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ZIMMERMAN 'NOT GUILTY' Verdict stirs need for love and justice amid racial tension

By Diana Chandler and Erin Roach

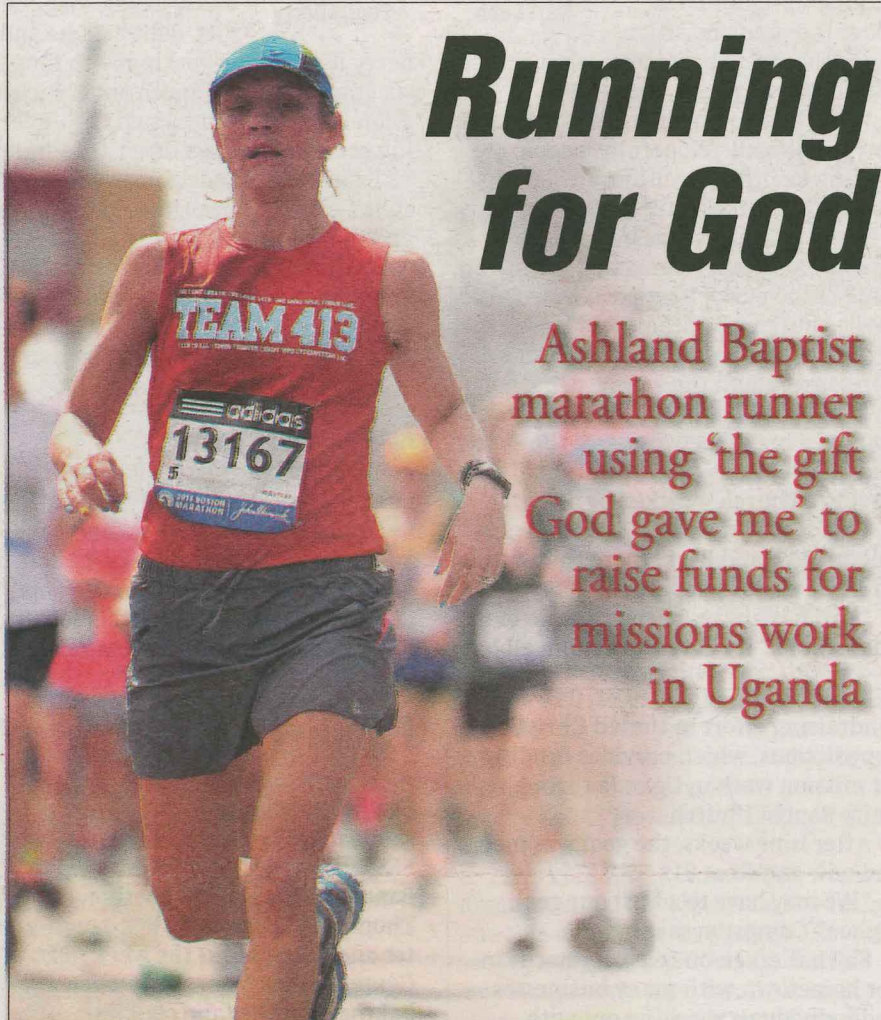
Nashville, Tenn.—Southern Baptist leaders voiced a call for active love and respect for justice in response to George Zimmerman's exoneration in the death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla. And they voiced remorse for the racially charged history that continues to affect the nation.

Christians should respond to the turmoil by modeling the love of Christ, Southern Baptist Convention President Fred Luter said.

"I would love for Southern Baptist to take advantage of this very public case by being 'salt' and 'light,'" Luter said. "It is a perfect time for the body of Christ to come together to be that healing balm in a troubled nation.

"Some people are upset, angry and frustrated, while others are in full support of the verdict, so where does the

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Running for God

Ashland Baptist
marathon runner
using 'the gift
God gave me' to
raise funds for
missions work
in Uganda

By Mark Maynard

Ashland—Running is Amy Compston's sanctuary.

The 28-year-old marathon runner, who will take on a 50-mile ultra-marathon in November to raise money for a mission in Uganda, finds herself in prayer "80 percent of the time" while running.

She will run early in the morning, midday or even late at night. But every run, without fail, brings her to the throne of God.

Compston, a member of Ashland's Unity Baptist Church, is certain that God spared her through some rebellious teenage and early adulthood years, when partying and doing anything but godly things was her motivation, for a reason.

Now, she's using her feet for Jesus.

"I was tired of being ashamed of God," said the mother of four. "I wouldn't stand up for Him even though He stood up for me on the cross. I finally told my husband, 'I'm tired of playing games. I'm getting right with God. You let me know what you want to do.'"

It was an ultimatum that drew her husband, Chris, back into God's arms, too. That surrender happened in July 2012 after both were involved in a

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FamilyFEST displays servant heart in Henderson, Paducah

By Bethany Webb

Henderson—"Many wondered why we, at 69 and 71, would try to keep up with our two 9-year-old grandchildren," FamilyFEST volunteer Irene Murphy said. "Our family has been mission-oriented since the beginning, so we felt this would be a great opportunity to expose them to missions so that they can develop a missions heart."

Murphy, from South Main Street Baptist Church in Greenwood, S.C., was among 155 volunteers from 13 states who poured into Western Kentucky for FamilyFEST in a partnership encompassing national WMU, Kentucky WMU, Mississippi River Ministry, Green Valley and West Union Baptist associations.

Volunteers served July 13-19 alongside local churches—primarily in the Henderson and Paducah—doing a wide range of

community projects, including prayer-walking, light construction and repair, food and clothing distribution, health care ministries, block parties, Backyard Bible Clubs and Vacation Bible Schools.

In Henderson, three families from South Carolina with children ranging from ages 6 to 15 helped Airline Baptist Church survey the community and host a block party. Children also were able to serve by making cards for and singing to the homebound in the community.

In Paducah, families were involved in a community block party and sports camp and in outreach to nurses, staff and patients at a local hospital and nursing home.

"Flour, sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla ... these ingredients were key to a great week of missional service in Paducah,"

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"The most important task of the volunteers was servant evangelism."

Joy Bolton



(Above) Face painting is a popular draw for young children at missions-oriented events like FamilyFEST.

(Top right) Jim and Irene Murphy of South Main Street Baptist Church, Greenwood, S.C. serve at a block party hosted by Airline Baptist Church in Henderson.

(Right) Sarah Thompson, a 9-year-old FamilyFEST volunteer, prepares cupcakes at La Center Baptist Church in La Center. (Photos provided by KyWMU)



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With help from KBC, church conflict yields to new vision

By Ken Walker

Louisville—A group of church leaders find themselves in disagreement with the pastor regarding budgetary issues and how decisions are being made for the congregation. Tensions escalate; the pastor resigns, anticipating that a pink slip isn't far off. In the aftermath, weekly church attendance drops by more than 20 percent.

The scenario is real, and not uncommon in Kentucky Baptist life, but according to Tom Adams (not his real name), a deacon in one such church, the conflict ushered in a time of healing with help from the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Adams credits Karl Babb, KBC's transition and conflict management consultant, with guiding the congregation through a process that has them nearly ready to call a new pastor.

"One area where he helped is allowing members to voice concerns and help us get some things out that needed to be said," Adams said. "They might not have been heard without a forum."

Assessment begins

The process began with an assessment of the church's current condition.

Babb and KBC Ministry Transition Specialist Peggy Berry "were very effective," said another church member. "They helped us re-develop trust and fellowship."

Many people had become so tight-lipped about the problems, that the silence itself became another source of tension, said Babb.

"They're in a much healthier situation now," Babb said. "Hopefully, people are making healthier decisions in connection with what Scripture has to say."

A key to healing was learning to resolve old issues, Adams said. Although some of the pastor's supporters remained in the church, the deacon explained that they also felt a loyalty to the pastor and were upset about the way he departed.

Moving beyond these and other hurts marked a major step forward, the deacon said, noting that one of Satan's goals is leaving a church wracked by disorder.

That is why the church continues to call on Babb and Berry more than a year after the pastor's departure.

"Karl has always been available to us," Adams said. "If I have a question, all I



Karl Babb



Peggy Berry

have to do is call or e-mail him. He's come to visit with us multiple times. He's provided us a good resource."

Studies show that 20 to 25 percent of churches in all denominations regularly experience conflict. Babb said he and

Berry usually are working with four to six churches at any given time. Each situation is unique, but he said the underlying causes of conflict often are similar.

Examples include pastoral leadership styles, ministry priorities, expectations and methodologies.

Babb said already-fragile situations deteriorate when people divide into "camps." The division generates suspicion and prevents the congregation from achieving unity.

Preparing for conflict

One of the principles Babb will discuss in a workshop titled "Navigating Relational Differences" at this year's Super Saturday events—Aug. 17 in Louisville, Aug. 24 in Lexington, and Sept. 7 in Owensboro—is that conflict is something for which a church can prepare.

"Whenever humans decide to gather together, there are going to be differences, and there are healthy and unhealthy ways to handle those differences," Babb said.

Times of church harmony provide opportunities to decide how conflicts will be addressed when they arrive.

Identifying points of unity, deciding how best to demonstrate unity, and aligning actions with Scriptural guidelines are ways to prepare for, and address, conflict.

Although it may sound simplistic, Babb said focusing on building healthy relationships is similar to taking medication for a physical problem. While few people may understand exactly how the medicine works, everyone agrees that it helps them heal, he noted.

"We have to value our unity and accept our diversity," he added. "We can have unity in diversity. Whether it's a husband and wife, the business world, or the church world, people are different. We have to figure out how to live out those differences in a healthy way." (KBC)

"Navigating Relational Differences" will be offered through KBC's Super Saturdays Aug. 17 in Louisville, Aug. 24 in Lexington, and Sept. 7 in Owensboro. Register at www.kybaptist.org/supersaturday.

Running

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MasterLife class at Unity Baptist Church. Their lives have been on the fast track ever since, including three marathons and the preparation for the ultra-marathon for Amy.

"God spared me for some reason," she said. "I want to use the gift that God has given me, the gift of running. If He can use my running for His glory, then praise God! That's what I want for my life. I have surrendered completely to Him and His will in my life."

Now the family that runs together, prays together and boldly witnesses together too.

Amy ran in last spring's tragedy-marred Boston Marathon where she finished 30 minutes ahead of the terroristic attack at the finish line. Twenty-one members of her family, who came to celebrate her running in the Boston Marathon, narrowly escaped tragedy.

They were within only a few feet of the two bombs all day long, leaving two to five minutes before detonation.

"God was protecting them," Amy said without hesitation. "He led them down an alley. If they had gone right or left, they would have at least been hurt, if not killed. I could have been preparing for a lot of funerals."

The family passed out 1,200 Christian tracts while in Boston. It was two weeks prior to her most significant marathon appearance that Amy told God that if she stayed injury-free she would run for Him.

After returning home, she decided to run the ultra-marathon in Nashville. Her initial goal was to raise \$10,000 in a marathon-like fundraising effort. Her website, amyforafrica.com, has been the vehicle for the

fundraising effort to United Christian Expeditions, which provides funding for mission work in Uganda through Unity Baptist Church.

After nine weeks, the goal was met and now stands at \$12,500.

"We may have to adjust our goal higher," Compston said.

She has taken on celebrity status in her hometown with many businesses and individuals reaching out with donations or fundraisers for the project.

Compston has shared her testimony

with anyone who will listen. She strayed as a 15-year-old after being introduced to a world of drugs, alcohol and premarital sex. She found herself in the emergency room after overdosing on Xanax.

Later, she was back in the ER with alcohol poisoning and was also involved in an automobile accident that split open her face. Six hours of plastic surgery and Botox treatments followed.

Her parents, Steve and Kathy, prayed over their daughter and took her to Christian drug counseling. "I hated it. I even went high a couple of times and Mom didn't even know," Compston said. "They were doing the right thing and were so worried about me."

Now, she is beginning to understand how God's grace works. She has a heart for the children in Moya, Uganda, where Unity has planted two nursery schools, the Penne Paris Schools, named after the late wife of Unity pastor Floyd Paris. For only \$45 a year, a child can be educated and have a meal every day.

Compston watched a video about a mission trip there and was hooked on helping.

"I'll do whatever I can for those children," she said. (WR)

Visit amyforafrica.com to learn more.



FamilyFEST

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said Kathy Thompson, a FamilyFEST volunteer from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Thompson, along with her daughter and niece, spent the week in La Center Baptist Church's kitchen baking cupcakes and cookies.

Thompson's daughter Sarah, 9, said her favorite part of the project was seeing the smiles of people who received the goodies.

La Center Baptist Church's sports camp, with the help of volunteers from Friendship Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Ala., provided instruction to 19 children from the community in basketball, waffle ball and dodge ball.

In Henderson, along with the sports camp and block party outreach, nurses from Kentucky, Illinois and Louisiana came together to do health fairs. They took blood pressure, did glucose monitoring and gave out health information.

Dolores Gilmore, associational WMU director for the Green Valley association, said the nurses enjoyed combining their nursing skills with other skills to help the community.

"Not only were we concerned about their health problems," Gilmore said, "we were concerned about their spiritual problems and needs." The nurses aimed to provide a friendly place where community members could ask questions about their health and the nurses could share the love of Jesus.

"The most important task of the volunteers was servant evangelism," said Joy Bolton, executive director of Kentucky WMU. "As the volunteers served, doing a variety of tasks and ministries, they had opportunity to share Jesus and why they had come. Their encouragement to our local churches was vital."

Terri Staines, a volunteer from First



FamilyFEST volunteers Peggy Leach (standing), of Hartford Baptist Church in Hartford, and Cheryl Hatfield (seated), of Willisburg Baptist Church in Willisburg, entertain residents at Redbanks, a senior living facility in Henderson, with games and other activities.

Baptist Church in Ray City, Ga., said Paducah and Henderson "will never be the same and neither will the 155 volunteers who served during FamilyFEST." In hosting a nightly Vacation Bible School at West End Baptist Church in Paducah, Staines said she and her team "came with a servant heart wanting to be a blessing to others, and all came away with hearts overflowing from the blessings received in return."

WMU's FamilyFEST is open to volunteers ages 6 and up while its MissionsFEST opportunities are geared to volunteers ages 18 and older. Kentucky has welcomed three MissionFEST events in the past, but this was the state's first FamilyFEST. Next year's FamilyFEST opportunities will be in Salt Lake City, June 24-28 and eastern Kentucky, July 19-24.

For more information, visit www.wmu.com/trips.

Cutrer, SBTS professor & doctor, dies suddenly

Louisville—William Cutrer, a professor and staff physician at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died July 13 from cardiac-related complications.

According to his wife, Cutrer, 62, left his home for a bicycle ride around 7 a.m. and not long after, fellow cyclists found him tipped over on his bicycle. The cyclists and emergency responders tried to revive Cutrer without success.

Cutrer became the first medical doctor to join Southern's faculty following his successful career as an obstetrician and gynecologist in Texas. In 1999, he assumed an endowed professorship as C. Edwin Gheens Professor of Christian Ministry.

He also was director of the Gheens Center for Family Ministry. During his tenure at the seminary, he served as staff physician of the school's Hagan Clinic, an on-campus limited health maintenance service staffed by a charge nurse and physician.

Cutrer was "a friend he was to so many on the Southern Seminary campus," said Southern Seminary President Albert Mohler.

"He was a remarkable man, and he lived a remarkable life," Mohler said. "He touched and influenced thousands of lives and he leaves a great legacy. He died all too soon, from our perspective. We will miss him greatly."

In addition to his duties at the seminary, Cutrer was an active pro-life advocate and practitioner in the Louisville, community. For many years, he was the medical director for A Woman's Choice Resource Center, a non-profit special health clinic that provides services for crisis pregnancies and post-abortion support.

Cutrer was the author or co-author of several books, including "Sexual Intimacy in Marriage," "The Infertility Companion," "The Contraception Guidebook" and "The Church Leader's Handbook: a Guide to Counseling Families and Individuals in Crisis."

Cutrer is survived by his wife Jane Curry Cutrer and three children, William Jr., Robert and Jennifer Snow, and six grandchildren. Cutrer was a member of Crestwood Baptist Church in the Louisville area. (SBTS)

CU hosts 7,000 campers

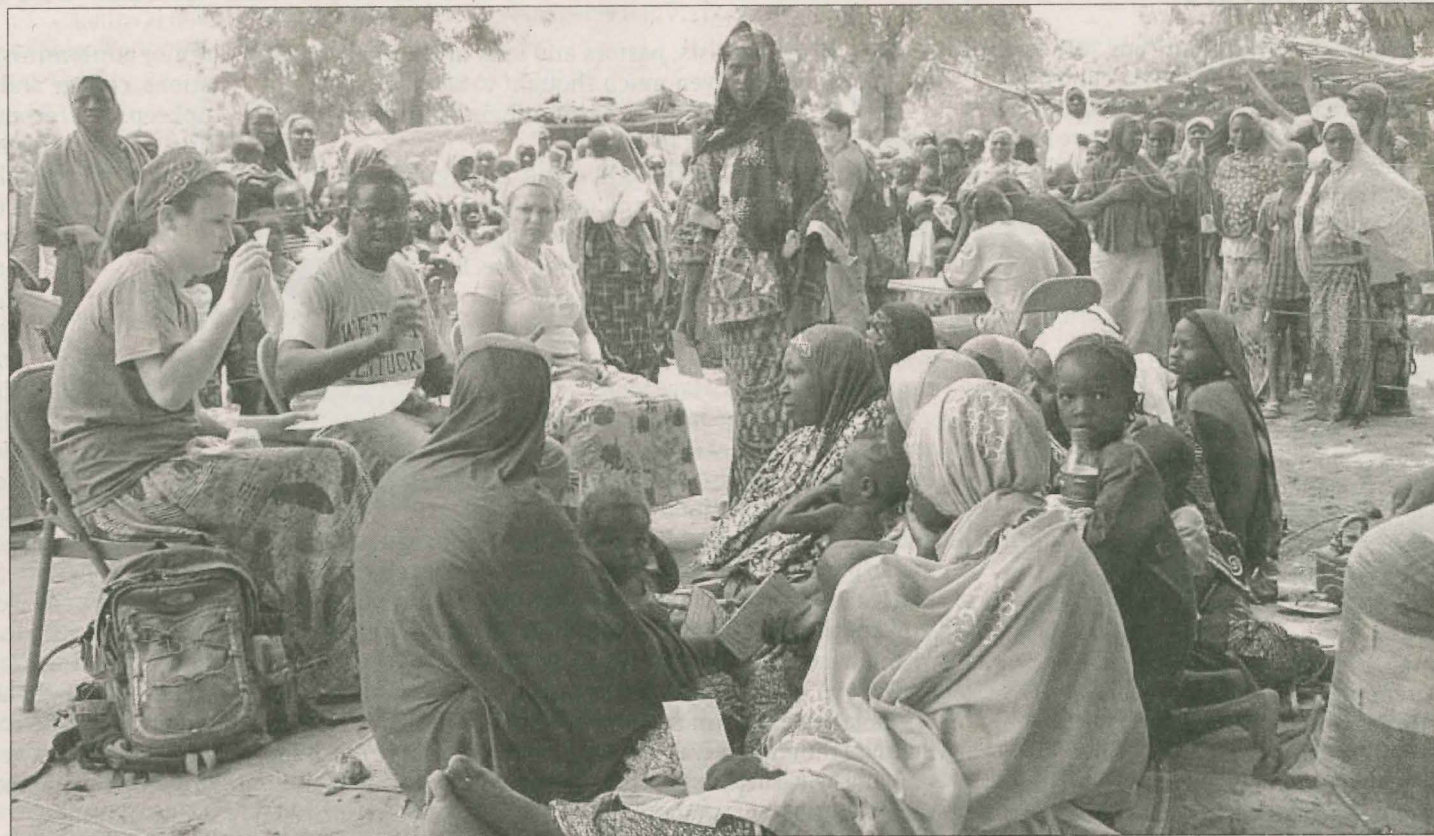
Campbellsville University will host about 7,000 campers this summer on their campus. Participants attending so far represent 10 different states more than 120 churches, and 28 high school and junior high sports teams.

Themed camps held at CU range from basketball, wrestling, softball, football to Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership, CentriKids and Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra.

CentriKid is the biggest camp with eight sessions. The sports ministry camp is run by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. For more information, call (270) 789-5047.

This news brief is repeated from the July 16 issue of the Western Recorder. In the initial printing, Campbellsville University was incorrectly identified as Cumberland.

CU students impacting world through mission trips



Jordan Johnson, of Russellville, and Melanie Jones, of Albany, both of whom graduated in May, were on a mission trip in Niger. (CU provided photos)

By Christina Kern

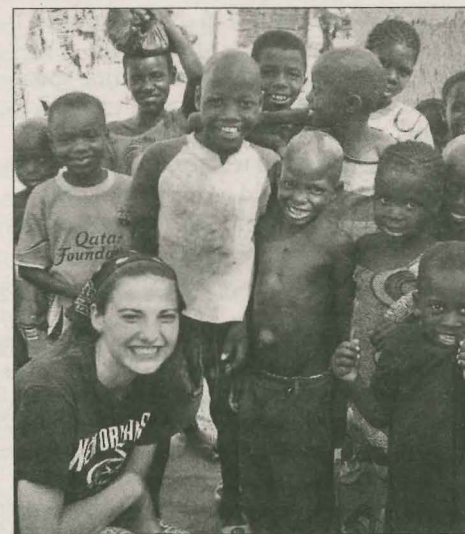
Campbellsville—Campbellsville University students were world changers for Christ this summer, spreading the gospel in Niger, the Philippines and Honduras.

Trent Creason, a 2008 alumnus from Campbellsville, went on his second trip to Niger in May. The group worked at health clinics and shared the gospel through a process called C2C, Creation to Christ.

Many of the people in Niger have never been introduced to the gospel, Creason said, so to share the gospel with "someone who has little to no background of the Bible, it is important to provide the full picture of God's story from beginning to end, from creation to Christ."

For CU freshman Bethany Thomaston of Auburn, this was her first mission trip to Niger. She said many of the villages they visited had "zero known believers and zero evangelical witnesses. It was amazing to see five men from one village come to Christ."

Creason said, "God opened opportunities to speak and share the gospel with all ages. Many times we started with a small group and ended with a large



Bethany Thomaston, a sophomore from Auburn, traveled to Niger for her first mission trip.

crowd gathered around. One time we had over 80 people gathered around us."

During a time of sharing, one man asked, "How were we supposed to know if you had not come and told us?" Creason thought, "How will they know unless we go?"

Thanks to many Women's Missionary Union members in Kentucky, the team was able to provide and leave much-needed supplies at the health clinics, including nutria-mix, formula, soap and vitamins. "I was amazed that each clinic had one cabinet for medical supplies, but they were always empty," Creason said.

In the Philippines, the team painted a school—three floors of classrooms and lobbies—during their two-week stay in Manila, working with Kids International Missions (KIM).

The team also worked with New Faith Family Children's Home; the Jazz Home, a home exclusively for girls who have been victims of abuse; and Journey of Hope, a single mom who invites street kids into her home, feeds them dinner and shares the gospel.

The young people at Journey of Hope range from elementary to college age. The mom who runs Journey of Hope wants to buy land to build a children's home so she can help more children.

While painting at the school, Katie Johnson of Leitchfield, who graduated in May, connected with a boy who had been sold by his mother to pay a debt. The boy, Aldrin, was watching her paint, and he just smiled. "No one's smile has ever made me that happy," she said.

Even though they couldn't understand each other, Johnson said they "clicked." The team agreed there was "something different" about this boy—"he was respectful, a hard worker, he just showed up and immediately wanted to help."

Later, Johnson was told that Aldrin's mom had sold him to her boss to pay off her debt. Now, he just lives wherever he can. Before she left, Johnson bought a Bible for Aldrin in his language and wrote a note—translated so he could understand it.



Katie Johnson (right), a graduate of Leitchfield, made friends with Aldrin while serving in the Philippines.

Johnson was sad to leave the Philippines because it meant she wouldn't be able to keep track of her "little brother" and see how he is doing. Since Johnson returned from the trip, however, she learned he went back to live with his siblings (in an area that isn't as safe as Manila).

Johnson said, "There is no keeping up with his whereabouts. But even though he has been lost to me, he has not been lost to God.... My prayer is that when I get to heaven, I will see Aldrin, and I will get to hug him and spend an eternity with the only little brother I ever had."

In Honduras, the team worked on a missionary house in Saba to mix concrete and build onto it. They distributed food, flip-flops and shirts at a landfill, and clothes and snacks to children at a school.

Makayla Jessie of Edmonton, who graduated in 2012, said, "We really worked as servants, which was helpful because I learned that we can spread the gospel in many ways."

Jessie said an 18-year-old man named Javier gave his life to Christ during the trip. (CU)

For more information on mission trips, contact Ed Pavy, director of campus ministries, at (270) 789-5227.

Lessons in love

Michelle and I celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary on July 31st. Our courtship began in middle school. Apart from a few periods of teenage drama, we have actually been together for 30 years. The Proverbs say, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord" (18:22). How

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Paul Chitwood

thankful I am to have obtained the Lord's favor!

At this time last year, we received the news of Michelle's cancer diagnosis and shared that news with our Kentucky Baptist family. Looking back over this past year, the concern and kindness that we have been shown by our family of faith is humbling and overwhelming. And the mercy we have received from the Lord's hand has been formative and healing.

With regard to healing, from all indications, Michelle's journey through the valley of cancer is over. Praise the Lord!

As for being formative, the Lord has used this experience in more ways than we can count; but some of them need to be counted.

God has used cancer to bring us closer to one another and closer to Him.

He has used cancer to instill within us an even deeper appreciation for the prayers of His people, the blessing of marriage, and the privilege of being parents.

And God has used cancer to teach us to savor the gift of life but, more importantly, to remind us of the unshakable, eternal hope and confidence we have in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another of the many lessons I learned came at one of Michelle's lowest moments. Still recovering from a major surgery, she was also in the middle of intensive chemotherapy treatments. Some who are now reading this article know the side effects all too well: zero energy, relentless nausea, hair loss. Misery in general.

As I was doing what I could to care for her, and wishing I could do more, she spoke these words to me: "I always knew you loved me, I just didn't know how much."

The lesson God taught me is that we show our love most tangibly and convincingly by serving. It is the message Jesus embodied, taught, and modeled to his disciples. It is the key to greatness in the Kingdom. And it is oftentimes the very thing God uses to testify to the truth of the gospel before a lost world.

And yet, even when we have been complimented for serving, as I was by my sick wife, the words of Jesus from Luke 17:10 come crashing upon us, "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Ah, more lessons...

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Make a difference ... in this life and beyond

Most Baptists, pastors and laity alike, likely haven't really given much thought to advancing the kingdom of God beyond their lifetimes. That's something that needs to change.

Sure, we may have thought about arranging support for our spouse, our children and our grandchildren, the university where we attended, and perhaps a favorite charity in our wills—if we even have prepared one. But by and large, most of us it seems do not think about including our churches or the Christian ministries that have significantly impacted our lives. Have you?

Just imagine the impact that could be made for the gospel in our communities, our country and our world, if even a quarter to half of those sitting in church pews all across Kentucky, in addition to giving their regular tithes and offerings, were to include their local church, the Cooperative Program, and our Kentucky Baptist ministries or universities in their estate planning. What if we all did? Think what could be accomplished then!

Did you know that last year the distribution for the Cooperative Program from endowments with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation was the second largest source of CP support in the Kentucky Baptist Convention? Only one Kentucky Baptist church gave more than the collective distributions through KBF endowments, which totaled nearly \$306,000. In fact, it's been this way now for six years running. The Foundation is, indeed, another way that, together, we can do more.

But, it's not about the money or raising funds to support churches or KBC ministries, though; it's really about lives being changed by the gospel—doing and reaching more for Christ. It's about fulfilling the Great Commission, taking God's word to every nation. That's the vision that Barry Allen and Laurie Valentine at the Kentucky Baptist Foundation want to help pastors and lay people across the Commonwealth see.

Churches are the most overlooked charities when it comes to estate stewardship, according to Allen, president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Why? Primarily because churches don't usually ask members to include the church in their estate plans. It's a huge missed opportunity, Allen said. In supporting a local church, for example, it may mean endowments established for missions, youth and

senior adult ministries, capital improvements, general operations, college and seminary scholarships, or cemetery upkeep. In a recent video produced by the Foundation, Rusty Ellison, former pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, describes how his church went about helping members to catch a vision for legacy giving.

Through offering a "Foretalk" conference, Walnut Street has been very successful in encouraging its members to include the church in their estate planning, Ellison said, adding, "We could not have been nearly as far along in that effort were it not for the resources of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation." Nearly two-thirds of the church's older adults did not have current wills, so leaders put together a ministry program on estate planning to help them deal with "all those matters that each of us have to face as we get older," Ellison explained.

"We've made a concerted effort ... to bring to our people the opportunity to answer the question: 'Would you consider including Walnut Street in your estate planning? Have you ever thought about it?'" Ellison said. The response was phenomenal, he continued. "More than two dozen of our people said, 'We've not done it, but we will go back to the drawing board, and we will include the church in our estate planning.'"

Any church can do what Walnut Street did. "You have the opportunity—through the resources of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation—to offer your people the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy to your church," Ellison emphasized. "And, of course, anything we do to strengthen the stewardship side of our work in the local church strengthens the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

Allen and Valentine can help you and your fellow church members, too, sort through the alphabet soup of CRATS (Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts), CLATS (Charitable Lead Annuity Trusts), DAFS (Donor Advised Funds) and other such acronyms to determine which giving vehicle best fits your situation. But the important thing here is to realize that planning our estates is the single most significant act of financial stewardship that we, as God's people, will ever make, and through our estate stewardship, each of us can make a significant and lasting impact on our world for Christ. That impact begins with a phone call to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation at (866) 489-3533 to find out more.

After
Thought

By Todd Deaton



How to grow a Sunday School class

Ask yourself this important question: Does my small group or Sunday School class consistently reach new people for Christ? Try some of these simple tips to

Fresh Ideas



Diana Davis

keep your class fresh and growing:

■ **Am I late?** Cultivate a high-energy, welcoming atmosphere before class. Assign early coffee makers and friendly, informal greeters. Play a music CD. Encourage members to arrive early for fellowship.

■ Teach members to truly greet.

When guests arrive, all members must immediately, intentionally turn their focus toward meeting, befriending and

including them.

■ **Add paint.** God's house should look as nice as yours. Get permission, then paint, viciously de-clutter, update décor, add Christian art and make needed repairs.

■ **A simple "freshen-up."** Regularly make small changes to subtly heighten interest and avoid stagnation. Face chairs in a different direction. Rearrange them in semi-circles or rows. Add a teacher's podium, table or stool.

■ **Open God's word.** A great Bible study class must have quality, life-changing Bible study. Is more time spent discussing ailments and town trivia than God's word? Change that.

■ **Find guests in worship.** Every leader and member should eagerly watch for guests in the worship service and per-

sonally invite them to their Bible class.

■ **Intentional follow-up.** Within 72 hours after guests visit your small group, they receive a phone call, email, personal visit and snail mail welcome note from various members. Delegate these weekly assignments. One growing class invites newcomers to coffee or lunch so they can get to know them, share their own God story and invite them to join the group.

■ **Fellowship or flounder.** Create an atmosphere of love, and enhance relationships by planning annual events and frequent fellowships, with a focus on including newcomers. Meet often for Sunday lunch. Participate in all-church activities.

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Trial over; central tragedy remains

By Albert Mohler Jr.

As the father of a young man, I know the talks parents have with their sons—or should have. I have had plenty of those talks, and I know them from both sides. But there is one talk I never had to have with my son, and my father never had to have with me. That is the talk about what to do when the police pull you over and you are a young black man. The talk about what to do when you are eyed suspiciously by people just because you are a young black male. The talk about how to act and how to respond when people watch just to see if you are trouble.

America is divided once again in the aftermath of the verdict in the George Zimmerman trial. The decision of the Florida jury to acquit Zimmerman on charges of murder and manslaughter in the killing of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin has reverberated around the world. Americans are divided along some very tragic and recognizable lines in the wake of the verdict. But the line that I find most important is this—the line between those parents who have to have that talk with their boys and those who do not.

The trial in a Florida criminal court was laden with moral meaning, outrage and controversy. These are elements that criminal trials are incapable of resolving. The jurors in the Zimmerman trial were asked to determine very limited questions of fact. Even without the complications of race and political scrutiny, this was going to be a difficult prosecution. The fact is that George Zimmerman was the only witness to what happened on Feb. 26, 2012. Trayvon Martin was dead and there were no other witnesses to the event. Given the fact that the initial investigation found George Zimmerman's claim of self-defense to be plausible and the fact that the prosecution's key witnesses faltered on the stand, the jurors were left with the question of finding

Zimmerman guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. They did not find him guilty.

The New York Times editorial board rightly lamented the fact that the prosecutors faced a case “weak on evidence and long on outrage.” But the editors of The Washington Post got it exactly right when they declared that “the central tragedy of this case—the death of a 17-year-old boy who had been on a simple errand to get snacks—remains.”

So many Americans, from so many different vantage points, wanted the trial to be about racial profiling, Florida's “stand your ground” law, gun control or some other urgent issue. Criminal trials are not where such issues, legitimate and pressing though they may be, are to be adjudicated. Show trials are the hallmarks of tyranny, not democracy. But the angst after the verdict is ample proof of the work that remains to be done. The U.S. Department of Justice may consider other criminal charges, but the criminal trial in Florida is where the death of Trayvon Martin was considered as a homicide. Civil lawsuits may follow, but the satisfaction of a criminal conviction cannot emerge from a civil trial.

There are pundits on all sides taking advantage of this case and controversy. I do not want to become one of them. This nation needs a deep and intensive conversation about racial profiling, self-defense laws and a range of issues related to this tragic case. It is dangerous to be a young black male in America. It is true that a young black man is far more likely to be killed by another young black man in this country. Trayvon Martin was killed, however, not by another African-American young male, but by a man who in a 911 call declared Trayvon was suspicious and out of place and then rejected the police dispatcher's order to stop following him.

The photos of Trayvon shown to the world show a normal, happy, 17-year-old boy. A boy who had been living with his mother but had been sent to be with his father after an incident in school. In other words, a 17-year-old boy who not only was in the right place, but for a very right reason—so that he could be watched over by his father. There isn't a father of a 17-year-old boy in America (or any man who was once a 17-year-old boy) who doesn't know exactly what that is about.

The central tragedy remains. A smiling 17-year-old boy who had gone to a convenience store to buy a soft drink and a snack was shot to death, and we will never know exactly how or why. We just know that it is an unspeakable tragedy. It is a moral tragedy that even the best system of justice cannot remedy, much less restore. It is a political tragedy, a cultural tragedy and a legal mess. But far more than these, it is the tragedy of a boy now dead, of parents and loved ones grieving,

Changing bad attitudes

By Scott Wigginton

Q: As summer draws to a close and the new school year dawns, my teenage son is once again talking about how much he hates school. How can I help him to have a better attitude and approach to school?



A: Proverbs 23:7 states, “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.” The Bible is clear; our emotional lives will follow our thoughts. Your son must realize that one key to his happiness at school will have to do with the way he thinks

about it. A second key will be his willingness to be an active change agent rather than a passive victim.

A useful question is whether he would be open to, and see the benefits of, moving to a “not hating” position. If your son is willing to consider how “not hating school” could be useful to him, then you've made a great start. Assist him in making three lists. First, ask him to list things he has disliked about school. List number two will consist of the things he has liked or could like.

To make list three, have him divide the first list into those things he cannot control and those he might influence. The third list will consist of things he might influence. Help your son to develop action plans so that he can see himself having an influence on some things that previously frustrated him.

For the first month, review your son's school day with him, asking him to name the things on list two that he enjoyed that day. Encourage him to try and do more things on that list. Then look at list three and how he has taken action to influence some items there. Pray about these things with him.

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Giving benefits family & charity

By Laurie Valentine

Legacy giving offers a variety of ways to provide support to charitable causes important to you, while also helping you solve personal financial challenges. One such giving plan is a Charitable Remainder



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and of a nation further wounded, confused and tormented by the color line.

I think of the young black men on the seminary campus I am honored to lead. I think of the faithful black parents whose families I know, love and admire. I think of what they have to worry about that I never have to think about. I think of the conversations that must come for our nation and for our churches.

But most of all I am thinking of those parents who have to have that talk I never had to have with my son. I pray and yearn for that day when those conversations will not be necessary. May God watch over every single one of them, for they, starting with Trayvon Martin, belong to all of us.

Albert Mohler Jr. is president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Rejoicing in the God of ups and downs

By David Jeremiah

Oh, the ups and downs of life! Sometimes we're high on life, and then we're down in the dumps. Christians aren't immune to life's

alternating patterns, nor were the heroes of the Scripture. Think of any biblical character you want to, from Adam to Zacharias. As you read about God's people in His word, each had good days and bad ones.

Take Elijah, for example. In one chapter, we see him calling down fire from heaven on the ridge of Mount Carmel. Turn a few pages and he's hiding under a juniper tree wishing he were dead.

Consider the patriarch Joseph. He's pictured in Genesis 40 rotting in prison; turn the page and he's the prime minister of Egypt.

Perhaps no one except Christ

Himself experienced a greater range of highs and lows than King David, the author of many of the Psalms. We love his writings because he seems to have known all the ups and downs of life as we do; and there's a Psalm to match our every mood.

Psalm 30 is an excellent example. It begins: “I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up.”

The Hebrew term David used for “lifted up” is the same word that was used for dipping a bucket down into a well and drawing up water. David was saying, “Lord, you reached into the grave and pulled me right out. I was almost gone.” Furthermore, notice the word “extol.” It means “to lift up.” The psalmist was saying, “I will lift You up in my praise, Lord, for You have lifted me up in Your mercy.”

David went on to describe how

God had taken him from hurting to healing (verses 1-4); from weeping to joy (verse 5); from prosperity to poverty (verses 6-7); from mourning to dancing (verse 11), and from silence to singing (verse 12). He ended by saying, “You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to You” (verses 11-12).

Psalm 30 simply reflects Scriptural realism. Life isn't ideal; troubles hit us hard; we can be cast down. But God is faithful; His compassions never fail, for great is His faithfulness. He is all we need, our All-Sufficient Savior, our All-in-All. Whether we're up or whether we're down, He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

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COMMENTARY

Missouri gunman opens fire during Sunday morning service

Norwood, Mo.—A man is in custody after witnesses say he opened fire during a Sunday (July 21) worship service at First Baptist Church in Norwood, Mo. Worshipers tackled him before anyone was shot.

One man injured his shoulder in the scuffle, but no other injuries were reported.

Pastor Stephen Fugitt was about half-way through his morning sermon when a man carrying a "high-caliber" revolver entered the church and fired two or three shots, Fugitt told The Pathway, the newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist

Convention. The suspect shot at least once into the floor between himself and Fugitt while walking toward the platform, Fugitt said.

"He pulled his gun up and before he could fire, one of the guys grabbed his arm (just before he pulled the trigger) and it (the bullet) went up into the ceiling," the pastor said.

Several more men piled onto the suspect and wrestled the gun away from him until the Wright County Sheriff's Department could arrive.

Deputies later discovered a shotgun in the back seat of the suspect's car.

Fugitt praised God that no one was seriously injured, and thanked the men who acted quickly to subdue the suspect at the church that draws about 60 worshippers on Sunday mornings.

The church has had previous contact with the suspect.

"It wasn't totally random," Fugitt said.

Worshippers had last seen the suspect in early June when he threatened to return to the church with a gun, Fugitt said. The church called an ambulance which took the man to a psychiatric hospital after the June threat, Fugitt said. Previously, the suspect had been to the

church only two or three times over the past three or four years, the pastor said.

Everyone remained relatively calm after the shooting, said Fugitt who led worshippers in a prayer before they left the church. Fugitt asked other churches to remain alert and have a plan to deal with emergencies such as this.

"We actually have a plan, but it happened so fast, not much else could have been done except what happened," Fugitt said.

The alleged gunman's name has not been released. About 600 people live in Norwood, 30 miles east of Springfield. (BP)

SHOOTERS IN CHURCHES: Federal guidebook advises worshipers 'run, hide, or fight'

By Diana Chandler

Washington—The federal government has released a guidebook to help churches respond to shooters and other on-site emergencies as part of President Obama's executive orders to fight gun violence.

Titled "A Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operation Plans for Houses of Worship," it offers suggestions and instructions apart from any laws or mandates. The guidebook is the work of a panel of 100 experts encompassing faith leaders, first responders, law enforcement officers, educators and emergency planners, who also released books for K-12 schools and higher education.

The guide advises churches to develop a plan of action and, in the event of an active shooter in the church, to have the congregation already trained to "run, hide, or fight" depending on opportunity. Nowhere does the document advise church members to arm themselves with guns or other weapons.

Jimmy Meeks, a Southern Baptist preacher and Texas police officer who helps churches implement plans to protect worshippers, said the guidebook repeats information he and others have offered for years.

"We've been pleading with people (to prepare)," said Meeks, who speaks at "Sheepdog Seminars" for churches.

Violent deaths in churches have surpassed those in schools, said Meeks, who has tracked 433 such deaths in churches since 1999, including 128 in Baptist congregations.

The federal panel's 32-page document for churches, downloadable at whitehouse.gov, was released under the umbrella of FEMA following the congressional defeat of Obama's gun control initiatives.

Vice President Joe Biden, in a mid-June news conference, described the guidebooks for churches and education facilities as comprehensive.

"We made sure the guidance reflects ... all the lessons we've learned over the years to insure that schools, higher education, houses of worship have an opportunity to share the latest and best knowledge and advancement in emergency planning," the vice president said. (BP)

'Sheepdog' sessions prep churches for violence



Jimmy Meeks (left) and policeman Scott Caster demonstrate the "20-foot rule" at a "Sheepdog Seminar" at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. If you're armed with a gun and attacked by someone 21 feet away with a knife, you will be stabbed before you can fire, Meeks said, unless your gun is already drawn. (Photo by Michelle Tyer)

By Michelle Tyer

Fort Worth, Texas—Churches have long been considered safe havens for worship but, with 433 people killed on church property since 1999, they have become more dangerous than schools.

Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, knows such violence firsthand. A shooter entered a youth service in 1999, killed seven and wounded seven others.

Wedgwood hosted a "Sheepdog Seminar" recently, providing training for 350 church representatives to prevent and respond to violent attacks. Seminar leaders referred to attendees as "sheepdogs" or protectors of their churches.

"I think there's something that God's people can do that we're not doing," Jimmy Meeks, seminar leader and a police veteran of more than 30 years, said of the need for church preparedness.

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman (retired), another speaker whose book "On Killing" was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, said denial of the occurrence of violence is a major enemy of the church.

"The church has sat and done nothing while our kids are desensitized," Grossman said, proffering that violent video games and movies are encouraging a generation of youth to use force against society's most vulnerable.

"They're gonna seek victims that can't fight back in places that guns aren't allowed," often at churches and schools, Grossman said.

Meeks encouraged churches to

mobilize safety teams, training and licensing them to carry and use guns to the extent of the law. No church members should join solely for the purpose of hurting those who might seem to be "bad guys," Meeks said.

"It's not about how to hurt the shooter but to protect the sheep," he noted.

The seminar was not limited to gun violence. Attorney Greg Love of MinistrySafe said churches need to be on their guard against sexual predators.

"It starts with understanding it's even possible," Love said. He advised churches to conduct thorough background checks, educate their members and encourage them to report problems, even if reputations are at stake.

"We expect and desire that kids be safer at our program than any other,"

Love said of the church.

Churches also must rely on the power of God to fight against violence, Meeks said, encouraging prayer, fasting, wisdom, courage and love.

"It will take more than a good man with a gun to stop a bad man with a gun," Meeks said. "We need more than guns—we're gonna need the power of God."

Seminar attendees heard from families who have lost members in church shootings and viewed the film "Faith Under Fire," based on the 1980 shooting at First Baptist Church in Dangerfield, Texas.

Each of the 13 speakers during the seminar noted the importance of churches preparing for violence physically, mentally or spiritually. (BP)

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Southern Baptist Black network's leader: 'take the high road'

By Joni Hannigan

Sanford, Fla.—Dismissing race as a motive in the Trayvon Martin shooting, a Southern Baptist leader in Florida said he believes because an African American was involved, "there was a racial tone" that has resulted in unavoidable controversy over the not-guilty verdict in the second-degree murder trial of George Zimmerman.

Eugene McCormick, president of the Southern Baptist Black Denominational Servant's Network, cautioned those who might be tempted to "carry things to the extreme" while encouraging prayer for both the families of Martin, 17



Eugene McCormick

when he was killed, and Zimmerman.

"We just have to take the high road and be prayerful and continue to move on," said McCormick, team strategist for the Florida Baptist Convention's African American church development ministries team.

McCormick, in hoping that any rallies or protests won't become "violent or negative," said he heard nothing that convinced him the act was racially motivated.

"I believe it could have been a white person, an Asian person, or a Hispanic person, and the same thing could have happened," McCormick said.

Pointing to Martin's parents, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, McCormick said people should follow their early

example in decrying any sort of violence and acknowledging that God is in control.

Within hours following the verdict, Sybrina Fulton tweeted, "Lord during my darkest hour I lean on you. You are all that I have. At the end of the day, GOD is still in control...."

McCormick said he believes the entire situation was "unfortunate" but is resting in the "fact that God knows what happened."

"This is not the first time this has happened and we've had a controversial court decision in U.S. history," he said. "I don't harbor any anger or malice toward the situation because it's life and things don't always turn out or come out in terms of what you feel like is right or wrong. But we have a God who will right every wrong—not just in this case, but in life in general."

McCormick said the nation is "definitely not the same" in regard to race relations as when he was growing up, and that it is "generally better."

"For it to be worse that would mean we would be on the other side of the Civil Rights issue," McCormick said.

Today, African Americans have been emboldened and given a "platform" to address "battles and issues" from a stronger standpoint than possibly at any time in history, he said.

"We have an African American president," he noted. "It's a step forward, a move forward; it's not the ultimate goal, but it's an accomplishment, one of several."

That said, McCormick said he believes

this country, "or any country for that matter," will forever battle ethnic issues.

For Southern Baptists, he said looking at controversial racial issues "through the lens of our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" is the ultimate response.

Jesus referred to the Samaritan as a hero in Scripture and used parables to speak to his own Jewish nation, he said, adding, "You can't hold grudges."

"As Southern Baptists, we always have to look at how we respond."

"If we are the family of God, we have to look at things as how God views it, not black, white, Hispanic, Asian—as how God views it—which is not always consistent with how you feel, or ... think," McCormick said. "That may not be how you want to respond, but you need to respond in a Christian manner."

"We have to be people of love." (BP)

Verdict

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church fit in?" said Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. "We are to intercede and stand in the gap by showing the love of God to all those who have strong feelings about this case."

Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and A.B. Vines, president of the National African American Fellowship, both called for justice in all of society.

"Overcoming racial injustice takes churches working intentionally to model the kingdom of God, shaped not by a common ethnicity but by a common Spirit. We are a long way off from that, but the Spirit is at work," Moore said. "Racial hatred isn't just mean and ignorant; it's satanic and blasphemous."

Southern Baptists need to tackle a legal system that discriminates among various ethnic groups, said Vines, who leads a racially diverse congregation

in California.

"We need to look at our American justice system and how laws seem to work at certain times for certain ethnic groups versus others. That's what we need to understand," Vines said.

Moore also referenced a disparity in the justice various ethnic groups receive.

"Despite all the progress we've made, we live in a culture where too often African-American persons are suspected of a crime just for existing," Moore said. "We also have disproportionate numbers of African-American men in prison and on death row, and this just isn't right."

Leaders also encouraged prayer for all affected.

"They will know us by our love, if we love the brethren," Vines said. "We need to cry out with 2 Chronicles 7:14 and humble ourselves in seeking God's face, and cry out with the words of Paul and become spiritual reconcilers in this moment of tragedy and explosive anger over justice, whether flawed or true," he said. "We still need to be agents of reconciliation to our nation." (BP)



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Moving mountains

Part one of valedictorian's speech at 2013 OBI graduation

The valedictorian of the OBI Class of 2013 was Anna Davidson. What follows below, and in the next two weeks' articles, is the text of her valedictory address to the congregation that attended graduation service on May 18.

"I recently did an English research paper on Dr. Seuss, specifically on his book, 'Oh, the Places you'll Go!' In it, Seuss writes of the struggles, triumphs and experiences of life, and encourages the reader to persevere through them all.

"Seuss writes, 'So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. Just never forget to be dexterous and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.) KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!'"

"This brings to mind the question: What is success? Is it moving mountains? Is it always big, dramatic and showy? Will it put you and me on a stage in front of thousands of adoring fans or on the front page of the news for some major accomplishment?"

"It would be highly desirable if fame and fortune were the consistent by-products of success for all of us and the end results of hundreds of hours of blood, sweat and tears, but all it takes is a look at each of our lives to realize that this definition of success is elusive, hollow and, for the majority of us, unobtainable.

"Personally, just over my short 18 years of life, I have seen this fact borne out in my endeavors many times.

"My goal to succeed by winning the

state tennis tournament and play division one college tennis—unaccomplished.

"My desire to get a perfect score on the ACT and have colleges tripping over each other to get me—unaccomplished.

"To be popular, to be loved by everyone, to be cool and stylish, the list could go on and on, but the bottom line is that in all these instances, I seem to fall short. There's someone more skilled than me or something standing in the way of me reaching success.

"And, I think if we're all honest with ourselves, we can pinpoint instances in our lives where what we wanted with all our hearts, that standard of success that we set for ourselves and daydreamed about,

fell apart and smashed to smithereens, causing us to once more search for what would make us successful—and silence that self-doubt that comes with unrealized goals.

"Often, I've come to the end of a dream, taken several moments to mourn and then begun to try to get some perspective on the possible victories I achieved in the heat of the pursuit.

"The saying, 'It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game' is a highly apt maxim, because often I've found that over the course of my pursuits in a certain area, other highly necessary lessons have been learned and lives touched that were hundreds of times more important in the long run than whatever short-term success I so desperately yearned to achieve."

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The evangelist

Student called at young age to do the Lord's work

Second year student Ben Everly, of Owensboro, knew at a young age that the Lord had placed a call on his life to serve Him as an evangelist.

"I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior when I was 15 years old," said Everly. "About a year after my salvation experience, the Lord placed a call on my life to preach and I surrendered to His call to ministry. I knew then that the Lord was calling me to do evangelism. God has placed a great desire on my heart to travel and do mission work. I think it is important for us to be out there doing the Lord's work, and I would love to travel around this great country we live in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

"I knew from the beginning of my salvation experience that I would need some training for God's call on my life, but I just didn't know where I would end up after high school," Everly said. "I had been looking at schools for a long time during my high school years since I had surrendered to the ministry at a young age in my life. I looked at a lot of institutions that I thought the Lord

might want me to attend, but it just didn't seem like anything was working out with any of them. They were all good institutions, but it just didn't feel like the Lord wanted me to attend any of them.

Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

"Fortunately, I had some pastors in my hometown association who had attended Clear Creek," Everly said. "They gave me some information about the college and encouraged me to visit and see what God would have me to do about Clear Creek.

"When I came for a visit to the campus, I fell in love with the area and God showed me that this was the place I needed to be. I know that I am in the center of God's will at Clear Creek. I'm thankful for a place like this where I can study and learn to fulfill God's calling on my life.

"God has truly blessed me by bringing me to Clear Creek," Everly said.

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Religious: Americans differ on definition

By Lauren Markoe

There is a lopsided divide in America about what it means to be religious, with a majority believing that it's about acting morally, but a strong minority equating it with faith.

Nearly six out of 10 Americans (59 percent) say that being a religious person "is primarily about living a good life and doing the right thing," as opposed to the more than one-third (36 percent) who hold that being religious "is primarily about having faith and the right beliefs."

The findings, released July 18, are part of a report by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Brookings Institution that aims to paint a more nuanced picture of the American religious landscape, and the religious left in particular.

The report, dubbed the "Economic Values Survey," uses respondents' views on everything—from God to the Bible to the role of government in the economy—to create a new scale of religiosity that divides Americans into four groups: religious conservatives (28 percent), religious moderates (38 percent), religious progressives (19 percent) and the nonreligious (15 percent).

Where do various religious groups fall on the scale?

■ White evangelical Christians fall overwhelmingly (70 percent) into the conservative category.

■ About four in 10 white mainline Protestants (44 percent) and white Catholics (43 percent) are moderates, as are seven in 10 Hispanic Catholics and more than half of black Protestants (54 percent).

■ The largest group of non-Christian religious people (42 percent) is classified as progressive.

■ A majority of the unaffiliated (59 percent) are in the nonreligious sector.

The report says this new scale, taking into account a wide range of beliefs—religious and otherwise—helps clarify the nature of the religious left, which has been studied far less than the religious right.

Survey respondents were split on whether capitalism and the free market system are consistent with (41 percent) or at odds with (44 percent) Christian values. Little difference among religious groups was found with the question.

The gap between rich and poor is considered the nation's most pressing economic issue by 15 percent of those surveyed, coming in fourth behind the lack of jobs, the deficit and the rising cost of health care.

But religiously unaffiliated Americans are more likely to call economic inequality the most serious economic problem than any religiously affiliated group: 27 percent give it top billing, compared to 15 percent of mainline Protestants, nine percent of white evangelical Protestants and seven percent of Catholics.

While the study shows that religious conservatives outnumber religious progressives, it also seeks to dispel what it calls a common misconception that the "right" side of the religious scale is far heavier than the "left." What is often not taken into account is the nonreligious, they argue.

What may bode even worse for religious conservatives is that they skew old. The survey shows that they are heavily represented among the oldest Americans (47 percent) but "make up a smaller proportion of each successive generation."

The survey of 2,002 adults was conducted in June. (RNS)

Work in progress

Sanctification process seldom enjoyable, always a blessing

Camp continues on with some much needed cooler weather. The weather is just one more aspect of God's grace poured out on us this year.

This like all other years has been incredibly unique. Not only has the weather been vastly different than last year, practically everything is different.

The differences from year to year I think are rooted in the fact that our sanctification as believers is always in process. Therefore, each year and, even more specifically, each day in our lives should be building upon the prior days. That fact combined with new staff, new churches and new people, and in combination with some "camp regulars," all add up to a unique set of variables that will never be repeated in life.

We, on a daily basis, preach this fact to our staff, all the while reminding ourselves that our primary daily activity is centered upon this biblical term called sanctification. As believers, it can be described as being less of me and more of Christ in all facets of my life. I firmly believe camp offers a great set of

circumstances for sanctification.

As I think about all the changes that take place during the roughly 75-day schedule, I am really excited to see how

God changes all of our staff. The process of breaking us as humans is seldom enjoyable in the moment, but in hindsight is a great blessing. Camp is that unique, temporary environment that God can use to sanctify His children.

I am thankful for His continued activity on our lives, even when the activity is more painful that we would like. And we know for those who love God all things work together for good,

for those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

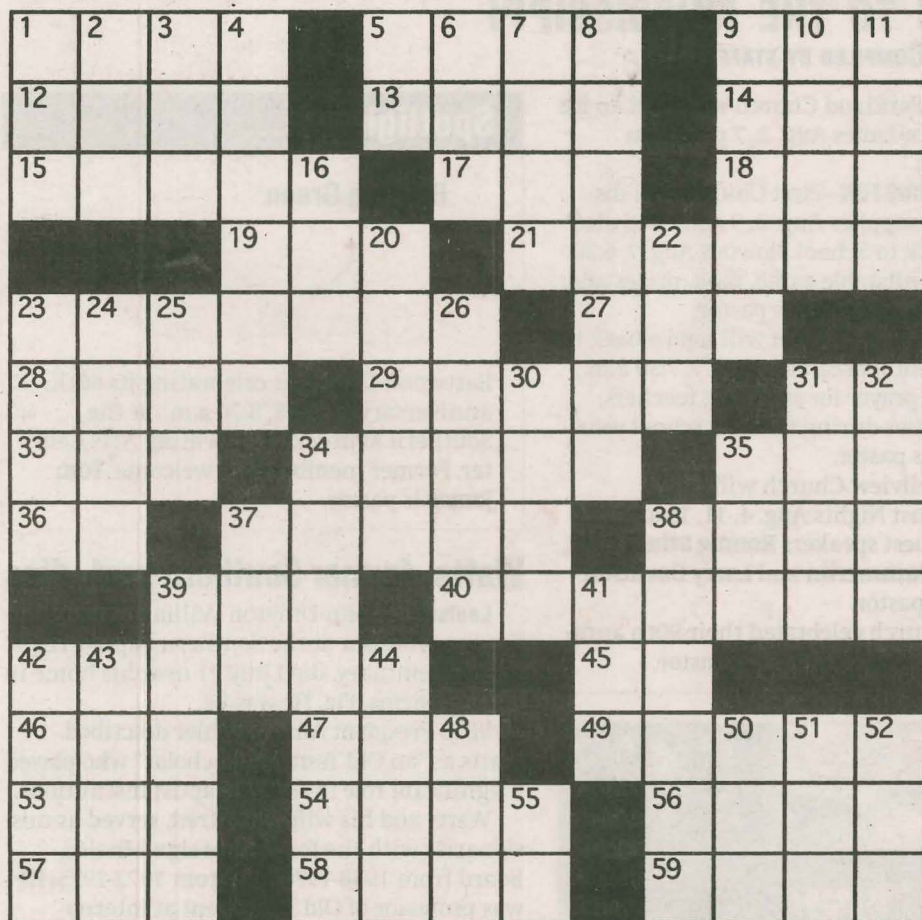
Our challenge is to understand that each day God is working and we are to trust His actions and He sanctifies us. He is preparing us to be with Him for all eternity. Pretty incredible to think about!

Crossings Ministries



David Melber

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Bible Crosswords

By Evelyn Boyington

Across

- 1 Have Midas' touch
5 "God is ... a very present ____ in trouble" (Psalm 46:1)
9 Unit with several rooms (abbr.)
12 ____ code
13 State one's case
14 Certain princess' veggie villain
15 "When he had found one ____ of great price, went and sold all" (Matthew 13:46)
17 Debussy's "Le ____"
18 High school subject (abbr.)
19 Kind of gloves
21 Escalator alternative
23 Unlikely hit
27 Take-home pay
28 Between a rock and a hard place
29 Lion ____
31 "Unto whom he said, ____, such a one!" (Ruth 4:1)
33 Employ
34 Title in Tijuana
35 "Yet ____ is born unto trouble" (Job 5:7)
36 Exist
37 Kind of watercraft
38 What it's better to be
39 Fire
40 Defies detention
42 Tide, Crest, and others
45 Sympathetic sound
46 "Give ____ unto the law of our God" (Isaiah 1:10)
47 Detergent name
49 Purple peddler of Philippi
53 Linking verb
54 Den of beasts
56 Many, many moons (pl.)
57 Buttons or Auerbach
58 "Consider the lilies ... they toil not, they ____ not" (Luke 12:27)
59 Descartes

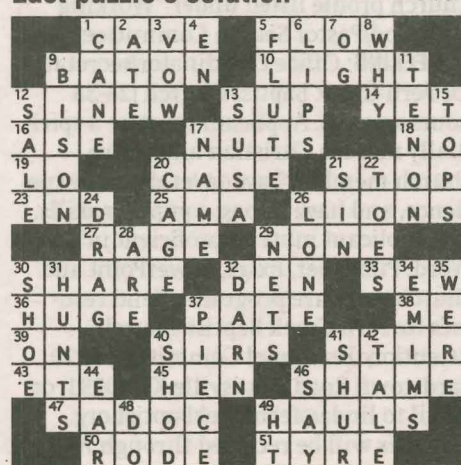
Down

- 1 "Stand in the ____ before me for the land" (Ezekiel 22:30)
2 Anger
3 Idyllic setting
4 "I will ____ the earth in the clear day" (Amos 8:9)
5 Initials of electronics giant
6 Small-town America street
7 Actress Grant, and others
8 "Whoso is ____ with a thief hateth his own soul" (Proverbs 29:24)

- 9 Divide asunder, familiarly
10 On a ____
11 Vittles
16 Sass
20 Prevent
22 Air (comb. form)
23 Broadway souvenir
24 Don't win some
25 Poetic before
26 Songdom's "home"
30 One of the "3 Stooges," and others
31 "Do good to them which ____ you" (Luke 6:27)
32 Addition column
34 "But be shod with ____; and not put on two coats" (Mark 6:9)
35 It usually has a key
37 Prohibit
38 "And, behold, a certain ____ stood up and tempted him" (Luke 10:25)
39 Was concerned about
41 Masculine nickname
42 "In their hands they shall ____ thee up" (Matthew 4:6)
43 "It is a ____ thing that the king requireth" (Daniel 2:11)
44 Smite, more familiarly
48 Weeks in a year, Roman style
50 Stag's mate
51 Bed and breakfast, for example
52 Chemical suffix
55 Hospital employee (abbr.)

Last puzzle's solution

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P P P P P givers

Childhood lessons on giving leave a lasting legacy

I am one of those fortunate individuals whose parents began teaching me and holding me accountable at an early age about the importance and the role of financial stewardship in my relationship to Christ and to other human beings.

My late father's favorite scripture was Malachi 3:10: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse ... Test me ... says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

He more than tithed out of his income and the profits from his business.

My late mother tithed out of the allowance my father provided her to run the household. So, all of my life I have been a **proportionate giver** with the tithe as the floor, not the ceiling, of my giving.

I like what the late R. G. Lee said to those who claimed tithing was an Old, not a New, Testament requirement. He said, "To give less under grace than we give under law is a disgrace."

I was taught also to be a **priority**

giver, which means to give "first" regardless of the proportion, then save and spend. Too many Christians spend first, and too often there's nothing left to give or to save. The Apostle Paul advises in 1 Corinthians 16:2 to set aside on the "first day of the week" a proportionate sum to give.

To be a **progressing giver** was another part of my parents' teaching. That meant to be ever growing the proportion of my giving. The example of Zaccheus in Luke 19:8, who gave one-half of his possessions, is not out of the question for many.

And, I was taught to be a **pleasurable giver**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, "for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).

Finally, I have been taught to be a **perpetual giver**, leaving a lasting legacy beyond my lifetime to advance Christ's kingdom (Proverbs 3:9; Hebrews 11:4).

Over the years I have proven both the reasons and the promises the Lord has made to His people about giving; I urge you to do the same thing. Let us know how we can help.

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Back to school needs

Can your church collect school supplies for Sunrise kids?

In just a couple of weeks, yellow buses will be rolling down the streets and back roads of every Kentucky county as classes resume across the state. After what has hopefully been a safe, fun-filled summer, students will begin a new school year with a fresh slate and high expectations.

The more than 600 children served every day by Sunrise Children's Services also will be going back to school, but will be facing many challenges. Many of the children we serve have suffered from abuse and neglect, and as a result, have fallen behind in their studies. They simply have not had the support at home because their lives have been disrupted by family crisis.

Sunrise prides itself in providing both the support and the resources to help these children reach their academic goals. This past year, 35 young people in our care earned their high school diploma or GED, with most of them planning to continue their education at a university or community college. Our efforts are made possible because of supporters like you.

Each summer, Sunrise collects

school supplies that we distribute to our residential programs and foster homes so students can start the school year off prepared. Specifically, we are in need of the following items: backpacks, composition books, wireless notebooks, ink pens, colored pencils, markers, loose-leaf paper, pencils, erasers, folders, binders, rulers, scientific calculators, glue sticks, index cards, dry erase markers, poster board, paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer and permanent markers.

If you or your church would like to donate items from the above list, please contact us at 1-800-456-1386 or email Carmen Gibson at cgibson@sunrise.org.

There are other ways you can help as well. The children in our residential programs could benefit from tutoring and extra

help in their studies. Volunteer tutors can get more information about the closest program to them and their specific needs by contacting Carmen. You also can become a foster parent and give a child the loving, stable home they need to succeed not only in school, but in life. Call 1-855-33icare to learn more about fostering.

Bill Smithwick is president of Sunrise Children's Services. Contact Sunrise at (502) 538-1000 or Sunrise.org

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August

- 2 Courage Camp, Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin.
- 15 Administrative Committee, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
- 15 My Hope with Billy Graham Training, Old Cedar Baptist Church, Owenton.
- 17 Super Saturday, Highview Baptist Church—Fegenbush Campus, Louisville.
- 19 FamilyFEST, Boone's Creek Association.
- 19 My Hope with Billy Graham Training, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham.
- 20 Committee on Committees, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
- 22 Committee on Public Affairs, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
- 23 English as a Second Language Tutor Training, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 24 Super Saturday, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

■ **BREMEN**—Mount Pisgah Church will hold a youth rally Aug. 3, 6 p.m., with food, local talent and speakers. **Bill Burszytnski** is pastor.

■ **CADIZ**—Cadiz Church will hold a housewarming for its new pastor, **Kyle Noffsinger**, and family Aug. 2, 6 p.m.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Campbellsville Church recently called **Mike O'Neal** as pastor.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Severns Valley Church will hold a baptism at the city pool Aug. 4, 4 p.m., followed by a cookout. **Bill Langley** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Buck Run Church will hold Magnificent Mondays Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26 with guest speakers **Brad Cunningham**, **Cameron Mills**, **Aubrey Sequiera** and **Daniel Broyles**. **Hershael York** is pastor.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Grace Church will hold Super Saturday Back to School Party Aug. 3 with a distribution of school supplies. **Steve Price** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Parkland Church will hold an ice cream social for ladies Aug. 2, 7 p.m. **Tom Curry** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church will distribute school supplies Aug. 2, 9 a.m., and also will hold a Back to School Blowout Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m., with an inflatable game, food, prizes and free Bibles. **Billy Compton** is pastor.

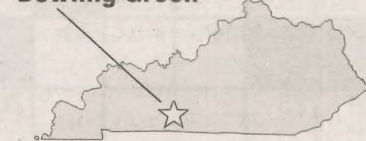
■ **OWENSBORO**—First Church will hold a back to school continental breakfast Aug. 7, 7:30 a.m., with a time of prayer for students, teachers, staff and families during the new school year. **Paul Strahan** is pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Bellview Church will host Awesome August Nights Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6 p.m., with guest speakers **Ronnie Stinson, Jr.**, **Mel Poe**, **Dan Summerlin** and **Larry Davidson**. **Mike Nolen** is pastor.

West End Church celebrated their 90th anniversary July 21. **Larry Lindsey** is pastor.

Spotlight on ...

Bowling Green



Eastwood Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m., at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center. Former members are welcome. **Tom James** is pastor.

Watts, former Southern prof, dies

Louisville—John Drayton Williams Watts, a former professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died July 21 near his home in Penney Farms, Fla. He was 92.

SBTS President Albert Mohler described Watts as "an Old Testament scholar" who played a significant role in several Baptist institutions.

Watts and his wife, Winifred, served as missionaries with the former Foreign Mission Board from 1948-1970 and from 1972-1975. He was professor of Old Testament at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Rüschlikon, Switzerland, where he also served as president. He also served on the faculty of Serampore College in Serampore, India, Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and at the SBTS (1981-95).

He is author of "Vision and Prophecy in Amos," "Studying the Book of Amos," "Basic Patterns in Old Testament Religion," "How We Got the Bible" and made contributions to several commentaries. (SBTS)

Adventure in missions

Jon Auten, RA and Challengers Consultant, demonstrates for Mission Adventure campers how to waterproof matches by dipping them in melted wax. Pictured with Auten are Bryer Stiers (standing), of Wrigley Baptist Church in Wrigley, and Avery Soden, of Gardnersville Baptist Church in De Mossville. Mission Adventure Camp takes place each summer at Cedar Crest on the grounds of Cedar-more, where boys and girls are challenged to live a missions lifestyle while enjoying worship, recreation and Bible study. (Photo by Todd Deaton)



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SEEKING: Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a youth education director. This is a part time position. If you love the Lord and have a desire to invest yourself in the lives of youth and children, send a resumé or contact Bro. Calvin Bond at 522 N. Main Street, Brownsville, KY 42210. (270) 597-7525 calbond@windstream.net.

SEEKING: Thornhill Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky., is seeking a part time music leader. If you are interested, please call Sean Post at (502) 223-7302 or email sean@thornhillbaptist.org.

SEEKING: Cedar Creek Baptist Church (Louisville) is seeking to fill the position of a part-time worship leader (including a small band). Additional leadership of adult choir is preferable. Church musical style is "blended." Experience preferred. Send resumé to: CCBC, 7709 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40291, Attn: Music Search Committee, or email: cedarcreekbc@gmail.com. Deadline for submission is Aug. 15.

SEEKING: Post Oak Baptist Church is seeking an associate pastor of Christian activities and youth. This is a full time position. Send resumé to : Post Oak

Baptist Church, 900 Bluegrass Ave., Russellville, KY 42276. A complete job description is available upon request. Call (270) 726-2157, or email: secretary_pobc@bellsouth.net.

SEEKING: White Hall Baptist Church, in Richmond, is accepting resúmes for the part time position of minister of music. Please send your resumé to WHBC, Personnel Committee, 3401 Colonel Road, Richmond, KY 40475.

SEEKING: Evergreen Baptist Church is seeking a part time minister of children. Sundays, a.m. and p.m. service; Wednesdays, p.m. service and planning time. Experience working with children required. Must adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Send resumé and references to: Evergreen Baptist Church, 2698 Evergreen Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, c/o Personnel Committee. Questions call: (502) 545-2696.

SEEKING: Elk Horn Baptist Church, a soul winning—life changing church, is seeking an enthusiastic and creative children's minister to provide vision, development, direction and management of all aspects of the children's ministry from newborn through fifth grade (approximately 150 to 175 children). The children's minister will be responsible for planning, coordinating and overseeing all areas of our growing children's ministry. The applicant must be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and have a heart, passion and calling for children's ministry. A college degree is preferred, but not required; experience is a plus. To apply, please email a resumé, along with a statement of beliefs and, preferably, a photo to office@elkhornbc.org. Paper

resúmes can be mailed to Elk Horn Baptist Church, 3145 East Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. A full job description can be found on the church website at www.elkhornbc.org. Resúmes will be accepted through Aug. 11.

SEEKING: Lewisport Baptist Church is seeking a part time minister of music who is responsible for leading worship through working with choir and band. Send resumé and cover letter to lewisportbaptist@tds.net.

SEEKING: Crittenden Baptist Church is seeking a part time youth minister. Please send resumé to Personnel Committee, Crittenden Baptist Church, P.O. Box 132, Crittenden, KY 41030, or via email to crittendenbaptist@fuse.net.

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SEEKING: Large family in Corbin with nine children needs a used church van. Please call (606) 528-8123.

SEEKING: Interim/part-time minister to students to lead youth Sunday night and Wednesday night Bible study and fellowship activities. Please send resumé to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 327, Paris, KY 40362, Attn: Gary Ellcessor, or email resumé to fbcbrogary@att.net.

Britain's Prime Minister heralds anti-Internet-porn campaign

London—British Prime Minister David Cameron has announced a multifaceted campaign against Internet pornography that blocks in-home access to images through search engines, but allows individual residences to maintain access upon request.

By the end of 2013 in Great Britain, pornographic images and prose will automatically be filtered by Internet providers for new customers, unless they opt in to receive them, and existing customers will have the option of activating "family-friendly" filters to their accounts, Cameron announced July 22 at the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children London headquarters.

"I'm not making this speech because I want to moralize or scaremonger, but because I feel profoundly as a politician, and as a father, that the time for action has come," Cameron said. "This is, quite simply, about how we protect our children and their innocence."

Parliament also will enact laws making illegal the possession of what Cameron described as "extreme porn," including the simulated depiction of rape.

Tackling the problem will require work also from "parents, Internet

providers and platforms, educators and charities," Cameron said.

Great Britain's new national curriculum includes "unprecedented requirements" to teach online safety to children, and a new national campaign will launch in 2014 to teach parents how to keep children safe online and discuss such dangers as sexting and online bullying, Cameron said.

Southern Baptist ethicist Russell Moore posted on his blog "Moore to the Point," and tweeted a 2011 article he wrote on the role the church must play in fighting Internet pornography.

"In our time, pornography is the destroying angel of (especially male)

Eros, and it's time the church faced the horror of this truth," Moore wrote.

"This means that our churches cannot simply rely on accountability groups and blocking software to combat this scourge. We must see this as darkly spiritual and, first and foremost, reclaim a Christian vision of

human sexuality."

Groups actively fighting to protect children voiced approval of Cameron's

"I will do whatever it takes to keep our children safe."

— British Prime Minister David Cameron



the cinema and buy things meant for adults or have adult experiences; we rightly regulate to protect them," he said. "But when it comes to the Internet in the balance between freedom and responsibility, we have neglected our responsibility to our children. My argument is that the Internet is not a sideline to 'real life' or an escape from 'real life'; it is real life."

Cameron's personal quest to clean up the Internet intensified after he met the parents of two children who were killed by pedophiles who had accessed child abuse images online, according to The Daily Beast.

"Everything I've spoken about today comes back to one thing: the kind of society we want to be. I want Britain to be the best place to raise a family, a place where your children are safe, where there's a sense of right and wrong, and boundaries between them, where children are allowed to be children," Cameron said.

"All the actions we're taking come back to that, protecting the most vulnerable in our society, protecting innocence, protecting childhood itself. That is what is at stake. And I will do whatever it takes to keep our children safe." (BP)

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David Cameron

NAMB's LoveLoud highlights churches 'loving their communities'

By Tobin Perry

Jackson, Ga.—For many public school children across the United States, summer means empty stomachs. With no government-provided breakfast or lunch to depend on, the 31 million children in the United States who access the program during the school year face an uncertain summer.

Last year, Macedonia Baptist Church in Jackson, Ga., decided to do something to help the hundreds of kids in their own community who may not get regular meals during the summer. Now the church takes a lead role in providing lunches for more than 280 local kids whose families have said they'd like to have the help.

"I hope (our community) sees the love of Christ coming through us," said Lane Sanders, Macedonia Baptist's pastor. "We don't look at ourselves as separated unto ourselves, but we have a mission and an investment in the community."

Jerry Daniel, the North American Mission Board's LoveLoud team leader, said Macedonia Baptist is one of a growing movement of Southern Baptist churches that are demonstrating God's love by meeting significant human needs while sharing Christ.

On this year's LoveLoud Sunday, July 21, churches were encouraged by NAMB to look for ways to meet significant human needs in their communities in a long-term manner.

"There's a movement happening among Southern Baptists," Daniel said. "God has created a groundswell of churches that are loving their communities like Jesus would. We want to highlight this and encourage other churches to get involved."



Volunteers from the Macedonia Baptist Church youth group prepare lunches for Vacation Bible School participants. The Jackson, Ga., church also provides lunches each weekday for more than 280 students who do not receive free lunches during their summer break from school. Photo courtesy of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Sanders said several of the children they've fed this summer attended the church's Vacation Bible School. At least one committed her life to Christ.

The church looks for opportunities to tell families about Christ and invite them to church through the project. For example, they've distributed tracts and information about the church with the lunches. But Sanders said adding more people to the church is not why they're engaging in the ministry. They want to show their community how much God loves them.

"Acts 1:8 isn't an either/or proposition," Sanders said. "It's a both/and

proposition. We have to reach nearby and far off. We don't have the option to choose. We have been told to do both. Our church isn't there yet, but we're trying."

Churches like Macedonia Baptist, Daniel said, demonstrate what it looks like when churches engage the significant human needs in their communities. NAMB's LoveLoud team has been focused on trying to bring attention to churches throughout the convention that are doing this kind of work.

They hope it will not only encourage churches already active in LoveLoud work but also will give other churches

ideas of how they can move forward in reaching out to their communities' neglected neighbors.

Texan Mike Alexander volunteered in a neglected community near Denver during a mission trip last summer. Through Parkside Baptist Church in Denison, Texas, the retired schoolteacher helped organize a sports camp in a mobile home park in the suburb of Aurora.

The 3,000 people who call the neighborhood home clearly had big needs—both physically and spiritually. By the time Alexander returned home, he sensed the Lord calling him and his wife back to the community to start a long-term ministry.

When Alexander moved to the area last fall, he started building relationships with local people. Right from the start he realized meeting human needs would be a crucial part of his outreach efforts.

Whenever he discovered a need, Alexander did what he could to help. He drove neighbors to grocery stores, helped them find jobs, fed them and did whatever else it took to demonstrate the love of God.

Soon he had started a church in his house. The church now meets in the mobile home park's clubhouse. In nine months, the church has baptized 30 people. They've also started ministries to children and local skateboarders.

"With all of my heart I believe to help people spiritually, you have to help them physically," Alexander said. "Jesus did that. He showed us the way. We have a lot of physical needs in this community."

For more information about LoveLoud and how your church can identify and meet the needs of neglected neighbors, visit namb.net/loveloud. (NAMB)

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