain Associate Pastor **Randy Philpot** to the gospel ministry and **Ernie Allen** as a deacon Nov. 11, 2:30 p.m. **Ronnie Owens** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Fern Creek Church will hold an arts and crafts show Nov. 10, 9 a.m. Proceeds from booth rentals will go to support the church's Honduras missions team. **Linda Barnes Popham** is pastor.

St. Matthews Church will host St. Matthews Area Ministries' annual pre-holiday "Pulling Together" banquet and auction Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$30. For more information, call (502) 896-8882. **Greg Barr** is pastor.

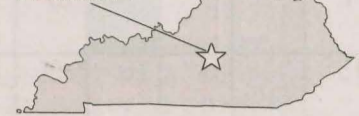
■ **MAYFIELD**—High Point Church will hold a ladies' craft night Nov. 8, 6 p.m. **Rick Hatley** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church's women's ministry will host its annual Christmas tea and canned-good drive Nov. 10, 6 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10. **Billy Compton** is pastor.

■ **PAINTSVILLE**—First Church celebrated its 109th anniversary Nov. 4 with **Donnie Patrick**, pastor

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Frankfort



Crestwood Church will host **Paige Patterson**, president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, as guest speaker Nov. 11, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. **Michael Hail** is pastor.

of Crestwood Church, as guest speaker. **Wayne Cornett** is pastor.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Vine Hill Church recently called **Ron Davis** as staff evangelist. He recently retired as pastor of Franklin Crossroads Church in Cecilia. **Greg Crenshaw** is pastor.

■ **SPRINGFIELD, TENN.**—Former Kentucky Baptist pastor **Thomas Caudill** died Oct. 19. He was 77. He served as KBC second vice president in 1964-65 and was pastor of three Kentucky churches—Beaver Dam Church, Oakland Church and Simpsonville Church—as well as a church in West Virginia. For 20 years, he served as pastoral care minister at Highview Church in Louisville. Caudill is survived by his wife, Eveleen, four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Oct. 26 in Louisville.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church will hold a "Missions Emphasis Sunday" Nov. 11 with **Matt Walton**, church planter and pastor of The Passage Church in Wendell, N.C. **John Brandon** is pastor.

■ **WACO**—Panola Church will hold fall revival services Nov. 11-14. **Philip Ronk** is pastor.

Junior high choir to perform in Louisville

Louisville—The Kentucky Baptist All-State Junior High Choir will perform three times Nov. 11 at Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville.

The 60-plus voice choir comprised of students in grades 7-9 from 29 congregations will sing during the morning worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m., and again at 3 p.m.

Members of this year's choir are:

Chelsea Arnold, Hartford Baptist.
Kylee Auten, Highland Park First Baptist, Louisville.
Arianna Baird, Horse Cave Baptist.
Zane Birdsong, Immanuel Baptist, Paducah.
Cierra Bowman, First Baptist, Owenton.
Shelby Caudel, Horse Cave Baptist.
Ashley Chandler, Lone Oak First Baptist, Paducah.
Bethany Cissell, Versailles Baptist.
Alex Cobb, First Baptist, Owenton.
Sarah Coomer, First Baptist, Kuttawa.
Callie Copeland, First Baptist, Albany.
Sarahbeth Cox, First Baptist, Brandenburg.
Mildred Dominguez, First Baptist, Albany.
Cameron Durbin, Lone Oak First Baptist, Paducah.
DeeDee Early, First Baptist, Kuttawa.
Abigail Etherton, Pleasant Grove Baptist, Shepherdsville.
Anna Grace Ehr, First Baptist, Lawrenceburg.
Morgan Flecke, Crescent Hill Baptist, Louisville.
Jordan Gatewood, Highland Park First Baptist, Louisville.
Matthew Golden, First Baptist, Madisonville.
Ashtyn Gray, Hawesville Baptist.
Chase Harberson, Broadway Baptist, Lexington.
Melissa Hekel, Beacon Hill Baptist, Somerset.
Matthew Howerton, First Baptist, Madisonville.
Whitley Howlett, First Baptist, Mount Washington.

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Olivia Kessinger, First Baptist, Brandenburg.

Rachel Kinman, Versailles Baptist.
Ashton Leet, First Baptist, Owenton.
Casey Love, First Baptist, Brandenburg.
Carley Miller, First Baptist, Albany.
Kasey Miracle, First Baptist, Madisonville.

Rachel Oakley, First Baptist, Kuttawa.
Ethan Peck, Immanuel Baptist, Paducah.

Jodie Ransdell, First Baptist, Owenton.
Hannah Robb, First Baptist, Owenton.
Emma Robinson, Hawesville Baptist.

Jeremiah Robinson, Sovereign Grace Baptist, Lawrenceburg.
Noah Robinson, Ninth & O Baptist, Louisville.

Anne Russell Waits, Calvary Baptist, Lexington.

Rebecca Sams, Millville Baptist, Frankfort.

Nathan Sears, First Baptist, Somerset.
Anna Shelby, Versailles Baptist.

Joshua Simpson, First Baptist, Frankfort.
Jayla Smith, First Baptist, Owenton.
Lydia Smith, Grace Baptist, Independence.

Cassidy Stearman, First Baptist, Owenton.

Evan Stewart, Parkland Baptist, Louisville.

Olivia Swadley, Lone Oak First Baptist, Paducah.

Kaitlyn Taylor, Main Street Baptist, Williamsburg.

Caryn Thomas, Living Hope Baptist, Shepherdsville.

Liam Thomas, First Baptist, Madisonville.

Justin Tucker, First Baptist, Madisonville.

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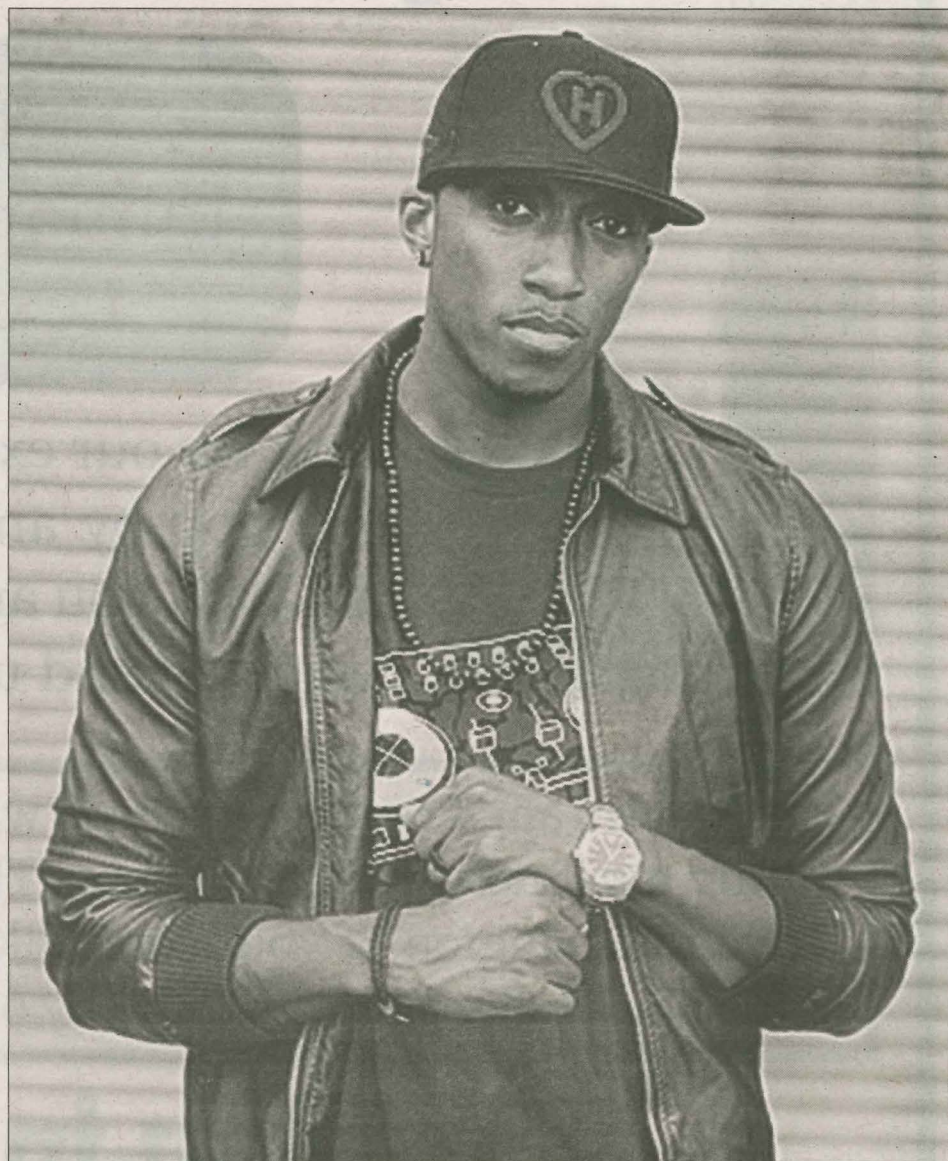
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TobyMac

Lecrae



Best-selling artists top album charts, break new ground for Christian hip hop

By Aaron Earls

Nashville, Tenn.—Christian hip hop artists TobyMac and Lecrae are turning heads in the music industry and seeking to parlay the success of their latest albums into impact on the culture at large.

TobyMac's latest, "Eye On It," became the first Christian album in 15 years—and only the third ever—to top the Billboard 200 chart of bestselling albums. It was No. 1 for a week in September, and the album sold 69,000 copies in its opening week.

While the former member of the Christian rock group dcTalk was grabbing the top spot on Billboard, another artist, Lecrae, became the first Christian hip hop artist to secure the bestselling slot on iTunes' Hip Hop/Rap and Top Album charts.

Lecrae's "Gravity" actually held the top two spots on the hip hop charts as the deluxe version debuted at No. 1 and the regular version peaked at the second position.

Lecrae's opening week was even better than TobyMac's in raw numbers. "Gravity" pulled in more than 72,000 sales, easily the biggest sales week ever for a Christian rap album.

Alvin Reid, professor of evangelism and student ministry at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, said he normally doesn't listen to rap but has become a fan of Lecrae because of the

artist's ability and desire to communicate Christ to the urban culture.

"When you listen to his lyrics," Reid said, "you hear something you do not hear nearly enough in mainstream Christian radio—theology and conviction without apology about things like the exclusivity of the gospel, urgency to spread it and even theological concepts from ecclesiology to depravity."

Lecrae: 180-degree turnaround

Lecrae (whose last name is Moore) earned two Dove Awards this year, one for rap/hip hop song of the year and another for rap/hip hop album of the year. Fifteen years ago, *WORLD* on Campus reported, Lecrae was far more likely to earn prison sentences.

"Raised in south Houston by a single mom, (Lecrae) Moore never met his drug-addicted dad," the collegiate-oriented website of *WORLD* magazine noted. "By 16, he was on drugs, in street fights and on a gang list. His friends nicknamed him Crazy Crae and his mom, despairing for her son, urged him to read the Bible—but he ripped out the pages and stomped them. Feeling empty, he turned to alcohol, sex and dealing drugs.

"When Moore was 17, a police officer pulled him over and, while cuffing him for drug possession, spotted on the back seat a Bible that Moore's grandma had given him. Moore, seeking a way out, promised to live by the book," *WORLD* recalled. After some struggling, his life

turned around.

TobyMac, meanwhile, has been a regular on the Christian music scene since his days with dcTalk, selling 11 million albums and winning five Grammy awards.

This is not his first appearance on the Billboard 200. "Eye On It" is his ninth album on the charts and third in the top 10. As a part of dcTalk, he had four previous hit albums.

"Eye On It" brings listeners a sense of the artist's personal Christian life.

"We're all struggling," TobyMac said in a press release by True Artist Management. "We're struggling to mend relationships, to love people well and to love God. But the gift of walking this life of faith is that you can make it right each day. You can turn and start over, determined, with your eye on it."

For Lecrae, "Gravity" is another part of his mission to bring the gospel to urban youth. The success of the album is a means to an end.

"It's surreal," he said in an interview with *Rapzilla*. "The mission is never to be ranked high for being ranked high's sake."

"The mission is to garner attention, to fan flames so people can catch wind of a movement that exists beyond Lecrae and really begin to understand the truth that we are consistently and constantly rallying around," Lecrae said.

For TobyMac, "Eye On It," which features Lecrae on the track "Forgiveness,"

is a labor of love that he said he hopes will bring enjoyment and inspiration to listeners. Overall, his desire is for his albums to "point people to something deeper, something more hopeful."

'Transforming culture'

Similarly, Lecrae, who was saved as a 19 year old immersed in the hip hop culture of the inner city, is "passionate about transforming culture" with the message of Christ.

Influenced by the writings of Chuck Colson and Francis Schaeffer, Lecrae said, "I'm not afraid to step into culture. I've been doing that since I've been a Christian. It's called being a missionary."

For Lecrae, an Atlanta resident, that means producing quality music with a redeeming message. "As one who wants to impact culture and make good art, your craft has to be done well," he said.

In order to proclaim the message to his intended audience, Lecrae said he realizes he first has to be there and ministering in a culturally relevant manner.

"We have to show up," Lecrae said, "and provide an alternative to the reality for them."

TobyMac agreed that Christians must be operating in the culture in order to see Christ-centered change happen.

"Gospel or Christian artists are an important part of society, and our voice needs to be heard for all the right reasons," he said. (BP)

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