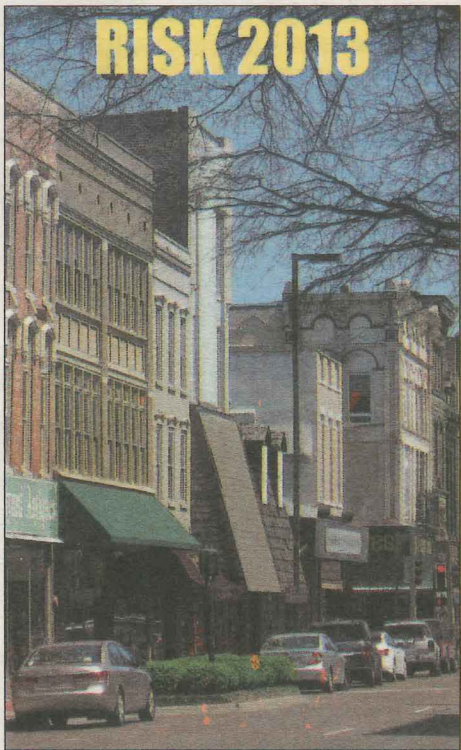


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'Great things' Planned for Paducah

Paducah—According to Todd Gray, a church revitalization consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, "If a church will talk and plan, and that planning leads to activity, they can see great things happen."

Kentucky Baptists are making plans for God to do great things in November as part of "RISK: Paducah," a 10-day evangelistic emphasis prior to the 2013 KBC Annual Meeting Nov. 12.

Local churches, associations and KBC staff are working together to host a variety of gospel-sharing events—from revivals to basketball camp to launching a new church—all with the goal of introducing thousands of West Kentuckians to Christ.

Kentucky Baptists outside the region are encouraged to participate, too.

"It's time for churches to think about assembling a team and coming to Paducah," said Gray, a former Oak Grove pastor who now assists churches in approximately 12 local Baptist associations in West Kentucky.

RISK: Reaching Into the State of Kentucky is the focus of the KBC Evangelism & Church Planting Team's affinity evangelism strategy.

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CHRISTIANS, CHURCHES IN EGYPT Under attack

Egypt, U.S. pastors say Egyptian brothers and sisters in 'desperate need for prayers'

By Charles Braddix

Cairo—"Anger. Killing. Blood." These are words that currently describe Egypt, said Mounir Sobhy Yacoub Malaty, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cairo.

"Attacks have not stopped. Innocent people are being killed. Big numbers of protesters themselves are dying," he lamented.

But a fragile calm seems to be settling across Cairo as life slowly returns to normal. In spite of the presence of armored personnel carriers, traffic once again moves along the city's major thoroughfares, and people are returning to work.

Just days before, Egyptians experienced violent clashes that left nearly 900 people dead and more than 4,000 injured.

On Aug. 14 the Egyptian government used force to remove tens of thousands of supporters of ousted president Mohammed Morsi from two protest camps in Cairo. The deadly confrontation sparked violence that lasted for days.

Among the ousted president's supporters is the Muslim Brotherhood, and it had vowed to take revenge by attacking Egypt's churches.

By the end of the week, more than 75 churches across the country had been attacked, looted, burned or destroyed. Among them were Minya Baptist Church, 150 miles south of Cairo in Minya, a city of 200,000, and Beni Mazar Baptist Church in the Egyptian governate (province)

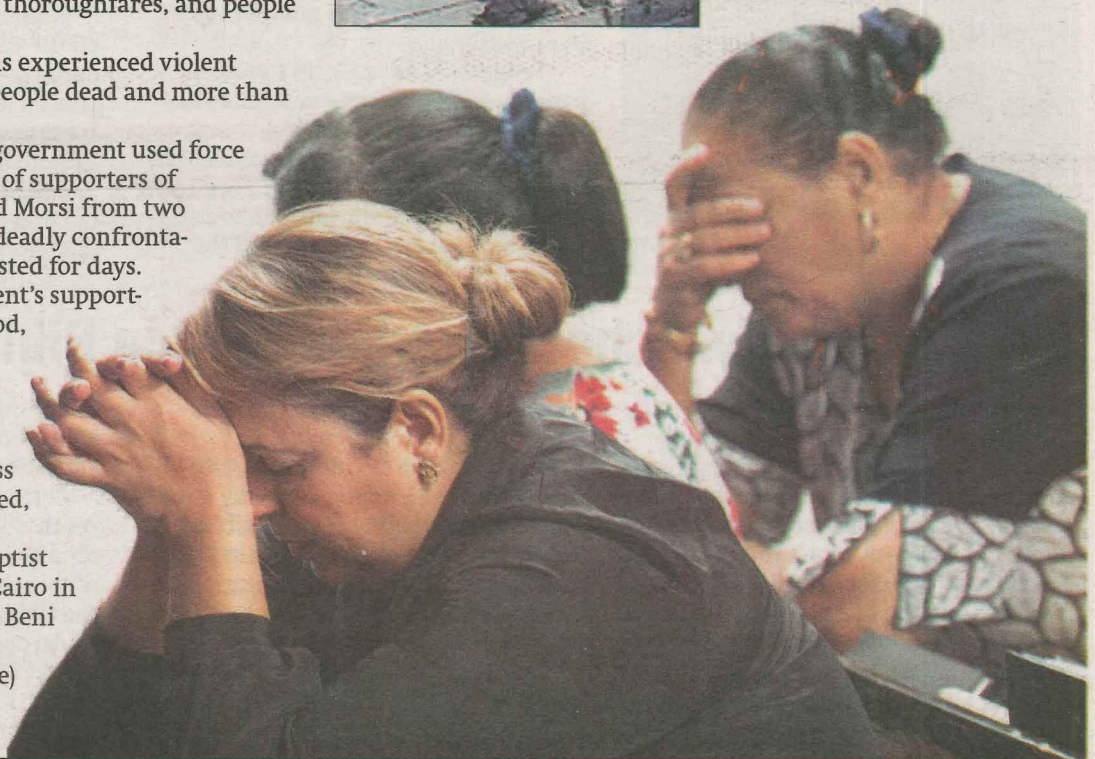
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ABOVE Beni Mazar Baptist Church, in Minya, Egypt, was attacked and burned recently as seen in this video by the pastor of First Baptist Church of Cairo.

AT LEFT Beni Mazar Baptist Church in Egypt is shown under Muslim militants' assault in this video posted on YouTube by neighbors of the congregation.

BELOW Egyptian Baptist church members join in prayer. (IMB photos)



Kentucky Baptists top \$750M in Cooperative Program giving

Louisville—Kentucky Baptists gave more than \$1.9 million to missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program in July, exceeding the monthly budget goal and bringing the total amount of missions support through

the unified giving fund since 1925 to more than \$750 million.

"We rejoice in this significant milestone," said Paul Chitwood, executive director-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "Only when we gather around the Lord's throne will we be able to appreciate the extent to which God has used Kentucky Baptists to help fulfill the Great Commission and win lost souls from every tongue and tribe."

The \$1,934,553 total was \$101,220 above the monthly budgeted goal for CP giving of \$1,833,333.

Total CP giving at the start August,

the final month of the fiscal year, is \$19,779,949, which is \$386,718 behind the annual budget goal of \$22 million.

In addition to breaking the \$750 million mark, Kentucky Baptists have given generously to specific missions offerings during the current fiscal year:

- \$5,230,806 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.
- \$2,235,013 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.
- \$1,166,785 to the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering. (KBC)



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Super Saturday offers '20 simple ways to empower parents'

By Chelsea Beville

Louisville—"Come in! I got chocolate!" beckoned Tori Morris.

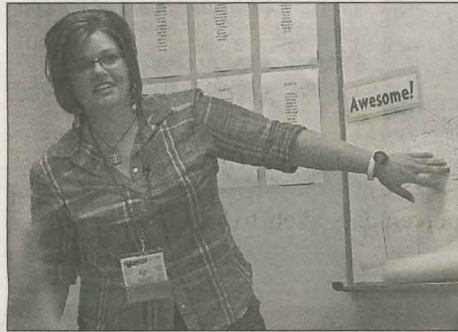
With her infectious energy, Morris drew hallway stragglers into her Super Saturday break out session. Preschool and children's ministry leaders attending Morris's session at Highview Baptist Church (Fegenbush) in Louisville found it was standing room only—and people kept coming in.

"I took her session earlier. She's good," said one session participant as more chairs were brought into the classroom.

"This is my passion: Empowering parents to be the spiritual leaders of their families," Morris said, who serves as minister of Children and Families at Parkway Baptist Church in Bardstown.

Morris emphasized that the foundation for empowering parents comes straight from scripture and read Deuteronomy 6:5-9.

"It's not a question, it's not an option, it's a commandment we should take very



Tori Morris at Super Saturday in Louisville. (WR)

seriously," Morris said.

Empowering parents is no easy task. Parents today are saturated in social media, constantly being bombarded with tips, tricks and advice on how to better raise their children. Parents have to fight the battle of self-centeredness because Facebook has taught children that it's all about them.

"We are now trying to teach fathers and mothers how to simply talk to their children," Morris said.

A few steps Morris gave to empower parents are:

- Give them resources such as thepa-rentlink.com.
- Provide non-scripture-related conversation starters.
- Offer parenting classes during regularly schedule children's programming.
- Encourage parents with letter, emails, and text messages.

Morris cautioned participants not to overwhelm parents with communication. One or two emails a week, one or two texts a week, was all she recommended. Getting parents involved in children's ministry was another topic Morris offered advice on.

"People will not pick up a piece of paper or a flyer," Morris said. "But they will pick up a purple bag."

The children's minister noted a little ingenuity in the presentation goes a long way in passing on information to parents. Fliers get lost or thrown in the

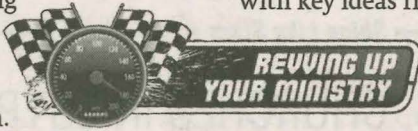
trash, she said, but cute little "treasure" bags get taken home.

Morris also suggested "labeling" kids with key ideas from Sunday School lessons or Bible trivia and to get parents to ask about (and know) what the children are up to while at church. Another effective strategy, Morris said, is pairing up parents

who are struggling in a certain area with parents who have passed through that struggle already.

"They are going to turn for help. We need to pray they turn to the church," Morris said.

The last Super Saturday "Revving Up Your Ministry" conference will be held at Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro Sept. 7. (WR)



Church security taught at Super Saturday

By Robin Cornet Bass

Louisville—With only one entry point to the children's area, a Sunday School teacher easily spotted the suspicious male roaming past classrooms at Mount Washington's First Baptist Church. She followed procedures and alerted church security.

"We found out from his parole officer that he was a child predator, out on parole after serving 10 years as a convicted sex offender," said Mike Kaiser, then head of security at the Mount Washington church.

Kaiser, a church security specialist with 32 years in law enforcement, used the incident as a cautionary tale for church leaders attending Super Saturday conferences Aug. 17 at Highview Baptist Church (Fegenbush) in Louisville.

On Sept. 7 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro, Kaiser again will be leading two Super Saturday sessions on

church safety covering everything from protecting the church building to medical emergencies to responding to threats of violence.

The retired Louisville police officer said planning for violent threats against the pastor, staff and congregation can be "a hard sell," particularly when talking about allowing concealed firearms. Kaiser recommended utilizing trained professionals within the church, such as police officers, firefighters and medical personnel, and allowing them to use their skills in service to God.



Mike Kaiser

Churches can be sued, Kaiser said, and they will be held liable for failing to have security procedures in place and reacting properly to crimes committed on church property.

"The first step is putting your committee together and taking a look at your vulnerabilities," Kaiser said. "Then put a plan in place." (WR)

ACLU warns Ky. school districts to stop Bible giveaways, KBC leader responds

By Robin Cornet Bass

Louisville—Baptist and religious freedom leaders used the word "bully" to describe the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union's threats to sue Kentucky school districts if they do not stop allowing the distribution of Bibles to students during regular school hours.

ACLU staff attorney William Sharp stated in an Aug. 19 letter to superintendents that as recently as last year Gideons International was allowed to hand out Bibles in several state elementary schools.

"Kentucky's public school officials have, at best, suffered from inconsistent adherence to clearly established First amendment limits upon government

endorsement of religion in the classroom," Sharp wrote.

Sharp told the Lexington Herald-Leader that the intent was to stay out of court by encouraging school districts to follow federal guidelines. The Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution prohibits government entities favoring one religion over another.

"It's always disappointing when any organization allows the ACLU to bully them. I feel like this is the case with the school boards across the state," said Mike Stacey, chairman of Kentucky Baptist Convention Committee on Public Affairs. "(School districts) don't have the funds to enter into a lawsuit, so they choose to succumb to the pressure."

Kent Ostrander, executive director of

The Family Foundation, also said it appeared the "ACLU is trying to bully education officials."

"I trust that the superintendents realize that they are even more vulnerable for a lawsuit if they violate the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion of the Gideon organization," Ostrander said.

An open records request by the ACLU earlier this year found that 115 school districts lack written policies about outside organizations speaking with students during school and distributing materials. The ACLU recommended superintendents assume the role of gatekeepers and that outside organizations submit their requests to distribute materials during school hours in writing.

"The truth is, there are always other

options," Stacey said. "I agree that the Gideons need to comply with federal requirements. So maybe it's time for the Gideon organization to rethink about how they distribute Bibles."

While 115 school districts have no written policy on the matter, Stacey noted there are 59 school districts that do. "Maybe it's time for a statewide meeting of superintendents to learn from each other how to best handle the ACLU and the Gideons," he said.

"The bottom line is this," Stacey concluded, "the ACLU does not have the capability of stopping the word of God from being distributed. It may have to be done differently than in the past, but God's word will always find its way to wherever it needs to go." (WR)

RISK: Paducah

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The approach equips churches to identify communities within their communities—such as outdoorsmen, quilters, college students, the military, classic car enthusiasts and others—to build relationships and share the gospel more effectively.

The RISK: Paducah outreach is designed around affinities, Gray said, noting that something as traditional as "invite a friend to church day" on Nov. 3 can have a new spin on it to attract a specific group.

Gray said that Rhodes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Sedalia held a

recent "friend day" off the church grounds, hoping to attract motorcycle enthusiasts who might be uncomfortable visiting a church in the usual setting.

Attendance that Sunday doubled the usual number, with half of the visitors identified as non-churchgoers.

"So now (Rhodes Chapel members) have an opportunity to work with and cultivate those prospects," Gray added.

Such news is music to the ears of Chuck McAlister, leader of the KBC Evangelism & Church Planting Team.

Before his appointment to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, McAlister focused much of his effort on reaching the affinity group of outdoorsmen. For 15 years, he shared the gospel and talked hunting on the Outdoors Channel

through the popular show, "Adventure-Bound Outdoors."

During RISK: Paducah, McAlister will speak at a wild game dinner, Nov. 7, at Twelve Oaks Baptist Church in Paducah. A similar event in Madisonville last March led to 128 people professing faith in Christ.

"I believe very strongly that we are going to see people who previously have felt cut off from the church begin a relationship with Christ because of the affinity-focused efforts taking place in November," McAlister said. (KBC)

For more information, contact West Union Baptist Association at (270) 554-5717 or DeAnna Terry with the Kentucky Baptist Convention by email at deanna.terry@kybaptist.org or (1-866) 489-3418.

Schedule for RISK: Paducah

- Nov. 2: Prison ministry
- Nov. 3: Friend Day at Paducah-area churches
- Nov. 7: Wild Game Dinner at Twelve Oaks Baptist Church, Paducah
- Nov. 7-9: Basketball camp
- Nov. 8: Young girls' event
- Nov. 9: Women's quilting event
- Nov. 9: Evangelistic surveys and prayer walking
- Nov. 9: Start of revivals at area churches
- Nov. 10: Launch new church plant in Paducah
- Nov. 10: Second day of revivals
- Nov. 10: Veterans Day emphasis

The Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference is Nov. 11 and the 176th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is Nov. 12, both at Lone Oak First Baptist (www.kybaptist.org/annualmeeting). (KBC)

Pittmans return to former career on familiar turf

The headline on an article in the May 7, 1991, issue of the Western Recorder read, "Kentuckians to start new careers on familiar turf." Today, we could recycle that headline, with a bit of tweaking: "Kentuckians to resume former career on familiar turf."

Joyce and Scott Pittman are heading back to Brazil as missionaries. In fact, by the time most of our readers receive this issue, they are expected to have been among those who participated in a commissioning service in Hampton, Va.

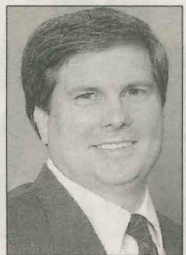
Due to a number of changes taking place in their lives last year, Joyce and Scott have been praying earnestly about what direction the Lord would have them take in ministry. "After several weeks of concerted prayer, we got a call from a missionary friend," Joyce recounted. "God used that phone conversation to answer our prayers and call us back into missionary service."

"I know without a doubt that God has a very specific purpose for our returning to Brazil, and so I am most looking forward to what it is He has in store for my life and ministry," Scott added. "I feel He is calling me back to Brazil because there is work there that He has been preparing me to do, both through my past experience in Brazil and here at the KBC," he said.

While we rejoice with them, we, admittedly, have mixed emotions. As a church mission strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Scott has been so instrumental in connecting many of our churches with international missionaries on the field through various KBC partnership agreements.

And, if you called the offices of the Western Recorder in the past few years, chances are high the pleasant, helpful voice who greeted you was Joyce's. But she has meant much, much more to our readers and our staff. Joyce excelled in her duties, keeping our circulation list up-to-date and assisting churches in publishing their newsletters. She capably performed her tasks with grace, diligence and sometimes wittiness.

Joyce picked up quickly on my caffeine dependence. As I made my morning trudge to our coffee pot, she frequently activated a small toy on her desk with a pink cat that whines, "I need some caffeine!"



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

Then it rejoices after coffee, "I'm a whole person." She bestowed the toy on us as a parting gift. She will be hard to forget!

Joyce and Scott anticipate serving in Sao Paulo. Previously, they served in a capital city on the coast close to Rio, and later they worked in northeast Brazil. But, even before that, back in 1990, they went to Vitoria as volunteers through the Kentucky-Brazil mission partnership. Sao Paulo is a large southern city in the country's interior, with a population of around 20 million. "We have never lived in a city that big, so it will be quite a change!" Joyce confided.

She is very excited about working with Brazilians again. "They are wonderful, warm, loving people," she said, adding that she also is especially looking forward to their worship services. "Brazilian worship is usually more animated and lively than most worship services in the United States—which I really enjoy," she explained.

In one way, the decision to return wasn't hard because they felt sure the Lord was calling them. But, it wasn't exactly easy either. Like all missionaries, they will miss their family. "That is definitely the hardest part of going back," she acknowledged. "And we will miss our friends, colleagues, and church family as well."

Their daughter, Erin, is a doctor in Little Rock, Ark., who works at the University of Arkansas Medical School and Clinic. (A picture of her grandson, Jack, in an owl costume was proudly posted at Joyce's desk for all to see.) "I think Erin was sad at first because we will be so far away and not able to really be a part of her family's life. Our grandson will not have much of an opportunity to know us," Joyce noted. "But she has been supportive and wants God's will for our lives."

Their son, Joel, on the other hand, was fine with their decision, so long as he could finish his senior year at South Oldham High School before they left—a request they gladly fulfilled. Like the Beverly Hillbillies, he recently loaded up his car and headed for California, where he will attend California Baptist University. "God's timing is perfect," Joyce nodded. "It has been apparent in many ways that God has been leading us through this entire process and preparing us for a new chapter in our lives."

On Joyce's last day at the Western Recorder, Business Manager Tom Townsend expressed our well wishes. "As much as we are going to miss Joyce, it's such a joy to know the Lord will be using her and Scott for His glory in Brazil," he said. "We can all celebrate our partnership in the gospel." The joy, indeed, has been ours, and Kentucky Baptists are certainly blessed for having known them. Godspeed!



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Lower your blood pressure

This week's guest column by KBC Missions Mobilization Team Leader Eric Allen originally at <http://www.kyandbeyond.org>.

"Christians are equipped for service that lowers their blood pressure..."

Okay, so Ephesians 4:11-13 doesn't say

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Paul Chitwood

it quite like that. It does say however, that we are equipped for works of service, and according to a new study, works of service may just lower your blood pressure.

A new study suggests that engaging in volunteer ministry can make you healthier by lowering blood pressure. The study, by Rodlescia

Sneed, a Ph.D. candidate in psychology at Carnegie Mellon University, involved over 1,100 adults. The adults were interviewed about their volunteer service and had their blood pressure checked at the beginning of the study and once again four years later. All of the participants had normal blood pressure readings at the time of the first interview.

Regardless of the type of volunteer ministry or service the participants were involved in, those who said during the first interview that they regularly served in volunteer ministry or service were 40 percent less likely to have high blood pressure four years later than those who did not serve.

Why? According to Sneed, "Participating in volunteer activities may provide older adults with social connections that they might not have otherwise. There is strong evidence that having good social connections promotes healthy aging and reduces risk for a number of negative health outcomes."

What does that mean? It means God built us to connect with each other, and to serve each other and Him.

1 Peter 4:10-11 teaches us: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

Christ followers have been equipped for ministry and we should use whatever gifts we've been given to serve others. It's easy to see that ministry and service to others is expected of the Christ follower.

But there's more: serving is a blessing, too. Proverbs 11:25 offers us the promise that "a generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

There are countless opportunities to engage in ministry service locally, throughout Kentucky, nationwide and around the world. Discover how God has equipped you and commit to utilizing those gifts, talents, skills and experiences for His glory. Check out kybaptist.org/GO for a list of opportunities.

When we are obedient to the Lord and serve, we receive a blessing. That blessing just might be lower blood pressure.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Strong churches needed to share gospel on Ky. campuses

By David Roach and Dannah Prather

Louisville—Where can Kentucky Baptist Convention churches “adopt” unreached people groups and do pioneering evangelism among a population that is 95 percent spiritually lost?

The international mission field is not the only answer.

A venue for sharing Christ’s love with unreached people groups lies much closer: the commonwealth’s college and university campuses.

According to Brian Combs, collegiate evangelism strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, about 248,000 of Kentucky’s estimated 261,000 college students do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.

As part of the re-visioning of the Mission Board staff, KBC Executive Director-Treasurer Paul Chitwood formed a task force last year to take a fresh look at the more than 20 Baptist Campus Ministry groups around the commonwealth.

Many KBC churches in college towns already support their local BCM in a variety of ways, but the task force also found that, historically, the group given the most responsibility for evangelism on the campuses has been the KBC campus

ministers and the Christian students who attend the individual BCM groups.

With the startling statistics regarding lostness on campus, the task force has challenged KBC staff to become “missional strategists” to engage the local church in partnership with BCM in on-campus ministry, Combs said.

“We want to help church members discover how God has equipped them, and then find a place on campus where they can connect and allow God to use them to reach students,” he explained.

KBC evangelism & church planting team leader Chuck McAlister said the most effective way to tackle this vast mission field is to identify interest groups within the larger campus community with whom Kentucky Baptists can interact more easily.

“The affinity evangelism approach of identifying ‘communities within communities’ is the most effective strategy we are using to help people encounter Jesus,” he said. For details, visit www.kybaptist.org/get2know.

Combs said an affinity evangelism strategy will create “natural entry points” for churches to get involved.

One of the most obvious affinities on college campuses are international

“We want to help church members discover how God has equipped them, and then find a place on campus where they can connect and allow God to use them to reach students.”



students, Combs said. An estimated 6,000 students in Kentucky are from China, Saudi Arabia, India or other countries outside North America.

At the University of Louisville, campus missionary Paul Gibson has identified video game enthusiasts, date rape prevention activists, student orientation leaders and others as potential affinity groups.

This year, U of L BCM hosted a free lunch for all student orientation leaders, telling them more about BCM’s mission so they could pass along the information to incoming students. As a result of the lunch, one orientation leader told Gibson that she wanted to recommit her life to Jesus.

Similar connections have been made at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, according to Tommy Johnson, campus missionary.

Johnson said WKU BCM is reaching out to fraternities, sororities, dorm communities, gender groups and other affinities.

“Our goal is to help students in those groups encounter Jesus, and we believe affinity evangelism is an approach that intersects with where those students are,” Johnson said.

Last spring, a “Girls Night Out” event focusing primarily on sorority members and other women, led to 80 WKU students professing faith in Christ.

Combs said he is excited to see what God will do with more Kentucky Baptists are engaged in affinity evangelism on Kentucky campuses.

“No longer do we live our life and then go share the gospel,” Combs said. “We get to share the gospel as we live our life.” (KBC)

Interested in partnering with BCM to reach college students with the gospel? Contact Brian Combs at brian.combs@kybaptist.org or at (502) 489-3347.

Speak the truth in times of trouble, urges Southern Seminary president

By Aaron Cline Hanbury

Louisville—In the midst of cultural pressures to remain silent, Albert Mohler Jr. called ministers to speak the truth because souls are at stake. The Aug. 20 convocation address marked his 20th anniversary as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

“We are called to preach the word in season and out of season,” Mohler said. “We are living in a time that may well be described as increasingly out of season. Thus, we speak of the sin of silence in a time of trouble.”

Mohler’s address, “Don’t Just Stand There: Say Something: The Sin of Silence in a Time of Trouble,” follows in the tradition of two earlier convocation



Albert Mohler

messages at significant moments in his presidency.

The first, in 1993, “Don’t Just Do Something: Stand There,” set his agenda during the Conservative Resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention. He maintained the seminary had lost its way theologically and needed to commit with integrity to its foundational doctrinal confession, the Abstract of Principles.

Ten years later, Mohler called the school—in a message oppositely titled, “Don’t Just Stand There: Do Something”—to re-engage in the task of the church by taking the gospel to the nations.

Speaking to the seminary community last Tuesday, Mohler said, “We know what we believe; that’s what we confess. We know what we must do, as the Lord Himself has commissioned us. And may we ever be faithful to speak what we’ve been commanded to speak.”

Mohler said the Scriptures present only two conditions that require silence: when in the presence of God and “when we do not know what to say because the knowledge is too far from us.”

But, Mohler said, calls to speak are far more prevalent in Scripture than calls for silence. Yet preaching God’s word is often unpopular, he noted.

“The increasingly secular culture ... is poised to present the seriously Christian minister with serious challenges. And challenges bring temptations. One of the greatest temptations is for us to remain silent,” he said.

“We are tempted to speak in terms that will be better received, we believe, than the terms of the gospel that Scripture require. We are tempted to lower our voice when we should raise it, and to raise our voice when it should be lowered,” Mohler said.

“So let us choose this day those with

whom we will have trouble, said Mohler. “The world says, ‘Remain silent,’ and God says, ‘Speak.’”

Mohler said his desire is not to spark a “new belligerence or to a posture of defensiveness,” but to call the church to obedience to all that Scripture teaches. Silence in times of trouble is sin, he said.

“It will cost more every year to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, to the exclusivity of that gospel as a radical cause of outrage in this culture, to the moral teachings of God’s word,” he said.

Mohler stressed that consequences of speaking God’s truth span beyond cultural discussions of morality. The call to speak the truth in times of trouble today carries eternal consequences.

“This is not merely about some cultural conflict over moral questions; it is about an eternal conflict over the souls of men and women. Nothing less is at stake,” he said. (SBTS)

Churches burn

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of Minya.

“I learned of the tragic news in Egypt on Thursday,” said Hugh Carson, a South Carolina Baptist pastor who ministered at Beni Mazar Baptist Church in 2011. “It was a shock to hear that dozens of churches had come under a coordinated attack.

“Even in reflecting on this tragedy, the Father has convicted me that I hear this kind of news all too casually,” Carson said. “But this story coming out of Egypt is different because it involves a church that I know—people, names, faces that are real to me,” he said.

“I visited one of the churches that recently came under attack,” Carson, pastor of Renewal Church in Greenville, said. “I remember hearing of their fears



Hugh Carson, pastor of Renewal Church in Greenville, S. C., visited Beni Mazar Baptist Church in Egypt in the fall of 2011. The church was among those destroyed in the outbreak of violence in mid-August. (IMB file photo)

of coming under persecution from the community and even under the government with changes in leadership.”

Carson recalled the pastor and his wife were especially concerned for their safety and the safety of their children

because they lived in the church building.

At the time pastor John Amin said, “We live here at the church, so if someone attacks our church, they attack our home. The kids are afraid.”

“I was told they got out safely, but watched helplessly as their church and home burned,” Carson said.

Since the attack, Carson was able to contact the young man who served as his translator at the church in Egypt. “He was discouraged by the attack that has come upon these churches,” Carson said, “but full of faith reminding me that the Father is in control of all this.”

Carson’s visit to Egypt was part of a partnership that started in 2011 between the Baptist churches of Egypt and the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Mike Turner*, a senior missions strategist for North Africa, said, “From a geopolitical perspective, the current situation in Egypt is a mess, for sure.

“The images on TV and the Internet are disturbing, and one could easily become consumed by them and think there is absolutely no hope for the people of Egypt.”

Even though there has been unprecedented violence and loss of life, Turner said there is good news.

“The good news is that there is hope for the people of Egypt. Even in the midst of chaos and mayhem, we believe and know with certainty that God is at work in the hearts and lives of countless Egyptians,” Turner said.

Turner said Christians have unprecedented opportunity to be salt and light in a place that is experiencing darkness.

“As the country of Egypt trudges through this dark, desolate valley, the people of God should raise the banner on their behalf and stand in the gap for them like never before,” he said. (BP)

*Names changed.



August

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.
- 12 Retired DOM Luncheon, Severns Valley Association, Elizabethtown.
- 12 Children's Minister's Retreat, Cedar more, Bagdad.
- 13 Business and Finance Committee, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
- 16 Pre-Retirement Planning Conference, Calvert City First Baptist, Calvert City.
- 17 Pre-Retirement Planning Conference, Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 18 Pre-Retirement Planning Conference, Kentucky Building, Louisville.
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Spotlight on ...

Lovelaceville

Lovelaceville Church recently called **Jared Hayes** as pastor.

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- **CADIZ**—Cadiz Church will host guest speaker **Becky Ginn** Sept. 3, 6 p.m. She will speak about her ministry at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex for Women. **Kyle Noffsinger** is pastor.
- **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Saloma Church will hold a Singspiration Service Sept. 1, 6 p.m. **John Chowning** is pastor.
- **GREENSBURG**—Green Hill Church will host the Russell Creek Association Annual Meeting Sept. 5.
- **HODGENVILLE**—First Church will hold a cookout Sept. 1, 5 p.m., with the movie "Flywheel." **Paul Richey** is pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Farmdale Church Pastor **Doug Strader** will be retiring at the end of September. Parkland Church will hold a free community dinner Aug. 29, 5 p.m. **Tom Curry** is pastor.
- **PADUCAH**—Bellview Church will hold an annual Labor Day worship and picnic Sept. 2, 6 p.m., with the dedication of a new fellowship pavilion. **Mike Nolen** is pastor.
- Lone Oak First Church will host Sunday School Summit Aug. 29, 6 p.m., beginning with dinner. Training begins at 7 p.m. **Dan Summerlin** is pastor.
- Trinity Church recently called **Brian Hall** as pastor.
- **RUSSELLVILLE**—First Church will host Stillwater in concert Aug. 31, 7 p.m. For more information, call (270) 726-2468. **George Crabtree** is pastor.
- **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church recently called **Michael Cabell** as pastor.

Church Equip tackles ethical questions

By Tom Strode

Washington—For one church, it might be homosexuality. For another, it might be adoption. For others, it might be abortion or race relations or pornography or human trafficking.

Whatever issue a Southern Baptist church needs to address, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission is seeking to tailor congregation-by-congregation methods of helping them by means of a new initiative called Church Equip.

Regardless of the subject, the ERLC is trying to "develop customized solutions for church equipping," said Philip Bethancourt, the commission's director of strategic initiatives.

In July, Russell Moore, the ERLC's president, taught leaders at Austin Stone Community Church in Austin, Texas, about sexual ethics, particularly homosexuality. A few days later, he spoke at an adoption luncheon at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., after preaching on the church's Orphan Sunday.



Russell Moore

Assisting churches takes precedence, said Moore, whose administration at the ERLC began June 1.

"The focus of the Kingdom of God in this age isn't primarily Washington or Wall Street," he said. "King Jesus is ruling in local congregations, colonies of His reign. That's why equipping congregations to think through ethical questions is the number one priority of the ERLC.

"From sexuality to infertility to parenting to church discipline to racial unity and beyond, the questions facing our churches are about how we will follow Jesus through the confusing ter-

rain of the 21st century," Moore said.

Austin Stone Community Church desired equipping regarding homosexuality for two reasons, said pastor Todd Engstrom:

■ "To continue thinking through how we can lovingly and truthfully pastor individuals who are attracted to the same sex;

■ "To think through our individual, corporate and civic response as a church community in light of" the Supreme Court's decision striking down a section of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Moore's training for a group of about 125 that consisted of elders and their wives, deacons and staff members from six campuses was "a game changer," said Kevin Peck, Austin Stone's lead pastor.

"With all of the noise in today's media-rich world, Dr. Moore spoke biblical truth and wisdom with a distinct level of competency and concern," Peck said. "He offered a level of clarity, thoughtfulness, compassion and biblical precision that will enable my team to minister more effectively."

For Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Moore served essentially as a "cheerleader" for adoptive and fostering families, said ministry associate Jim Watterson. The church invited people inside and outside the congregation who had some connection to adoption or foster care.

Moore encouraged the roughly 175 people in attendance "to keep going in their care for the fatherless, that it was not always easy but necessary and close to the heart of God," Watterson said.

Earlier, Moore had preached in the church's morning worship services from Romans 8 on the adoption by God Christians experience and the adoption of children Christians can participate in.

The day's focus on orphan care resulted in 35 couples indicating they wanted to adopt and 30 to 35 committing to receive training to provide foster care, Watterson said. (BP)

Words are powerful

Do yours exemplify grace, or do they tear down others?

Roger Palmer, director of Crossings Center for Youth Ministry, fills in for David Melber this month.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

Have you ever said something you wish you had not said? I know I have.

I remember when I was growing up, we used to say, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." I think that was one of the dumbest lies we totally accepted when we were young.

I have had surgeries and I have sprained, strained and pulled things in my body that eventually healed. But, words can be arrows that penetrate our hearts and have an everlasting impact on our lives. They are the arrows that not only are buried deep, but bring hurt and pain that can last longer than we care to think about.

Why would God make it so clear that our words should never be "unwholesome" (meaning our words should never be crooked, dishonest, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous; contaminated, spoiled, tainted, bad, evil, immoral, iniquitous, miscreant, nefarious, sinful, vicious, or wicked)?

It's because, our words carry great

power. God makes it clear in His word that our words are to be "good for edification." That means our words are to elevate, enrich, lift, uplift, better, regenerate, renew, transform.

Then God says, "according to the need of the moment." We need to weigh our words carefully, for the "need of the moment" will mean something different every time we speak. Each person, each hearer has different needs for different situations, so as we speak we need to make sure we not only build the other person up, but give grace in that moment as well.

God literally says in Ephesians that our words have the power to "give grace to those who hear." Our words are that powerful that we not only edify the listener, but we give away grace at the same time. That means the opposite is true as well. If we do not weigh our words carefully, then we tear down, destroy and annihilate through our words. God wants to use us to meet the needs of others and those needs are often met by using the right words.

We need to be sure we "give grace" today, and each day forward. Our words have the power to bring destruction or give away huge amounts of grace. We need to work at being "edifiers" and "grace givers" through every word that comes out of our mouths.

David Melber is president of Crossings Ministries. Contact Crossings at (502) 491-7000 or www.GoCrossings.com

Help feed a child

Donations to Food Round Up help Sunrise provide healthy meals

If you have fond memories of your childhood, chances are many of those occurred around the dinner table.

Meal time in many families is an opportunity for busy lives to pause, catch-up and reconnect with each other—all while providing their bodies with the nutrition needed to stay healthy and active.

For many of the children served by Sunrise, a proper diet has never been a priority. Poverty, neglect or simply a lack of knowledge has put many Kentucky children in danger of eating too much of the wrong things, too little of the right things, or in dire cases, too little of anything.

While the issues facing Kentucky's abused and neglected children go far beyond their diet, meeting the physical needs is often the first step in helping children feel safe and secure as they begin to address other areas of their lives.

Providing healthy meals is a priority for Sunrise, and also one of the biggest expenses we encounter as we serve the

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Bill Smithwick

cards to major grocery stores that allow our individual programs to select the items they need most. New this year, individuals can also visit our website and fill up a cart and donate online at www.sunrise.org/foodroundup.

The consistent support of churches has allowed Sunrise to care for children in need since 1869. For a donation of \$2,935, a church can feed a child in our care for a full year. A donation of \$1,470 provides food for six months and a donation of \$250 will feed a child for an entire month.

If you'd like more information on how you or your church can take part in the Food Round Up, contact Carmen Gibson at 1-800-456-1386 or email her at cgibson@sunrise.org.

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

Good news from afar

Foreign students explain what OBI has meant to their lives

Proverbs 25:25 says, "Good news from a distant land is like cold water to a parched throat." Read what follows and drink deeply. Oneida Baptist Institute has a story to tell to the nations.

Ethiopia

"I have been at OBI for three years and ever since I have been very active in school. I started participating in sports and also started having good grades.

"Dorm life wasn't easy at first, because before OBI I never had to do anything myself. It was all done for me. But at OBI there were lots of responsibilities, like cleaning your room, doing laundry, and making your bed. Going to chapel wasn't my favorite thing, but at the end I realized that going to chapel has made me closer to God and know a lot about Him.

"After I came to OBI, I gained a strong relationship with God, have become a very responsible person, and I have learned that every decision you make has consequences and rewards."

Thailand

"When I came to OBI, I wanted to learn about the English language and American culture, but OBI offered me a lot of friends and good memories in addition to helping me study. Everyone was very kind. They shared their testimonies and I realized (people from other countries) are similar to me. They made me stronger.

"I was thankful God gave me His Spirit. Chapel was very good for me. When testimonies are shared, I learn more about Christianity and grow in my relationship with God. I changed

my personality after I came to believe in God. I grew with God after I came to believe in Him."

Korea

"Before I came to OBI, I studied because I had to. I was not happy to study. After I came to OBI, I started to get good grades. It made me excited to get good grades and I enjoyed achieving everything by myself.

"A lot of things changed because of my attitude. I used to be offensive whenever I got a bad score, instead I started to work harder and not be lazy because of bad results.

"Now, even if the result is not always good, I am happy to study, because I study as God's instrument and not for myself."

Thailand

"While I was studying at OBI, the one thing that had the most impact on my life was the Christian religion. I am not a Christian, but as I spent more time in at OBI something changed. My relationship with God changed because of the Christians teaching me to know the love of God.

"I never knew the love of God, but OBI helped me to know. OBI gave me a lot of good experiences and good relationships with friends, teachers and with God."

CORRECTION: A headline with the Aug. 20 Oneida column was inadvertently reprinted from a previous issue. As the note at the beginning states, the article is the testimony of another member of the senior class, not of the valedictorian. We regret the error.

Oneida Baptist Institute, Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972; www.oneida.school.org.



The students are coming

Clear Creek's campus is busy with new activity

Dorothy Gale was knocked unconscious by a shutter blown off its hinges in the storm. In her mind she was transported to a strange land filled with marvels and Munchkins. Little people came from nowhere and disappeared again, bad witches and good witches flashed in and out (if you can imagine a good witch). It was more than a simple Kansas girl could grasp. Her evaluation of it all?

"My! People come and go so quickly here!"

Sometimes it feels a little like Oz at Clear Creek. No strange fictional characters running around, but people do seem to sweep in and out. Freshmen students come for what must seem like an eternity, but turn around twice and they are arrayed in cap and gown, proudly reaching for their diploma. They shake my hand, step off the stage, and they are off to the next station in God's master plan for their lives.

Graduation is over in a moment, summer seems to last about an hour, and a new group of students assemble for orientation.

It is amazing the bond God builds in

those precious moments between the entrance and exit of a student. That tall guy in the back row at orientation becomes the one with whom you have prayed through many struggles. The young lady too shy to lift her eyes captures the heart of the boisterous one on the front row and they become a life-long ministry team. All these strangers become the subject of your prayers and the subjects of your conversation. Each one changes your life, and then moves on.

Our new students have been here a short time now, and they are already well planted in my heart, and the hearts of faculty, staff and classmates. They are still learning the campus, but they are already Clear Creekers. I will blink, and they will be gone. I am thankful that out of sight doesn't have to mean out of mind.

Students we train become partners in ministry and part of the Clear Creek family. I would rather be part of that family than to be in the most beautiful flower field in the Land of Oz (if such a place did exist).

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Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

Puzzle returns next week

Due to a reduction in the number of pages in this week's Western Recorder, the crossword puzzle will not appear in this issue. It will return Sept. 3.

At right are the answers for the crossword (#170) that appeared Aug. 20.

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

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

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

SEEKING: Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, is seeking an associate pastor of education/discipleship. Full-time position in growing church, presently serving 700-750 in Sunday School. Resumé accepted through Sept. 15. Send to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 920 Skyline Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240, Attn: Webb Ross, or email hbcstaff_1@hillcrestbc.net.

SEEKING: Parkway Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Send resumé to Pastor Search Committee, Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505.

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SEEKING: Woodlawn Baptist Church in central Kentucky, is seeking a full-time pastor. Small church with great growth potential. If led by God, submit resumé to home@woodlawnbaptist2serve.org.

SEEKING: Second Baptist Church of Madisonville, is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. Send resumé to Pastor Search Committee, Second Baptist Church, 633 Bishop Street, Madisonville, KY 42431-1379.

SEEKING: Versailles Baptist, a dynamic missions-minded church in central Kentucky, is accepting resumé for a full-time youth minister. We currently minister to 400 Sunday morning worship attendees and 80 teenagers on a weekly basis. Accepting resumé through Aug. 30 in care of glyn@versaillesbaptist.org.

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SEEKING: Bardwell Baptist Church is seeking a part-time youth pastor to lead youth grades 6th-12th. For more information, contact pastor Rodney Bice at bbcpastor1@windstream.net, or call (270) 628-3645.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church of Lebanon Junction is seeking resumes from potential candidates for pastor. FBC is dually aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship and the KBC. Send resumé to the Pastoral Search Committee, P.O. Box 577, Lebanon Junction, KY 40150.

SEEKING: East Hickman Baptist Church is seeking a part-time youth minister. Send resumé to Personnel Committee, East Hickman Baptist Church, 6418 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40515, or via email to easthickmanbc@easthickmanbc.com.

SEEKING: Bagdad Baptist Church is searching for a part-time youth minister to grades 6-12. The ideal candidate will be committed to the ministry to students and their families. This person will have experience in relating and ministering to teens, a desire to lead in spiritual development, and will encourage students both at and away from church. We need someone who will communicate well and actively coordinate programs and events, working with adult volunteers, youth council and staff. Email a letter of interest and resumé to bagdadbaptist@bellsouth.net or mail to P.O. Box 8, Bagdad, KY 40003.

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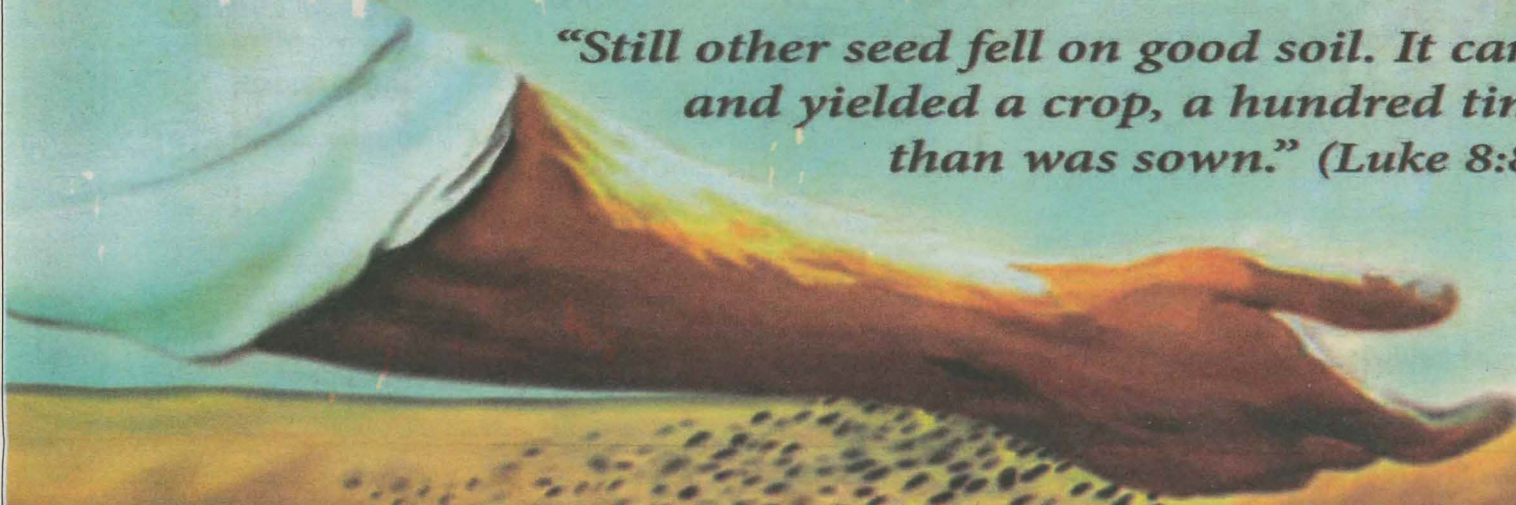
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**Eliza Broadus
 Biography**



By Jack Birdwhistell
 Published by Kentucky WMU, 1980
 Second edition, 2013

Who Was Eliza Broadus?

She was inevitably introduced as “Dr. Broadus’ daughter.” Yet, in spite of living in the shadow of her famous father, Eliza Sommerville Broadus (1851-1931), the eldest daughter of Dr. John Albert Broadus (1827-1895), was able to develop a strong personality of her own. Though not a flamboyant person, she had a great influence among women in Southern Baptist life, especially in the organization of Woman’s Missionary Union. Her death after being struck by a car near her home in October, 1931, removed a spiritual giant.

A biography about Eliza Broadus, written by Dr. Jack Birdwhistell, was first released by Kentucky WMU in 1980. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Eliza Broadus Offering, this biography has been retyped and is available in PDF format on the state missions DVD or at kywmu.org/ebo.



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A PERSONAL WORD

A century of State Missions offering celebrated

By Joy Bolton

Eliza Broadus was a remarkable lady and this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the State Missions offering named in her honor. Our 2013 State Missions materials include a biography about Eliza first written in 1980 by Dr. Jack Birdwhistell, a professor at Georgetown College. You will want to learn more about Eliza and join us in celebrating her birthday on Oct. 1.

Eliza Broadus died on Oct. 7, 1931. She had gone from the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. & Mrs. A.T. Robertson, to mail a letter and was hit by a truck as she was retracing her steps across the street. Due to profound deafness, she probably never heard the on-coming truck. Just a week before her death, the WMU Training School had given a gala luncheon in honor of her 80th birthday. After her death, tributes to her poured in, and in the December 1931 issue of *Royal Service*, Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive director of national WMU, wrote: "Few Southern Baptist women have equaled Miss Eliza S. Broadus in the service rendered 'her own generation accord-

ing to the will of God.' Four-score years and one week were granted to her and she not only used them to help lovingly in the home, church, community, and state but for more than half of her life, she was a most efficient officer of Woman's Missionary Union."



Joy Bolton

In 1913, Eliza Broadus encouraged Kentucky WMU to begin an annual State Missions offering. In 1975, Kathryn Jasper Akridge led Kentucky WMU to name the offering in her honor starting in 1976. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the State Missions offering, we do well to remember this remarkable WMU leader and her influence in Kentucky and around the world. The dedication page of Dr. A.T. Robertson's *Harmony of the Gospels*, says "To Eliza S. Broadus, Eldest daughter of John A. Broadus, An elect lady beloved in many lands." Eliza Broadus was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery and this inscription is on her tombstone.

Our 2013 State Missions emphasis is "More Than Ever," Make a Difference. More than ever, we need to pray, give and go to share Christ with the lost across our state. The 2013

State Missions materials feature four ministries which are making a difference and represent the variety of ministries funded by EBO. Our offering goal is \$1,250,000 and more than ever, we need to give in support of Kentucky missions.

Earlier this year, a special committee charged with studying the work of the agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention released its report. Kentucky WMU is an auxiliary to the KBC and was included in this study. Of WMU, the committee said, "The partnership between Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the Mission Board is essential to the vision of the Mission Board, i.e., helping churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. WMU's focus on missions at home and abroad, along with the tremendous ministry of facilitating the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, makes WMU one of our most strategic partners."

We are grateful for the opportunity to help Kentucky Baptists reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. Thank you for praying, giving, teaching missions, and doing missions across our state and around the world.

Joy Bolton is the executive director of KY WMU.

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WMU DIRECTORS

Sweet testimonies celebrate 125 years

By Wanda Walker

Looking for things to do as you celebrate the 125th Birthday of WMU? Check out the Missions Leader. Linda Cooper has written ideas and ways to celebrate this milestone in WMU. As creative as many of you are, there are an abundance of ideas just waiting to be done in your church or association.

As we celebrate, here are just a few of the testimonials shared at EXCEL in Shelbyville:

"In 1978, as a new Christian, I joined WRBC and found a mentor Nancy Kirk, who invited me to join the Day Baptist Women group. From then on, I have grown working with GA, as a Facilitator of KWOM and serving on the Deacon team." —Peggy Fuller

"I have been involved from the age of 9 when I was asked to join the GA's at a church that I was not attending. I was asked by a lady that later became a missionary." —Unknown

"I started with GAs and have always been a part of WMU." —Teresa Stinson

"I have a heritage of being taken to 'missionary meetings' as an infant. I have the desire to continue to share Jesus' love through missions education." —Unknown

"I bought the ring to continually remind me of the great heritage. I was called to missions through an associational GA day

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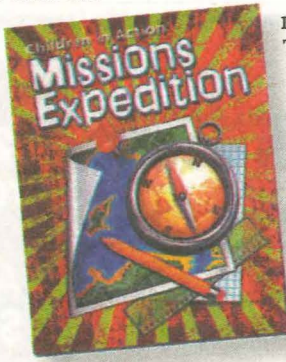
CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

Tell the Story

By Stacy Nall

Once upon a time at a church in Kentucky, a children's missions leader shared the love of God and missions with the children she taught. Does this sound similar to your story?

Each of us, including preschoolers and children, has a story to tell about Jesus. "Tell the Story" is this year's theme for Mission Friends, Children in Action, Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors. Preschoolers and children will discover how Southern Baptist workers tell the story of Jesus to those who have never heard. They will learn how they can support missionary storytellers by giving and praying.



Children will find out how they can share their own faith stories with others!

Preschoolers love a good story.

Engage your preschoolers with mission stories. Host a "Story Time" kick-off event for Mission Friends and their parents. Provide pillows, blankets and a nighttime snack. Invite preschoolers to wear their pajamas.

Visit www.wmystore.com for books to read, such as "Molly Meets the Missionaries." Practice your storytelling skills with "Storytelling 1-2-3: Creative Ideas for Telling a Story."

Through the State Missions material, preschoolers will learn how Eliza Broadus Offering funds are used by Pit Stop Challenge volunteers to share God's word and the truth

about Jesus with families at the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta.

Children can tell and write missions stories.

Encourage your children to write mission stories each month for your church newsletter or website. They may want to interview persons in your church who have taken mission trips and publish their findings. See "Tell the Story" promotion pack, available from www.wmystore.com for more ideas.

The State Missions material for children focuses on the deaf ministry at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green. Children will discover how deaf children learn about Jesus through the Deaf Vacation Bible Camp.

Girls in Action in Kentucky will be celebrating the 100th birthday of GA at GA JAM Nov. 9 at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green. You won't want to miss this special time of remembering the past and looking forward to the future!

Children in Action have a brand new individual achievement plan called *Missions Expedition*. Guide your children through an exciting adventure as they learn more about the Bible and experience missions by doing. *Missions Expedition* is available at www.wmystore.com.



The Season of Prayer for State Missions is typically observed each September. The State Missions material is available from your WMU director or the Kentucky WMU office.

RAs/CHALLENGERS



Courage camp aims boys toward 'Compassion for the Lost'

By Jonathan Auten

By Jon Auten

What a splendid weekend God gave us for Courage 2013! The sky was bright and blue, the temperature was perfect with a light breeze, and Laurel Lake Baptist Camp was as beautiful as always.

It was the perfect setting for Royal Ambassadors and RA leaders from 13 Kentucky Baptist churches who came from around the state to shoot arrows, tie knots, race their pinewood derby cars, saw logs, learn about "Compassion for the Lost," and worship the God who loves them.

Friday evening Lads, Crusaders, and Challengers heard a fantastic message from Chuck McAlister, founder of the Adventure Bound Outdoor television hunting program. At the end of Chuck's message, several boys responded to the invita-



tion to receive Christ as their Savior. Then on Saturday—after a morning full of outdoor activities, fun, and a delicious chili dog lunch—the boys listened to a moving report from Ron and Greta Wilson, who serve as Disaster Relief specialists with the KBC.

I wish I could give you a full recap of everything that happened at Courage 2013, but space will not allow it. What I will say is this, everywhere I looked, boys were spending quality time with their dads and leaders, gaining a new skill, making a new friend, conquering a new challenge, engaging in mission action and learning, and joyfully becoming the young men that God has called them to be.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so check out additional pictures posted at www.facebook.com/kentuckyra, and you will be able to read the whole story of Courage 2013.

And don't forget to check out www.ky-wmu.org/royalambassadors where you will find information about more great state events like RAMCON 2014 (March 15) and Courage 2014 (August 1-2).



STUDENTS

Acteens camp teaches girls: Be 'Fearless'



By Maryann Lee

Every summer teenage girls from many different churches in Kentucky gather at Jonathan Creek for Acteens Splash. This overnight camp is designed for girls to grow in their walk with God, learn more about missions and what it means to be a missionary, and to simply have fun. Focusing on the theme "Fearless," the girls participated in a variety of activities that helped them to see as Christians we are to be fearless for Christ. Other activities included a prayer experience for students to focus on their relationship with Christ, a craft time where they made their own journals and learned how they could use them to grow in their personal walk with God. And no camping experience is complete without time for swimming on the lake and campfire complete with s'mores. Acteens Splash is a wonderful time for girls to get away and have fun being a girl. Next year we would love to see even more girls attend this wonderful event.

In preparing for the Fall and a new church year, I hope that you are including plans for Acteens and Youth on Mission in the church calendar. Teenagers are a vital part of church life and need to be included in church events. WMU has many resources that can help in plan-



ning for Acteens and Youth on Mission. The *WMU Year Book 2013-2014* contains an outline of topics that will be covered throughout the year. This helpful outline also includes information about the missionaries who are featured as well as missions projects. You don't have to wait until your teaching material comes in the mail to begin planning the whole year. Other useful materials include

The WMU Acteens Guide for Leaders and *The WMU Youth on Mission Guide for Leaders*. All three of these resources can be ordered through the wmystore.com website or by calling the WMU customer service line (1-800) 968-7301.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The story lives on through the generations with WMU's help

By Linda Cooper

A couple of weeks ago, I participated in a ministry of National WMU called FamilyFEST, which was held in two locations in Kentucky this year. One was in Paducah and one was in Henderson, which is where I served.

FamilyFEST and MissionsFEST are pre-packaged mission trips that are planned and waiting for volunteers to just come and take part. MissionsFEST is geared toward adults, while FamilyFEST provides opportunities for the whole family to serve in ministry, beginning with age 6.

Participants in FamilyFEST in Henderson participated in several ministry projects throughout the week including work-



Linda Cooper

ing in a food pantry with Christian Community Outreach, passing out flyers to inform everyone of a women and children's event and revival, health fairs, Vacation Bible School at a nursing home, prayerwalking, foot soaks and nail care at an assisted living facility, a block party, sharing Christ, and an old-fashioned tent revival where five people received Christ.

One day, I was assigned to share the plan of salvation at the nursing home where some other volunteers had been having Bible school with the residents earlier in the week. I had not been assigned to this venue until this day and as they wheeled the patients in, I observed that some of them were way up in years. One lady in particular even seemed to be

somewhat unresponsive.

I prayed that God would be with me and give me the words to say. I led in a hymn sing at first and most of them sure enjoyed the old hymns that I had selected. Then, I began to share the plan of salvation, how to become a child of God, and the gospel. I shared scriptures such as Romans 3:23, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Romans 10:9-10, 13.

Each time I announced a scripture and began to read, the lady whom I had assessed as being unresponsive would recite the scripture word for word out loud. One by one, she said them all. I was amazed, excited and intrigued.

After I finished and all questions were answered, I went over and knelt down by her wheelchair and asked her where she learned all of those scriptures by memory.

Without hesitation, she responded that she had learned them while in Girls in Action as a child.

With huge smiles upon their faces, others began to chime in that they had been a part of GAs and RAs as children, too, and none of them knew that we were serving there that week through WMU.

It made my week and reassured me of how vitally important missions education is through WMU as we train up the next generation to know and share His word.

Thus, the story *does* and *will* live on. Are you doing your part to train the next generation so that the story lives on?

If I, or any of our staff, can help you get started in WMU, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always willing to help.

Linda Cooper is president of KY WMU.

CHILDREN'S CAMPS

Mission Adventure Camp encourages children to live 'Fearless' lives

By Stacy Nall

Campers at Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest learned how our camp missionaries are "Fearless" in sharing their faith in Togo, Brazil, East Asia, Ghana and South Asia.

Through worship, Bible studies and devotions, campers also discovered how they could be "Fearless" in sharing their faith. Campers played "Secret Church" to gain an understanding of the persecuted church. The zipline, slip n' slide, and blob gave campers an opportunity to be physically fearless!

Campers assembled disaster relief kits to help victims of disasters. In addition, campers gave an offering to support the work of Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief. Part of the camp offering was given to buy supplies for our Acts 1:8 staff as they continued their ministry after camp in northern Ireland. Kentucky WMU is very thankful for the Acts 1:8 staff. Their enthusiasm and Christian example touched many lives this summer.

Acts 1:8 Kids' Camp/Northern Ireland Team

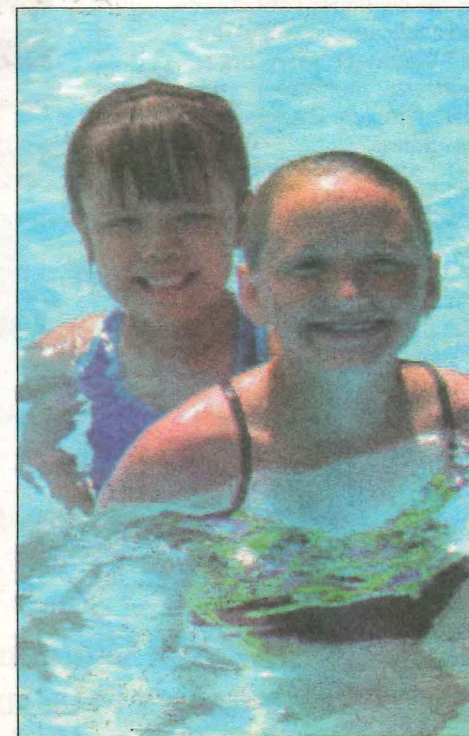
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- Izzy Whisman- Morehead State

Make plans now to attend Missions Safari 2014 at Cedar Crest! Contact KY WMU for 2014 Mission Adventure Camp dates and prices, or visit www.kywmu.org/mac.

Overnights at the Creek

Girls in Action and Acteens campers had a missions-filled weekend at Jonathan Creek in Hardin, Kentucky! GA campers were inspired as missionaries shared how they have been "Fearless" in sharing Christ in South Asia and Chile. Girls enjoyed playing games around the world in addition to crafts, swimming and pontoon rides. Acteens campers experienced an interactive prayer walk and participated in a culture simulation game.

Contact Kentucky WMU for 2014 dates and prices for Overnights at the Creek.



KY WMU CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER**
 8-15 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Eliza Broadus Offering
- 21 Children in Action Day Camp, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville
- OCTOBER**
 24-26 KY WMU Executive Board Meeting
- NOVEMBER**
 4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 9 GA JAM, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green
- 21 Kentucky WMU Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- DECEMBER**
 1-8 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Testimonies

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camp in 1965. I have served as a missionary in Togo, Iowa, and now in Eastern Kentucky."—Paula Settle

"It started with a DVD on Raceway Ministries. As a result, I became an EMT as Boone County Water Rescue. I met my husband. Nine years in WMU. Now I am a new WMU director."—Cindy Wilson

We never know where WMU may lead!

As you tell your stories during this year of celebration, bring it alive and exciting so that organization bigger (and older) than any of us and will change the world!

While you are preparing for the year ahead, don't forget the challenge your church and associations to take the **1-2-5 Challenge**: 1 new organization, 2 new leaders and 5 new members. The outcomes are endless!

KENTUCKY WMU HERITAGE FUND

April 1, 2013—June 30, 2013

The following gifts to the Heritage Fund were received during the second quarter of 2013. Gifts also include the proceeds from the Heritage Fund Banquet during Annual Meeting. Our thanks to each individual and group who gave.

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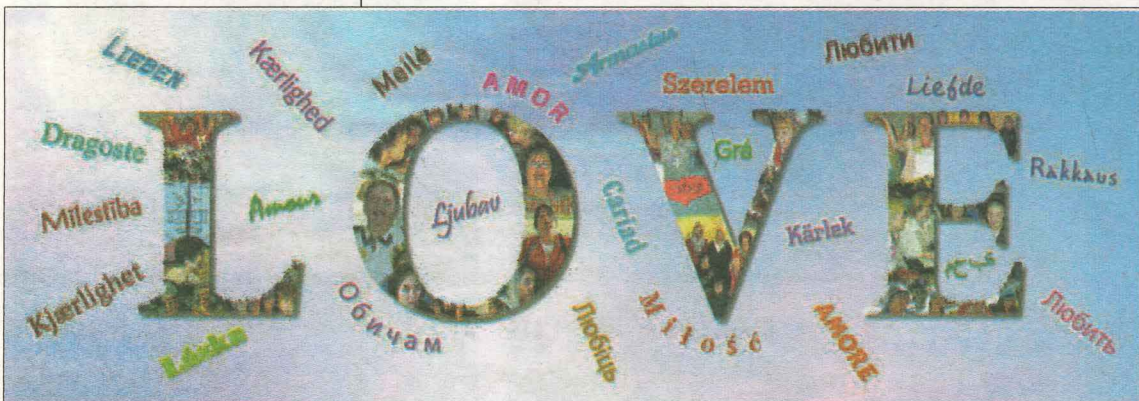
I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.
2 Corinthians 2:8

LOVE LETTERS

A SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR WIVES OF KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 • Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
 You are invited to be In Step with the Spirit through the Fruit of the Spirit LOVE on November 4, 2013.

ADULTS

A few of our 'favorite things'

By Wanda Walker

What is your favorite thing? Remember the song from "The Sound of Music?" *Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens, brown paper packages tied up with string, these are a few of my favorite things.*

Recently, I wanted to find out if a friend from college was on Facebook. Sure enough a connection was made. The experiences with that friend are some of my favorite things. We had a phone conversation the next evening—picking up just where we left off—after reconnecting on Facebook.

When I think of other favorite things, I recall how Women on Mission is one of my favorite things. Connecting with women who have kindred hearts and a desire to learn more about God's work across the nations is vital to who we are. Women come and go, but don't believe for a moment the desire to learn, pray, give and go decreases. It does not.

Remember, adult missions education is not limited to a church meeting, but can be had through *Missions Mosaic*, *myMissionfulfilled.com*, and social media posts and updates. Encourage adults to learn using the method that is easiest for them. It may be one particular way or a combination of several.

As we celebrate the 125th birthday of WMU this year, what do you recall as your favorite memory of Women on Mission? Share them with us at Kentucky WMU. We want to know and share them with others.

Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Lone Oak First Baptist Church
 3601 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003

- Join in worship and fellowship with Kentucky Baptists
- Visit the WMU and Baptist Global Response displays
- Learn more about our 2014 Bucket Project!

NEW: Ministers' Wives Luncheon
 A special gathering just for ministers' wives!
www.kybaptists.org/ministerswives
 Space is limited – be sure to pre-register!

GA JAM 2013



Celebrate the **100th** Birthday of GA!

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY
 Saturday, November 9, 2013
 10:00 am - 2:15 pm (Central Time)

Early Bird Rate - \$10 per person
 After Oct. 25 - \$15 per person

Learn more at www.kywmu.org/gajam