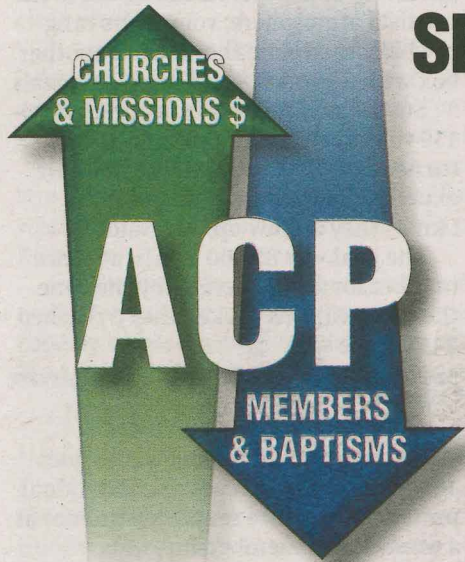


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SBC churches up in 2012; members, baptisms fell

By Marty King

Nashville, Tenn.—Southern Baptists experienced growth in the number of churches affiliated with the convention in 2012 and the total amount given for denominational missions causes. However, according to the Annual Church Profile compiled by LifeWay Christian Resources in cooperation with Baptist state conventions, most of the ACP metrics declined in 2012 including membership, average attendance, baptisms and total giving.

The number of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention grew by 270 to

46,034, a 0.6 percent increase over the previous year. SBC churches also reported 4,992 church-type missions last year, 40 more than in 2011, although some state conventions no longer use that designation which may have impacted the total.

Although the number of SBC-related congregations grew, reported membership of those churches declined more than 100,000, down 0.7 percent to 15.9 million members. Primary worship attendance declined 3.1 percent to 5.97 million Sunday worshippers.

Although baptisms were a bright spot in last year's report, increasing 0.7

percent, this year's report shows a decline of 5.5 percent to 314,956 people. Reported baptisms have declined six of the last eight years, with 2012 the lowest since 1948. The ratio of baptisms to total members increased to one baptism for every 50 members.

"While we celebrate every new baptized believer represented by these numbers, fewer reported baptisms is heart-breaking," said Thom Rainer, president and CEO of LifeWay.

"Southern Baptists cannot rest on what God accomplished through us in prior years. The message of the gospel is See 2012 ACP ... Page 4

3rd largest ever Lottie Moon mission gifts grow to \$149.3M

By Erich Bridges

Richmond, Va.—Southern Baptists gave \$149.3 million to the 2012 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

The 2012 Lottie Moon Offering, finalized June 5, totaled \$149,276,303.72. It surpassed last year's offering of \$146.8 million by more than \$2.4 million and marked the third-highest amount given in the offering's 124-year history.

Speaking on behalf of missionaries across the globe, International Mission Board President Tom Elliff expressed gratitude to God for the generosity of Southern Baptists.

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Sowing seeds, meeting needs

By Whitney Jones

Winchester—Several churches in central Kentucky are using their extra land or even church members' yards to grow food and feed the hungry in their communities.

Pastor Timothy Christopher at Heritage Baptist Church in Winchester sits in his office and looks out to what is now a garden where volunteers till, plant and water produce. A little more than a year ago Christopher was looking out the same window and realized that the unused land around the church needed to be used to serve the community.

So he brought his idea before the church, and he said they were enthusiastic about growing food for those in need. Heritage brought the pro-

This bounty of garden goodies were harvested last summer by Harvest Baptist Church in Winchester and used to feed the hungry. (Photo provided by Timothy Carpenter)

duce to a local community need center, where Christopher was told the church's harvest helped 200 families.

Even though last year there was a horrible drought, the pastor said God provided and the garden flourished.

"Our garden just kept producing and producing," Christopher said. "We took bushels of tomatoes, green beans and squash and zucchini. We had peppers. We had potatoes."

Christopher makes sure every piece of produce grown at Heritage Baptist goes to those in need. He said last year some of the church members asked him when they could pick produce from the garden, to which he answered, "not anytime soon."

"I had little old ladies in my church that came to me and said, 'Pastor, when can I get a tomato?' And I said I guess you go to Kroger." Christopher said he then explained to them, "Ma'am I'm sorry, but that produce is not for us. It's all for the See Gardens ... Page 4



BSA policy: Ky. churches picking sides

By Robin Cornet Bass

Rineyville—With the Boy Scouts of America's decision to accept openly homosexual members, many Kentucky churches, like Rineyville Baptist Church, are wrestling with what to do.

Despite recent media reports that Rineyville Church has cut ties with the Boy Scouts, Pastor Mitch Ash said Friday his church has yet to make an official decision, but stated it would be unlikely for the partnership to continue.

"It breaks our hearts to see this happen," Ash said, referring to the membership policy change made by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America May 23. "We want to be people of

compassion, but we have to draw the line somewhere."

Ash said while his church has very little to do with Cub Scout Pack 152 other than provide a meeting place, Rineyville Church would technically be responsible for renewing the charter Jan. 1. However, Ash said, disenfranchised troop leaders may make the decision to disband on their own.

"It has been a good relationship, I guess we will just wait and see," Ash said.

Rather than wait, Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown announced soon after the policy change was approved that it would not renew charters for Boy Scout Troop 604 and Cub

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Dragon Legends' opens at Creation Museum

Cincinnati—The Bible-based Creation Museum near Cincinnati has unveiled three new exhibits, including "Dragon Legends" about dragon folklore.

Dragon Legends highlights tales of dragons from around the world, including the Americas, Africa, Australia, China, Europe and the Middle East, according to the museum's website, displaying the writings of ancient historians and armaments possibly used by dragon slayers. The Creation Museum says the tales are evidence that dinosaurs and humans lived together.

Completing the new displays, which opened Memorial Day weekend, are the high-tech insect display "Dr. Crawley's Insectorium" and the "Verbum Domini" collection of Bibles and related artifacts from the famed Green Collection amassed by Hobby Lobby President Steve Green.

Travelers at certain points in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana will see an expansive billboard campaign announcing the exhibits at the 70,000-square-foot museum.

Other upcoming museum features include the June 15 opening of 20 zip lines totaling 12,000 feet, an expansion to the museum's petting zoo and the July debut of the "Fires in the Sky" planetarium exhibit focusing on comets.

The zip line course will include 12 bridges spanning a lake and dozens of acres of forested property.

The Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky., is an outreach of the apologetics ministry Answers in Genesis, which has announced plans to build a full-size Noah's Ark in Williamstown, Ky., about 40 miles south of Cincinnati. (BP)

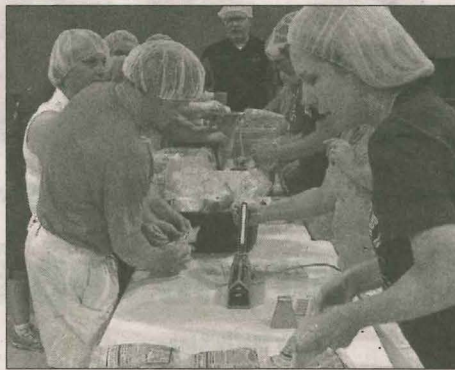
Volunteers package 84,792 meals bound for Haiti

By Mike James

Grayson—More than 200 people busily packing rice and other foods into plastic pouches at Grayson's First Baptist Church June 1 were there, in a way, because of the small gray disc in Mary Jane Suttles' hand.

The mud cookie, literally mud mixed with a bit of shortening and salt, is all many starving Haitians can afford to eat; it doesn't nourish them, but it eases the pangs in their bellies at least for a while.

Suttles and some other members of her church have traveled to Haiti on mission trips and seen children eat the cookies, which are riddled with parasites. It was in Haiti that she first heard about Kids Against Hunger, a non-profit organization that uses volunteer labor to package highly nutritious ingredients into



Volunteers gather at First Baptist Church in Grayson June 1 to pack meals bound for Haiti. (Photo by Mike James)

almost ready to eat meals for six.

Among FBC Grayson volunteers were members of other churches, civic groups and businesses. With money raised by the volunteers, the organization bought

the food for packaging and supplied all other materials, from bulk-food bins to plastic-pouch sealers to the plastic gloves worn by the workers.

Volunteers loaded the pouches with scoops of rice, crushed soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, vitamins and minerals. Lively music blared and added to the carnival atmosphere; volunteers rang cowbells each time they loaded another box with 36 pouches, which is 216 meals.

Suttles said she was expecting 120 to 150 volunteers, but more than 200 turned out. "It was way above what we expected, but it doesn't surprise me. I knew they'd show up," she said.

The goal was 80,000 meals, a record number for a single event; by the time the last meal was packed they'd reached 84,792, she said.

Mike James writes for *The Daily (Ashland) Independent*.

Boy Scouts

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Scout Pack 604 at the end of the year.

In a letter to Scouting parents and church members Severns Valley leaders wrote, "By introducing homosexual identification into Scouting, the Boy Scouts have effectively required church-sponsored Scouting units to endorse that which they consider incompatible with Scripture."

The letter included several biblical passages referring to the sanctity of marriage and the unrighteousness of homosexuality.

Severns Valley Associate Pastor Jeff Wilson said church leaders had been in discussions since January when BSA was initially considering ending a ban on gay Scout leaders. On June 2, church leaders and deacons voted unanimously to sever ties with the Boy Scouts, effective Dec. 31.

For Finchville Baptist Church, ties

with Boy Scout Troop 137 were not cut by church leaders—rather by Scoutmaster Bill Pacey, who told *The Sentinel* (Shelbyville) News that after 20 years in scouting he is disbanding the group because BSA "is headed down the wrong trail of social experimentation."

Finchville Pastor Jay Tigner confirmed Friday that church leadership played no role in the decision not to renew the troop's charter.

"I really hate to see it come to this," Tigner said. "We were by no means going to authorize an end to the partnership because what we are about is showing the love and mercy of Christ. We exclude nobody."

Baptist churches are being urged to "turn what looks like a negative into a positive" by A.J. Smith, president of the Association of Baptists for Scouting. In a statement June 7, Smith proposed an alternative "interpretation" of the changes to BSA's membership policy and provided four points to consider:

- Sexual activity among youth goes against Scouting virtues and individual units could require sexual abstinence as a condition of membership.

- While boys may not be denied membership based on perceived sexual orientation, if a youth becomes a distraction, or casts a poor reflection on the troop he may be denied membership.

- The resolution, according to Smith, does not require that a church-chartered unit affirm the moral acceptability of same-sex attraction.

- Churches would be allowed to ask adult leaders to portray traditional marriage as what it means to be morally straight.

"In short," Smith concluded, "Baptist churches that charter Scout units have the power to enforce a code of conduct on the boys that precludes their ability to engage in any kind of sexual activity and to bring disciplinary measures on youth who violate the code of conduct, even to the point of removing them." (WR)

Church gardens

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community needs center.' And I held to my guns on that."

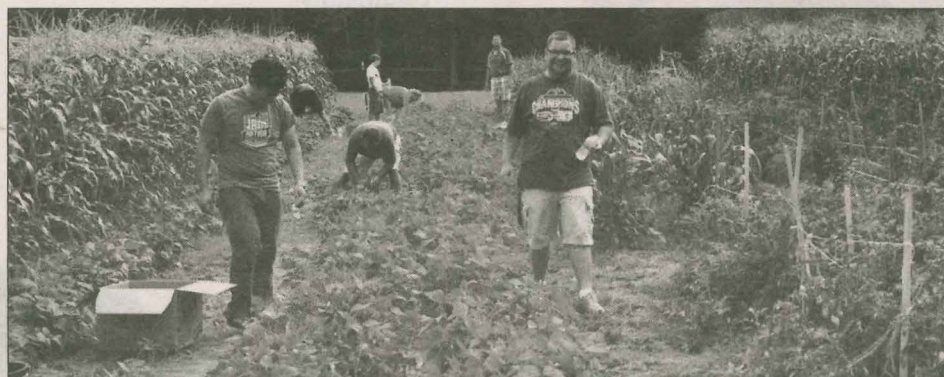
Heritage Baptist isn't the only church taking advantage of extra acreage in a way that helps the hungry. Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria has a community garden behind its CARE ministry building that helps fuel the church's food ministry during harvest time.

Laura McCrann helps gather volunteers for the community garden and said the produce gathered for people in need is just one way her church serves through its CARE Mission. The center, which actually began before Main Street Church was fully formed, serves families in need with clothing, food and other household needs from its southern Campbell County location.

In fact, McCrann said one of her neighbors works for Salvation Army that is in the northern part of the county. Her neighbor told her they rarely serve anyone who lives in southern Campbell County because the church and its CARE Mission take care of those families.

"We can tell that it's helping the community in this area," McCrann said.

Last year, the garden that supports CARE Mission produced more than 1.5



Ray Stone (left) and Zack Gilbert (right) join other members of Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria picking fresh vegetables. The church's garden has become part of their food ministry to the needy in their community. (Photo provided by Robert Franklin)

tons of produce—even with the drought. This year, McCrann said the church is expanding the garden in hopes of serving more people.

Unlike last year, where all the food went to the CARE Mission for needy families, McCrann said the church hopes to produce enough extra food to sell at the church in order to support other services at CARE Mission.

"We continually get more people coming to the church, commenting on that you were nice to reach out and help me, and then they keep coming back. And that's the whole point," McCrann said. "We're really very happy with the way that it's all working out."

While Heritage and Main Street Baptist churches have handed their produce over to distribution centers during the past year, South Campbellville Baptist Church is just starting its own garden to bolster meals the church provides for free.

Deacon Andrew Blair is part of a small group that has started the church's first community garden in the yard of an older church member. He said the few families in his small group volunteer to work the ground and plant seed so that in a couple months the church can use the produce in its weekly Wednesday night meals.

"Sometimes the people that come to

these meals aren't actually members of the church. They're people of the local community and the surrounding area of the church," Blair said. "Some of them are low income and don't get to eat three times a day. So sometimes that meal is something that people are really appreciative of and that they are really in need for."

Blair said since this is the church's first year to have a garden, its fruits are going straight to the church's members and visitors. But he said he would like to reach out and help the needy in his community in the future if this year's garden proves successful.

All three sets of gardeners are aiming to serve the hungry, which Heritage Baptist's Christopher said Christ has called all believers to do.

"It's a garden of need, more than a community garden," Christopher said. The community part is the community hopefully coming in to make it bigger and make it more productive so it can reach more people and feed more people."

Now the three groups continue to weed, water and care for their tender produce as they hope for a better growing season than last year's dry summer. These three churches are proving that to be the hands and feet of Jesus, they have to be willing to get some dirt under their nails. (WR)

Sharing Mission: Dignity is a 'family' thing

By John Ambra

It was October 2001 and Buddy Temple was in a quandary. The retired postal service worker and court bailiff had sold a house a few months earlier and couldn't figure out where God wanted him to direct part of the proceeds. No matter how many options he looked at, he had no clear direction.

"I was trying to do something with the money that belonged to God," Temple said. "Every time I sat down to write a check, something stayed my hand. I've never had a problem giving to the Lord, but this time I just couldn't do it."

Buddy and his wife, Nora, joined a group of friends on a trip to Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico to attend a week-long senior adult event sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources.

On Tuesday afternoon, the day after their arrival, Buddy walked up to Glorieta's prayer garden and spent some quiet time by himself near the reflecting pool as the gold leaves of the aspens rustled in the crisp autumn air.

"God, I need to get rid of this money. It's yours," he prayed.

That night, in the main conference session, Buddy and Nora listened to a presentation about GuideStone's Mission: Dignity ministry. It was the first time they had ever heard about the needs of several thousand retired ministers and their widows who had served in small, rural churches and now were struggling to pay for basic expenses. Immediately, Buddy had peace in his heart that he had been searching for.

As they went back to their cabin later in the evening, Nora knew Buddy's countenance had changed. She said to him, "That's where your money's going, isn't it?"

When they arrived home in Texas, Buddy made out a check to Mission: Dignity. A year later, after reading more stories about the impact his gift was making, Buddy began sending a monthly gift as well and has continued ever since.

"The first check I write is for my church. The second one is Mission: Dignity."

In 2008, the Temples moved their membership to Woods Chapel Baptist Church, near their home in Arlington, Texas. Two years ago, Buddy told his men's class about Mission: Dignity.

"I got one of the monthly thank-you letters and there was a story about an old pastor who only got a \$39 retirement check and needed a battery for his car. It really hit me that what goes around comes around. We have 16 men in our class and all of us could do something. I thought they needed to hear

this. They were surprised about the \$39 income."

"Buddy presented it and we voted on it," said teacher Tom Boddie. "We are glad to give and really get a blessing out of it."

Each month, the class takes up an offering. It started with \$5 each, but some give more. The collections average about \$100 a month.

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"These men are ready and willing to give. They even have their money out on the tables when it's our week for Mission: Dignity and I really don't even have to say anything," Buddy noted. "I don't count the money. Somebody counts it and announces the total to the class. Then I deposit it and mail in a check."

Recently, one of the women's classes heard what was going on and asked if they could give, too. They bring their money to the men's class and it gets added into the monthly collection. More than \$3,000 has been given by the two classes.

At last year's Mission: Dignity Sunday, Buddy and Nora had a chance to tell their whole church about the ministry using the video and bulletin inserts that are available. Their pastor, Eric Armstrong, wholeheartedly supported the church learning about Mission: Dignity.

Mission: Dignity Sunday is June 23 on the SBC calendar. Help Mission: Dignity spread the word by encouraging your church, Sunday school class or mission organization to participate in this special day. Order free bulletin inserts and a short video. The materials are undated and can be used on any day of your choice. Churches and Sunday School classes can also download posters and ads from Mission: Dignity's website at www.MissionDignitySBC.org/Resources.

Buddy and Nora count it a privilege to be in a position where they can give back to those who have ministered through the years. Buddy has even volunteered to speak at other churches, if needed.

Nora said, "This is some kind of organization if 100 percent of our money goes to those in need."

"I feel so close to these people," Buddy added. "It's like I am sending help to my own mother or to a family member. I can't take any credit for this, though. It's all been from God."

Buddy and Nora Temple have a long and faithful connection with Mission: Dignity and have encouraged many others to join them in helping people in need. It all goes back to a peaceful afternoon in the mountains of New Mexico when a man got quiet with God and simply asked, "What would you have me do?"

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A Father's Day tribute

"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. Then he taught me, and he said to me, 'Take hold of my words

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Paul Chitwood

with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live'" (Proverbs 4:1-4).

My father, Thomas Lee Chitwood, was born in 1946 to a disabled coal-mining father and a factory-working mother. He grew up in the mountains of East Tennessee and, by American standards, was poor. Upon graduat-

ing high school, he immediately began work climbing poles and installing residential phone lines for South Central Bell. His 45-year career was temporarily interrupted when he received his draft card in 1965. He married while he was in the army and after his military service returned to South Central Bell and worked as an electronic technician.

In 1972 his marriage failed and he gained custody of my brothers and me, then ages four, two, and one. His parents did what they could to help us and he always did what he could to help them. To this day, he and his siblings care for my 94-year-old grandmother in her home, my grandfather having died in 1992.

Several years after his divorce, my father remarried and, in time, had his only daughter. Having been raised in difficult circumstances and raising his first three children in difficult circumstances has never preoccupied my father. He is one of those hard-to-find men who, apart from his faith, seems to find his greatest joy in his family. Of all the roles he has in life, those who know him understand the roles of son and father define him. And in those roles, he will, every time, do what he thinks best for his family no matter what it costs him.

I have learned many lessons from my father, lessons about faith, family, work, farming, fishing and countless other subjects. Most lessons I have learned from observation since his humility and reserved personality do not produce an abundance of prepared lectures or pontifications. Whether watching my father's instruction or, on those rare occasions, hearing it, experience has taught me to "pay attention and gain understanding" (Proverbs 4:1). The lessons I have learned have helped me live and live well (Proverbs 4:4).

My father's commitment to Christ as a boy and his recommitment to Christ when I was a boy have had a greater impact upon our family than anything else I can imagine. I am eternally grateful to have been raised by a Christian father.

In fact, of all my Heavenly Father's countless blessings, my earthly father is among the greatest.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Providing help for sexual abuse victims

By Scott Wigginton

Q: We have an adopted teenage daughter who has just disclosed that she was sexually molested by a former, male neighbor several

years ago, evidently on more than one occasion. How can we respond with compassion and wisdom to our precious daughter?

A: God has placed you in this young

woman's life for such a time as this to help her find His healing and comfort and guidance. He is the Father of whom Psalm 103:4-5 testifies, "Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed

like the eagle."

Help your daughter find a godly and well-trained Christian counselor who can help her (and your family) deal with the post-traumatic ramifications of such devastating actions. It will be important that she begin to recognize the power of the false beliefs that are often promulgated by such events.

According to Cynthia Kubetin and James Mallory in "Shelter from the Storm: Hope for Survivors of Sexual Abuse," there are four false beliefs with which sexual abuse victims struggle.

Romans 12:2 reminds us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Be careful to help your daughter

reject the following lies and to begin claiming God's truth about her life.

Lie #1—It's my fault.

Lie #2—I must be a terrible person for him to do this to me.

Lie #3—I wanted him to do this to me.

Lie #4—It didn't happen. I must have made it up.

Let me recommend a few Christian resources for persons dealing with sexual abuse. These include: "A Door of Hope" by Jan Frank; "The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse" by Dan Allender; and "On the Threshold of Hope: Opening the Door to Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse" by Diane Langberg.

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CP continues slightly above budget

Nashville, Tenn.—Year-to-date contributions to Southern Baptist national and international missions and ministries received by the SBC Executive Committee are \$1,468,759.46, or 1.17 percent, above the year-to-date budgeted goal, and are 1.63 percent behind contributions received during the same time frame last year, according to a news release from SBC Executive Committee President and Chief Executive Officer Frank Page.

The total includes receipts from state conventions and fellowships, churches and individuals for distribution according to the 2012-13 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.

As of May 31, gifts received by the Executive Committee for distribution through the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget totaled \$126,802,092.82, or 101.17 percent of the \$125,333,333.36 year-to-date budgeted amount to support Southern Baptist ministries globally and

across North America. The total is \$2,107,447.14 less than the \$128,909,539.96 received through the end of May 2012.

"At last year's SBC annual meeting, I noted that a Great Commission Advance will require fuel to drive the missions and ministries of the Convention. The Cooperative Program is that fuel," Page said.

"We are especially grateful for the thousands of cooperating churches who continue to make CP a principal component of their missions giving strategy. We need other churches to join them—to 'stand in the gap' (Ezekiel 22:30). Our potential for impacting the kingdom is tremendous!" Page said.

"I will be re-introducing the '1% CP Challenge' at this year's annual meeting," he added. "I pray that thousands more of our existing churches as well as hundreds of new church plants will join us in impacting the nations with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (BP)

Southern Baptist Convention Statistical Summary – 2012

Item/Statistic	2012	2011	2012 2011 Numeric Change	2012 2011 Percent Change
State Conventions	42	42	0	0.00%
Associations	1,169	1,174	-5	-0.43%
Churches	46,034	45,764	270	0.59%
Total Membership	15,872,404	15,978,112	-105,708	-0.66%
Baptisms	314,956	333,341	-18,385	-5.52%
Ratio of Baptisms: Total Membership	1:50	1:48	--	--
Weekly Worship Attendance	5,966,735	6,155,116	-188,381	-3.06%
Church-type Missions Operating (1)	4,992	4,952	40	0.81%

Notes:
1. Some state conventions no longer use the designation of church-type mission to categorize congregations which are not self-determining, self-sustaining, and self-propagating. This practice has impacted the number of churches and church-type missions.

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alive, relevant and powerful today, and the Great Commission task of sharing it should excite and embolden us as Christians."

Frank Page, SBC Executive Committee president, said, "When I first heard the report of our ACP, I said, 'God forgive us and God help us.' We are thankful for every person won to Christ and every person enrolled in Bible study and discipleship and involved in missions. We are thankful for the millions who are a part of worship in our Southern Baptist churches.

"However, my heart breaks when we realize the overall decline in our numbers," Page said.

"Let's get perspective on this," he said. "Where are people won to Christ? Where do people go to church? Everything depends on the local level. It is where everything of significance occurs.

"The questions that every Southern Baptist must answer are, 'What am I doing to the Lord? Am I winning more or less people to Christ? Am I giving more or less to missions? Am I being faithful in my support of my church?'"

"These are serious questions that I must ask myself. Will you join me?"

"By the way, I will be sharing Christ with people in Houston during the Cross-over Houston initiative," Page added. "Would you come go with me?"

Giving & mission expenditures

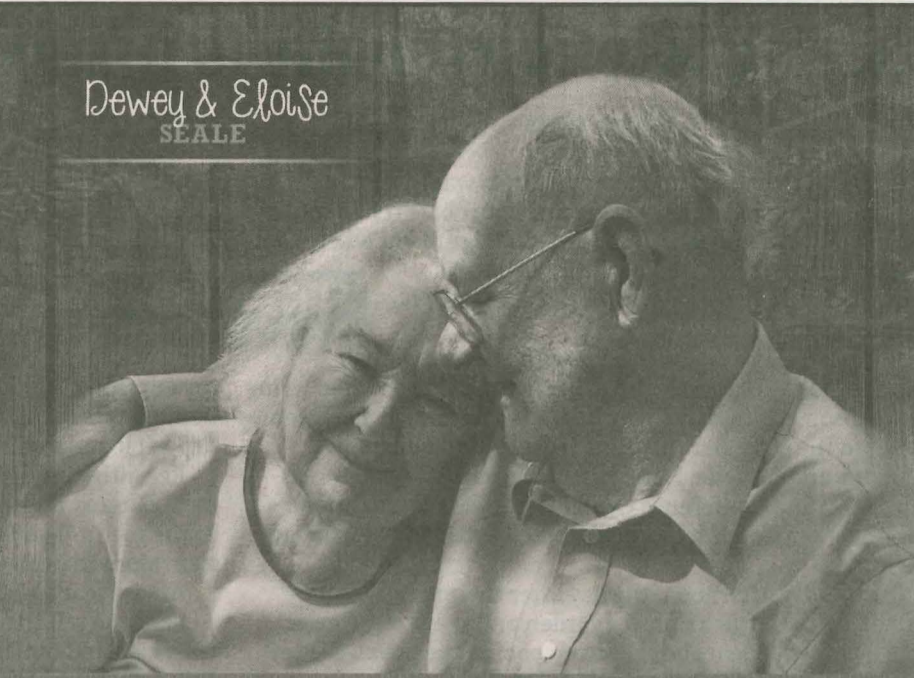
Changes in giving to Southern Baptist

congregations are difficult to assess because not all Baptist state conventions gather the same data, however total and undesignated receipts reported through the ACP were down 2.4 percent and 1.5 percent respectively.

Total mission expenditures reported by the churches declined 1 percent in 2012, although reported giving to Southern Baptist mission causes increased more than \$48 million (7 percent) to \$744 million. The "Great Commission Giving" category was added to the ACP reporting form in 2011 as a reflection of each church's financial gifts to local, state and national SBC missions causes. Although two more state conventions reported Great Commission Giving in 2012 than the previous year, two states have yet to add the statistic to their annual survey.

Giving through the SBC's Cooperative Program mission initiative is not included in the ACP annual report because those totals are more accurately available through Baptist state conventions and the SBC Executive Committee which processes the mission gifts. However, giving through CP in fiscal year 2011 was virtually the same as the previous year.

Statistics for the national ACP are reported by individual churches to their local association and/or state convention, and national totals cannot be compiled and released until all cooperating state conventions have reported. Scott McConnell, LifeWay's director of research, said the files are due in February but some final data was not received this year until the last week of May. (LifeWay)



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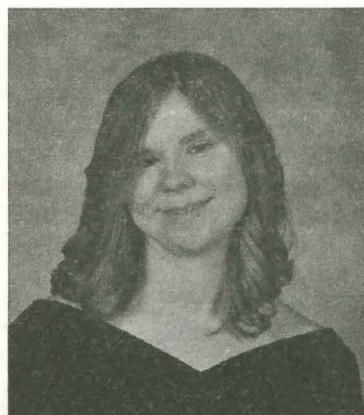
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Meet some of OBI's graduating Class of 2013

God opened doors for Anna to finish school in U.S.



OBI Class of 2013 valedictorian and 2012 Governor's Scholar, Anna Davidson.

Anna and her family moved to Oneida in 2005. Her older brother, Andrew, graduated from OBI in 2007.

Anna was born in Nigeria, where her parents had been serving as missionaries. Her father taught music to seminary students while her mother home-schooled Anna and Andrew. On one of their furloughs in the U.S., Anna attended a Christian school in Louisville for an entire school year. "That got me used to being in a classroom," she said.

Early in 2005, Anna began to suffer with prolonged and inexplicable bouts of high fever. Her family returned to the U.S. to seek medical treatment. At the time, Anna assumed it would just be for a few weeks. When the tests offered no answers, her doctor recommended they remain in the U.S. for a year.

Anna's parents knew about OBI from their home church in Shepherdsville. They prayed and then applied for teaching positions. Anna said, "We came to OBI with the understanding that it was going to be a year-long

adventure in waiting to go back. ... It was hard. Finding one's way in a new culture is difficult. I missed Nigeria, but the day we came to Oneida was the last day I ever had a fever."

Anna's background gave her a unique spiritual perspective. "When I was young, faith in God seemed a whole lot more necessary. In America, [we] feel safe. In Nigeria, [with] the little noises at night ... I was keenly aware that there could be a robber lurking out there or a poisonous snake. We seemed so much more dependent on [God] there. ... My verse was Psalm 125:2 which says, 'As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore,'" Anna shared.

At Oneida, Anna has been free to focus on sharing her faith. "My goal here has been to live out my faith and show through my actions what being a follower of Christ is like," she said.

Anna is known for her service and leadership in the Student Council. She joined as a freshman, became the president her junior year and helped to shape the organization into one which focuses on ministering to students through special monthly events. "God has blessed me with a gift of organization and

leadership. ... I always try to stress to our members that it's not about us; it's a service organization," Anna said.

Graduating as the valedictorian, Anna said, "Being at OBI has given me opportunities to take a more challenging curriculum and increased my chances for making things like the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program."

Anna applied the same passion for excellence to sports and received awards in tennis, volleyball and swimming. She qualified for the state tennis tournament five years in a row.

"I've really enjoyed the sports at OBI. I don't consider myself athletic or gifted in that area ... but being involved in sports helped me to see that, even in something you don't see yourself as having an aptitude for, with a little effort you can experience success," Anna said.

The OBI Ministry Team voted Anna the Most Outstanding girl of her class in grades 6-11 and Miss Oneida as a senior. She received OBI's highest graduation honor, the William A. Evans Award for Excellence.

Anna's goal is to become a pediatrician. "I feel it's what God's called me to do with the life experience He's given me," she said.



Anna wore many "hats" at OBI including (l.-r.) sports, organizing Student Council events and traveling with the OBI choir.

Audrey benefited from a structured schedule



Audrey accepted Christ near the end of tenth grade.

At home in central Kentucky, Audrey complained that she wanted to leave home. "My mom and I had been arguing a lot," she explained. Her grandfather joked about her going to boarding school. Audrey said, "It sounded interesting! My aunt checked into it, and found out that there is one in Kentucky."

Her mother agreed that it might be a good opportunity, especially since Audrey had been struggling academically. "My mom thought it would help me be more independent and get

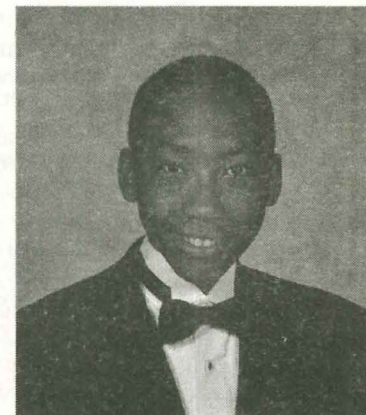
me back on a structured schedule," she added. She enrolled the summer before tenth grade.

Because of the daily schedule at OBI, Audrey noticed a difference in her grades right away. She explained, "[At home], I didn't really have to do my homework, and there was nobody there to tell me to go to bed. Once I got here, I was fine."

Her grades had been C's and D's, but she made the honor roll by her second quarter at

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Missionaries from the U.S. connect Joshua to OBI



Joshua wanted a quality education for a better future.

American missionaries to Joshua's home country of Senegal knew about OBI and helped Joshua and his older sister to come to the U.S. "This was a God thing. Maybe twice a year, the church in [Alabama] sent a group to bring free medical care. They came to our church; that's how we met them," he said.

At Oneida, Joshua enjoyed the chance to be independent and to meet different people. "I really love the cultural diversity here," he said, but his primary goal was to improve his future. He said, "I would have a better education in America. My country is poor ... [and] does not have the quality in the education. I want to become a doctor and go back to my country and help people."

Graduating in the academic top five and receiving a President's Award, Joshua said, "It was challenging, since it was all in English and not French. The teachers were kind; I could talk to them directly." The OBI Ministry Team named Joshua the Most Outstanding and Most Studious junior boy.

Joshua was most appreciative of OBI's Christian environment. He said, "In Senegal, I felt alone [as] a Christian. Here, I was surrounded by Christians. It encouraged me to see adults who are strong in Jesus."



Joshua enjoyed meeting Christians from around the world.

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(Audrey continued)

OBI. She said, "I barely tried, and I got decent grades. It made me want to put in a little more effort and see how high I could go."

Audrey got along with her roommates but had conflicts with others. "I wasn't good at holding my temper, so I was clashing with people all the time. Eventually, I learned that if I bite my tongue ... I won't get into trouble. This school is a lot more fun when you're not in trouble," she said.

Audrey attended church at home, but was not interested in chapel services. "Little by little, I started listening, and the more I listened, the more it became real to me," she said. She chose to be baptized on May 1, 2011 at Oneida Baptist Church.

She enjoyed the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Kenya with a group from her home church last summer. "Seeing all those kids [who] were so thankful for everything God had given them ... made me appreciate the opportunities I have," she said.

Audrey returned to OBI this year because, "I wanted to keep my grades up for college. My mom and I got along a lot better, and I [wanted to continue] all the hard work I had done—getting good grades, making good choices, getting my mom's trust back," she said.

Audrey would like to make a career in social work.



Audrey (left) with a friend at their after school job in the campus grill.

Beimnet is blessed by God's 'open doors' in her life



Beimnet desires "to follow Christ and live according to His purpose."

Beimnet (pronounced Beh-net) has attended OBI since the sixth grade, when she came from Ethiopia with her older sister, who graduated from OBI in 2006. "My family wanted me to learn here, to have better English and better opportunities for my future. I was really excited! I liked the idea of going to America," she said.

Beimnet quickly became known at OBI for her cheerful at-

titude and for her involvement in a wide variety of cocurriculars.

As a seventh grader, Beimnet was a member of the high school choir and named Singer of the Year. "I absolutely loved choir. I enjoyed the traveling," she said.

Her senior year, Beimnet enrolled in the auditioned vocal ensemble class and was selected to sing in the regional All Festival Choir. She appreciated the chance to add musical skills to her talent. "I developed more as a singer here. I learned about breathing and vowels [and] how to read music," she said.

Beimnet joined the yearbook staff as a freshman and became the editor her junior and senior years. In grades 9-12, she participated in nearly every sport we offer. She was the team captain in two sports, Player of the Year in basketball, and she earned the Highest GPA award in soccer.

She was the first runner up in the 2012 Yearbook Queen pageant and the senior class president. The Ministry Team named

Beimnet Miss Oneida (most outstanding), and awarded her OBI's second highest graduation honor, the John Michael Davis Citizenship Award.

It was around age 13 that Beimnet said she had a "serious talk" with the Lord. She said, "I had always thought I was a Christian, but I was feeling a knock on my heart. ... I made a decision to follow Christ and live according to His purpose."

Beimnet said her most difficult year at OBI was the eighth grade. "I'd been away from home



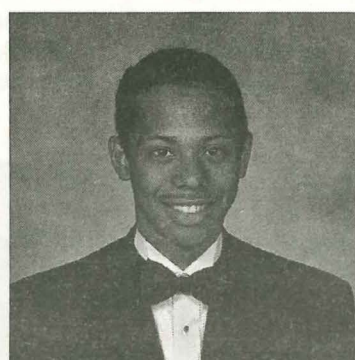
Beimnet excelled in a wide variety of cocurriculars.

for three years at such a young age," she reflected. "There were times when I cried, but my friends helped me, and I had great houseparents and teachers who were helpful and who gave me love."

Beimnet became a Kentucky resident her sophomore year when her parents were able to move here. This qualified her to apply for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, and she was accepted in 2012. As a GSP alum, Beimnet will enjoy scholarship opportunities for college, where she may study English and music.

"I have so many dreams, so many things I want to do. I'm waiting on God ... and whatever doors He opens, that's where I'll go," she said.

Brandon found academic and spiritual help at OBI



Smaller classes enabled Brandon to ask for help.

Brandon had been struggling academically at home in Georgia. His mother heard about OBI and thought the smaller classes

and Christian environment would benefit him. Brandon enrolled at OBI as a sophomore.

"I always had trouble in school. ... I wasn't focused. I was just hanging with my friends. [At OBI], it's a whole different thing. When I came here, I met teachers who got to know me, which made it easier for me to understand the school work and get better grades," Brandon said.

Another benefit to smaller classes is helping students feel comfortable asking questions. "I'm a shy person. It made me not scared to ask for help," he said. Brandon made the honor roll by his junior year.

Brandon made a decision for Christ during his junior year.

"I had been thinking about it for a long time, so I prayed and asked for forgiveness," he said. He agreed that being at OBI can influence a young person toward faith in God but said, "The environment may push them toward it, but ... it's their decision."

Brandon started out working after school in the farm mechanic shop. Once basketball season began, sports became his priority. He played three seasons of basketball, two seasons each of soccer and baseball and one season of track. He earned varsity athletic letters in all plus the Most Valuable Player award in soccer.

Brandon said he is joining the Marines after graduation and



Brandon was a team leader in sports.

would eventually like to become a physical therapist.

A day in the life of an Oneida student . . .

Before going to school, beds must be made and dormitory rooms must be clean. "Sleeping in" is not an option, and there are no "snow days" at Oneida.



Classes begin at 8:00 AM, and students attend six, 55-minute periods a day.



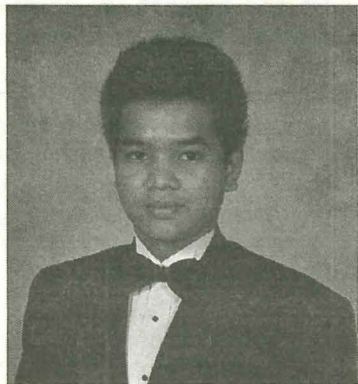
Our fully-accredited academic program has a wide range of classes and electives to meet the needs and interests of our diverse student body. We offer advanced placement courses, tutoring and English as a Second Language classes.



At 11:00 AM each school day, students meet for a 30-minute chapel service which often includes guest speakers, special music, and skits.

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Joe wanted a better education for a brighter future



A Christian school with a positive environment helped Joe to focus on academics.

"Joe" is the American nickname Ratchanon chose when he came to OBI from Thailand as a sophomore. He wanted to study in the U.S. to get "a better education, a better chance to get a job, and to learn English."

His father had a friend whose children attended OBI. "My dad heard this is a Christian school, a safe place. The environment was nice. ... I always wanted to come to America to study," he added.

Joe spent shorter breaks with a family friend who lives in Tennessee. He would fly home

during the summer breaks and said that on his first trip home, his mother was surprised to see him help with chores without being asked. He said, "I just do all my stuff now—clean my room, wash my clothes, clean the bathroom."

In addition to daily room chores, students at OBI select an additional job or activity that occupies at least an hour, five days a week. At first, Joe did not like his after school job, especially because he was assigned to the dormitory bathroom cleaning crew. "That was the worst job," he laughed. "I worked hard, and Mr. J. saw me and made me a supervisor," he added.

When Joe became eligible to play sports as a junior, he left "dorm work" behind and joined soccer, swimming, and track each for two seasons.

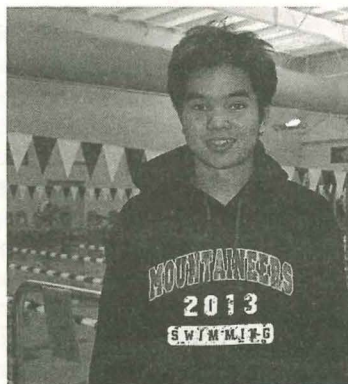
As a senior, Joe completed OBI's state-certified Field Placement program, working in the school print shop and the library each for one class period a day. He noted, "I got more experience for real jobs in the future."

As a Christian, Joe said that daily chapel helped him to maintain the right priorities. "It kept

the word of God in my mind and reminded me not to do the same mistakes as in the past—being lazy and not doing my work," he said.

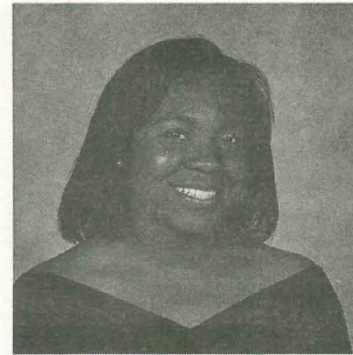
Christian students can dig deeper into scripture in optional Sunday school classes. Joe said that he would encourage his friends to attend with him.

Joe looks forward to attending a Kentucky university this fall to earn his undergraduate degree in chemistry before advancing to dental school.



Joe was named the Most Valuable Swimmer in 2012 and received the Competitive Spirit award in 2013.

Jennifer grew academically and spiritually



Positive influences at OBI helped Jennifer make school a priority.

Jennifer came to Oneida as a junior from New York. "My friend came to OBI, and she told me about the diversity of the student body. It was different from other schools. ... I was fascinated [about the idea], and I wanted a change," she said.

Jennifer had been an average student at home, and was able to improve her grades at OBI. "My mom knew I was capable, I just wasn't working to my full potential. School became a priority for me. Here, you can fo-

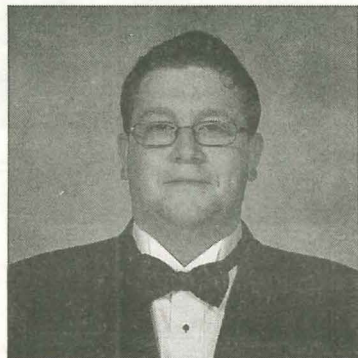
cus on what you need to do. The people here influence you to improve," she said.

Jennifer worked in the kitchen and was a basketball manager for two seasons. She also participated in drama and tennis. "Being a senior, I had to prepare for college, and time management is key. Having a job gives you some aspects of responsibility," she said.

OBI's Christian environment helped Jennifer to focus on her faith. She said, "Being at OBI really helped me spiritually. It's not so hard to stay on track with God here. You're always in church getting a piece of advice, whether it's for your future or your life. You learn something new at chapel and at school every day," she said.

Jennifer would like to begin a college program in dentistry.

Kyle needed a safe, supervised environment



From southeastern Kentucky, Kyle enjoyed getting to know people from different cultures.

Kyle lives an hour from campus and has attended OBI as a dorm student since the seventh grade. His mom works the night shift at a nursing home, which left him unsupervised after school.

"I like it here. When I first came, I told my parents I'd give it a try, but I liked it so I stayed. What kept me here was how we can be involved in stuff. I like to run the sound booth for chapel ... I like dorm life. I like my roommates and how the different cultures live together and get to know each other."

Kyle started out cleaning

bathrooms after school and was promoted to "shop supervisor" and then the floor waxing crew. He liked that as the years passed, he was given more responsibility and leadership at his jobs. "I like being responsible and being held accountable for what gets done," he said. He was voted by the Ministry Team the Most Improved junior boy.

Kyle has had an interest in computer repair for a number of years. He volunteered to help OBI's IT director after school his junior year. He continued his work in the computer lab this year



Kyle gained experience for a career in computer repair.

through the Field Placement program, earning class credit and a state certificate. Kyle intends to become certified to repair computers for a living.

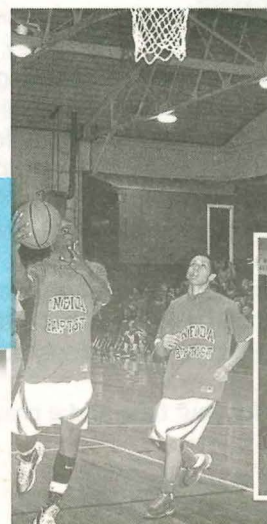
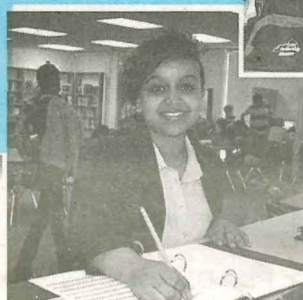


Jennifer learned time management in jobs/activities.

Students not on the honor roll attend a 45-minute study hall after school.



Honor roll students take advantage of this time to study while the dorms are quiet. Some choose to utilize our newly refurbished library.



Throughout the afternoon and evening, students are busy at their daily jobs or cocurriculars.



Teens may pick up mail or make a phone call at the dorm office before "lights out"—10:00 PM on school nights, 11:00 PM on weekends.

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For Time and Eternity

Unlike many Christian schools, OBI welcomes teens who do not know Jesus.

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Our funding

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Our ongoing tradition of affordable student fees and need-based scholarships keeps the door open to any young person who needs to be at Oneida.

More about Oneida

OBI's average enrollment is 260-275.

Approximately 125 Ministry Team members serve for a modest salary or are full-time volunteers.

OBI's 850-acre campus includes a 200-acre farm.

Students may apply throughout the year.

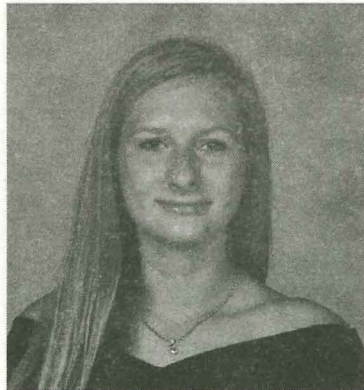
Our curriculum is designed to serve students at all academic levels.

OBI has an 11:1 student/teacher ratio.

We offer a wide variety of cocurricular activities plus a unique student work program.

Meet some of the Class of 2013

Ashton needed a stable school experience



Ashton "fit in" better at OBI.

Ashton was born in Kentucky but said, "I've lived in four states, 10 houses and attended eight schools ... because of my dad's job." She did not adjust well to her newest school in Florida. "I had just moved from a school where I knew everybody to a school where I was the new kid. I ended up hanging out with the wrong crowd and getting into the wrong types of things," she explained.

Ashton enrolled at OBI during the summer before ninth grade. She said, "My mom thought OBI would be good. It's a long way from home, but this is a more stable environment."

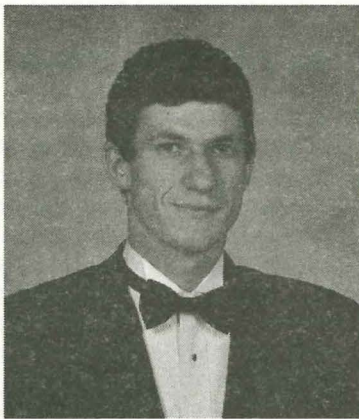
Ashton worked on cleaning crews in the kitchen and dormitory before advancing to the position of "Dorm Aid," supervisor of the cleaning crews. She said, "If they don't do a good job, you have to make them go back. It's basically like being a boss."

She played soccer for three seasons and noted, "At OBI, you're taught how to work together as a team. It was cool having that unity."

Her sophomore year, Ashton remained at home but returned to OBI after one semester. "I didn't fit in at my old school. At OBI, you're a family; you're a part of things," she said.



Ashton became a leader in her after school job.

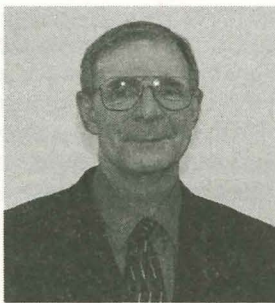


Robert became a Christian at OBI and began to thrive in every area of his life.

Robert was living with his mother in North Carolina when she was diagnosed with cancer. Her treatments required her to be away from home for long periods of time. "I needed someplace to go. ... I was trustworthy, but a little young to be at home by myself for six weeks," Robert said. His dad and stepmother lived in Kentucky, but Richard could not go live with them, because they were planning a move. A friend of his dad's told them about OBI.

Robert enrolled his sophomore year at Oneida. He said, "It's not at all what I expected. There was a lot more structure than I expected. At the time it was upsetting, because I thought I was going to be 'free' to do what I wanted, but I see [now] that it's a good thing."

Robert had to repeat a grade because of skipping school at home, but at OBI, he made A's and B's. "It's the best I've done in my whole life," he said.



Robert got a fresh start

Circumstances may have caused Robert to become a student at OBI, but he admitted that he had been making poor decisions and needed a fresh start in his life. "I didn't approve of myself the way I was living," he said. Coming to Oneida got him away from negative influences and gave him a chance to make right choices. "I had time to myself to think about what I was doing wrong. I found God here," he said.

Robert accepted Christ during a Sunday evening chapel service in January of his first year at OBI. He shared, "Every time I was in chapel, I would have flashbacks of things I had done at home—how I had treated my mom and others around me, how ungrateful I was. The message in chapel that night is how God has given you all this, the least you can do is worship Him. I was tired of feeling so terrible. I prayed, 'Lord, help me please,' and I had never spoken those words with the meaning that was behind it. I woke up the next morning with total peace. There have still been hard times, but God's been helping me to this day."

Robert plugged into Christian fellowship opportunities like Baptist Campus Ministry and meeting with friends for "quiet time" over breakfast. He said, "I enjoy being around a group of Christians to read the word and to try to get closer to God."

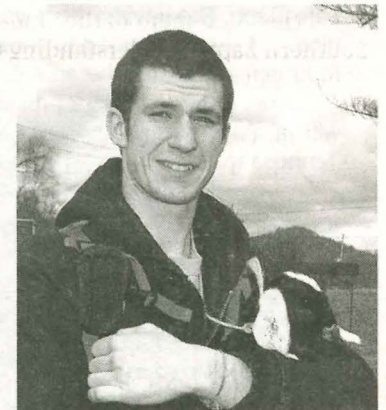
Robert was voted the Most Outstanding sophomore boy by the OBI faculty. "That put a big

ol' grin on my face," he smiled. He also received two academic awards and two Outstanding Worker awards.

Robert lives on a farm at home and plugged into the agriculture program at OBI through classes, his after school job and the FFA. He was the vice president of the FFA this year. "The farm is like a home away from home for me," he said.

Robert discovered a talent in graphic design as a student in OBI's commercial art program. This year he worked in the sign lab as a Field Placement student, designing and making vinyl signs. He said, "I can't draw, paint or sketch, but with the computer I have the ability to do all that and get a hard copy of what my mind has in it. It's very enjoyable."

He may study graphic design in college, but noted that farming will always be a part of his life.



Robert's niche at OBI was in the agriculture/FFA program.

Dear Friends,

This year, the Lord has led us to focus the theme of our Father's Day Offering materials on the idea of "potential" with the theme verse of Ephesians 2:10—*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Developing a student's God-given potential is part of what the Lord does at Oneida as students are challenged and given the opportunity to grow and develop their potential mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually as they obtain an *Education for Time and Eternity.*

Recently, two parents wrote to share how their children have begun to develop their potential in new and exciting ways because of their experiences at OBI. One parent reported, "When Sue came home at Christmas, the entire family was surprised and very pleased to see the positive changes that she has implemented in her life. She is, in short, a different person - friendly, helpful, mature and a pleasure to be around." Another parent wrote, "Our lives have completely turned around in the last six months. To see my son finally living out his potential is just overwhelming. We knew it was there all along and you all have been able to bring it out in him. ... Please know we will be eternally grateful to all of you."

In closing, let me thank you for all of the ways in which you continue to regularly support the work the Lord is doing at OBI. We know that with your ongoing, faithful partnership in the work of the gospel, the Lord will continue to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think in the lives of our students.

With gratitude for your time and a prayer for the Lord's blessing upon your work,

— Dr. Paul Davidson, OBI President

Calvinism report getting positive reviews

By Michael Foust

Nashville, Tenn.—A report on Calvinism in Southern Baptist life has received positive reviews from bloggers on both sides of the theological spectrum.

The 19-member advisory committee issued its 3,200-word report to Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee President Frank Page in late May, acknowledging tension and disagreement between Calvinists and non-Calvinists within the convention and urging Southern Baptists to “grant one another liberty” on the issue and “stand together” for the Great Commission.

Calvinists and non-Calvinists from all walks of SBC life served on the committee, which was assembled by Page and was not an official committee of the convention.

Adam Harwood, assistant professor of Christian studies at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., wrote a blog at SBCToday.com, “Five Reasons To Be Thankful for the Statement from the Calvinism Advisory Committee.” Harwood is not a Calvinist and last year was one of the signers of a statement that critiqued what it called the “New Calvinism” in SBC life. That statement was titled the “Statement of the Traditional Southern Baptist Understanding of God’s Plan of Salvation.”

Harwood said he had “high expectations” for the Calvinism committee report and his “expectations were met.”

“(The report) models Great Commission unity amidst Southern Baptist diversity,” wrote Harwood, who was elected to the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in late May. “People with differing theological convictions have set aside those differences in order to reaffirm cooperation for the sake of

the lost. ... (T)he committee has aligned itself with the mission of the Lord Jesus Himself, who ‘came to seek and to save the lost’ (Luke 19:10). Such unity exists in wide theological diversity within the parameters of the (Baptist Faith and Message).”

The report by the committee on Calvinism should be applauded because it acknowledges that “Southern Baptists

agree to disagree on certain points of Calvinism,” Harwood wrote.

“That’s important,” he wrote. “The wrong approach would be to act as if there were no differences. There are different theological views among Southern Baptists, some of which are significant. But, as (the report) rightly notes, Southern Baptists have always been comprised of both Calvinists

and non-Calvinists. They hold differing views on certain doctrines. But since the organization of the SBC in 1845, we have agreed to disagree on those particular theological points. (The report) simply reaffirms our agreement to differ peacefully on those issues. As the document states, ‘Southern Baptists who stand on either side of these issues should celebrate the freedom to hold their views with passion while granting others the freedom to do the same.’”

Seminary professors Denny Burk and Nathan Finn, each of whom is in the Calvinist tradition, also affirmed the report.

“I believe it addresses concerns that Baptists on both sides of this issue have had,” Burk wrote on his blog. Burk is associate professor of biblical studies at Boyce College, the undergraduate arm of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. “This is a good statement, one that I hope that Southern Baptists will unify around. ... This is just the kind of unity statement that I was hoping for.”

“It’s time for Southern Baptist Calvinists and non-Calvinists to take a deep breath, ratchet down the heated language, give each other the benefit of the doubt.”

Nathan Finn

Lottie Moon

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“The significance of the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions, promoted each year in partnership with Woman’s Mission Union, can only be understood in light of eternity,” Elliff said. “This year’s offering, showing an increase during financially challenging days for our nation, is a reminder that missions is the stack pole around which Southern Baptists place their hearts, afire for the gospel.”

Southern Baptists’ missions giving is “the clear, undeniable barometer of our passion,” Elliff said, noting that “nothing would so urge God to turn His face away from our convention, its churches and people as a loss of zeal for fulfilling the Great Commission.”

Although recent statistics show a decline of 2.4 percent in overall giving among Southern Baptist churches, Elliff expressed optimism about this increase in their continued missions support.

Wanda Lee, executive director-treasurer of Woman’s Mission Union, also expressed gratitude to Southern Baptists for the increase.

“How exciting, after four years of economic challenges, to see Southern Baptists continue to increase their giving to our international missions offering.

“While we are grateful for this third-largest offering in our history,” she said, “we are still praying for individuals and churches to understand the biblical call to stewardship and sacrificial giving that will enable more to go and more to hear the wonderful story of Jesus.”

Along with Southern Baptists’ regular giving through the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon offering, named for Southern Baptists’ most famous missionary, supports nearly 4,900 missionaries worldwide. It funds salaries, housing, medical care and children’s education. Supporting one missionary overseas costs an average of nearly \$50,000 per year—or \$136 per day.

With Lottie Moon support, IMB missionaries were able to communicate the gospel to more than 1.4 million people, lead more than 337,000 to faith in Christ, baptize 266,451 new believers and start more than 24,000 churches, according to IMB’s most recent statistical report in 2011.

The Lottie Moon Offering goal for 2013 is \$175 million. (BP)

Finn, associate professor of historical theology and Baptist studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., wrote that he “was highly encouraged by the balance, clarity, and charity of the document.”

Even before the report was released, Finn was urging Calvinists and non-Calvinists to work together for the Great Commission.

“It’s time for Southern Baptist Calvinists and non-Calvinists to take a deep breath, ratchet down the heated language, give each other the benefit of the doubt, and recommit to cooperating together for the sake of the Great Commission,” Finn wrote in a blog post. “Calvinism has been and needs to remain a tertiary issue in the SBC. Now let’s move forward together in advancing the gospel among people here, there, and everywhere.”

North Carolina pastor and blogger Tim Rogers, who is not a Calvinist, also affirmed the committee’s report on Calvinism.

“I believe the (committee) has done an excellent job presenting a document, while not everyone may agree with, will be something for us to rally around to move forward,” wrote Rogers, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Indian Trail, N.C. “... Thank you Dr. Frank Page, Dr. Al Mohler, Dr. Eric Hankins, and all of the others who served on (the advisory team). The fruit of your work is evident.”

Rogers was one of the 2012 signers of the statement critiquing the “New Calvinism,” as was Brad Whitt, pastor of Abilene Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., who also affirmed the team’s report. Whitt wrote in a Tweet, “The SBC Calvinism Advisory Committee has issued their report. It’s one that I support and pray will help us move fwd.” (BP)

7 states receiving Southern Baptist relief

Alpharetta, Ga.—Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers were active in seven states in recent weeks responding to damage from floods, tornadoes and other disasters on the eve of hurricane season.

With hundreds of volunteers simultaneously engaged, SBDR leaders said it is a humbling reminder of the enduring spirit of Southern Baptist service.

In addition to Oklahoma SBDR volunteers, some 200 strong, responding to tornado damage in the Oklahoma City area, volunteers also are serving in Oklahoma from Arkansas, California, Iowa, Kansas-Nebraska, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, Tennessee and Texas Baptist Men.

SBDR volunteers also are serving in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Texas and New York.

“The depth of work disaster relief volunteers are involved in now is astounding,” said Fritz Wilson, executive director for disaster relief at the North American Mission Board. “And they continue to serve.”

NAMB coordinates and manages Southern Baptist responses to major disasters through partnerships with

NEWS BRIEFS

Gosnell’s lawyer favors limits

Even Kermit Gosnell’s defense lawyer believes Pennsylvania’s abortion limit should be lowered. Speaking on Fox News May 22, Jack McMahon said, “I have come out of this case realizing that 24 weeks is a bad determiner. It should be like 16, 17 weeks. That would be a far better thing, because the babies would not be even arguably viable at that time. And I think the law should be changed to that.” He also said he favored “more regulations” for abortion clinics.

SEBTS looks at ethnic relations

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., has hired a special adviser to the president for diversity and a director of Hispanic leadership development to make strides toward ethnic diversity. Walter Strickland, an African American and two-time graduate of Southeastern, was named to the new position.

Court rejects abortion ban

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals invalidated Arizona’s late-term abortion ban May 22. The 2012 law banned abortion at 20 weeks or later based on evidence that a baby in the womb experiences pain by that point and such a late-term abortion is a risk to a woman’s health. A three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based court unanimously struck down the measure, saying the state “simply cannot proscribe a woman from choosing to obtain an abortion before the fetus is viable.” Viability typically is considered to arrive at about 24 weeks gestation.



Moore, Okla., tornado survivor Ashley Sylvester finds a family photo salvaged from the remains of her home by Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers. (Photo by John Swain/NAMB.)

42 state Baptist conventions, most of which have their own state disaster relief programs.

Southern Baptists have 82,000 trained volunteers and chaplains and 1,550 mobile units. SBDR is one of the three largest mobilizers of trained disaster relief volunteers in the U.S., along with the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army. (BP)



June

- 14 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedarmore, Bagdad.
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- 16 All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra 25th Anniversary, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville.
- 17 Mission Adventure Camp, Cedar Crest, Bagdad.
- 21 All-State Youth Chor and Orchestra, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Louisville.
- 21 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedarmore, Bagdad.
- 21 Father/Son Overnight, Cedarmore, Bagdad.
- 24 Mission Adventure Camp, Cedar Crest, Bagdad.
- 27 Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Louisville.
- 29 Ky. Baptist Nursing Fellowship Summer Meeting, Elizabethtown.

July

- 12 GA Overnight, Jonathan Creek, Hardin.

#Give20

Crossing launches giving campaign for missions in Haiti

Editor's note: Meredith Hall, guest relations coordinator with Crossings Ministries, is filling in for David Melber this week.

Summer 2013 is in full swing at Crossings. Whether it's camp, Kentucky Changers or Crossings in Haiti, one thing is for sure, students' lives are being changed for eternity.

This summer we are challenging students to GO BEYOND by combining their passion with their burden to share the gospel. As part of that challenge, we have launched a new campaign called #Give20 as a way for students to go beyond and partner with Crossings in Haiti.

Our prayer is that every student attending camp and Kentucky Changers will give \$20 to go towards missions in Haiti. If every student were to give \$20 we could raise more than \$200,000 this summer. Through our partnership with the Baptist Haiti Mission, we are helping to fund Camp LePhare. This offering not only sends Haitian kids to camp, but also goes towards property improvements.

At Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek,

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David Melber

students and adults will have the opportunity to connect with Haiti in a new way. On Haiti Day, students will eat three traditional Haitian meals, Skype with our team in Haiti, learn Haitian worship songs and be a part of our #Give20 offering. It's our prayer that students' hearts will grow for this culture that is in great need of the gospel.

There are many ways you can get involved with #Give20.

You can pray!

Pray for Haiti and our teams going this summer. Pray the Haitian people will experience the gospel.

You can give!

Giving \$20 helps send a Haitian student to camp and improve camp property. Call (502) 491-7000 to find out how to give.

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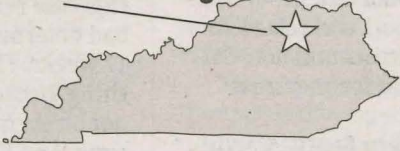
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MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

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Spotlight on ...

Mount Sterling



Reid Village Church will hold a youth hymn sing June 14, 7 p.m. **Todd Wiley** is pastor.

■ **KEVIL**—Spring Bayou Church will hold revival service June 16, 10:45 a.m., and June 17-23, 7 p.m., with guest speakers **Jared Hayes** and **Wes Morehead. Terry Tipton** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Bethany Church Women on Mission will hold a baby shower for A Woman's Choice Resource Center/Necole's Place June 15, 11 a.m. **Ken Vickery** is pastor.

Stricker, former KBC employee, dies

Alpena, Mich.—Jesse Stricker, a native of Louisville, a former employee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board (now Mission Board) and World War II veteran died June 4 at his home in Alpena, Mich. He was 88.

Stricker served with the state convention as the director of the Stewardship Department. He also served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Stricker was pastor of numerous churches in

Kentucky for many years. He was a member of Woodland Baptist Church in Louisville, and while in the Alpena area would faithfully attend Huron Shores Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva Ruth Stricker. Surviving are his three children and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be June 14 at Ratterman Funeral Home in Louisville. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 15.

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higher education.

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Dr. W.R. "Randy" Davenport honored

Seated, below right, former CU President Randy Davenport was honored by Dr. Michael V. Carter, current president, at left, for Davenport's leadership in establishing the university's Church Relations Council. Also at the May 17 ceremony at Davenport's home were top, from left, Dr. Charles Hedrick, one of the first members of the CRC, and John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president at CU.

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The best kind of 'W'

A story of one student's 'miracle' transformation at Oneida

W's abound in academia. In the university, there are the "WP" and "WF" grades to indicate whether a student was passing or failing when he/she withdrew from a course.

In the secondary school, there is a detailed system of coding used to communicate the reason a student is withdrawn prior to graduation.

OBI has its own variation on that system—a group of five W's that indicate why a student left the school.

- W-5, withdrawal at the initiative of the parents.

- W-7, withdrawal for medical reasons.

- W-9, withdrawal through graduation.

- W-10, expulsion with the possibility of re-admission.

- W-15, expulsion with no possibility of re-admission.

Today, a message popped up on my computer monitor: "Barry, Tristan"—W-9," and I thought, "That's a miracle! Tristan Barry actually graduated this year." It could have easily been another story as Tristan acknowledges in his "Oneida Experience" essay.

"My name is Tristan Barry and I am 17 years old. I came here in summer school because I got into a lot of trouble in my junior year involving drugs. ... I went (to that school) because most of all my friends went there and they said how great of a school it was and how easy it was. My old life involved a lot of things that I should not have been

involved in, a lot of drugs, and I got into the wrong type of crowd. I had to overcome hanging out with the wrong crowd, and (something) I couldn't tell anyone—not even my parents—about, and that was my addictions.

"I came to OBI because I was caught selling pills to some people. I also ran away from home twice. I felt always like I needed to be accepted, even though deep down I knew I was fine. I want to stay here and graduate mostly just so I can show everyone that I'm not a giant screw up and that I can actually finish a grade in school with no slip ups. Oneida offered me an environment that is safe with people

who actually want to see me succeed in life. I was hoping to find a community of people that could just accept me for who I am and what I have done ...

"The person in the dorm who has influenced me the most would have to be Mr. Stratton (the dean of boys). He was like my dad while I was here. He has fought so hard to keep me in this school even though I have done so many stupid things."

Tristan's disciplinary record bears testimony of that last statement. He had multiple suspensions, including two weeks at home to begin his final academic quarter. As I said before: "Tristan Barry graduated this year. That's a miracle!" To God be the glory. Please pray for Tristan.

**Name changed.*

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This is Oneida



Paul Davidson

Back where it all started

Student returns to home country on mission trip

Student Rudy Montalvo will have the opportunity to do something special this summer. He will get to return to his homeland on a mission trip—the place where everything first started for him.

"I am originally from El Salvador," said Rudy. "My parents were not Christians when I was born. But when I was about six years old they came to know the Lord and got involved in a local church where we lived in El Salvador. My dad got involved in a theology program at the church and God really started working in his life.

"There was a medical mission team that came to our hometown on a mission trip, and my Dad was used as the interpreter because he spoke English. God used this to connect him with an association in the United States. Eventually the association moved our family to Arkansas to have my dad pastor a church there. From there, we moved to Arizona, then back to Arkansas, and finally to Russell Springs, Ky., where my dad is still doing the Lord's work.

"Growing up in America during my teenage years I became heavily involved in sports," said Rudy. "Football got to a point in my life where it became my

god. I got hurt on a play during a practice session and was not able to play football for two years. God began to really work on me about my commitment to Him.

"One time during a chapel service at school, God convicted me about how I had let football take the place of Him in my life. I felt God calling me to totally surrender my life to ministry.

"I knew God was calling me to further my education after high school," said Rudy. "I actually found Clear Creek when I was searching on the Internet for another school. I thought I would visit the campus, but I initially thought it would just

be a visit for God to show me it was not where He wanted me to go. But as I drove onto the campus and then spent time here, God showed me this is where He wants me to be.

"I am excited about my mission trip back to El Salvador," said Rudy. "Pray that God will be glorified."

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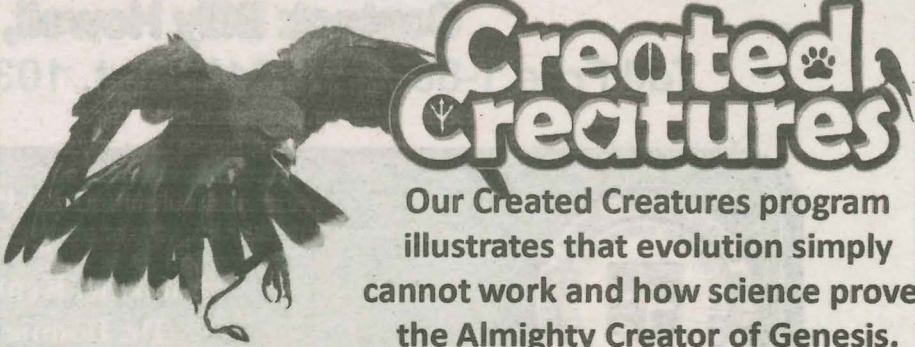
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Old Testament 5	T,W	9:00-9:50 am
Educational Administration & Leadership	T,W	9:00-9:50 am
New Testament 3	T,W	9:00-9:50 am
Introduction to Missions	T,W	9:00-9:50 am
Apologetics in a Pluralistic Age	T,W	10:00-10:50 am
Old Testament 3	T,W	10:00-10:50 am
Systematic Theology III	T	10:00-10:50 am
	W	10:00-11:40 am
English Composition I	T	10:00-10:50 am
	W	10:00-11:40 am
General Science	T,W	1:00-2:15 pm
Philosophy	T,W	1:00-2:15 pm
Public Speaking in Ministry	T,W	1:00-2:15 pm
Church Staff Leadership	T,W	2:30-3:20 pm
Greek I	T,W	2:30-3:20 pm
Science Lab	T	2:30-3:20 pm
Fitness Education	W	2:30-3:20 pm
Clinical Pastoral Education	T	3:30-5:20 pm
Internship I	W	3:30-3:55 pm
Camp and Retreat Ministry	T	5:30-7:10 pm
American History	T	5:30-8:00 pm
New Testament 5	Th,F	8:00-8:50 am
Old Testament 1	Th,F	8:00-8:50 am
Evangelism in Acts	Th,F	8:00-8:50 am
New Testament 1	Th,F	9:00-9:50 am
New Testament 7	Th,F	9:00-9:50 am
Contemporary Worldviews	Th,F	9:00-9:50 am
Hebrew 1	Th,F	10:00-10:50 am
Discipleship & Worship in Youth Ministry	Th,F	10:00-10:50 am
Old Testament 7	Th,F	10:00-10:50 am
Evangelism	Th	10:00-10:50 am
	F	10:00-11:40 am
Clear Creek Singers	F	11:00-11:45 am
Biblical Geography	Th,F	1:00-1:50 pm
Computers in Research	Th,F	1:00-2:15 pm
Principles of Teaching	Th,F	1:00-2:15 pm
Transition to Ministry	Th,F	1:00-2:15 pm
Sermon Preparation	Th	1:00-3:30 pm
Cross Cultural Communication	Th,F	2:30-3:20 pm
Area Studies	Th	5:30-7:10 pm
General Psychology	Th	5:30-8:00 pm

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Old Testament 3	Internship I
Old Testament 5	American History I
Old Testament 7	English Composition I
New Testament 1	Fine Arts/Humanities
New Testament 3	General Psychology
New Testament 5	Computers in Research w/lab
New Testament 7	Educational Administration & Leadership
Evangelism	Philosophy
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Old Testament 2
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Old Testament 8
New Testament 8

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Old Testament 3
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