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Acts 1:8, Experienced

College students share gospel worldwide through summer missions program

By Drew Nichter

Shelbyville—Brittany Couch shared the gospel with a young girl from an impoverished area of west Kentucky. Jessica Stacy led a bedridden man to faith in Christ at a home in South Africa.

Neither he nor the young girl had ever heard the name of Jesus Christ.

The college students' experiences thousands of miles apart only further illustrate the importance of the Christ's

command in Acts 1:8 to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The essential verse is at the heart of the 1:8 Experience, a Kentucky Baptist Convention- and Baptist Collegiate Ministries-sponsored summer missions program for college students.

This year, 29 collegians were commissioned as summer missionaries and sent out as three teams to minister in Kentucky and around the world. They shared their summer experiences with

family and friends July 30 during a celebration service at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville.

Stories from their five-week mission adventures were shared through skits, videos and photos. Amid the laughs and shared inside jokes, the students also recalled opportunities they had to share with others around the world the love of Christ they have experienced in their own lives.

"The Holy Spirit made it extremely
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KBC leaders make appeal to CU trustees not to break relationship

By Todd Deaton

Louisville—The Kentucky Baptist Convention's three elected officers and the chairs of two Mission Board committees made a pointed appeal last week to the trustees of Campbellsville University not to withdraw from its longstanding covenant relationship with the state convention.

"Not only do we value the investment made by Kentucky Baptists, we value the great kingdom potential that our relationship yet holds. Let's not hastily throw away what we cannot get back," the five KBC leaders urged in a July 31 letter.

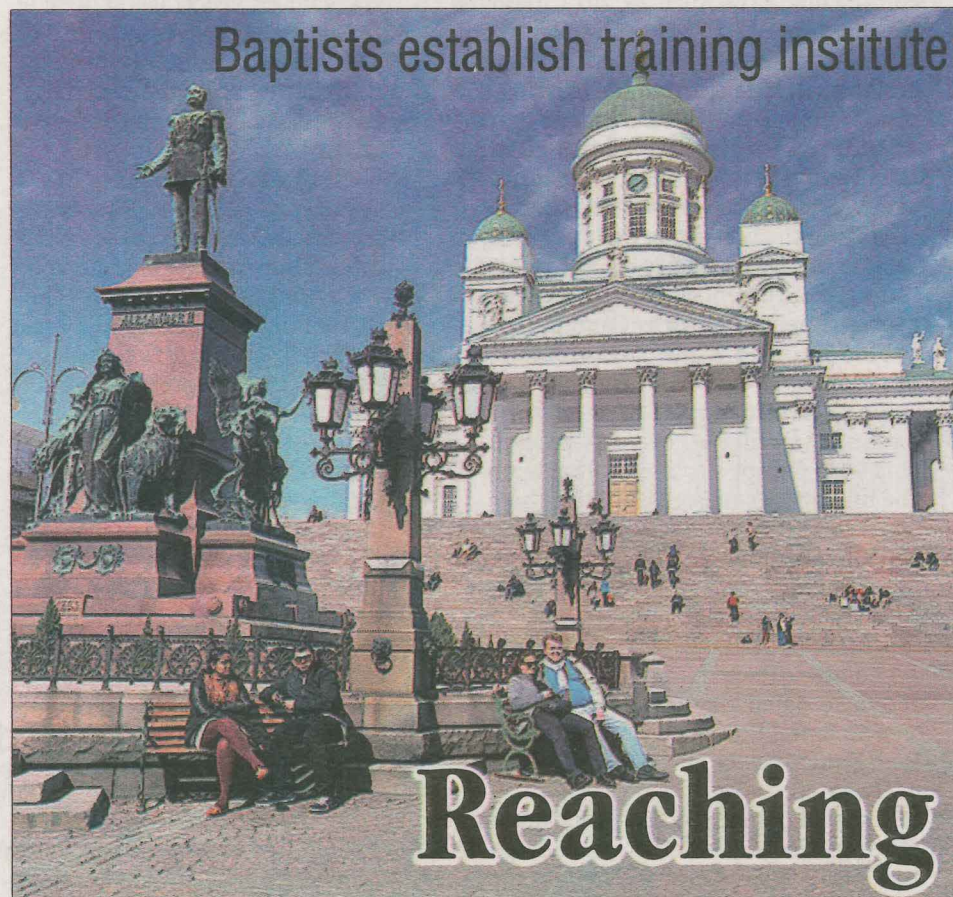
Campbellsville University and the convention remain in a standoff over their future relationship after the school's appointed representative—in a July 11 meeting with KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood and other KBC officials—presented changes to the university's bylaws that were to be voted on at a July 15 trustee meeting.

In stating the school's intention to name its own trustees, without consent of the KBC, Attorney James Straus also reportedly proposed a four-year path for establishing a self-perpetuating board while the KBC incrementally steps down Cooperative Program support.

Chitwood sent an email to Mission Board members immediately following the meeting with Straus informing them of the matter and lamenting "the decision of another school to distance itself from the churches that have long supported her."

In a July 16 letter addressed to Kentucky Baptists, Campbellsville President Michael Carter and Trustee Chairman Joseph Owens wrote that the CU board took steps at its board meeting "to protect the mission of the university and to avoid both undue influence and the imposition of theological and doctrinal control."

Carter and Owens, however, insisted the university "has not changed," saying the school "remains Christ-centered, Baptist-related and church-connected in our approach to Christian higher
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Baptists establish training institute to equip leaders in postmodern country

By Charles Braddix

Helsinki, Finland—A theology student at Helsinki University said she has slept with as many as 150 men as an expression of God's love for them—and she encourages others to follow her example.

She is a member of Finland's state church, which has embraced postmodern theology and practice.

"She is promoting that for everyone," said Mikko Sivonen, the International Mission Board's team strategy leader for Finland, referring to a newspaper article about the student and her lifestyle. "She's saying everybody should do that, and here's her rationale—that is love, giving yourself
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McConnell, Grimes invited to 'Issues Forum'

Evangelical leaders set to host three August events

Louisville—Three Kentucky evangelical leaders will host three "Issues Forum" events with U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes to explore matters of concern to evangelical Christians.

McConnell has accepted the invitation, while Grimes is reviewing the request.

The events will be hosted by Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Paul Chitwood, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Bob Russell, retired senior pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville.

"The purpose of these forums will be to consider the urgent issues now presented to evangelical Christians in American society and in the engagement with our culture," Mohler said. "Understanding that many of these issues are matters of urgent and deep concern related to the 2014 elections, we believe that it would be most helpful to call evangelical pastors together for an opportunity to discuss these issues, with special reference to the

2014 election to the United States Senate in Kentucky."

The forums will be held:

Aug. 14 at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green;

Aug. 20 at Highview Baptist Church's East Campus in Louisville.

Aug. 28 at Somerset Christian School.

Each event begins at 11 a.m., local time.

"This election, put in the context of the larger national perspective, will necessarily determine how many of these issues, including family, marriage, the sanctity of life and religious liberty will be addressed in our national political system," Mohler said.

"Kentucky's 1 million Southern Baptists need to know where these candidates stand on faith issues," Chitwood said. "We are diverse in our political affiliations, but stand united in our commitment to religious liberty and issues where the Bible's teachings are clear."

"Today's political issues frequently overlap with crucial biblical principles," Russell noted. "We are confident the



McConnell



Grimes

upcoming forums will provide an excellent opportunity for Kentucky voters to be informed about where the candidates stand."

The hosts will moderate Q&As with the candidates, who are expected to appear separately. Chitwood and Russell will not attend the Louisville forum.

"Evangelical pastors are urgently invited to attend and participate in these forums," Mohler said, "and pastors are also invited to bring lay leaders and staff members from their churches in hopes of an even wider discussion of these issues of urgent importance." (KBC)

Glasgow pastor to be nominated KBC's first VP

Mount Washington—Erdie Carter, pastor of Glasgow Baptist Church, will be nominated for first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Billy Compton, pastor at First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, has announced plans to nominate Carter at the KBC annual meeting in Bowling Green Nov. 11. He is the first announced candidate for the post.

In an email to the Western Recorder, Compton commended Carter's work as a pastor and student minister. The two served on the same ministry staff for several years at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

"Erdie demonstrated a compassion for reaching and making disciples of students, as well as those who served with him in the student ministry," said Compton, a former KBC president and Mission Board staff member.

As a senior pastor for the last six years, Compton said Carter has led his churches to develop an "Acts 1:8 and Great Commission vision for reaching people for Christ in the local community," as well as increase their financial gifts to worldwide missions causes.

Carter, in a statement to the WR, said his vision as KBC first vice president is to work with fellow officers, convention staff and churches "to see more churches revitalized to reach more for Christ."

"While church planting is needed and cannot be forgotten, there is also the need to see established churches revived," he said. Carter said he appreciates the current direction of the KBC and, if elected, is willing to be used through encouragement, help and prayer.

"I am grateful for the gospel-centeredness of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and desire to see that focus continue," he noted. Carter has served as pastor of Glasgow Baptist Church since 2012. In addition to serving as a student minister at Severns Valley from 2001-07, he was pastor of Cecilia Baptist Church from 2008-12, the first church at which he was called to serve on staff as a student pastor from 1997-2001.

On the national level, Carter was selected to serve on the Tellers Committee at the recent Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Baltimore.

According to the KBC's 2013 Annual Church Profile report, Glasgow Baptist Church gave \$60,646 (9.7 percent) to the Cooperative Program. It also reported seven baptisms. (WR)

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education." They also assured the board will still be comprised of Baptists.

In response to the board's action, the KBC's business and finance committee voted July 17 to hold the school's remaining Cooperative Program funds in escrow, escalating tension between the convention and university over whether or not the school or the KBC has "breached" the covenant relationship.

Straus, however, in an Aug. 2 statement to the Western Recorder, challenged reports that bylaw revisions had, in fact, created a self-perpetuating board in violation of the covenant agreement.

"CU has made a change to its bylaws regarding trustee nomination process and selection, but the change accommodates either trustees elected by the KBC as in the past under the covenant agreement, or, if the covenant agreement is terminated, the appointment of trustees by CU's board," he said.

"CU does desire to move towards being governed by a self-perpetuating board," Straus acknowledged, but he insisted, "The revisions to the bylaws adopted on July 15 do not constitute a breach of the covenant agreement."

KBC Attorney Jim Taylor, however, has argued that a vote by CU trustees to revise bylaws in order to form a self-perpetuating board is "clearly inconsistent with its covenant agreement with Kentucky Baptists."

Bylaw changes mostly were related to strengthening service requirements for all trustees, according to CU documents supplied to the Recorder. The requirements still limit the pool of Kentucky Baptists from which nominees may be drawn chiefly to those with prior experience as a trustee or on one of the university's councils, alumni boards or capital campaign committees or who have made financial contributions.

Of particular concern to KBC officials, though, is that they also may be

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CU Attorney James Straus

interpreted as giving sole authority to CU's trustees to determine whether an individual meets all of the service qualifications before being seated on the board and to fill vacancies, with or without convention approval.

In their July 31 letter, the five KBC leaders also expressed their belief that Campbellsville's trustees have received misinformation and misrepresentations of the KBC. Their intent, they said, was "to share with you our perspective on the events that have unfolded" and statements reportedly made by Carter to "disparage and discredit" the KBC.

Affixing their names to the letter were KBC President Chip Hutcheson, of Princeton; first and second vice presidents, Kevin Milburn and Ed Amundson; and Adam Greenway and Garnetta Smith, chairs of the KBC's administrative and agencies & institutions committees.

"Simply put, we have no way to know what information you have received and firmly believe that our historic partnership is far too important for all to simply let it be cast aside without making every effort to salvage it," they wrote.

"It is highly likely that the president of CU will paint this correspondence as another example of 'undue influence,'" they continued, "yet please be assured that our efforts now and over the course of the past two years have merely been intended to save the relationship that President Carter seems bent on destroying."

Retracing the controversy surrounding Jarvis Williams' dismissal from the school's theology faculty and a dialogue that followed between KBC and university representatives, the KBC officers maintained that the convention's interest

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July 31 letter from KBC officers

in the matter was to help the university navigate a very difficult public relations issue.

A public statement of support for CU coming out of the April 29, 2013, dialogue was predicated on Chairman Owen's commitment, on behalf of the board of trustees, to remain faithful to the existing covenant agreement, the KBC leaders noted.

Other issues pointedly addressed in the three-page letter include concerns over President Carter's personal beliefs regarding the historicity and reliability of Scripture; attempted use of SACS accreditation requirements and Kentucky statutes to support a move by Campbellsville to elect its own trustees; and accusations of a "supposed Calvinist takeover."

The KBC leaders expressed a desire to continue walking in covenant relationship with Campbellsville, calling upon the university's trustees to "have the courage to change course and stay within the KBC family."

A packet accompanying the letter to CU's trustees included:

- an April 25 letter from Chitwood addressed to Owens, and Owens' response, dated May 28, 2014;

- an email Chitwood received from Brad Banks, pastor at First Baptist Church of Owenton;

- a legal opinion by Kentucky Supreme Court Justice James Keller concluding that KBC's current election process for CU trustees does not violate KRS Chapter 273's provisions governing Kentucky non-profit corporations;

- blog posts by London Pastor Andrew Dyer, a CU alum, and Daryl Cornett, pastor at First Baptist Church of Hazard and past chair of the KBC's agencies and institutions committee. (WR)

Marriage 'tips' for men

I was asked recently to share "tips" with a young man preparing for marriage. These basic components of a godly life will serve any man well should he choose to incorporate them into his character.

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

First, walk with the Lord. Let His word shape you, and most problems you would have as a man, husband and father will never occur. Read the Bible every day and the entire book of Proverbs every year. Maintain your commitment to and involvement in the local church. Confess your sins each day, and pray for God to use you. Tithe your income as a sign of your submission to the Lord and trust in His provision.

Second, know that your greatest enemy, after Satan, is the man you see in the mirror. What makes him your enemy is pride. Most every sin you can think of can be traced back to the sin of pride. Therefore, pray that God will make and keep you humble—then brace yourself. God often crafts humility through humiliation.

Third, meditate often on Ephesians 5:25-33. Seek to model the love of Christ for His church as you love your wife enough to die for her. Search out the spiritual mystery of what it means for the "two to become one flesh" and what it means when Paul says, "He who loves his wife loves himself." Men tend to hold back emotionally in a marriage relationship in order to protect themselves. In so doing, they miss the joy of genuine intimacy and rob their wives of that joy.

Fourth, tame your tongue and eschew anger, especially with your wife and children. In His providence, God has given man an unrivaled seat of influence in the family. Many men, however, wield their influence only in negative, painful words and ways. A single word spoken in anger can leave a permanent mark on the heart of your loved one and be a source of lasting pain that you never intended.

Fifth, learn to fully trust the Lord. Be a good steward of whatever God entrusts to you, but hold on to it loosely enough to allow your faith in His sovereignty to dictate your actions and feelings. Have the courage to do the right thing, even if might cost you everything. God will approve and provide.

Sixth, maintain balance in your life. Work, rest and carve out time to do things you enjoy. Exercise, eat healthy and maintain a healthy weight. Your emotional health, effectiveness at work, and level of engagement as a husband and father will be dictated by how you feel physically.

Seventh, practice forgiveness, be hard to offend and keep a short memory of the sins of others. An unwillingness to forgive wrecks our spiritual health and feeds anger and bitterness. So, forgive as you've been forgiven (Ephesians 4:32).

Finally, have no fear of death. It has no sting.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Living in a confusing time? Look for God's grace at work

For Cleopas and his companion, the journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus must have been exhausting. Not that the 7-mile journey was physically taxing—it would have taken about three hours at an average pace—rather their bodies were drained of hope and energy before the trip ever started.

The two travelers were followers of Jesus of Nazareth. Some early traditions even say that Cleopas was the brother of Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. While that is uncertain, the story as related in Luke 24:13-35 tells us the two were closely associated with Jesus. That very day they had been with the disciples even though the disciples were keeping to themselves for fear of the Jews. The Emmaus-bound duo even knew the latest rumors circulating among the handful of Jesus-followers who had staked their lives on the ministry of this prophet from Nazareth.

In fact, both the weary travelers had placed their own hope in Jesus. "We had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel," they told a stranger who joined them on the way.

But Jesus had been crucified. The chief priests and other Jewish leaders had conspired to have Jesus put to death by the Roman rulers. A week ago, Jesus had been cheered by thousands who had crowded Jerusalem for the Passover feast.

It looked like Jesus might really be able to seize power and restore Israel to its proper place in the world—the prestige known under King David.

Before the week was over many of those who cheered had been manipulated by the priests to call for Jesus' execution. Jesus wasn't the only thing that died on the cross that Friday. The hope of all Jesus' followers died with Him. Their disappointment was so deep it almost killed their souls.

Almost. But on Sunday some of Jesus' followers had gone to His grave and found the tomb empty. They said an angel told them Jesus was alive. In the back of their minds Cleopas and his friend remembered words about "the sign of Jonah" and about "rebuilding the temple in three days."

The third day

And this was the third day. Surely if such a miracle occurred, Jesus would rise in glory and honor. He would show Himself publicly to atone for the public disgrace heaped upon Him on Friday. But so far Jesus had not shown Himself to anyone as far as the two travelers knew.

Yes it was a confusing time. The two talked about all that had happened trying to learn from one another, trying to understand more, trying to make sense out of the nonsense of the past days. The confusion, the disappointment, the grief left them "downcast" and everyone could see it.

To the stranger who approached, they summed up their

predicament in one phrase—"We had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel." Jesus was acknowledged as a prophet. He was popular with the people. His words penetrated the heart. His deeds demonstrated He was from God. He gave them reason to hope.

But now that reason was gone. When Jesus died on the cross hope disintegrated into chaos and confusion.

"But we had hoped." How often that phrase sums up our confusion too. We had hoped to get the job. We had hoped for good test results. We had hoped for a good report from the doctor. We had hoped for a strong marriage. We had hoped for a successful ministry.

Like Cleopas and his friend, we often start with good reasons for high hopes only to be brought low by the bitterness of disappointment. Like Cleopas, we are often "downcast" by the confusion in which we live. Sometimes we feel alone as if forgotten by God.

The Emmaus-bound travelers hoped Jesus would redeem Israel. That is exactly what Jesus had done. But He had redeemed Israel in a way that Cleopas

nor anyone else expected. The stranger chided the two.

"Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" he asked. For the rest of the journey the stranger explained how the Scriptures foretold the death, resurrection and glorification of the One who would redeem Israel.

Later as the weary travelers began to share a meal with the stranger, they realized He was none other than Jesus of Nazareth, the One in whom they had hoped. Jesus had been their companion for miles but their confusion had prevented them from recognizing the risen Lord.

In the midst of confusion and disappointment it can be difficult to see God's presence. Yet Jesus said, "I am with you always." That covers every time, every place, every circumstance. His presence does not depend on our recognition. It depends on His promise.

God's Word also promises that "in all things God works for good" (Romans 8:28). God works to bring order out of our chaos, hope out of our failures and wholeness out of the fragments we create. Even when we cannot feel God's presence because of the numbness caused by circumstances, God is at work.

Cleopas had to look backward with the new understanding provided by the stranger met on the road before he could see the presence of God in the terrible events of that past week. Sometimes we have to look back from the far side of our journey to see the golden thread of God's grace at work in the midst of life's confusions.

"But we had hoped"—whether these words are said by Cleopas or by us they signal confusion and disappointment. The best way to live in a confusing time is to look for the presence of the risen Lord and the "good" for which He is working.

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Guest Viewpoint



Bob Terry



The Campbellsville University campus hosted more than 7,000 children and teenagers through a number of camps this summer. Of those students, 149 of them made first-time decisions for Christ. Campbellsville hosts several different summer camps on campus each year, including CentriKids, the Kentucky Police Academy, Kentucky Deaf Conference, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leadership Camp (pictured at left) and Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra. (CU photo by Robert Bender)

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'Our Oneida Fair!'

OBI graduate, former staff member shares poem about alma mater

Donna Lanham, Oneida Class of 1979, sent me this poem after visiting campus for our annual Homecoming.

This poem wonderfully sums up our mission—past, present and future. It has blessed my heart, and I wanted to share it with all of our Oneida friends.

Our Oneida Fair!

A small hill in a mountain chain,
Long ago chosen for God's purpose to reign.
A foundation planting small seeds to grow;
No one knowing just how far they'll go.

The service and duty not for the weak,
Doing His bidding, His glory to seek.
Dedicated, loving, fulfilling the task,
Whatever duty or chore they are asked.

An outreach of service to those far and near,
A creation of memories many hold dear.
An odd sort of family with wide connection
Mostly accepted with a small chance of rejection.

ALWAYS in the memory and heart
Of anyone who has ever been a part.

Protected and held by His loving grace
There's so much special about this tiny place.

One has only to utter her name

This is
Oneida



Larry Gritton

There's always a response or testimony to claim.
Through her first century she stands steadfast
Her mission through His will to forever last.

At times her security, humanly in doubt,
But through faith and prayer things do work out.

So onward they come to learn and grow
Reserving their place in the heavenly flow.

Just a little hill with stories to be told,
Her mission and purpose never grows old.

A small, little place for a big world to share,
Our school, our blessing, our Oneida fair!

D.J. Lanham
Oneida Class of '79

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A summer of experience

Clear Creek student spends his summer on the mission field

One of the great things about Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is the emphasis we place on practical ministry training. Every one of our students can expect to get in-depth practical training during his or her time studying here. Student Teague Umberger recently returned from spending his summer on the mission field in Uganda.

"Our team had goals to share the gospel and also help the people in any way we could,"

Umberger recalled. "One of the main goals we had was to dig a well for the village where we were serving. The villagers didn't have a good water source, and a well with good drinking water was a necessity for them."

"The village where we were working bordered a national park, and the villagers were using the same water supply the animals in the national park used," he said. "Not only did they risk their health in using the same water, but they also risked their lives when they went to the water supply because some of the animals were very dangerous. It was a joy to be able to work with the villagers to supply them with a

clean and safe water source.

"We didn't have a translator for the team, so the language barrier was a hardship sometimes," Umberger said. "I

only know one language, so trying to tell the people about Christ was harder for us. We had to focus on different ways to share the gospel by living it out in front of the people. God blessed our efforts and moved in mighty ways while we were there. No matter where we went, there was someone who knew enough English that we could talk to them about Christ and share the gospel."

"My classes here at Clear Creek have really helped prepare me for my time spent on the mission field," Umberger noted. "Our missions classes really emphasize the importance of understanding the culture where we go to serve and then focus on taking the gospel into that culture. My time spent in the classroom has given me a deeper knowledge of God's word and helped me to be able to explain the word in deeper ways to people who had questions about the Bible."

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Tour encourages Ky. Baptists to set sights on Louisville's lost

Louisville—Pastors looking to cultivate long-term missions projects will have the opportunity soon when the Kentucky Baptist Convention hosts a "lostness tour" of Louisville.

Pastors, directors of missions and other ministry leaders are invited to take part in the Louisville Vision Tour Sept. 11-12 and get an up-close view of Kentucky's largest city, where a majority of residents do not know Christ.

The tour is part of an initiative called Engage KY, which is intended to get churches more involved in reaching out to areas within the state that are in need of the gospel.

The bus tour is limited to the first 50 people who sign up. Participants will visit hard-hit areas of Louisville to see firsthand the spiritual conditions and to pray. They also will hear about specific needs from local ministry leaders during an in-depth panel discussion.

"We want churches and associations across the state to be aware of the many ways that they can engage the city of Louisville with the gospel through

meaningful gospel partnerships," KBC Missions Mobilization Missions Strategist Doug Williams said.

The Louisville event will be the first in a series of tours. Williams said up to seven other cities will be added through the next year.

"The Great Commission calls us to be holistic in our approach—sharing the gospel in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the nations," Williams said. "For some, Louisville is their Jerusalem. For the rest in Kentucky it is their Judea."

"What might God do if Kentucky churches and associations descended upon key regions throughout the state in order to intentionally engage them with the gospel? Let it begin in Louisville."

Ministry leaders are encouraged to register now for one of 50 spots at the free event. The first 40 individuals to sign up will be provided complimentary accommodations in the city.

For more information and a complete schedule of the Engage KY: Louisville Vision Tour, visit www.KyBaptist.org/Engage. (KBC)

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clear to me what to do," said Stacy, recalling her encounter with Charles, a stroke victim who could not speak. She said he communicated with her by squeezing her hand in response to her questions.

When Stacy asked Charles if he had heard about Jesus before, he did not squeeze her hand. After sharing the gospel with him, Stacy asked if he would like to accept Jesus Christ as his savior.

"And he squeezed my hand and started shaking my hand," Stacy said through tears.

Couch and her team spent their time in Murray before serving in the Dominican Republic for 10 days. While in Murray, the team said they felt God calling them to reach out to poverty-stricken

areas through what they called a "tail-gate ministry."

The group encountered several families at a rundown apartment complex and were able to share the gospel with one young girl who said only two days earlier had first heard the name of Jesus.

"It just blew my mind that here in Murray, ... there are still people who don't know who Christ is," Couch said.

Chuck McAlister, leader of the KBC's evangelism and church planting team, challenged to take their summer experiences to their college campuses where, he pointed out, 95 percent of their classmates do not know Christ.

"You've had a great summer. Celebrate it; thank God for it—but please, make it more than a feel-good experience," he urged. "Make it something that's going to make a difference in the lives of the people around you." (WR)



The Experience 1:8 team members, seen here shortly after training in June, recently wrapped up a summer of sharing the gospel in Kentucky and around the world. (KBC photo)

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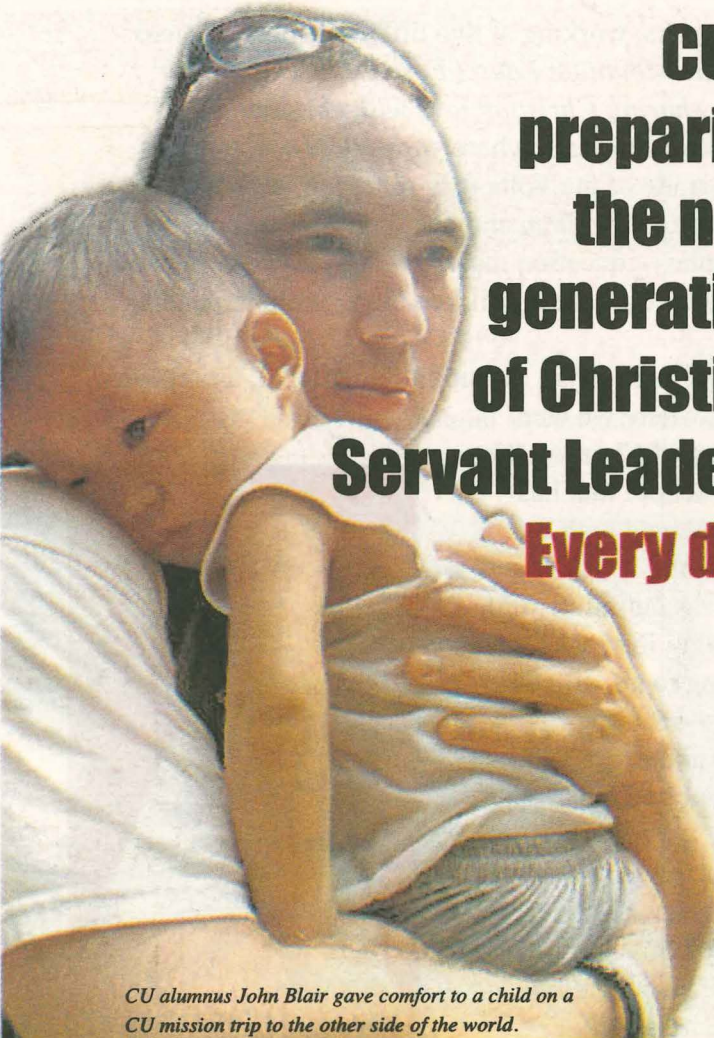
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Campbellsville University LINC students, above, welcome families to help get their new students off to successful starts for the fall semester. These are some of the voices you'll hear when you call Admissions at (270) 789-5220. From left are: Will Pearson, Dothan, Ala.; Mary Kate Young, Paris, Ky.; Willian Lopez, Caracas, Venezuela; Brittney Casey, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; and Wes Cain, Alachua, Fla.

LINC orientation helps new students bridge the gap between home and college

"One of the most exciting yet anxious transitions students face is the shift from high school to college," Dave Walters, vice president for admissions and student services, said.

While attending LINC, which stands for: **Learn** in a new environment, **Invest** in your future, **Navigate** life changes and **Connect** to Campbellsville, students complete a two-day orientation in which they stay overnight to experience what their new home away from home will be like. Many months of planning are spent for the orientations by Campbellsville University staff investing in incoming students -- future Christian servant leaders.



**CU is
preparing
the next
generation
of Christian
Servant Leaders.
Every day.**

CU alumnus John Blair gave comfort to a child on a CU mission trip to the other side of the world.

*CU is committed to the 'whosoever
will gospel' of Jesus Christ
following the Great Commission,
practicing the Great Commandment*

The Psalmist (Psalm 25:4-5) of long ago, wrote,

**"Show me thy ways, O Lord, Teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth and teach me."**

The very essence of Christian higher education is in the degree that we allow the transformational teachings of the Christian faith to permeate the learning environment of the university. This scripture tells us that we must be open to know the 'ways' of God and that we will learn these from them being 'taught' to us.

There has never been a greater need than in 2014 and beyond, for Christian higher education. Thank you for your prayers and support of Campbellsville University. Please feel free to contact me at any time, by email at mvcarter@campbellsville.edu or by phone at (270) 789-5001.

Dr. Michael V. Carter
President



CU is a widely acclaimed Christian university whose 3,600 students are able to find their calling from among 63 undergraduate options, 17 master's degrees, five post-graduate areas and eight pre-professional programs.



CU reaching out to Hispanic neighbors

Dr. Twyla Hernandez, associate professor of Christian missions, led a trip to Cuba in June. She also visited Chiapas, Mexico in July with 12 others.



Campbellsville University's Mission Statement, originally adopted in July 2001, has been revised and approved by the Board of Trustees as of January 2013, supported by our Core Values. Our emphasis will remain on excellence in the creation of the teaching and learning process in a character developing atmosphere based on our Christian commitment. Scholarly research and community service will always be prioritized as the university grows:

- The commitment to the CU strategic planning process, which looks forward five years, and master facilities plan, a ten-year plan, have been instrumental in the school's progress and will continue to make planning and assessment institutional priorities;
- CU's historic role as a Christian higher education institution in the Baptist tradition will continue to be critically important in the second century;
- Completion of the \$61,100,00 *Our Time This Place-Next Century Campaign* will be reached by 2018, approved by the Board of Trustees in 2010, as the primary step in assuring the financial stability and advancement of the institution; and
- CU will continue as an institution that focuses on the success of each student with emphasis on mastery of the academic discipline, servant leadership, and character development from a Christian perspective.

Jasmine Barnett leads CU mission trip to Ireland

Jasmine Barnett writes of the mission trip she led, "Ireland is a unique country because it's a Christian nation but many people have no clue what an authentic relationship with Christ looks like. The war between the Protestants and Catholics is very similar to 1960s race issues America faced with the Jim Crow Laws and segregation in the south. Our goal was to just simply share Jesus and what it means to have an authentic relationship with Christ. While there our mission is to reach out to the youth in Northern Ireland. We work with Richie and Jen Shilliday and R.I.O.T Ministries. R.I.O.T. is an acronym that means *Revival In Our Town*. They have built that ministry and operate on faith daily. Many of the youth mistake religion for having a relationship with Christ. They are lost and in desperate need of a Savior. The culture there also pushes them toward a destructive lifestyle of drinking and fighting. It was our goal by partnering with them to show love, build relationships and share Jesus.

"During our time on mission we did VBS during the day with the children of the community. At night we spent our time at the youth center right next to our mission house, getting to know them, building relationships, worshipping together and sharing our testimonies of how Christ has impacted our lives. While there we saw six teenagers come to know the Lord. It was a great, life changing experience.

"Team Members included: Leader Jasmine Barnett, BCM intern and student minister at Parkway Baptist Church; Courtney Mills, recent Campbellsville University graduate; Justin Mardis, CU student; Michael Jennings,

CU student and president of the Student Government Association; Bailey Foxworth, CU student; Elijah Coffey, CU graduate; Landon VanMeter, Campbellsville native and student at Western Kentucky University; Paul Dangerfield, Parkway Baptist Church, student at Elizabethtown Community Technical College; Leslie Carver, CU alumnae and current MSW student, Parkway Baptist Church; Lauren Moore, CU student; and Emily Meadows, CU student."



CU's Shelby Mattingly posts from Ghana

Shelby Mattingly joined a mission trip to Ghana for two weeks, working at two different sites. *She was elected CU Valentine Queen in February, represented CU in the Mountain Laurel Festival in May (lower right photo) and in June (lower left photo) she was in Ghana, sharing Christian love with children.*

She wrote, "The first week, we were in the countryside area of Doryum, where we worked with City of Refuge Ministries. There, children are rescued from the slave trade of the Volta fishing region in Ghana. City of Refuge takes care of these rescued children and even has a school on site in which they learn. As an elementary education major at CU, I loved being able to gain some field experience and guide these children along with the reading and English.



"The second week we worked with Great Mission International, an orphanage in the capital city of Accra, where we were also able to visit the slum village of Chorkor. We helped build bookshelves for a school that has recently been planted. We also played with the kids and simply shared the love of Christ with them during our visit there. It was definitely the most challenging part of the entire trip. These children are living in shacks with next to nothing to their name. Many of them were begging to go with us when we left that night. I was able to hear the life story of a 14-year-old girl who is literally sleeping and living off of the streets, trying to make money for her family. The number one thing all of the children we encountered that night wanted was to receive an education and go to school.

"God opened my eyes and allowed me to experience things that have changed my life forever. I realized that what I can do with my education degree once I graduate from CU could extend so far beyond the United States. Children in other countries, such as Ghana, are yearning to receive an education, but simply do not have the resources or opportunities to make it happen.

"I know, now that I have seen the need, I am responsible to do something."



Unchanged in mission for Jesus Christ



32 from CU
Athletics
unite on
mission trip
to Costa Rica

**More Than
a Game!**



Campus Minister Ed Pavy, blue shirt in the center, leads commission prayer before departure.

Thirty-two representatives of the Campbellsville University Athletic Department spent seven days on a mission trip in Costa Rica in July. "Sports translates around the world. You guys have a wonderful opportunity to share Christ through something that is a passion of yours and that you're good at," said Ed Pavy, campus minister in the pre-departure commission prayer...

"...Just be who you are. You don't have to know everything about everything. We know that the Spirit goes before us, and that whenever we open our mouths to speak, the Spirit is doing the work, we're just providing the conduit. The Spirit wants to change lives. Make yourselves available."

CU's athletic mission trip is in cooperation with SCORE International. During the week, coaches will coordinate clinics with local coaches in Costa Rica in universities and private schools in San Jose as well as working in orphanages, feeding the homeless and going door-to-door to spread the gospel. Planning for the event began last May when Jim Hardy, assistant director of athletics, learned about another National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) organized a department-wide trip for student-athletes.

"This is the most important game of life. Let's have a great time and grow together," Hardy told the coaches just before they loaded the bus. The Coaches to Costa Rica mission trip will be the first for SCORE International where several different sports clinics will occur during one trip, instead of just one specific sport. It is also just one of many trips CU students, faculty and staff are taking this summer.

CU Athletics Director Rusty Hollingsworth and Hardy are among those representing Campbellsville on the trip. "We are excited about the opportunity that has been placed before us to share our love of Christ, and our love for sports, with the people of Costa Rica," Hollingsworth said. "Our hope is to make a positive impact on their lives, but to also experience the community and collegiality of those we work with every day."



Q&A:

A visit to the following link provides FAQ's for those with questions about CU's request for a new partnership in ministry relationship with the Kentucky Baptist Convention: www.campbellsville.edu/centered-related-connected

CU School of Nursing heads for mission to Haiti in summer 2014

Campbellsville University's School of Nursing is on a mission trip to Haiti as this publication comes together. The mission team, consisting of about 15 students and others, started with requests for prayers for safety, good health, and "most of all that God will ...



"...use us as His servants to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Haitian people!"

Included on the journey were:

Angie and Kevin Atwood and their son Mason, Melony Sharpe, Mandi Thompson, Tawana East-ridge, Emily Regginton, Kayci Fisher, Freddy Scruggs, Rachel Smith, Laura Thomas, Hillary Hutchison, Hannah White, Susan Reddick, Kari Green, Chelsea Jeffries, Julie Smith, Olivia Parrott, Michele Snipp, Mary Chris Denison.

Jennifer Richerson,
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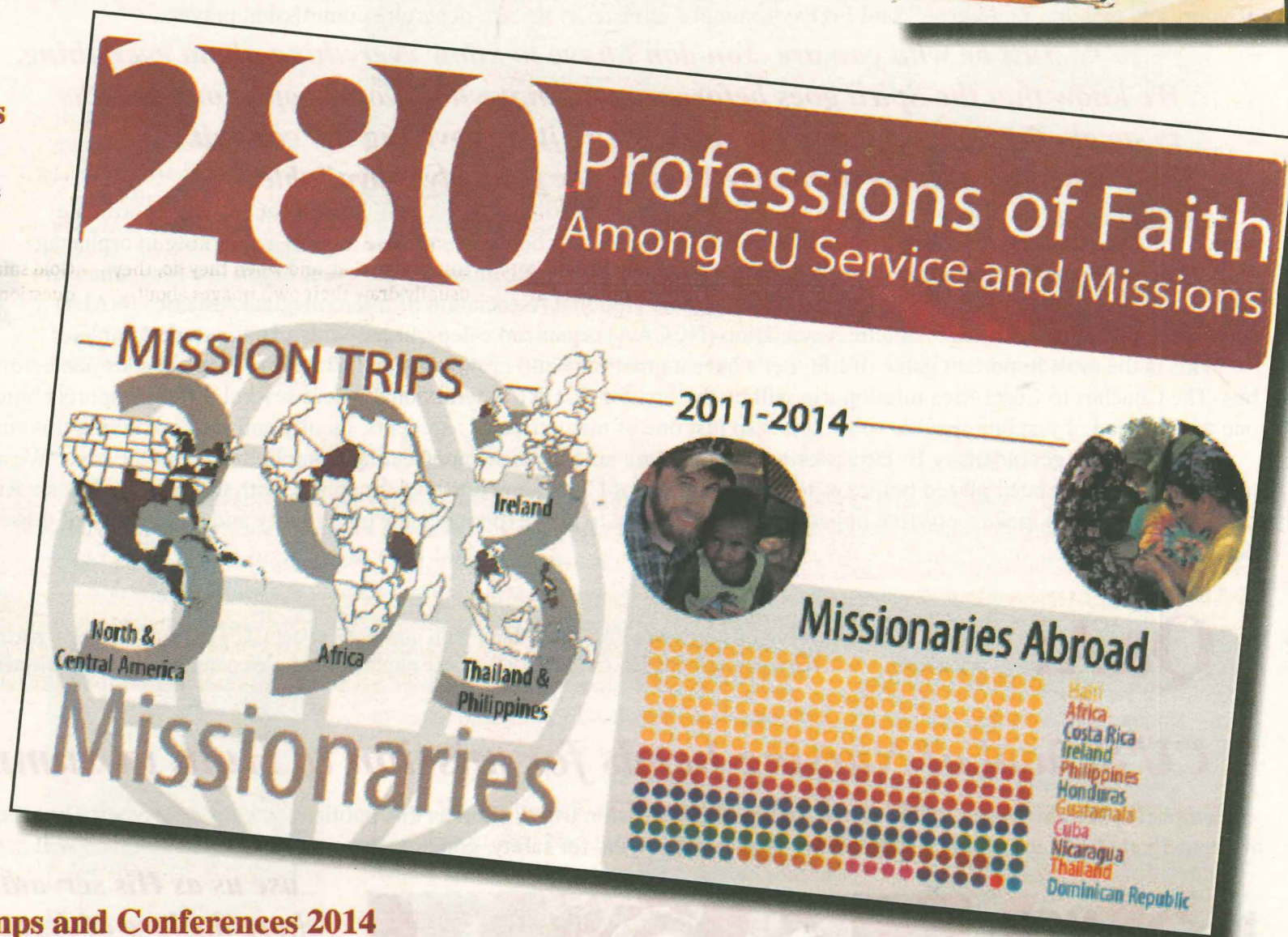
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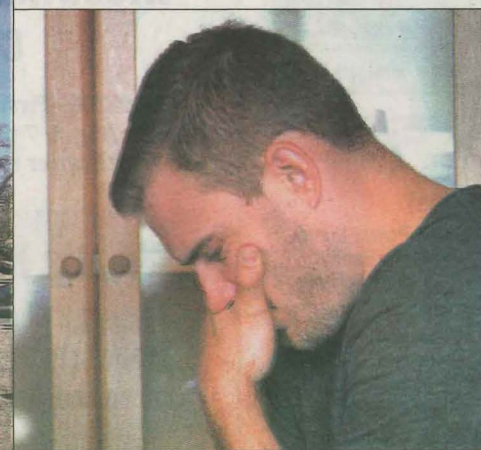
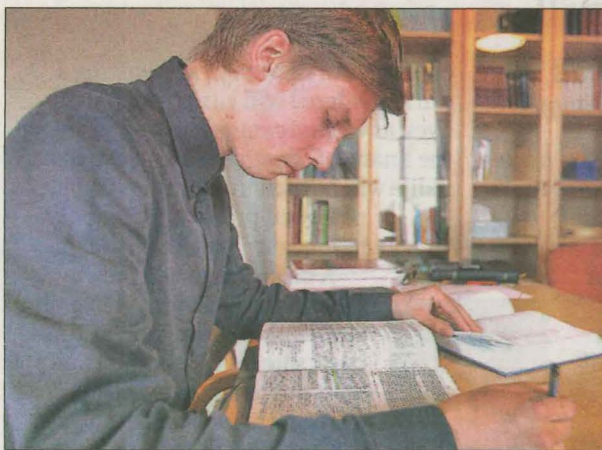


Summer Camps and Conferences 2014
resulted in 149 first-time decisions for Christ from
7,007 participants from 18 states!

A total of 144 students, faculty and staff from
Campbellsville University are serving in missions and
ministry projects this summer!

The CU Baptist Campus Ministry
and
School of Theology
Summer Ministry & Missions
projects include 95 students.

Still time to apply for fall! Call (270) 789-5220.



Finland

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to other people. And then she says these words, 'It can't be wrong because God is love.' She is creating her own definition of love and using God's name.

"A lot of people would probably say, 'Sounds right, sounds good,'" Sivonen continued. "So, when I go on the street and say, 'God is love,' and 'God loves you,' the connotation in their heads is totally different than what is in my head. We are not speaking the same things, even though we are using the same vocabulary. I am not connecting the gospel" with them.

Three-fourths of the population are registered members of the state Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, while 1 percent belong to the state Finnish Orthodox Church. Fewer than 2 percent belong to other Christian denominations and other faiths. Official statistics say the remainder are not affiliated with any religion.

While postmodernism is reflected in a society's art, architecture, literature and social norms, it also influences theology. An article posted on the website About.com states that postmodernism often leads to relativism, or the idea that all truth is relative.

"That means what is right for one group is not necessarily right or true for another," the article states. "The most obvious example is sexual morality. Christianity teaches that sex outside of marriage is wrong. Postmodernism would claim that such a view might pertain to Christians but not to those who don't follow Jesus Christ. Therefore, sexual morality has become much more permissive in society in recent decades.

"Postmodernism supporters deny long-held beliefs and conventions and maintain that all viewpoints are equally valid," the article notes.

Official statistics on the status of religion in Finland suggest that postmodernism, indeed, has infiltrated the church.

The majority of Lutherans in Finland attend church only for special occasions. The church itself estimates that approximately 2 percent of its members attend church services weekly, while the average number of church visits per year by church members is two. Seventy-five percent of Finns are registered with the main state church, but up to 60 percent of the population identifies itself as agnostic, atheist or "non-believers."

Institute to 'engage lostness'

In an effort to help equip Finland's young evangelical leaders minister in the country's postmodern environment, Sivonen was instrumental in establishing Helsinki's Agricola Theological Institute, where he serves as academic dean and instructor.

The school is named for Reformation theologian Mikael Agricola, who is considered the father of the modern Finnish language. He translated and published the New Testament into Finnish in 1548.

ATI "is a training institute to train men for pastors, for pastorship and church planting," Sivonen said, "so they can handle the word of God correctly, and they can nourish and feed God's people in the churches; so they can engage the lostness in Finland.

"Our goal is that our graduates will deepen their own faith and work to feed and nourish the faith of those under

their care in their congregations," he added.

IMB Journeyman Adam Gold works with Sivonen. He said there are not many options for evangelical, Bible-believing, gospel-centered training in Finland.

"You go to the University of Helsinki and you come out maybe not believing much of the Bible," he said. "You come out questioning everything."

Jani Tuppurainen is a student at ATI and a member of Espoon Kotikirkko, a Baptist congregation in Helsinki where Sivonen serves as the church-planting pastor, with the assistance of Gold. For Tuppurainen, reaching postmodern Finland is all about relationships.

Tuppurainen said if you ask a Finn if he believes in God, he will often respond, "That's my business, not yours."

"People don't want to talk about things like God, and when they do, they usually draw their own images about what kind of god God is," he said.

"People want to know about your life, how you live your life, how you are with friends, how you make friends, how you relate to them at home, in the workplace, on campus," Tuppurainen noted. "Then people start to ask questions about your views on things."

He said people are impressed about one living a life faithful to the Lord and "not making a big fuss about it."

Gold agreed with Tuppurainen about the need for good relationships in order to be a good witness. He said, in Finland, people feel no need or knowledge of a

■ **Left:** Jani Tuppurainen, a member of Espoon Kotikirkko and a student at Helsinki's Agricola Theological Institute, studies for exams.

■ **Center:** Finns enjoy leisure time outdoors in parks such as this one, where families gather to enjoy the day's activities. Here entertainers create giant bubbles to the delight of children.

■ **Right:** International Mission Board Journeyman Adam Gold takes a moment to pray during services at Espoon Kotikirkko, a Baptist congregation in Helsinki.

(Photos by Charles Braddix/IMB)

need for God, no knowledge of a need for a savior and no knowledge of sin.

"No one is particularly seeking spiritual things," he said. "Sometimes it takes a lot of asking questions and going deep, and that can be a very long time with Finns."

Finns require a lot of personal space, Gold said, "and not a lot of personal questions."

He said that if he is open about his life and his story, about his struggles and need, and if he is transparent and honest about various areas of life, others begin to slowly open up and respond to him.

"Finns do want to talk, want to engage, you just have to help them along the way," Gold said.

Sivonen asked for Southern Baptists to pray that "God would raise a generation of men hungry for the truth and openness to learn," and that ATI would be faithful to equip them to meet the challenges of ministering in a postmodern Finland. (IMB)



Scandinavian countries dominate the global statistics for coffee consumption with Finland on top. The world average for consumption based on the weight of coffee beans is 1.3 kg per person, while Finns consume 12.0 kg.

Remembering

Deceased Kentucky Baptist Leaders

At its annual meeting in November, the Kentucky Baptist Convention wishes to recognize all Kentucky Baptist ministers, missionaries, educators, institutional leaders, laypersons and staff who died during the past convention year (September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014).

To ensure that all deserving servants are remembered, we need your help. If you know of a Kentucky Baptist whose life of Christian service ended this past year, please notify us per the instructions below.

Submit the following information about the deceased by September 5:

- full name
- dates of birth and death
- active or retired status
- church name/association/state where member
- brief description of service/ministry worthy of recognition

Send by letter to:
Wanda Karoli / KBC Executive Office
PO Box 43433 / Louisville KY 40253-0433

Send by email to: wanda.karoli@kybaptist.org





August

- 5 August Power Lunch, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 8-9 Girls in Action Leaders' Retreat, Cedarmore Camp and Conference Center, Bagdad.
- 16 Excel, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

September

- 2 September Power Lunch, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 8 EQUIP Tour, Heartland Worship Center, Paducah.
- 9 EQUIP Tour, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.
- 11 Retired Kentucky Director of Missions Luncheon, Severns Valley Baptist Association, Elizabethtown.
- 11-12 Engage KY: Louisville Vision Journey, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
- 13 Excel, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 15 EQUIP Tour, Allen Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

COLD SPRING—First Church will host Mission Quartet in concert Aug. 8, 7 p.m. For more information, call (859) 441-6184. Ric Frazier is pastor.

What's happening?

Send your church news and association events to:
Mountains to the Mississippi
karen.martin@westernrecorder.org

Collier named new editor of Texas Baptist newspaper

Grapevine, Texas—The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention's Executive Board has elected Keith Collier as communications associate and editor of the SBTC's Southern Baptist TEXAN newsjournal.

Collier has served since 2007 as director of news and information at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, managing the writing team in the communications office and serving as editor of Southwestern News magazine, The Scroll and other publications. Collier's writing has appeared in Baptist Press, International Mission

Board publications and numerous newspapers.

Collier succeeds Jerry Pierce, who has accepted a position with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as editor of Decision magazine. Pierce served with the TEXAN for 10 years.

Collier earned a master of divinity degree at Southwestern in 2010 and is also completing a Ph.D. in preaching and church history at the seminary. He earned an undergraduate degree in communication from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, in 1999. (BP)

A Christ-centered will

Estate planning affirms God's lordship in the lives of believers

New Testament professor R.E.O. White taught that the permanent value of Paul's letter to the Colossians is its value both as a theological feast and a spiritual tonic. Paul's purpose in writing was both to instruct a questioning faith and to enrich daily Christian life. Both the fullness of Christ and the Christ-filled life are affirmed by Paul. His fullness is affirmed in relation to God, the universe, the church and experience.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive daily to reflect a Christ-filled life. In Colossians 1:16, Paul acknowledged that "all things were created by Him and for Him" to fulfill His purposes and to promote His glory.

How we plan our estates very likely will be the single-most important act of financial stewardship we will ever make. Therefore, it is vitally important we acknowledge and affirm His lordship in our lives with a last will and testament that is Christ-centered.

Through faithful estate stewardship, we impact the world for Jesus Christ, we advance His kingdom, and we acknowledge His lordship. Furthermore,

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Barry Allen

obedience in this realm and writing a Christ-centered will enriches our daily lives, as we find contentment in knowing the financial resources He entrusted to us in life will be used in fulfilling His purposes and promoting His glory beyond our lives on this earth.

A bequest in a will or revocable living trust for the benefit of your church and other Christian causes is the simplest and most popular way to have a Christ-centered will. The bequest can be a specific sum, percentage or asset; it can be undesignated or designated; it can be outright or for perpetual support through an endowment fund. The reason a

bequest is so popular is it allows one to retain complete control and use of the financial resources until death when they are no longer needed.

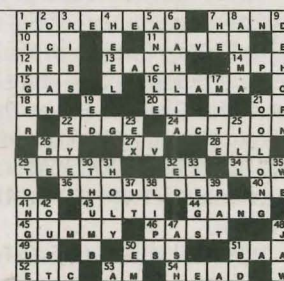
In 1 Timothy 6:7, Paul reminds us that financial resources are temporal. They provide for our basic needs, but we must put godliness above everything else. "For we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it." When you and I gain that truth, we gain something lasting.

Barry Allen is president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, PO Box 436389, Louisville, KY 40253; toll-free (866) 489-3533; KyBaptistFoundation.org

Puzzle returns next week

The crossword puzzle has been suspended this week, but will return Aug. 12. At right are the answers to the puzzle that appeared July 29.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT: Two condos for rent in Destin, Fla.; now booking for August-December; lbrammer@charter.net; (423) 309-4422.

LESSONS: SBTS' Seminary School for the Arts is registering students (ages 4+) for music lessons. Highly qualified Christian teachers provide personalized private instruction in piano, voice, strings, guitar, flute, drums, string ensemble, piano ensemble and children's choir (grades 2-6). Lessons taught on the SBTS campus begin the week of Aug. 18. For more information, (502) 897-4810 or ssa@sbts.edu.

SEEKING: Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church in Brownsville, Ky., is prayerfully accepting resumés for the full-time position of pastor. Please send resumé with references and a CD/DVD/Internet link of a sermon to: Pulpit Committee, Attn: Scottie Woodcock, P.O. Box 310, Brownsville, KY 42210.

SEEKING: Campground Baptist in Somerset, Ky., is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. Please send resumé (references, tape/CD/VHS/DVD or Internet link of sermons, if available) to: Campground Baptist, Attn: Pulpit Committee, 3500 N. Hwy. 1247, Somerset, KY 42503. Resumés may also be sent to sksatravis@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Sherman Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor. Please send resumé to P.O. Box 617, Dry Ridge, KY 41035.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church is seeking a senior pastor. Please send resumé with CD/DVD to 47 S. Main Street, Walton, KY 41094, or email to cncforjc@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Rineyville Baptist Church, part-time church secretary; adhere to the

Baptist Faith & Message 2000. Submit resumé by Aug. 10 to secretaryresume@rbcky.org.

SEEKING: Rineyville Baptist Church, part-time youth minister; grades 6-12; adhere to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. Resumés due by Aug. 10 to youthresume@rbcky.org.

SEEKING: Ridgecrest Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Average congregation is 125. If interested, send resumé to Ridgecrest Baptist Church, P.O. Box 177, Beaver Dam, KY 42320, Attn: Pastor Search Committee; or email to ridgecrest1964@att.net.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Mount Sterling, located in east central Kentucky, seeks a full-time senior pastor called by God to lead our congregation. Please prayerfully submit resumé and references by Aug. 6 to fbcpastorsearch@roadrunner.com. Seminary degree and experience preferred.

SEEKING: Conservative Southern missionary Baptist church in search of a minister of youth; part-time position. Send resumé to: Grace Baptist Church, 617 S. 9th St., Murray, KY 42071, Attn: YM Search Committee. Resumés will be received through Aug. 15.

SEEKING: McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell, Ky., is seeking resumés for a full-time position of pastor. Please send resumés with references, CD/DVD or Internet link for sermons to: McDowell First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 241, McDowell, KY 41646.

SEEKING: Meadow Land Baptist Church is seeking a bivocational pastor to "grow with us." Great facilities, great people, great opportunity. Send cover letter, resumé and CD/DVD to: Pastor Search

Committee, MLBC, 1188 Detour Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. Resumés accepted until Sept. 6.

SEEKING: Senior pastor: Kings Baptist Church, a growing congregation of approximately 300-plus attendees is seeking a senior pastor to shepherd our congregation through expositional preaching, prayer, theological teaching and Bible study. Minimum requirements: Demonstrate the biblical qualifications of a pastor (1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9); affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000; hold a degree from a Southern Baptist seminary; have a minimum of five years' experience as a senior pastor; oversee existing full-time pastoral and administrative staff. More information can be obtained by going to our church website at www.kingsbaptist.net. Please

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Giving Back

Less than a year after deadly crash, N. Carolina church returns to Tennessee to show gratitude, share the gospel

By Lonnie Wilkey

Dandridge, Tenn.—For many of the members of Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C., the events of Oct. 2, 2013, will be etched in their memories for the rest of their lives.

On that day nearly a year ago, six senior adults were killed and 12 others severely injured in a bus accident near Dandridge, Tenn., that also claimed the lives of two other people.

The group was returning from a senior-adult conference in Gatlinburg. A blown-out front tire caused the bus to cross the median into the other lane and collide with a sport utility vehicle and an 18-wheeler before overturning.

While church members have not forgotten the horrific tragedy, they also remember the countless acts of kindness shown to them by Tennessee Baptists in the aftermath of the accident.

Fifty members of Front Street Baptist, including nine of the 12 survivors, returned to the Dandridge area in July to say thank you and to minister locally.

Members from Front Street Baptist worked in connection with First Baptist Church of Dandridge, which is located just a few miles from the scene of the accident. Several of the first responders to the scene are members of First Baptist, Dandridge.

"We wanted to come here to the community that ministered to our church members," said Heath Stone, missions director for Front Street Baptist. "We wanted to come back and say thank you and tell others in the community about Christ."

In addition to missions activities, Front Street Baptist hosted two luncheons for the local sheriff's department and EMT workers, as well as an ice cream social for medical personnel at the University of Tennessee Medical Center where the survivors were taken.

"It's a blessing that they want to come back and do something for us," said Sheriff Bud McCoig, also a member of First Baptist. "We are grateful that they

are coming back to help our community. God is great. He is the one we live for."

'Long distance' coordination

The accident scene was coordinated "long distance" by McCoig, who was in Nashville at a meeting when the wreck occurred.

McCoig recalled that he stayed on the cell phone with individuals at the scene until his battery died. He then put the phone on the charger and continued directing the scene.

"On that day, God put the right people in the right place at the right time to respond," McCoig said.

First Baptist Pastor Bob Brown recalled seeing black smoke from the wreck from his office window. McCoig asked Brown to go to the accident scene to see if he could be of assistance. Brown remembered the site looking like a war zone.



Pastor Bob Brown (left) of First Baptist, Dandridge, visits with Sandy and Marvin Boyer of Front Street Baptist. The Boyers are survivors of a horrific bus accident that occurred last year not far from Front Street. Eight people were killed, including six from Front Street. The Boyers were among nine of the 12 survivors who returned to Tennessee in July to express their gratitude for the church's and others' acts of kindness and to share the gospel locally.



Volunteers from First Baptist Church of Dandridge, Tenn., and Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C., join together to conduct a Backyard Bible Club in Dandridge.

When he arrived, most of the survivors had been taken to the UT Medical Center in Knoxville.

Brown was able to minister to the family of one of the victims in the accident.

Front Street Baptist's trip back to Tennessee is a testimony to the Dandridge community, Brown said.

"Dandridge is a small town. People here still refer to what happened as 'the bus wreck,'" Brown noted.

"It's a great gesture that in the midst of their pain and heartbreak they are displaying the grace of God by wanting to come here and give back," he said.

Stone said Front Street Baptist members especially wanted to thank the first responders.

"It was traumatic for them, but they worked in a very professional way and treated our people very nicely," Stone said.

For the same reason, church members wanted to do something at UT Medical Center for those who treated the survivors. "We wanted to say thank you to them and give them an opportunity to see some of their former patients," Stone said.

Worshipping together

The missions team from Front Street Baptist worshipped July 20 at First Baptist, Dandridge. The service was also streamed live over the Internet to those worshipping at the North Carolina church that morning.

Tim Stutts, pastor of Front Street Baptist, was able to attend the service at First Baptist even though his father had died earlier in the week.

Stutts thanked First Baptist and others for the love shown to them.

"We knew from the moment of the accident that God would use this in a way in which we could not even begin to fathom—to bring honor and glory to Himself," Stutts shared.

Reading from 2 Corinthians 4, Stutts noted the goal of his church is to bring honor and glory to God in everything. "And, sometimes that happens through suffering," he said.

"And how we view suffering and how we walk through those trials reveals much about our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and it shows if we truly believe what we say we believe about Him."

"Oct. 2 was a defining moment in our church family. We began to see people who knew how to suffer well," he said.

Stutts said he has seen in those who survived the accident a stronger resolve to serve God and to honor Him.

"Those involved in the accident see it as a platform to make much of Jesus," Stutts noted. "The gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed. We won't know until we get there (to heaven) how many lives have been touched and how many people heard the gospel because of that tragedy." (BP)

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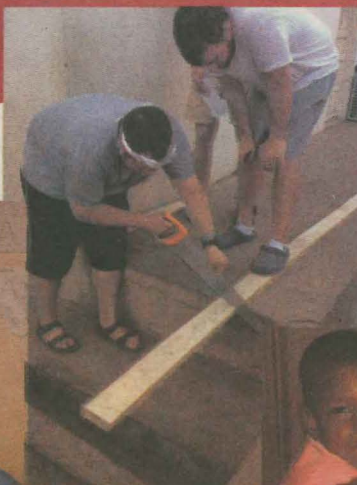
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SUMMER MISSIONS STUDENTS SHARE NOTES FROM GHANA

Several CU students went on mission trips around the world, including Ghana for two weeks, working at two different sites.



Chris Price shared a hug with a child in Ghana. Above he participated in repair work.



Meg Brown, left, and Shelby Mattingly, took part in the mission trip to Ghana.



SUMMER L.I.N.C.

L.I.N.C. at CU helps prepare students for a successful start to the fall semester. The acronym stands for:

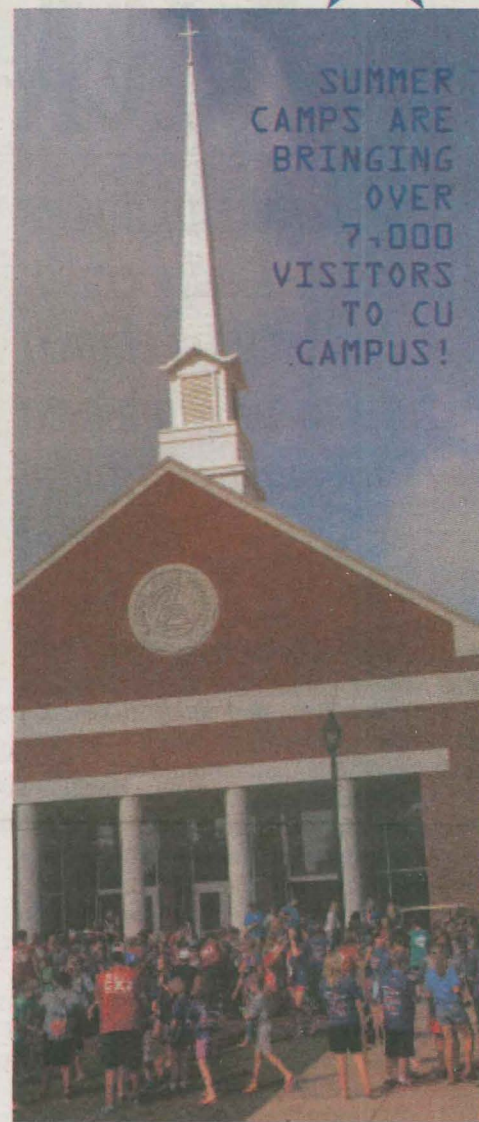
- L**: Learn
- I**: Invest
- N**: Navigate
- C**: Connect



There were 280 professions of faith in 2013-2014 academic year!



< FCA leadership camp worship time in Ransdell Chapel.



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