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Churches ready students, parents for

## Back to school

By John Shindlebower

**Louisville**—Students all across Kentucky are heading back to school. Whether it is kindergarten or college, getting back into the daily routine of bus rides, classes, homework and all that is associated with school can be challenging for students and families. Churches across the state have recognized this and stepped up their efforts to offer support.

Many churches have reached out to students and families in their community by helping them with the materials needed for classroom success.

At Grace Baptist Church in Lexington, a Super Saturday Back to School event included the distribution of a wide variety of school supplies. A similar program was held at Maretburg Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

At St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, members have ushered in a full-fledged partnership with a local elementary school that will extend well beyond the first day of classes.

St. Matthews Church member Dennis Boswell is a retired educator in Jefferson County and is heading up the partnership initiative at the request of Pastor Greg Barr. That effort included a breakfast for the staff of St. Matthews Elementary School that was prepared

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**INSET:** Abbi Etherton, of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, fills one of 60 backpacks with school supplies for children attending a nearby school. (Photo by Robin Cornetet Bass)



## Two campus leaders named, KBC collegiate ministry refocuses

By Todd Deaton

**Louisville**—Two new campus ministry leaders were given the nod Aug. 13, as the Kentucky Baptist Mission Board's administrative committee approved several recommendations bringing into sharper focus the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "more strategic and concentrated approach" for reaching collegiate students.

Joshua Skipper, of Durham, N.C., was named campus missionary at Northern Kentucky University, and Jonathan Clark, a native of Hopkinsville, was appointed campus missionary at Murray State University. Skipper began his new duties Aug. 16, while Clark will start Dec. 31.

Skipper has been serving as associate BCM director at Virginia Tech University since 2011. He is a graduate of the College at Southeastern and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Clark currently serves as Baptist campus minister at Southeast Louisiana University. A graduate of Murray State and New Orleans Baptist



Joshua Skipper



Jonathan Clark

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## Revving up ministry, revitalizing churches focus of Super Saturday

By Todd Deaton

**Louisville**—"There's hope for your church," Gary McIntosh, a church growth expert from La Mirada, Calif., assured Kentucky Baptist pastors and other church leaders at the first of three Super Saturday conferences, Aug. 17, at Highview Baptist Church's Fegenbush campus.

More than 400 people registered for this year's Super Saturday event in Louisville, which featured McIntosh, author of 20 books on church revitalization, along with dozens of instructors from across the state who led breakout sessions on improving church ministry. McIntosh is president of the Church Growth Network and professor of Christian ministry and

leadership at the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University.

In the first of his three seminars, McIntosh identified "fogs" that cover hope: fatigue, frustration and fear.

"When we are tired, we lose perspective; when we are frustrated, we lose patience; when we are fearful, we lose heart," he explained.

He then suggested two steps for keeping hope alive: keeping a spiritual focus, and managing the process of change. To maintain a spiritual focus, pray each day, keep the big picture in view, and focus on positives, he said.

"To turn your church around, you must first turn yourself around," McIntosh noted, adding that "turnaround churches are led by turnaround pastors."

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Gary McIntosh, president of the Church Growth Network, provides step-by-step instructions to grow plateaued or declining churches at Super Saturday Aug. 17. (Photo by Robin Cornetet Bass)

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# Back to school giveaway launches Henderson church's new campus

By David Roach

**Henderson**—As part of its effort to re-launch a struggling sister congregation, Zion Baptist Church in Henderson gave away \$3,000 in Henderson supplies at a back to school outreach July 27.

"We had coffee and donuts and milk and juice," Zion pastor Mark Galloway said. "Families came in. We spent time talking with them and getting to know them and letting them get to know us and where we're going. Then we gave them the bags full of school supplies."

The giveaway, which distributed 90 bags of supplies, was one in a series of outreaches to help launch a new Zion campus in the Countryview area of Henderson. The Countryview campus will meet in a remodeled facility that belonged formerly to Ambassador Baptist Church. When Ambassador's attendance dwindled to fewer than five, it sold its property to Zion for \$1, requesting that Zion use the building to fulfill Ambassador's vision of reaching the community for Christ.

Beginning in April, Zion embarked on the re-launch with help from a grant by

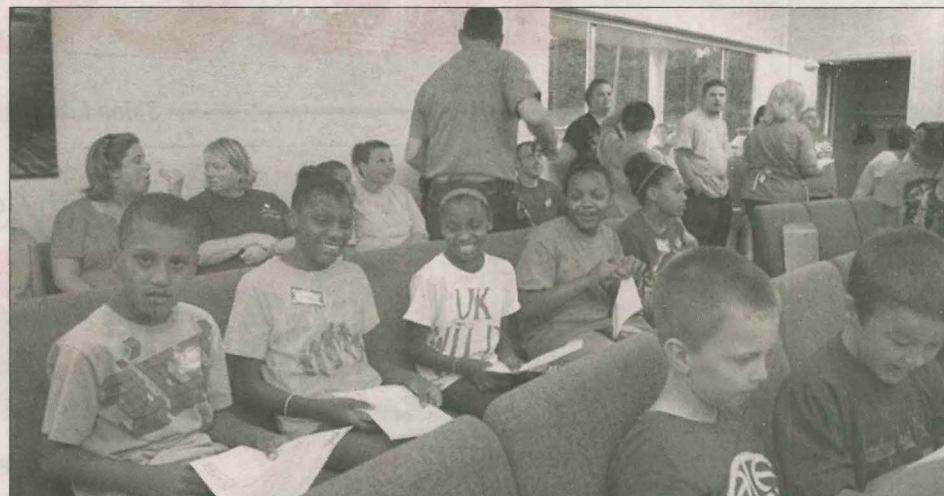
the North American Mission Board and consulting by KBC. The new campus's first service is scheduled for Sept. 8 with Galloway preaching and Zion's worship team leading music.

In addition to the school supplies giveaway, Zion held a Vacation Bible School in Countryview that drew 60 children from the neighborhood each night. Counting workers and children from other neighborhoods, average attendance reached 115.

Also in support of the new campus, a Sunday School class at Zion began a ministry in the Countryview laundromat. Once a week they pay for patrons' laundry and provide refreshments as people wait for their clothes to wash.

"Numerous people have expressed a real excitement for the transition that's taking place (in preparation for the Countryview campus launch)," Galloway said. "We're hoping that excitement translates into people in worship."

A team of 45 Zion members have committed to help with the Countryview campus, though Galloway is encouraging only a fraction of those to attend worship there. Zion hopes to fill the



Zion Baptist Church in Henderson launches their new campus with several community outreach events including a school supply giveaway and Vacation Bible School (above). (Photo provided by Zion Baptist Church)

Countryview campus with formerly unchurched people rather than its own members, he said.

Ten percent of undesignated receipts at the Countryview campus will be given to support missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program.

"I spent an hour with Pastor Mark Galloway recently," KBC western regional consultant Todd Gray said. "What I saw

was an energized pastor seeking the Lord with enthusiasm about what is going to happen at Countryview. They have already made an impact in the community and I believe they will soon become a strong church.

"What Zion is doing in Henderson is a great model for other churches considering a re-launch of an existing but struggling congregation," Gray said. (WR)

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at the church and delivered to the school during the first week of classes. Church members also adopt school staff members, students and families they agree to pray for on a regular basis.

Boswell met with the principal and teachers at the school to determine other ways the church can assist.

"They said that what they really need is for someone to come in to spend an hour a week in the classrooms," said Boswell.

So he has recruited a group of more than 50 volunteers from the church who will serve one hour a week as an in-class tutor or an in-class teacher's aide for each of the 22 teachers at the school. He has also lined up substitutes to take the place of those who may not make their assigned hour for any reason.

"Our church has really embraced this," said Boswell of the enthusiasm within the congregation for the new partnership, which has also included church members working to make some repairs and clean-up work on the school property.

St. Matthews Church has also pitched in with supplies as well. They have donated a case of copy paper for each

teacher in the school and continue to take part in the Blessings in a Backpack program that provides needed supplies and even food for underprivileged children.

When Boswell began soliciting the call for materials and food for children at St. Matthews Elementary, he had a few congregants ask him if there were really that many needy children at the school, which is located in a mostly economically-stable part of the city. Boswell explained that the district buses in many of the students from the inner city and said that a large percentage of the students there are indeed in need of the help.

The busing of children miles away from their homes has also led Boswell to consider future ways to help the school. He said many parents from the inner city have difficulty making it to open houses, parent-teaching meetings and other school functions, and he is exploring ideas at how the church could assist in helping provide transportation to help those parents become more involved in their children's school.

Across the state, other churches have also been stepping up to help as students head back to school. At First Baptist Church of Owensboro, a Tuesday night prayer service for students and schools was followed up by a Wednesday



Labeled backpacks filled with supplies line the wall at St. Matthews Baptist Church ready for elementary students. (Photo by Morgan Bass)

morning breakfast and prayer session. Julie Dunn and Cheryl Goss helped organize the event and said the prayers were specific as they lifted up all aspects of the local schools in prayer.

"All of our ministers were involved and we prayed for families, employees and students," said Goss. She said there were prayers that were written out so they can be emailed and repeated by others.

At Campbellsville Baptist Church, the focus wasn't only on the young children, but also on college students at Campbellsville University. On Aug. 18, the church held their Maroon and White Sunday with a special invitation to student-athletes, cheerleaders and band members who are not only starting a new school year, but also a new season. The church holds a breakfast for the students and a devotion time. Groups within the church are encouraged to adopt a sports team or the band and agree to pray for them and bring treats and snacks to them during the season. The event is repeated at the beginning of spring sports.

In northern Kentucky, First Baptist Church of Cold Springs is meeting the needs of children who receive free- and reduced-lunches at school, but go hungry at home over the weekend.

For a fourth year, church members will be providing food for several dozen

children at Crossroads Elementary. Sunday School classes are assigned food items that can be easily heated in the microwave or, if necessary, eaten right out of the package.

Students in First Baptist's backpack ministry often never know where the food comes from, said Linda Alford, past chairwoman of the said Missions committee, because teachers there handle the distribution. But she said the ministry's purpose is not recognition.

"We are here specifically to meet needs and bring them to the Lord, not to make a name for ourselves. We are here to glorify the Lord," Alford said.

Other churches used the back to school theme to encourage students and families back to church as well. At First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington, Youth Pastor Jason Johnson presided over a Wednesday evening event that included pizza, games, inflatables and a guest speaker to help young people get back into their normal routine, and to include church as part of it.

Johnson said summers are a busy time for families and they often travel with sports teams, vacations, or other activities, and it doesn't take much to get out of the normal routines, and that includes church attendance. The Mt. Washington Back to School Blowout was a chance to gather the young people together again and hopefully get them excited about youth programs at the church.

Johnson said it goes well beyond routines however, and said the most important aspect is building relationships. He said it is vital for young people to connect with each other and with adults in trusting, faith-based relationships.

Studies indicate that a majority of high school students will leave the church after high school and many of them will never return, and Johnson said establishing those relationships now will keep many of them plugged into the church. Getting kids back to school on the right foot is important, but keeping them connected with Christ is vital. (WR)



First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington holds Back to School Blowout in an effort to get students energized about youth programs at the church. (Photo provided by FBC Mt. Washington)

## Collegiate ministry

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Theological Seminary, he has served in various campus ministry positions for the past 15 years.

Their new title of campus missionaries—formerly campus ministers—reflects one of four recommendations from a KBC collegiate ministry task force, brought by KBC Collegiate Evangelism Strategist Brian Combs and approved by the administrative committee.

Among their recommendations:

- A new BCM vision statement that, in part, echoes the KBC's—"Created for churches, by churches, to help churches lead college students and others in the academic community to encounter Jesus Christ and to develop them as multiplying disciples and leaders.

"Where previously outreach to campus and young adults was viewed as a somewhat independent, state-office-generated ministry, it is our desire to help churches shift their mindset and see their ability to join in the vital task of reaching this generation for Jesus Christ—even if they are not located in 'college towns,'" the task force stated in its report. BCM staff will be available to consult with church leaders about how best to reach campuses and young adults for Christ, they said.

- Creation of a new support role of campus missionary interns and associates. State and local BCM leaders will develop collaborative ministry relationships between churches, associations and individuals to provide funding and support, requiring no additional Cooperative Program dollars, the task force proposed.

- Prioritize annual allocations to maintain, repair or replace existing BCM facilities on college campuses. "The BCM facilities represent a long-term, thoughtful investment of Kentucky Baptists—both in finances and time—for the purpose of giving students a place to gather to encounter Jesus for the first time, to be discipled, and to gain essential skills to lead churches as ministers and lay leaders in coming generations," the task force reasoned.

And, in light of the fact that more than 6,000 international students attend

## Flash flood damages sanctuary, not spirit of church

By Todd Deaton

**Lawrenceburg**—Flash flooding from a nearby creek early Thursday morning, Aug. 8, caused significant damage to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Anderson County.

Water rose two to three feet in places—almost as high as the sanctuary's windows—following an isolated shower about 1 a.m. that dumped several inches of rain in a matter of minutes, according to Philip Ritchey, director of missions for Anderson Baptist Association.

Pastor Bobby Chesser, who lives in Springfield about 20 minutes away, and many of Mount Pleasant's members were shocked by the news,



Despite damp hymnals and most of the carpet and drywall ripped out after a flood, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church members insisted on holding Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary. (Photos provided by Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church)

especially since it had barely rained at some of their houses that night. A deacon who works with the local fire and rescue department first notified Chesser after responding to another call from an endangered homeowner near the church.

"I was shocked to death when I got the phone call. I could not believe it," said Chesser. "It's been very devastating."

Mount Pleasant experienced some flooding in 2004, but not to this extent. "It (Puncheon Creek) got up higher this time than it ever had," Chesser said.

Yet, church members still gathered this past Sunday for worship, with about 50 people in attendance. Though several pastors have offered the use of their facilities, Chesser said members just felt they wanted to stay "and we've made out as best as we could."

"It was a little noisy with all the fans going," Ritchey recalled. The dry-wall was out, studs were showing, the carpet had been ripped out, and some hymnals were still soggy, but worship continued as usual, he said.

"The Lord just blessed us tremendously," Chesser added, noting how some young people and area pastors had spent all day on Saturday, cleaning and disinfecting the sanctuary, fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms.

"We moved everything out, and much of the furniture we couldn't keep because it was so contaminated," said Chesser, who lost his desk and chair in his study.

"We are going to try our best to help Mount Pleasant all we can," pledged



Members help with clean-up after a recent flood at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg.

Ritchey, who is helping coordinate the response by area Baptist churches. "They're going to need our prayers, financial assistance and more volunteers, particularly people skilled at installing drywall," Ritchey said.

"We sent volunteers there, and we've seen a pretty good outpouring from the community," he added.

Mount Pleasant is one of the oldest churches in Anderson Baptist Association. Founded in 1842, it is the mother congregation of many churches in that part of Anderson County, Ritchey noted.

"We will come out of this stronger as a church. I really believe that," Chesser said. "There was such a closeness last Sunday, and the spirit was good. God will take care of us." (WR)

college on one of Kentucky's campuses each year, the Administrative Committee voted to eliminate the current international campus position at the University of Louisville, in favor of creating a state international ministry strategist position. "This person will be positioned to add strategic focus through our current international campus missionary

interns and provide consultation to Kentucky Baptists gifted and willing to engage this important demographic," Combs noted.

### Church planting strategist

In other action, Carlos de la Barra, director of the KBC's multiethnic missions and ministry department, was named church planting strategist, effective Sept. 1.

In nominating De la Barra for the strategist position, Chuck McAlister, leader of the KBC's Evangelism and Church Planting team, noted, "His passion for missions and church planting continues to help spur on new church plants and continued growth and development of existing church plants."

De la Barra, a native of Chile, began work with the state convention in 2007 as ethnic associate for new work and associational missions. He and his wife, Cristina, have helped start several new churches in four Baptist associations in Kentucky. He currently is working with a new Hispanic church connected with Crestwood Baptist Church.

The administrative committee also approved establishing a new missionary category of "Missionary Support Catalyst" and transferring the KBC Music Library to Campbellsville University. Eric Allen, leader of the Missions

Mobilization team, explained that the new category—which, in effect, replaces the North American Mission Board's former Mission Service Corp status—would allow adults, who are called by God and connected to a KBC church, to commit to serve in a state missions capacity from nine months to two years. The self-funded positions will engage in or directly support missions, church planting, collegiate ministry or evangelism, in cooperating partnership with a church, association or organization.

Jason Stewart, KBC worship and music consultant, proposed that because of limited storage space following the KBC's recent restructuring, its music library be gifted to Campbellsville University for oversight and management. The large collection of anthems (528 titles) and orchestrations (233 titles) have been used by KBC all-state choirs and chorales.

KBC Finance and Business Services Team Leader Lowell Ashby reported that Kentucky Baptists crossed a historic milestone in Cooperative Program giving this month, exceeding \$750 million in total giving since its inception in 1925.

Kentucky Baptist churches contributed \$1.934 million last month through CP, Ashby told committee members. However, the KBC still needs \$2.22 million in CP receipts in August to reach this year's \$22 million budget, which he said was "in range."

Through the end of July, CP gifts from churches totaled \$19,779,949, Ashby reported. (WR)



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**Risk: Paducah**

The following is a guest column from Chuck McAlister, KBC Evangelism and Church Planting Team leader.

My wife and I recently had the opportunity to tour Paducah. Within this quaint, little town are great people with deep family values and a rich American heritage. One of our favorite places was the Paducah Floodwall Mural. The mural is amazing, but the history it represents is incredible.

In November, Kentucky Baptists will assemble in Paducah for the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention. We will gather for ministry reports, various meetings and networking.

As we depart, what legacy will we leave behind? Will we have been part of just another convention that invaded the town for a few days? Will people even know we were in their city? Or, will Kentucky Baptists have taken great strides to advance Christ's kingdom and see lives changed?

KBC's Evangelism, Church Planting, & Collegiate Ministries are offering RISK: Paducah, a series of outreach events during the week leading up to annual meeting. Help us share Christ with this city by participating in these projects:

**Nov. 2—Women's Prison Ministry.** Serve lunch to inmates and prison staff, provide music, and a gospel driven message. Contact Lee Russ by email at lee@freedomforeverministries.com.

**Nov. 3—Friend Day at Local Churches.** Contact Todd Gray by email at todd.gray@kybaptist.org or at (502) 245-4101.

**Nov. 3-9—My Hope with Billy Graham.** Churches are encouraged to participate in this massive effort to reach people with the gospel. Contact Dan Powell at dpowell198@aol.com or at (502) 693-9075.

**Nov. 7—Wild Game Dinner.** Twelve Oaks Baptist Church will offer a Wild Game Dinner for the community. Contact Brandt Lyon at (270) 554-4634 or at twelveroaksbaptistchurch.org.

**Nov. 7-9—Basketball Camp.** A basketball camp for middle and high school students. Contact DeAnna Terry at (502) 489-3418 or at deanna.terry@kybaptist.org.

**Nov. 8—Teen Girls Event.** A Friday evening event for teenage girls. Contact Kris White at (502) 245-4101.

**Nov. 9—Women's Quilting Event.** A quilting event offered to the community as a means to share Jesus. Contact Patti Kimble at patti@promiseofhope.org or (501) 627-5179.

**Nov. 9—Community Surveys/Prayer Walking.** Contact Mike Williams at mwilliams@loneoakfbc.org.

**Nov. 9-10—Revivals at Local Churches.** Offer evangelistic revivals services with an emphasis on Veteran's Day. Contact Howard Atkinson at wigtake@att.net or at (270) 554-5717.

**Nov. 10—New Church Plant Launch.** Contact Carlos De la Barra by email at carlosdelabarra@kybaptistorg or call (502) 245-4101.

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**Back to (Sunday) School ... & worship**

Last Tuesday, my son, Caleb, headed back to high school, and my daughter, Laura, packed her car and returned to college last weekend. Ah, it's back to school time again!

Some are sad that the carefree days of summer have passed too soon; others are more eager to see their friends and, yes, perhaps even their teachers again. While our kids may not openly admit it, there's an air of excitement that just comes naturally with making a fresh start, anticipating the school year ahead. You can hear it in the jabbering voices aboard yellow buses that are once again rumbling through our neighborhoods—filled with eager minds, donning new clothes and colorful backpacks brimming with yet-to-be-used pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, rulers and lunchboxes.

After reading the stories in this issue of churches that are eagerly engaging their communities by impacting the lives of school children, we hope you, too, will recapture some of that excitement. From filling backpacks with school supplies to prayerwalking buildings, providing homework tutors, and preparing meals for teachers to planning special recognition services, Kentucky Baptists are embracing their neighborhood schools. They are seizing the potential of impacting some of the more than 675,500 children attending one of Kentucky's 1,233 public schools—approximately 27 percent of whom live in poverty. And, we know there are many more of you involved in creative outreaches and youth ministry efforts.

In this week's column, Joe Ball, youth ministry strategist with Crossings Ministries, encourages churches to commission their youth as student missionaries, and he encourage students to get involved in or begin Christian clubs on their school campuses. Indeed, we hope more churches will see their potential for initiating efforts to reach out to our students—and their teachers.

Don't miss the incredible mission field on Kentucky's college and university campuses either. According to a recent report from the KBC's Collegiate Ministry Task Force, enrollment has risen by nearly 50 percent since 2001, and 95 percent of these students say they do not know Jesus. "The number of students has never been higher, and the

lostness of campuses is vast," the task force assessed. Many of these students, however, walked in darkness long before they enrolled in college. "Almost 600,000 young adults and college students in Kentucky ages 15-24 do not know Jesus," the report stated. Beyond this staggering revelation, they found almost 6,000 of Kentucky's 250,000 college students are from other countries; most notably, China, India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Canada. What an incredible opportunity for Kentucky Baptists! International students may hear the gospel here and then take it back home to family and friends in other lands.

But student ministry is not unidirectional: Many students give back through summer Baptist Campus Ministry missions opportunities and other community ministries. See the story about more than 270 volunteers serving through Campbellsville University's Heartland Outreach. The University of Cumberlands has a sister ministry, Mountain Outreach, which does home repairs and construction in the Williamsburg area. (And, be sure to read the stories of some outstanding student athletes from these two schools on page 11.)

We particularly wouldn't want our readers to miss the connection between students going back to school and reminding their families to head back to church as well. Kentucky Baptists can go "back to school" by better preparing themselves for effective ministry to families by attending the upcoming Super Saturday events offered in Lexington and Owensboro. Addressing the theme "Revving Up Your Ministry," Gary McIntosh, church growth and consulting expert and author of 20 books and countless articles on church revitalization, will be teaching principles from his book, "There's Hope for Your Church." Then, if you are a deacon, Sunday School teacher, youth minister, discipleship or missions organization leader, worship or music director, there is a seminar planned especially for you (see [www.kybaptist.org/supersaturday](http://www.kybaptist.org/supersaturday)).

We hope that through our special Back to School issue more Kentucky Baptists will begin to see their churches as missions points, and then be inspired to be more involved in church and community ministries in their neighborhoods. Plenty of opportunities await, just open your hearts!

**After Thought**

By Todd Deaton

**Reach out to educators with 'Meet the Teacher Sunday'**

Here's a fresh and simple way to invite school teachers and staff to your church. Honor those important community leaders

**Fresh Ideas**

Diana Davis

by planning a "Meet the Teacher" Sunday during the first month of school. Students and adult church members will invite school teachers, principals, librarians, bus drivers, nurses, food servers, coaches, music teachers, home-school teachers, professors, counselors and other school personnel, to a Sunday worship service. They'll be recognized with a small gift and a special prayer.

**Invite them**

■ Students from kindergarten to college use printed cards to personally

invite their teacher and school personnel to come for worship and sit beside them.

■ Church members or groups prepare big, gorgeous snack baskets and deliver them to teacher break rooms at local schools. Include a card with a promise of your church's prayers this school year and an invitation to Meet the Teacher Sunday.

■ Advertise on your church sign and in local papers to invite teachers and school personnel to Meet the Teacher Sunday.

**Welcome them**

■ At a welcome table, provide beautiful nametags for the special guests, personalizing with their name, job and school.

■ Plan a brief after-worship milk & cookie fellowship. Serve homemade cookies, milk in cartons, and coffee.

Assign adult Bible classes to intentionally chat and invite guests back to worship next week.

■ Children's classes can prepare index-size thank-you notes to include with the pastor's follow-up letter to the special guests.

**Honor them**

■ Invite students of all ages to stand for a separate special prayer of blessing and commissioning.

■ Include students in leading worship as ushers, prayer leader, or praise team.

You probably know a school employee you could invite to church. Wouldn't it be awesome if that teacher met the Master Teacher—Jesus—on Meet the Teacher Sunday?

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## Commissioning our students as missionaries

By Joe Ball

It's August and all across our commonwealth students are returning to school. Most parents are rejoicing, youth ministers are reacquainting themselves with the families, and students actually have to get out a bed before noon.

It is an exciting time of year for sure. It is a time when we, as student leaders, get back into a rhythm of our weekly programming and begin to see some normalcy return to our schedules. It is a time where we are planning fall retreats and winter events, and praying fervently for our students as they return to school.

It is also a period where more and more churches are being intentional about what we do to start the school year off right. Some of us are prayerwalking the school grounds; others are holding back-to-school retreats; others are commissioning students and school employees as missionaries to their campuses; others are making plans for a Sept. 25 "See you at the Pole" event.

It also is a good time to encourage students to get involved in, or begin, a Christian club on their campuses. Clubs like Youth Alive, Youth for Christ, FCA and First Priority can meet on campus and give students a platform to share the gospel within the walls of their school. Last school year, through students who participated in First Priority Tri-County (in the Barbourville, Corbin, London and Williamsburg area), more than 270 students made first-time decisions for Christ as a result of students reaching students through a campus club.

The campus club strategy for reaching students is possible because of the Equal Access Act that President Reagan signed into law on Aug. 11, 1984. There are a few caveats with the law, but nothing that interferes with the gospel being presented.

Here are guidelines for groups and/or clubs under its protection. This information is compiled from information gleaned from [aclu-wa.org](http://aclu-wa.org) and from First Priority's

### Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

campus club manual.

- Host school is a secondary school (grades 7-12) and receives federal financial assistance.

- Already has a limited open forum, which means that at least one student-led, non-curriculum club meets outside of class time. Examples are chess club or community service club.

- Attendance is voluntary.

- Group is student initiated.

- Group is not sponsored solely by the school, teachers and/or faculty, school employees, or the government; for religious-oriented student group meetings, employees of the school cannot participate in the meeting, rather they must only act as an overseer.

- Group is not disruptive.

- Persons of the community who are not students may not "direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend meetings."

Here are the guidelines for schools under the Equal Access Act as it relates to protection on the school and/or enforcement:

- All groups have equal access to meeting spaces, the PA system, school periodicals, bulletin board space, etc.

- School officials preserve and have the right to monitor meetings.

- Officials preserve and have the right to require all clubs and/or groups to follow a set of guidelines.

- Schools may limit meeting times and locations only if the rules apply to all groups and/or clubs.

- Schools may prohibit people from the community from attending student groups and/or clubs.

In addition to a gospel mandate, students have governmental rights on the school campus when it comes to sharing their faith and engaging the culture with the gospel. The more we can equip them with knowledge and undergird them with prayer the better prepared they will be to be a light in the darkness.

*Joe Ball, a former youth minister at Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, is youth ministry strategist for Crossings Ministries.*

## Back to school ... and church

By David Garrard

A new school year brings with it the opportunity for fresh commitments and new beginnings spiritually, as well as educationally. Most churches consider the fall the beginning of their new church year and many kids will be moving into new classes at church just as they are at school. Here are several suggestions for getting off to a good start.

**Get your child to church.** Get them there on time. Make sure they have their Bible. When we are casual in our church attendance and punctuality, we send an unspoken message to our children about the importance of Bible study and worship. We make sure our kids get to school every day and we do our best to make sure they are on time. We make sure they do their homework. We do all of this because we believe school is important. As a result, our kids know school is important. Surely church deserves the same.

**Get to know your kid's teachers—their church teachers.** You are going to want to meet the special person that is teaching your child at school. Do the same for church. Make a point of connecting with your child's teachers at church. Offer insights and information that will help them relate to and understand your child. Promise to be a good partner and offer to help any way you can. And stay in touch as the year unfolds.

**Pay attention!** Talk with your kids about what they are learning at church. Ask yourself whether or not they are growing spiritually. A children's pastor or other minister can help you know how to make this assessment. Spiritual growth is a process and takes time, but you want to make sure your child is making progress—just as you would with school.

*David Garrard is minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.*

## Sticky-note wisdom

By Jeremy White

As a father of daughters, I noticed they spend much more time in front of a mirror than my brothers and I ever did when we were younger.

To make good use of their primping, I began the habit of writing inspirational quotes on yellow sticky-notes to put on their mirror. If they are going to stand there so long, I figured, I wanted to give them wisdom to consider.

Although these pearls of wisdom do not specifically describe how much to spend on entertainment or invest in a 401k, they address issues we face:

- We wouldn't worry what other people think of us if we knew how seldom they really do.

- "Maturity is: The ability to stick with a job until it's finished; the ability to do a job without being supervised; the ability to carry money without spending it."—Abigail Van Buren

- You are only poor when you want more than you have.

- "God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there."—C.S. Lewis

- Do the right thing, the right way, the first time—even if it costs more time, money, or energy.

- A smile is an easy, inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Beyond these quotes, the Bible addresses the key issues of what we seek materially and how we seek it:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever" (Psalm 111:10).

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

*Jeremy White is a CPA with BlytheWhite in Paducah.*

## High school grad stands when others did not

By Ginny Dent Brant

Roy B. Costner IV garnered national attention earlier this year when he ripped up his preapproved valedictorian speech, enacted his First Amendment right and began reciting The Lord's Prayer at his graduation.

An unsuspecting school district got just what they were trying to avoid, and the astonished crowd erupted into applause. His actions spread like wildfire across a nation once founded upon biblical principles.

The prayer was Costner's response to his South Carolina school district's decision to abandon student-led invocations at board meetings, which eventually trickled down to axing prayers at any school gatherings including graduation.

Under advisement from attorneys, the district recently backed down on its longtime policy and cowered under pressure from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Freedom from Religious Foundation. The board's 3-2 decision went against the heartfelt values of its conservative community.

Costner began his message by acknowledging those in attendance and mentioning his preapproved speech. "So we are going to get rid of that one and use a different one," he said. He pulled an alternate one from the shirtsleeve under his robe.

He thanked the many people who "helped to carve and mold us into the young adults we are today." He honored his parents by saying, "I'm so glad both of my parents led me to the Lord at a young age."

Then Costner continued with, "I think most of you will understand when I say, 'Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name ....'" As he prayed, the crowd began to cheer and some joined him in reciting the prayer.

Costner took a stand many adults have failed to take. Many leaders in our country simply retreat in fear when atheist groups threaten to sue, rather than standing in faith.

Costner has no regrets. He stated, "I want this to glorify God. I hope this will inspire others to stand up for God in our nation."

The valedictorian was interviewed on Fox & Friends after his speech and said, "I don't understand why we can't pray at my graduation when 'under God' is in our pledge and our constitution." That's a good question considering we've been doing this for more than 200 years. In his eyes, "We

have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."

After being informed of his ranking as valedictorian, Costner knew he would include in his speech the one thing his Bible Belt community was passionate about: prayer. Costner marveled that he was even able to make it to graduation. After his premature birth, his father was told his son would probably not make it.

Costner is just beginning to see the reason God allowed him to survive and how God can do extraordinary things through ordinary people.

He was told his speech must be approved and he could not pray or make any reference to God in it. That's tough for a student whose life is centered on his faith.

After consulting with his father who is a minister at a local church, he knew his father was behind him. His father advised him, "Don't do it for politics, do it for God." Young Costner spent much time in Bible study and prayer, asking God, "What should I do?" He felt led to recite The Lord's Prayer since it would resonate with all denominations.

Costner's friend, Brett Harris, a high school student and a youth leader at First Baptist Church in Pickens, S.C., challenged the school board after their decision, "Shouldn't you be fearing God more than men?"

According to revival historian J. Edwin Orr, "Young people in student-led prayer cells have been at the forefront in almost every awakening." Our country is desperately in need of a Josiah-like revival, and maybe our youth will ignite the flames and lead the way. (BP)  
*Ginny Dent Brant is a speaker, former IMB trustee and the author of "Finding True Freedom: From the White House to the World."*



### FIRST PERSON

## Super Saturday

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Emphasizing a need to continually affirm one's calling, McIntosh reminded, "What God has called you to do, He has gifted you to do; what God has gifted you to do, He has called you to do."

He also stressed the importance of developing a learning posture, establishing life goals, building relationships, reviewing one's vision statement, and recruiting a support team when guiding a church toward revitalization.

In helping churches take the first steps, McIntosh suggested leaders ask themselves: 1) How does God want to express Himself through this church, in this community, at this time? 2) What is God doing in our community, and how can we get on board with God?

McIntosh's other seminars focused on helping churches become "a place of welcome" and move to the next level.

### 'Accelerate' ministries

In keeping with the conference's theme, "Revving Up Your Ministry, Paul Chitwood, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, began the opening session with a video clip from a Daytona NASCAR race. He observed that legendary racecar driver Dale Earnhardt Sr. was known for speed and excellence, and he encouraged Kentucky Baptist pastors and other church leaders to accelerate and excel in ministry.

"Somewhere along the way, you took on a job (in the church)," Chitwood began. "Wherever you are in the course of this race that has been laid out before you, whether you are just at the starting

line and this is going to be your first venture into a particular role in ministry, or maybe you feel you are near the last lap—or hope you are—(like Earnhardt) you have a job to do."

Drawing from 1 Corinthians 15, Chitwood spotlighted several motivational factors for ministry in the local church, stressing the importance of staying fueled by power of Jesus' resurrection.

"The Resurrection isn't just this great event that we look forward to someday; the Resurrection changes everything today!" Chitwood exclaimed.

The explosive power of the Resurrection, Chitwood said, enables believers to live the Christian life day by day, moment by moment, helping them to overcome temptation and press onward through conflict and persecution.

"That's what you need to accelerate, what you need to excel," he said.

"Don't go moping around in your ministry. You've got Resurrection power!" Chitwood exclaimed.

"Don't be intimidated by a middle schooler, for crying out loud. ... Don't let a handful of negative people in your Sunday School class, deacon ministry, or the committee on which you are serving get you down or discouraged .... Don't be afraid to lead that mission trip to a closed country," he continued. "You've got Resurrection power."

Half-hearted devotion is not what Jesus demands, and certainly not what He deserves, Chitwood asserted, urging church leaders, "Get your foot off the brake, and put it on the gas!"

Super Saturday events are slated for this Saturday at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church and Sept. 7 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro. (WR)

"He told them: 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"

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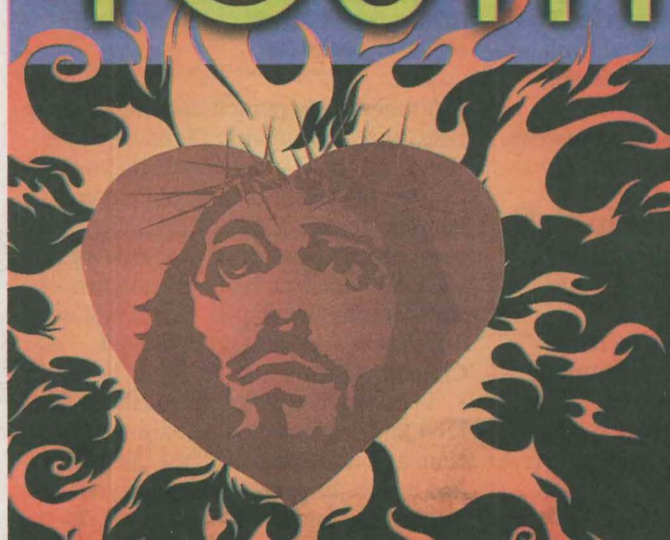
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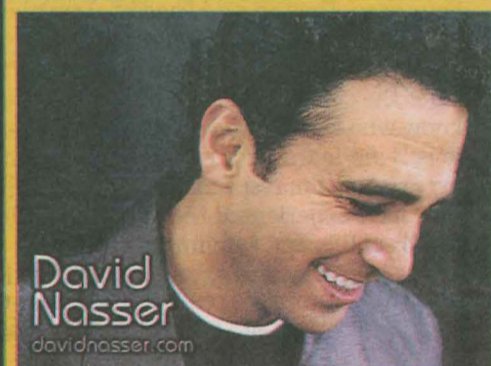
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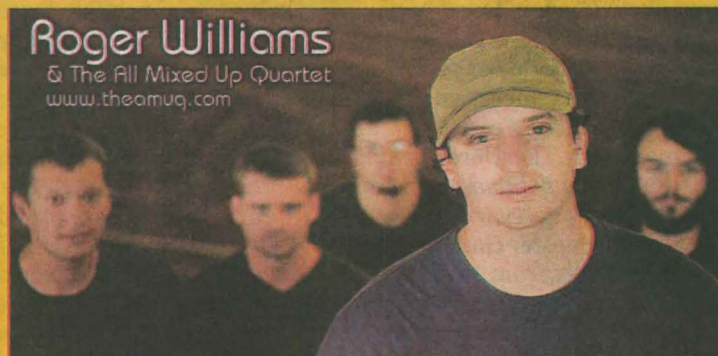
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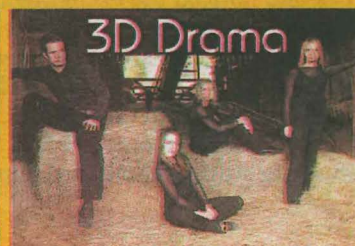
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**'Brand new'****Part two of valedictorian's speech at 2013 OBI graduation**

The following is an article by Amaryllis, a student of the Oneida Baptist Institute's class of 2013.

"It is hard to tell where I am from originally. I have always had a roof over my head, but I've never really had the stability that every growing person needs to acquire, at least not until OBI.

"I guess one could say I am from this neat little town tucked away by the 'Big City.' I say I'm from there because that's where my problems began. That neat little town definitely changed me for the worse.

"We moved there right after my dad died, and I fell straight into the wrong crowd, started doing drugs, got heavily addicted, and dove headfirst into that type of lifestyle. Everything in my life suffered because of this—my relationship with my family, my grades, my school attendance, and especially my reputation.

"My mom decided with my aunt that boarding school was best and sent me off the next school year to OBI with hopes of getting my life together.

"When I first came to OBI last year, I absolutely did not want to be here. I was still the arrogant child that thought I was cool and wound up getting myself kicked out and falling face-first back into everything I had done, even though I thought I was 'saved.'

"Eventually, I got tired of the lifestyle I was so caught up in. Whenever my mom and I got into a fight, the words that came out of my mouth did not even sound like me. I had entirely

changed. I didn't recognize myself, so I decided to get clean. I have been sober for over a year now and plan to stay so.

"This year, I made the personal decision to return to OBI to separate myself from my old ways. OBI is helpful in that way. I truly consider this place my home. It has provided me the stability of a place surrounded by people who genuinely all care about me.

"OBI gave me the setting I needed to finally get back on the honor roll for the first time since seventh grade. While here, I also have learned the benefits of a job well done.

"Oneida has taught me to be a great worker, not that I particularly enjoy the jobs I have to do sometimes, but I don't mind it. Working is not something I complain about anymore.

"I could go on for days about all the things OBI taught me, but, most importantly, it has taught me self-respect. I didn't know the meaning of self-respect until a few months ago; I am a brand new person.

"A few weeks ago I saw some of my old party friends and we talked for an hour or so. They all said I had changed so much that I was unrecognizable, and I owe it all to OBI. The person I am now hates the person I used to be. Now, I know who I really am and what I want to be. I am mature for my age, and, in my opinion, I'm respectable.

"I have experienced the ups and downs of life, and I am finally in a place where I am truly happy and content."



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**Back to campus****Clear Creek buzzing with new and returning students**

As I write this article we are just a few days away from starting our fall semester at Clear Creek. There is a noticeable difference as we get closer to the beginning of the semester. The campus is full of activity with new and returning students making those last minute preparations for their time back in the classroom.

I have had the opportunity to speak to new and returning students and I hear the excitement in their voices to get back to their studies. It is a welcome change from the slower pace we have been experiencing since the first of May when classes ended and graduation took place. There are times during the summer months when the campus does get pretty quiet.

The fall semester class brings to us 32 new students from 10 different states all over our country. I watched these new students during orientation week and noticed the excitement in their eyes as they begin this new transition in their lives as they follow God's call to ministry. We are so glad that God has led them to Clear Creek.

As I think about our new and returning students I also am thankful

for your support of the Cooperative Program that makes it possible for these students to study here at Clear Creek. Every one of these students on our campus is training specifically for the gospel ministry. Some students will go on to serve as pastors in Kentucky churches when they graduate; others will answer God's call to different areas of the country. Many of these students will follow God's call to the mission field either in America or somewhere around the world. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program make it possible for us to offer these students an opportunity to receive an accredited ministry degree at a very affordable price.

All of us at Clear Creek want to thank you for your investment in kingdom work through the Cooperative Program. We are proud to be a part of your agencies and institutions family and The Bible College of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. We could not do what we do without your support.

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**Clear Creek Chronicle**

Donnie Fox

**Campbellsville, Ky. Heartland field 270 volunteers to repair homes, change lives**

By Heather Hensley

**Campbellsville**—About 270 teenagers and adult leaders recently helped homeowners in need through a partnership with Kentucky Heartland Outreach, a ministry of Campbellsville University. At least five salvations and countless lives were changed, according to Todd Parish, executive director for KHO.

Sixteen families received a total of 11 roofs, 11 decks and four wheelchair ramps through the summer repair program in Taylor and Green counties. Thirteen churches were represented from Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Ohio.

Campbellsville University hosted the volunteers by providing lodging and vans to transport crews to sites.

"We have a great partnership with CU," Parish said, adding that with the university's help KHO is able to host large groups of volunteers.

Lowell Avenue Baptist Church and South Campbellsville Baptist Church, both in Campbellsville, also helped the KHO crews. Lowell Avenue allowed the use of its facilities to host the 270-plus group for meals each day, while South Campbellsville Baptist Church allowed them to use their sanctuary for worship.

"We're so thankful for the help of these churches," Parish said. "We really appreciate the sacrifices that each of the churches make with their buildings in order to make our camp week run smoothly."

Kentucky churches represented by

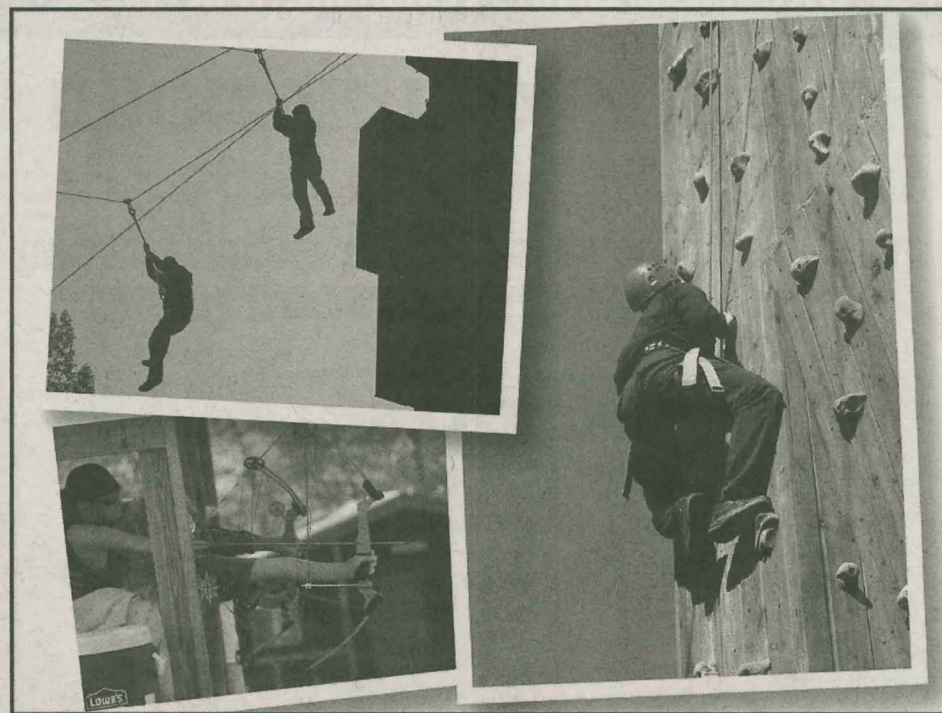


Volunteers begin assembling a deck for a homeowner in Campbellsville. From left are Carley Johnson, Jaley Broughton and Peyton Ingram, all from Eubank Baptist Church in Eubank. (Photo by Lauren Barr)

volunteer workers included Eubank Baptist Church of Eubank; Glendale Christian Church of Glendale; Alton Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg; Main Street Baptist Church of Alexandria; Pleasant View Baptist Church of Waynesburg; First Baptist Church of Lebanon Junction; Greenwood Baptist Church of Bowling Green; and Scottsville Baptist Church of Scottsville.

Whitney Tingle, youth minister at First Baptist Church of Lebanon Junction, and a CU alumna, said the camp had a huge impact on what her youth felt God calling them to do, even after they got home.

"A few said they felt led to help more in their community and a few also felt led to share their faith more," she said. "And they realize now that they need to know their faith well in order to share it, so in turn, they feel more motivated to be in the word of God." (CU)

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## Bible Crosswords

By Evelyn Boyington

### Across

- 1 \_\_\_\_ canto (singing style)
- 4 Queen of \_\_\_\_
- 9 "The \_\_\_\_ of the Lord is at hand" (Joel 1:15)
- 12 Mirror
- 13 Instrument board
- 14 "The wheat and the \_\_\_\_ were not smitten" (Exodus 9:32)
- 15 "Blessed is the man that walketh not ... nor standeth in the way of \_\_\_\_" (Psalm 1:1)
- 17 "They that dwell in my house, and my \_\_\_\_ count me for a stranger" (Job 19:15)
- 19 Prong
- 20 "\_\_\_\_ not sleep, lest thou come to poverty" (Proverbs 20:13)
- 21 Milk that doesn't require tears
- 23 "Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his \_\_\_\_" (Genesis 25:28)
- 26 Stubborn sort
- 27 Holds; restrains
- 28 One of the Kettles
- 29 Golfer Ernie
- 30 Alights
- 31 "And beneath upon the \_\_\_\_ of it (ephod) thou shalt make pome-granates of blue" (Exodus 28:33)
- 32 Simile syntax
- 33 Skin afflictions
- 34 Wise man
- 35 Shrinks
- 37 Fathers, familiarly
- 38 Burden
- 39 \_\_\_\_meet (a spouse)
- 40 Onionlike vegetables
- 42 "I will \_\_\_\_ the lovingkindnesses of the Lord" (Isaiah 63:7)
- 45 Reply (abbr.)
- 46 "\_\_\_\_ up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6)
- 48 Before
- 49 Understand, really
- 50 Popular Parker Bros. game
- 51 Saw \_\_\_\_

### Down

- 1 \_\_\_\_-relief (sculpture technique)
- 2 Upon; over (prefix)
- 3 Old World legumes
- 4 Exhausted
- 5 Rabbit's relative
- 6 Naval rank (abbr.)

- 7 Exist
- 8 What Aaron's rod yielded (Numbers 17)
- 9 Takes away moisture
- 10 First \_\_\_\_
- 11 Affirmative
- 16 Blue or White
- 18 Hertz competitor
- 20 Loans money
- 21 Smudge
- 22 \_\_\_\_ rate
- 23 Climbing vegetation
- 24 Greek letter
- 25 "Rather rejoice, because your \_\_\_\_ are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20)
- 27 Reveals, as one's soul
- 30 "His meat was \_\_\_\_ and wild honey" (Matthew 3:4)
- 31 More satisfied
- 33 "The stone \_\_\_\_ into his forehead" (1 Samuel 17:49)
- 34 "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with \_\_\_\_" (Colossians 4:6)
- 36 KJV verb
- 37 "He had agreed with the labourers for a \_\_\_\_ a day" (Matthew 20:2)
- 39 Bequeathed one
- 40 Fall behind
- 41 Compass dir.
- 42 Scratch or stain, for example
- 43 It runs in veins
- 44 Masculine nickname
- 47 Right-hand page (abbr.)

### Last puzzle's solution

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## Adapt, change or die

### Demographic shifts are impacting church ministries

Alvin Toffler's book, "Future Shock," was the first to sensitize me in the mid-1970s as a denominational leader to the absolute necessity of identifying and adapting to the megatrends of the future over which I would have no control. Renowned gerontologist Ken Dychtwald in his book, "Age Wave," got my attention in the early 1990s concerning demographic trends, and particularly the impact the baby boomer generation, of which I am one of 76 million, would continue to have on society in general and the church in particular.

Immediately upon becoming KBF president in 1996, after 25 years with the KBC Executive Board (now Mission Board), I began to alert Kentucky Baptists about the major trends in giving that would impact significantly the financial future of our churches, associations, the KBC and all the related entities. Today, 17 and a half years later, I still am trying to alert Kentucky Baptist church and denominational leaders of the perils of ignoring these trends and the vital importance of adapting to them in order to have a viable future in kingdom advancement. Also, I am still urging them to recognize the vital importance of the KBF's mission as part of the solution in resourcing kingdom advancement, given the trends already impacting traditional giving, not the

least of which are the demographic trends.

Emmett Carson, a community foundation president in California, stated it this way, "Charities that don't recognize demographic trends are going to shrink and ultimately go out of business. The populations in the past that have supported them spectacularly will not have the base to support them going forward. This is adapt, change or die."

Consider how these demographic shifts will impact your church or ministry. By 2045 people of color will outnumber whites. Already 40 percent of women with children under 18

are the primary breadwinners, of which 37 percent are married and earn more than their husbands. Young adults are more demanding than others and seek concrete results from their gifts, and they show little allegiance to the organizations the way their grandparents did. They are more likely to give their time than their money. Roughly one in five Americans claims no religious affiliation, and this number is rising especially among those in their 20s and early 30s.

Don't wait! Call us for assistance in your personal stewardship, as well as your church's.

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## Vision missions tours

### Tours of Ky. missions 'make a difference' in prayers, service

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Information about one-day and two-day tours can be found on the Kentucky WMU website at [kywmu.org/visiontours](http://kywmu.org/visiontours). Churches, associations and WMU groups are encouraged to plan a missions tour. There are links on this web page to information about each missions tour and contact information for each tour leader is included.

If you would like to learn more about the tours, contact the tour leaders. Once you have decided on a tour, make arrangements directly with the

tour leader. Groups are responsible for the cost of lodging, meals and travel expense for participants and the tour leader. Tour dates are subject to the availability of the tour leader.

The 2013 state missions emphasis is "More Than Ever, Make a Difference." A planning guide and DVD were mailed to each pastor and WMU director in early July. Materials are also posted on the web at [kywmu.org/ebo](http://kywmu.org/ebo). Standing orders for posters, prayer guides and offering envelopes have been filled. If you need to update your order or place a first-time

order for your church, please contact the Kentucky WMU office.

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## August

- 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.
- 29 Committee on the Annual Meeting, Kentucky Building, Louisville.

## September

- 5 Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
- 7 Super Saturday, Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro.
- 8 Week of Prayer for State Ministers and Eliza Broadus Offering.
- 12 Retired DOM Luncheon, Severns Valley Association, Elizabethtown.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Saloma Church will hold homecoming Aug. 25, 11 p.m., to celebrate its 62nd anniversary. **The Spirituals** will be in concert beginning 1:15 p.m. For more information, call (270) 789-0082. **John Chowning** is pastor.

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—New Hope Church will hold homecoming Aug. 25, 10 a.m. with **Breakin Ground** in concert and guest speaker **Adam Brown**.

■ **CROFTON**—New Palestine Church will host Woman's Missionary Union Celebration "The Story Live On" Aug. 25, 5 p.m., with a potluck meal. **Mike McKinney** is pastor.

■ **FALMOUTH**—Turner Ridge Church will host Youth Praise and Worship: "Fueling the Fire" Aug. 24, 7 p.m. **Dale Beight** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church will hold a Friday Night Movie Aug. 23, 7 p.m. **Michael Hail** is pastor.

■ **GREENVILLE**—Macedonia Church will hold homecoming Aug. 25, 9:45 a.m., with musical

guest **Rick Alan King** and guest speaker **Jeff Noffsinger**. A meal will be provided at noon. **Richard Allen** is pastor.

Roland Memorial Church will hold homecoming Aug. 25 with guest speaker **Carl Nelson**. **Danny Mooneyhan** is pastor.

■ **LEBANON**—Lebanon Church will hold a youth worship service Aug. 24, noon, with **Justin Lookado** as guest speaker. **David Whitlock** is pastor.

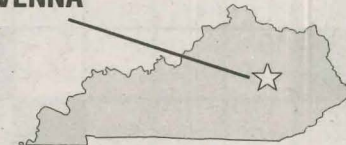
■ **LEXINGTON**—**Ray Van Camp**, director of Church Planting and Development with Elkhorn Association, announced his retirement.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Green Acres Church will hold a church-wide picnic Aug. 25 with games and activities. **Phil Ellis** is pastor.

Maple Grove Church will host a hunter education course by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Aug. 22-23, 6:30 p.m., and Aug. 24, 9 a.m. Must attend all three days of instruction to qualify. **Raymond Hayes** is pastor.

## Spotlight on ...

## RAVENNA



Cow Creek Church will hold homecoming Aug. 25 and a Fall Hymn Sing Aug. 27, 7 p.m. **Harold Lahrmer** is pastor.

■ **SOMERSET**—Immanuel Church will host Woman's Missionary Union leadership training Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m. **Danny Pace** is pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Heritage Church will hold a Fall Hymn Sing Aug. 26, 7 p.m. **Timothy Christopher** is pastor.

## Campbellsville VP to receive high school's alumni award

**Campbellsville**—Keith Spears, Campbellsville University's vice president for graduate and professional studies, will receive the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award from Fort Gay High School in Fort Gay, W.Va. Spears, a 1966 graduate, will be honored at the annual Fort Gay High School Alumni Association banquet in Louisa Aug. 30.

Spears is also an alumnus of Marshall University, Central Michigan University and West Virginia University. He is a graduate of Harvard University's



Keith Spears

MLE Post-doctorate Institute in Lifelong Education and Duke University's Governor's Center for Strategic Leadership.

In 1973, while teaching at Fort Gay, he established one of the state's first public radio stations, WFGH-FM. The station is still on the air and is a vital resource to nearby residents.

He also spent 28 years with Marshall University where he served in a number of positions, including vice president for communications. He oversaw the development of the award-winning "We Are ... Marshall" branding and served as MU's chief consultant when Warner Bros. made the motion picture, "We Are Marshall."

Spears later directed a number of endeavors promoting public broadcasting, state museums, libraries and festivals while serving as director for special projects at the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

Since 2009, he has served at Campbellsville University, where he oversees education centers in Louisville, Somerset and Hodgenville.

"Keith is one of many graduates of Fort Gay High School who have distinguished themselves in the workplace and their communities," Richard Plymale, chairman of the FGHS Alumni Association, said. "He is deserving of this recognition." (CU)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**EVENT:** Sunday School Summit Training event Aug. 29 at Lone Oak First Baptist Church, 3601 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003. Soup dinner at 6 p.m. Training 7 p.m.-9 p.m. \$10 per person with \$100 max per church (will need individual names for an accurate count). Registration 6 p.m.-6:55 p.m., or send check payable to West Union Baptist Association, 2541 Olivet Church Road, Paducah, KY 42001. For more information, visit [westunionbaptist.com/events/summit2013](http://westunionbaptist.com/events/summit2013).

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**SEEKING:** Interim/part-time minister to students to lead youth Sunday night, Wednesday night Bible study and fellowship activities. Send resume to First

Baptist Church, P.O. Box 327, Paris, KY 40362, Attn: Gary Elcessor, or email [resumé@fbcrogary@att.net](mailto:resumé@fbcrogary@att.net).

**SEEKING:** Urgently needed for Hispanic ministry: 2 basketball goals, 2 volleyball poles, portable preferred. Email [garnettbjones@gmail.com](mailto:garnettbjones@gmail.com), or call (859) 361-3169.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of Barbourville, Ky., has an immediate opening for a full-time minister of youth and recreation. Submit resumé to [minofyouthsearch.fbc@gmail.com](mailto:minofyouthsearch.fbc@gmail.com), or to FBC Search Committee, 201 N. Main St., Barbourville, KY 40906.

**SEEKING:** Bullittsburg Baptist Church, located in a suburb of Cincinnati near the Creation Museum, is seeking a full-time pastor to lead the church into our 220th year of ministry. Resumés may be sent to the church Attn: Pastor Search Committee, 2616 Bullittsburg Church Road, Petersburg, KY 41080, or email [bullittsburg@juno.com](mailto:bullittsburg@juno.com). Deadline is Aug. 31.

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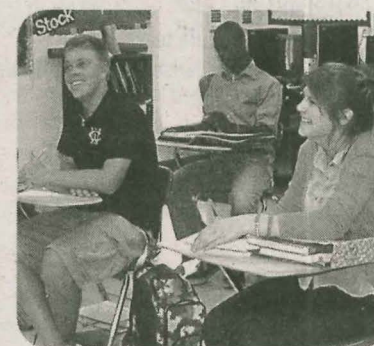
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## Marathon helps coach, swimmer bond



Jenna Rueff hugs her coach, Casey Smith, after completing a recent marathon. Rueff committed to running a marathon out of a promise to God, but brain surgery delayed the goal. (Photo by Chad Smith/CU)



CU swim team members Katlynn Lanham, Kyle Perkins, Bailey Foxworth, Jenna Rueff, Coach Casey Smith and Shelby Mattingly hold up their sign at the Derby Marathon finish line. (Photo by Sandy Rueff)

By Chris Megginson

**Campbellsville**—The bond which forms between a student-athlete and his or her coach may take years to develop. For freshman swimmer Jenna Rueff and Campbellsville University Head Coach Casey Smith it took a semester to form that special bond—a bond cultivated outside their sport through a six-month, couch-to-marathon training regiment.

But to understand the depth of the bond, one must first understand the depth of the story.

Two summers ago, Rueff received a challenge card during a youth retreat, which read “focus on becoming healthier and run a marathon before next summer.” The purpose of the card was to challenge the faith of its recipient, as

they made a promise to God to fulfill what the card said. Little did she know, this promise would flip Rueff’s “normal” upside down and stretch her faith further than she’d imagined.

She began training for the 2012 Derby Marathon until the regime began to reveal headaches and pain in her upper back shortly after Christmas 2011.

An MRI revealed a Chiari malformation, a rare defect caused when the brain dips into the spinal canal. She underwent surgery immediately, leaving her in bed for the next eight weeks and abruptly ending her competitive swim career at Louisville’s Male High School—or so she thought.

In the spring of 2012, Rueff met Smith on a campus visit to Campbellsville. Not knowing if she could swim competitively

anymore, Rueff was not interested in swimming in college, but Smith persisted a spot remained open if she wanted to give it a try. Rueff eventually decided to join the team, despite not being able to compete in her best event, the butterfly.

Midway through the fall semester, Smith learned about the marathon and committed her free time to helping Rueff fulfill a promise to God. Over the next six months, the duo adapted a 20-week workout plan around the swimming schedule.

“Ideally you wouldn’t be training for two different things at the same time, but I really felt this was something that was more important than just a collegiate sport,” said Smith, who attends South Campbellsville Baptist Church. “Spiritual commitment needs to come first, and I didn’t think it would hinder her dedication to the team or ability to be a part of the team training.”

Rueff admits she would have had trouble completing the challenge if it were not for Smith and her team.

“I have good support at home, but I feel like God knew where he needed me to be. He prepared me for this. He put me at Campbellsville so I could have Casey and my teammates to help me get through it,” she said.

Rueff eventually returned to the pool competitively, qualifying for the NAA National Championships and even swimming the butterfly again by season’s end.

With one task down, the marathon remained. Her teammates joined in during offseason workouts, running their

short runs for conditioning with their teammate and coach. On race day, April 27, some of those teammates joined in by running short distances alongside Rueff to provide encouragement. One teammate in particular went the extra mile, eight to be exact.

### Leading by example

During the fall, Rueff helped lead her roommate and teammate Bailey Foxworth through some tough times providing a daily example and answering questions when asked. In October, Rueff was there for Foxworth, when she decided to ask Christ into her life during the campus revival, and again over the summer when she was baptized in Louisville.

Foxworth, who was guided by an example of love, gave a little back on race day, surprising Rueff by running the last eight miles with her.

“When I first met Jenna, there was something about her that I knew I was supposed to have this girl in my life ... She’s been a really good example of what a follower of Christ looks like, and that’s been much more effective than anyone sitting me down and telling me about it,” Foxworth said.

Foxworth said she joined the race out of inspiration and pride in her teammate and coach.

“It was one of the most inspiring things I’ve ever seen, and they’ve shown me how strong God can be and that he can lead you through any of your toughest challenges,” she said. “I’m inspired to love Christ that much more.” (CU)

## ‘Mission-minded’ UC grads compete in World Beach Wrestling Tournament

By Jennifer Wake-Floyd

**Williamsburg**—Two University of the Cumberland’s students represented the United States at the World Beach Wrestling Tournament held in Morocco.

Former UC wrestlers, 2011 graduate Christen Dierken, and her husband, 2009 graduate, David Dierken, qualified through a national tournament in Carolina Beach and were two out of five wrestlers chosen to compete this summer.

David was a two-time national qualifier, trained with national champions, and later worked as a graduate assistant for the women’s wrestling program.

Christen is a four-time All American, a two-time National Team Member, U.S. Open runner up, University National Champion, Jr. World Team Member, and Olympics Trial Qualifier.

The couple said their church, Corner Stone Community Church in Williamsburg, as well as UC’s Baptist Campus Ministry Director Dean Whitaker and God’s love, provided the motivation and

support they needed to succeed throughout their wrestling and college career.

“Through it all, Dean Whitaker was always there to provide advice and a good Christian perspective,” said Christen. “He has been a positive role model in both of our lives and he even married us. I was rather resistant to Christ at first, but he still cared about me and helped me grow in faith.”

The Dierken were among only five individuals from the United States invited to participate in the tournament. Christen received 3rd place overall and David, 5th.

Although the experience of beach wrestling was extraordinary and honoring to them, the couple said they have taken much more away from this trip than placing in a wrestling competition.

“Morocco is a Muslim country and there I was with my Bible,” said David. “I was nervous because there, we really weren’t supposed to talk about Jesus, so I found it uncomfortable at first.

“Then, a man excused himself from



UC grads, David and Christin Dierken, were among the USA team that competed in the World Beach Wrestling Tournament in Morocco. From left are David Dierken, Christen Dierken, Jeff Funicello, Scott Wendel and Jarett Payne. (UC photo)

the dinner table because it was time for him to pray and that really made me think. Even though we had two totally different beliefs, I respected his

dedication to prayer,” David said. “It made me want to be more dedicated to my own faith and a stronger Christian.”

The couple found the people of Morocco to be extremely nice and hospitable. While it is a third world country and people there have little, the couple noted how much the people gave from their hearts.

“Even though there were language barriers since they spoke mainly French and Arabic, the people of Morocco would not hesitate to drop whatever they were doing to help us out,” said Christen. “They had next to nothing, but they were still happy people.”

Christen and David said they grew as Christians while at the University of the Cumberland and developed a heart for helping others in need. Earlier this year the couple participated with a mission project in New York to help victims of Hurricane Sandy.

“Be mission-minded wherever you go,” said Christen. “God calls you to give. If you give, He will bless you.” (UC)

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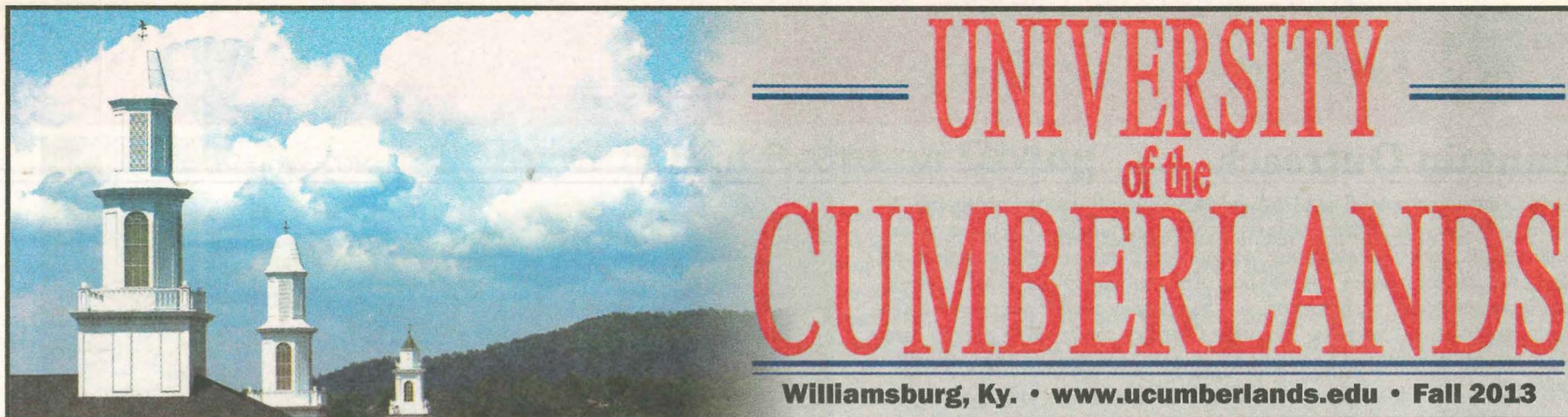
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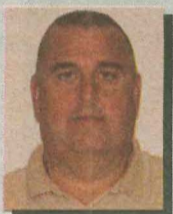
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## Faculty Spotlight



Rick Fleenor joined the university staff in 1992 and currently serves as Assistant to the President for Church Relations and International Relations, as Dean of the Chapel (planning and coordinating our student chapel programs) and as an Adjunct Instructor. He received a BS from Cumberland College, and both the Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has more than 28 years of experience, serving as a staff member with churches in Ohio and Kentucky (Education, Music and Youth responsibilities), as a university staff member and administrator and as a leader in his local church. As an Adjunct Instructor within the Missions and Ministry Department, he teaches our Exploring the New Testament and Ministering to Youth undergraduate courses as well as New Testament I and New Testament II as part of our Master of Arts in Christian Studies program.



Marc Hensley joined the university staff in 2005 and serves as Director of Mountain Outreach. He received a Bachelor of General Studies and a Master of Arts in Christian Studies degree from University of the Cumberlands, and is currently. He has more than 22 years of experience serving as a church and university staff member and as a lay leader in his local church.

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## Campus Bells



Throughout history, bells have been rung at various times and for a variety of reasons. Bells have been rung to mark the passage of time; to signal the end of a class period, to announce time for lunch or the end of a school day. The sounds of bells have often rung out from the steeples of churches to call people to worship, in celebration of a wedding or as a remembrance for a funeral service. The sound of a bell is used to get ones attention. Depending on the way in which it is rung, a bell can bring about a sense of alarm, the joy of a celebration or a sense of peacefulness.

Bells can be heard on a regular basis throughout the campus at University of the Cumberlands and in the local community. These bells play the great hymns of the faith and they are played to give a sense of peacefulness and to offer encouragement to all who hear. Each day at 5:00 pm, songs like "Blessed Assurance" or "How Great Thou Art" ring out from the steeple of the Dr. Ancil Gatliff Administration Building, on the east end of campus. Initially housing a large bell, at its construction in 1955, the Gatliff Bell Tower now includes a speaker system that broadcasts the sounds of the bells. The Gatliff Bell Tower can play a variety of chimes and holiday classics as well. The favorite campus program includes a series of hymns that are played on a rotational basis.

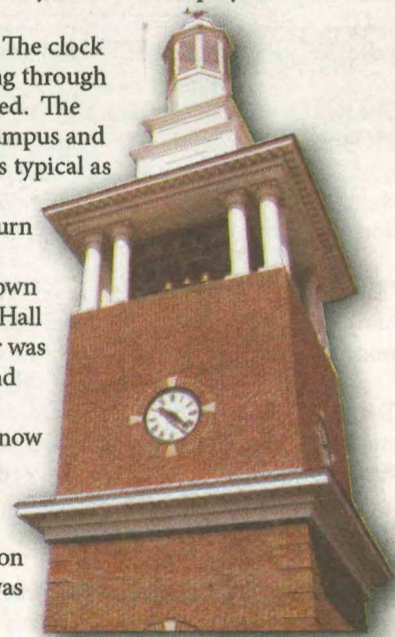
A 70 foot tall clock tower was constructed on the west end of campus in 1996. The clock tower serves a landmark to provide geographic direction for campus guests arriving through the main entrance and provides an additional location for the hymns to be amplified. The bell tones from the Gatliff Bell Tower and the Clock Tower echo throughout the campus and offer peaceful assurance that God is at work in the midst of all of the activity that is typical as part of a university community.

Other bells on campus have been a significant part of Cumberlands history. Roburn Hall was constructed as the first building for Williamsburg Institute, the school that opened its doors on January 7, 1889 and began the legacy that would come to be known as University of the Cumberlands. A small bell tower was constructed atop Roburn Hall some years later and "The Roburn Bell" was installed. Sometime later, the bell tower was removed and "The Roburn Bell" was relocated to bricked pedestal base on the ground level, just in front of what is now known as Moss-Roburn Hall.

The building on campus, known for many years as the Gray Brick Building, and now known as the Bennett Building, first opened its doors in 1906 as the Reuben D. Hill Building and was part of nearby Highland College. Due to financial constraints in 1907, Highland College was sold to Williamsburg Institute. At this point, the name of Williamsburg Institute was changed to Cumberland College and the "new recitation building" as it was then known began to be called the Gray Brick Building, since it was constructed out of gray bricks. The Gray Brick Building included a bell tower and a large bell.

An amusing story was written about the Gray Brick Building by U. S. Congressman Eugene Siler, an alumnus of Cumberland College, in a 1966 newspaper article. In the article, Siler details the account by stating that, "years ago some Cumberland College pranksters took Professor Jones' milk cow and pushed or pulled her up the steps [of the Gray Brick Building] and left her in the chapel throughout Halloween night and into the next school day. Professor Jones' only reaction was that he was sorry for the cow and the way she had been treated."

The Hutton School of Business Building was constructed on Cumberlands campus in 2004 as a replica of Philadelphia's Independence Hall. The architecture of this building blends well with the colonial look of other remodeled or recently constructed buildings on campus. A full scale functional model of the Liberty Bell was placed on a pedestal in an area adjacent to this building that is now known as "Patriot Park." (Patriot Park includes the Liberty Bell, several historical statues and a large steel beam that was salvaged from the World Trade



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## Mountain Outreach

Mountain Outreach completed its 142nd and 143rd home this summer, capping 31 years of providing new and efficient homes for deserving families. The construction went well through the houses, as well as the 14 major and 28 minor building projects MO completed through the summer with the help of 603 volunteers and 13 MO student workers. Roofs were repaired, homes painted, handicap-accessible ramps built and—most importantly—lives changed as Mountain Outreach continued its work to change the face of poverty in Southeast Kentucky and show the community “the outstretched hand of God.”

Home recipient Linda Berta is a single mother to three amazing young men: Jeremy, Dirk and Bryan. When she was left alone with 3 boys Linda found and maintained a good job, supporting herself and her sons until a tragic accident prevented her from continuing work. Last summer, as the boys were in Haiti doing mission work, they received the gut-wrenching news that their mother had suffered from a double stroke and had been hospitalized. Linda recovered but she was unable to drive after the strokes due to her fading eyesight and she was laid off from work as a result of local budget cuts.



With little to no income, she was having difficulty paying the rent and bills. Her boys did all they could to help but they could barely make ends meet. After applying to Mountain Outreach for a new home, the Bertas were chosen as one of



The Berta Family and home

two families to receive a home this summer.

“It’s the hardest thing I’ve ever done,” admitted Linda Berta. “Raising three kids alone and being a single mother is difficult and I worried a lot about things. When we found out this spring that we were chosen to get a home, I couldn’t believe it. That is what you called an answered prayer.”

The two oldest boys—Jeremy, a UC senior and Dirk, a UC sophomore—worked with MO this summer to build the home. Bryan, the youngest, will enter UC this fall as a freshman. The Bertas have found support through UC and MO, as well as their home church, whose members raised an undisclosed sum of money to pay toward the home’s downpayment.

“The Berta boys are such well-mannered, respectful, Christian young men,” explained Mountain Outreach Director, Marc Hensley. “Their mother is who to credit for their wonderful upbringing. It isn’t easy being a single mom of three kids.”

The boys walked her through the new home shortly before it was ready to move into, and Linda lingered on the front porch, taking in the beautiful Appalachian mountain view. Jeremy stood beside her and quietly asked, “Mom, do you like it?”

“I don’t like it,” Linda replied, “I love it.”

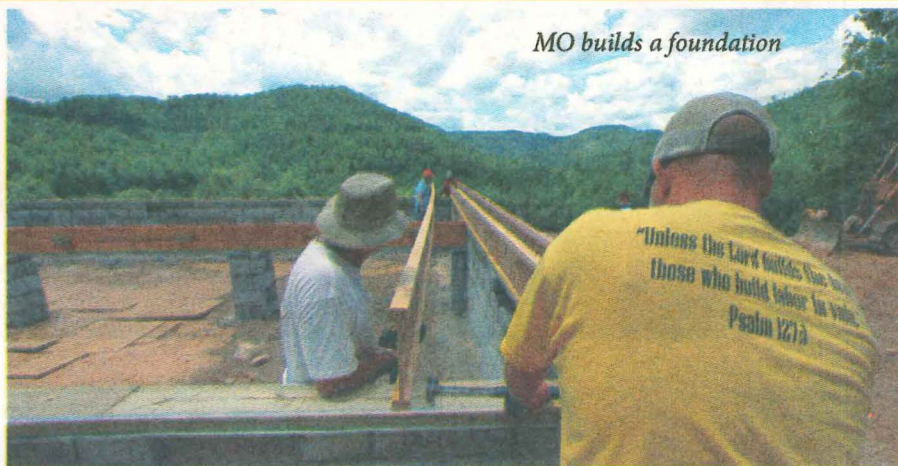
Kyle and Samantha Davis and their four young children are the second family to receive a home this summer. The Davises are a traditional family who puts family first. Their living situation was not ideal for a family of six and money is tight, with Samantha staying home with the children and Kyle bringing home the only income. They placed their application with Mountain Outreach in “hopes of a miracle to happen.” They felt like they had ran out of options and they prayed that MO would see the severity in their families’ situation and choose them.



Kyle and Samantha Davis and home



“When we found out we had been chosen to get a new home, we were amazed,” said Samantha Davis. “We are more than grateful to the Mountain Outreach program.”



MO builds a foundation

“The Davises are strong in their faith and it shows,” said MO Director Marc Hensley. “I feel our students made a wise decision by choosing this family for a home because they really do need it. They are good people.”

“This is God’s program,” said MO Director, Marc Hensley. “It’s not about the homes... it’s about the people. The Davises and their story are a wonderful example of a true blessing. This is what Mountain Outreach is all about.”

Before the families moved in to their new homes, Mountain Outreach provided them with a financial planning class to discuss keeping up with the home’s bills and maintenance. The homes are built as efficiently as possible while still maintaining the highest level of safety and quality. “These homes are very efficient still,” explained Marc Hensley. “They have high efficiency heating and air systems and are well insulated. Their new electric bill they will be paying will be cut in half compared to what they have been used to paying in the past. It is great to give these families homes but we have to make sure they can also pay the bills and maintain their homes.”

## Appalachian Ministries



Students in UC’s Appalachian Ministries

AM team prays with children

program spent nine weeks this summer working with children and youth in Kentucky and Illinois. More than 450 young people and their parents were served through Vacation Bible Schools and church camps. The main goal of AM is to share the love of Christ, and although they did this through Bible studies and worship, perhaps the most important way they worked toward the goal was through relationship-building.



AM student reads to Whitley County boys

“I tell the students, show them that God loves them and you love them,” said Magan Atwood, director of AM. “If we’ve done that, we’ve done what God has called us to do.”

AM was joined by many church groups who partnered with them to reach the community, something that is imperative to the continued watering of the seeds that AM plants. Because the UC students are only in the community for a short time, it is important

for them to link the people they serve with ministries that can provide ongoing support, guidance and fellowship.

This summer AM’s team was made up of nine UC students and one intern, 2013 graduate LeAnn Wright. The team spent two weeks in Illinois serving at the Kaskaskia Baptist Association camp where they have served for nine years. The remaining seven weeks in Kentucky communities hosting Vacation Bible Schools. The team saw 12 young people accept Christ as Saviour, several rededications and callings to missions. They also bought school supplies for children in one community and shoes for a family of 10 children, all being raised by an overwhelmed grandmother with little income.

AM’s summer is over but their work goes on, and they are currently preparing for the weekly visits to Whitley County communities, beginning in September, where they will continue the relationships they have built, showing the love of Christ.



## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

While much of what has been accomplished at University of the Cumberlands over the past 125 years has been the result of long hours and hard work on the part of devoted administrators, faculty and staff, these things could not have been possible without the financial contributions of thousands of individuals. Such financial support is truly the lifeblood of the institution and results in the type of gift that keeps on giving.

The first recorded gifts to the school's endowment were made in 1891 as a result of the challenge from John D. Rockefeller through the American Baptist Education Society. A total of \$20,058.48 was raised from this campaign. Rockefeller issued the challenge and gave because "the college was a mountain school, in the mountains, of the mountains and by the mountains."



Gifts help our students pay for their education through the workshop program.

Through the years, gifts received by the university have been as unique and varied as the individuals from whom they were received. Just like the widow's mite, some gifts have come at great sacrifice on the part of individuals who didn't have much but shared a commitment to providing educational opportunities for deserving

students. At times these gifts came in small monetary amounts that were faithfully sent each month. At other times, gifts came as a result of people giving what they had, in hopes that it could be used in some way to benefit the university. One such gift came early in the history of the college from a gentleman named T. J. Stackhouse, of Lexington, who gave a Holstein cow that was worth \$162 at the time. The cow was sold and the proceeds were added to a fund to help meet a challenge for additional funds.

Other gifts have come in the form of bequests from hard working individuals with keen business minds, kind hearts and generous spirits. A few other famous entrepreneurs who supported the college through the years included names such as Andrew Carnegie, William Jennings Bryan, Colonel Harland Sanders, Mrs. Duncan Hines, and Henry Clay Frick. Many other individuals, whose names may not be associated with as much fame but whose generosity is equally noted, have endeavored to support the university throughout the years. Although these gifts were given at a specific point in time, and often used for a specific purpose, they have been added to the gifts from others – however small or however large, all equally needed and appreciated – and have been multiplied many times over.

The churches of the Kentucky Baptist Convention have combined through the years to become the strongest source of consistent support to the educational mission of the university. As a result of its partnership with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, a portion of every dollar received in KBC church offering plates and sent to the Kentucky Baptist Convention has been forwarded on to the university. These funds were used to help offset the costs of the general operating budget. Additional funds have also been received from the Woman's Missionary Union and the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to help provide scholarship assistance.

Gifts from the KBC, other organizations and from private individuals that are designated for scholarship assistance continue to give new opportunities to those

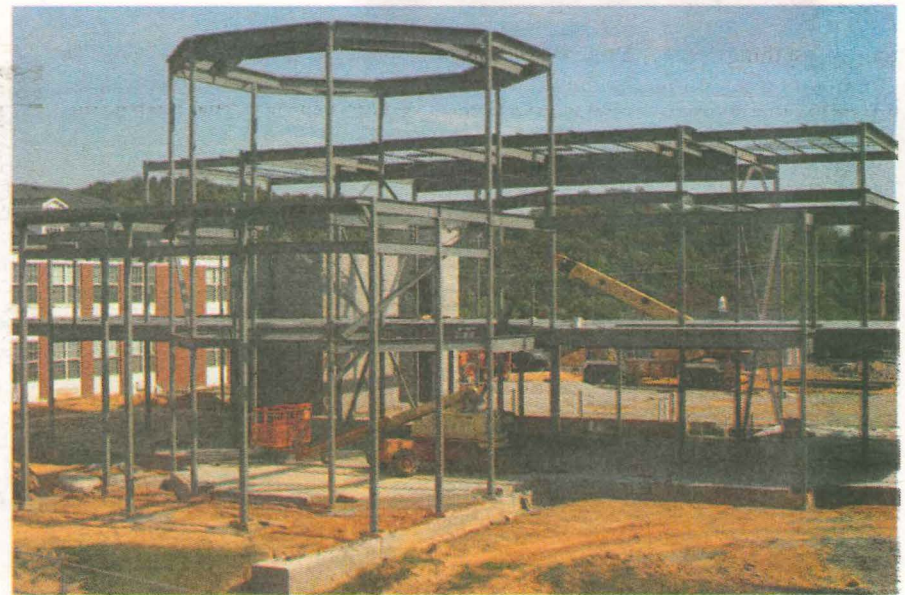
bright students who received the benefit of the scholarships and are now making significant contributions to their communities, their churches and to the world. Gifts of cash, stock, property or other resources have been used to add to the university's endowment – to increase the amount of interest earned on the funds held in trust so the interest income could be used to support operating costs – or they have been used to help directly reduce operating costs in some manner. Each gift, when added to the gifts received from others, is then multiplied many times over.

Throughout the history of the university gifts have provided for the needs of the present, and they have helped to secure the future of the university and the futures of the students who are served.

Any gift received by the university, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated and stretched to the fullest extent possible. There are many ways to give. Contributions may come in the form of simple monthly pledges for a specific amount that is given faithfully each month, or they could come in a lump sum. Gifts can be marked as a general contribution to be used in the area of greatest need, or they can be designated for a specific purpose. Gifts can be in the form of cash, or stock or some other type of asset that could be converted to cash. They can also come in the form of goods or services that could be used by the university as part of our regular daily operations. Gifts may also be given in the form of an annuity that would allow individuals to continue to benefit from the particular asset throughout their lifetime and then pass on to the university. Since 1976, the University has received 326 bequests totaling over \$34 million. Gifts range in size from \$10 to in excess of \$2.3 million. Some were in the form of funds held in trust, others were life insurance proceeds, some were outright bequests and others were for a percentage or for the rest, residue and remainder of an Estate.

One thing that is not different, however, is that every gift is significant.

For more information on specific needs, or on ways to give, contact the President's Office at 606-539-4201, or by email at [presoff@ucumberlands.edu](mailto:presoff@ucumberlands.edu). Every gift received is one that will keep on giving, helping to secure the future of University of the Cumberlands and providing opportunities for the students for years to come.



Construction of the Correll Science Building in 2007. The state-of-the-art facility was made possible through gifts from donors.



Patriot Park

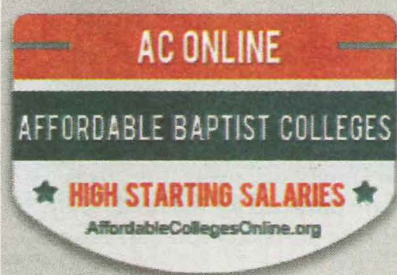
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Center after the 9/11 attack, donated to the university by the City of New York Police and Fire Departments because of the work of a local friend who served on a DMORT team during the days following the attack. This shaft of steel now stands as a memorial tribute to all how lost their lives as part of that tragic event.) The Liberty Bell is rung during the campus and community Independence Day celebration as well as for an annual 9/11 Memorial Tribute Service.

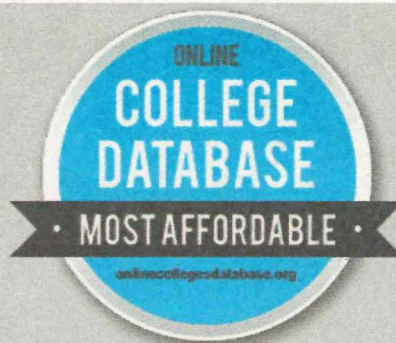
In keeping with tradition, the bells on Cumberlands Campus have served a variety of functions through the years. Whether being rung as a means of celebration, in remembrance of lives lost, or as a source of encouragement to students, faculty, administration and other members of the campus community, the sounds of the bells still ring out and echo off of the mountains surrounding campus, the sounds of freedom and sounds of faith, to offer hope and encouragement for all to hear.

Historical information found in this article has been taken from the centennial history of Cumberland College, entitled "A Bright Shining City Set on a Hill." The book was authored by Dr. Jim Taylor, president of University of the Cumberlands, and was released in 1988. A sequel to this book is scheduled to be released soon in celebration of the school's 125th anniversary. To obtain a copy, contact: President's Office, University of the Cumberlands, 6191 College Station Drive, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769 or email: [presoff@ucumberlands.edu](mailto:presoff@ucumberlands.edu).

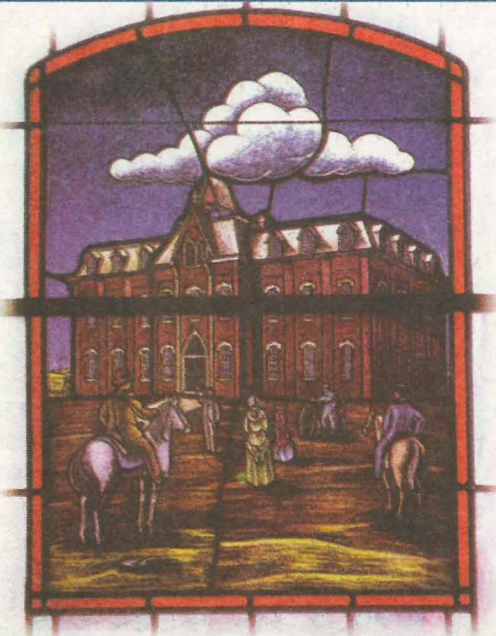
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The AffordableCollegesOnline.org released a new list of twenty-six Baptist colleges with graduates who earn high starting salaries. ACO thoroughly reviewed four-year, fully-accredited private institutions with average starting salaries for graduates of more than \$30,000.00 per year. The website also looked at mid-career salary averages as well as the overall return on investment for the degree.



UC was recognized for providing high quality education at an affordable price. The College Database has released its list of the top Kentucky colleges with the highest financial return on investment. UC is proud to be one of the eleven schools selected for this honorable list.



## "Shining our Light"

A theater production highlighting the founding and history of University of the Cumberland, presented by the UC Theater Department.

Grace Crum Rollins Fine Arts Center-Kohn Theater  
Showtimes:

Friday, Oct. 4, 3-4:30 p.m. & 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-3:30 p.m. & 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2-3:30 p.m.

For Tickets Call: 606-539-4535

## Joe Castillo-The Sand Artist

Joe Castillo is a best-selling author, artist, storyteller and finalist from America's Got Talent who has developed a new way of telling stories with his hands in sand. Portraying a mix of Christian and Patriotic themes, he will challenge, amaze and surprise an audience.

See more at [www.joecastillo.com](http://www.joecastillo.com).

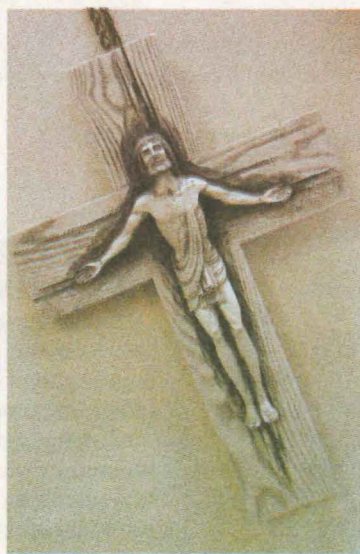
See him at UC's Homecoming in the O.Wayne Rollins Center, Friday, October 4, 9 p.m to 11 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.



## Biblical Art Showcase

In Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible UC Alumnus Ray Lipps, owner of Esquire Galleries, has developed a collection of more than 100 pieces of Biblical Art for this unique display.



## Williams Cross Collection

Dr. Robert O. Williams collected crosses for the majority of his adult life. As a chaplain in the Air Force he was aware of the special symbolism the cross had for Christians and the variety of forms that had been used to portray this symbol. After thirty years of collection, the Carl Williams Cross collection now contains 7,000 crosses and crucifixes.

Showcase & Collection will be shown daily at the Cumberland Museum from September 6 to October 6, M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday by appointment.

Call 606-539-4355 to schedule a tour.