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'Tell Your Story' website launches with KBC meeting in Bowling Green

By Robin Cornetel

Bowling Green—Sharing the gospel just got a whole lot easier—and much more effective—with the new "Tell Your Story" website, part of an evangelistic initiative that allows Kentucky Baptists to explain how their lives changed when they accepted Jesus.

The project will be launched at the 177th Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting Nov. 11, and feature two on-site sound booths for recording personal testimonies.

Tell Your Story, the theme of this year's annual meeting, offers Kentucky Baptists a mix of tech-savvy ingenuity with good old-fashioned storytelling in an easy-to-use format. Through the website, www.tellyourstory.today, people will have the potential to tell a much broader audience about their encounter with Christ.

"This is an emphasis on personal evangelism we have not seen in the Southern Baptist Convention," said Chuck McAlister, KBC's evangelism and church planting team leader. "Everyone's story is unique and this is about sharing your heart, your Jesus encounter, with other people."

Following each personal story is a short presentation of the gospel and a prayer leading listeners to receive salvation through Christ.

To record a one- to three-minute testimony, Kentucky Baptists need only call a toll-free number. Within 24 hours, participants will have their very own web address that can be used as a link on social media.

If the personal touch is more appealing, users have the option of printing business cards with the web address that can be handed out to anyone, whether lost family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, store clerks, even waitresses in favorite restaurants.

"If you do that, don't forget to leave a big tip," McAlister said.

Messengers and guests to the

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Bolster the family, ERLC speakers urge

By Tom Strode

Nashville, Tenn.—Evangelical Christians should graciously and truthfully minister to homosexual people while also pursuing a family reformation, speakers said in the final session of a Southern Baptist-sponsored conference.

A leading SBC pastor, Baptist educators and leaders in the movement to strengthen and protect marriage addressed attendees, who totaled more than 1,300 registrants, at "The Gospel, Homosexuality and the Future of Marriage," the first national conference of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Christians need not adopt the two-option narrative—"affirmation or alienation"—offered by American culture in regards to homosexuality, J.D. Greear told the audience in the closing address of the three-day conference. Instead, he said Jesus provides another alternative—"full of grace and truth"—that calls for courageous proclamation of God's word and compassionate outreach to human beings.



"As believers, as Christians, we have to love our gay neighbor more than we love our position on sexual morality," said J.D. Greear, lead pastor of The Summit Church.

"As believers, as Christians, we have to love our gay neighbor more than we love our position on sexual morality, which means that our relationship with them must not be contingent upon their agreeing with us about sexuality," said Greear, lead pastor of The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, N.C. "It means that when they disagree with us we don't push them away."

Dennis Rainey, president of FamilyLife, told attendees the church has "an

unprecedented opportunity" at this cultural moment. Christians need the rallying cry of "a family reformation," he said.

"(F)or many Americans, the unmet thirst for a good marriage, a solid family represents a need we must address as followers of Jesus Christ," Rainey said. To have a family reformation, the church must "set its sights on becoming the marriage and family equipping center in their community," he said.

Greear offered nine ways Christ's teaching in the Gospels shows how "Jesus-representing churches" can minister with "grace and truth" to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. Such churches, he said, will:

- Be known as the friends of the LGBT community.
- Not stigmatize sexual sin.
- Put forward God's design for sexuality, not merely condemn its aberrations.
- Begin with a call to repentance.
- Not be bullied into silence.
- Preach the possibility of sexual orientation change but acknowledge that may

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A group of panelists speak during the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's conference on "The Gospel, Homosexuality and the Future of Marriage," held Oct. 27-29 in Nashville. Those pictured include Phillip Bethancourt, Albert Mohler, D.A. Horton, Robert Sloan and Russell Moore. (ERLC Photo)

SBC speakers: Marriage crisis predated gay marriage

By Tom Strode

Nashville, Tenn.—The crisis in marriage preceded the rapid rise of legalized same-sex unions, and the church faces a daunting challenge in addressing it, speakers told 1,300 attendees at a three-day Southern Baptist conference.

Southern Baptist and other Christian leaders addressed a gamut of related issues at the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's first national conference, "The Gospel, Homosexuality and the Future of Marriage."

A capacity crowd gathered Oct. 27-29 at the Opryland Resort and Conference Center in Nashville at a time when court rulings have cleared the way for the

legalization of gay marriage in 35 states, the percentage of never-married Americans is at a record high, cohabitation has become the default position of many adults and divorce remains a problem in the culture and church.

Addressing Christian ministry in a "post-marriage culture," Albert Mohler opened the event by saying the crisis regarding the biblical, traditional definition of marriage as a permanent union of a man and a woman began "with the heterosexual subversion of marriage."

"The divorce revolution has done far more harm to marriage than same-sex marriage will ever do," the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary told the audience made up primarily of

pastors and other young adults. Heterosexuals "showed how to destroy marriage by making it a tentative, hypothetical union for so long as it may last, turning it only into a contract" that produced a "consumer good," Mohler said.

"By the time the moral revolution on same-sex relations arrived on the scene, most of the moral revolution had already happened," he said.

Other speakers pointed to the victory of romantic love over all other forms of love in the American mind as a major reason for the marriage catastrophe.

"I think we as a culture have already redefined marriage to a large extent," said Trevin Wax, managing editor of The

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Survey: Americans mix heaven, hell and a bit of heresy

By Bob Smietana

Nashville, Tenn.—Most Americans believe in heaven, hell and a few old-fashioned heresies.

Those are among the findings of a new study of American views about Christian theology from Nashville-based LifeWay Research.

Americans also disagree about mixing religion and politics and about the Bible. And few pay much heed to their pastor's sermons or see themselves as sinners, according to the online survey of 3,000 Americans commissioned by Orlando-based Ligonier Ministries.

Stephen Nichols, chief academic officer of Ligonier Ministries, said the study was intended to "take the temperature of America's theological health."

Researchers asked 43 questions about faith, covering topics from sin and salvation to the Bible and afterlife. They wanted to know how people in the pews—and on the street—understand theology.

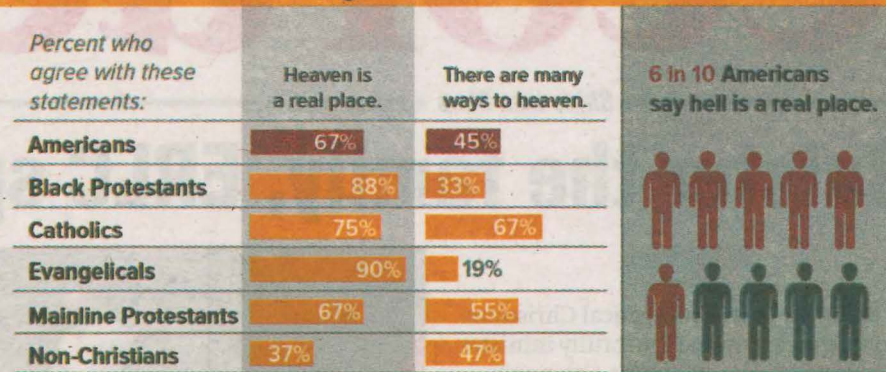
Many Americans get the basics right but are often fuzzy on the details, said Ed Stetzer, executive director of LifeWay Research.

"People like to believe in a generic Christian-ish god with cafeteria doctrines," Stetzer said. "However, when we asked about harder beliefs—things that the church has (considered) and still considers orthodoxy—the numbers shift."

Among the study's findings:

■ Americans say heaven is a real place. But they disagree about who gets in.

American Theological Views: Heaven & Hell



Two thirds (67 percent) of Americans believe heaven is a real place, according to the survey. That includes, following standard demographic categories, 9 in 10 Black Protestants (88 percent) and evangelicals (90 percent), three-fourths of Catholics (75 percent) as well as a third of non-Christians (37 percent).

Just under half of Americans (45 percent) say there are many ways to heaven—which conflicts with traditional views about salvation being linked to faith in Jesus.

About half of Americans (53 percent) say salvation is in Christ alone. Four in 10 (41 percent) say people who have never heard of Jesus can still get into heaven.

■ Hell is a real place, too. But you have to be really bad to go there.

About 6 in 10 Americans (61 percent) say hell is real, according to the survey. Black Protestants (86 percent) and Evangelicals (87 percent) are most likely to say

hell is a real place. Catholics (66 percent) and Mainline Protestants (55 percent) are less convinced.

Overall, Americans don't seem too worried about sin or being sent to hell. Two-thirds (67 percent) told researchers that most people are basically good, even though everyone sins a little bit—an optimistic view of human nature at odds with traditional teaching about sin.

■ When it comes to faith, Americans like a do-it-yourself approach.

Most Americans (71 percent), and in particular Black Protestants (82 percent) and Catholics (87 percent), say people must contribute some effort toward their own salvation, the survey found. Two thirds (64 percent) say to find peace with God, people have to take the first step, and then God responds to them with grace.

That sounds right to many, Stetzer said, but doesn't reflect the Christian idea

that faith is a response to God's grace.

Many also don't mind being disconnected from a local church. About half (52 percent) say worshipping alone or with family is as good as going to church.

Half (56 percent) believe their pastor's sermons have no authority in their life, while slightly less than half (45 percent) say the Bible was written for each person to interpret as they choose.

■ Americans believe in the Trinity. But the details don't reflect traditional views.

About 7 in 10 (71 percent) Americans believe in the Trinity. That's the idea that one God exists as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

But few—even those in evangelical denominations—seem to grasp the details of how Christians have historically taught the Trinity. More than half of evangelicals (59 percent), for example, say the Holy Spirit is a force—not a personal being. Ten percent are not sure, while 31 percent agree the Spirit is a person.

■ Some Americans like the Bible. Others are skeptical.

About half of Americans (48 percent) believe the Bible is the word of God, the survey found. Four in 10 (43 percent) say the Bible is 100 percent accurate, while a similar share of Americans (41 percent) say it's helpful but not literally true.

The overall results, Nichols said, show churches have a lot of work to do.

"This study demonstrates the stunning gap in theological awareness throughout our nation, in our neighborhoods, and even in the seat next to us at church," Nichols said. (BP)

Schedule of Events

KENTUCKY BAPTIST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 2014

Steve Hill, President

12:00 Noon: Pastor's Luncheon

Location: Student Center Large Group Room

Speaker: Michael Lewis

NOTE: Registration Required/ Limited to 100 Pastors

POC: Steve Hill, pastor@newhorizonbaptist.org

Hosted by The North American Mission Board

AFTERNOON SESSION

Worship led by Living Hope Worship Team

2:00 PM Worship/Welcome

2:15 PM Session 1: Dr. Thomas White

2:55 PM Worship/Offering

3:15 PM Session 2: Elijah Abraham

3:55 PM Worship/Election of President for 2016

4:15 PM Session 3: Tom James

EVENING SESSION

Worship led by New Horizon Worship Team/Jason Stewart

6:30 PM Worship/Welcome

6:45 PM Session 4: Jimmy Scroggins

7:25 PM Worship/Offering

7:35 PM Session 5: David Allen

8:20 PM Worship

8:30 PM Session 6: Jerry Vines

Campbellsville University bypasses KBC, elects 11 trustees to board

Campbellsville—Campbellsville University has elected 11 members to its board of trustees, instead of following a process spelled out in a covenant agreement with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The longstanding agreement called for Campbellsville President Michael Carter to recommend trustees for consideration by KBC messengers who are scheduled to gather for an annual meeting in Bowling Green on Nov. 11.

The Western Recorder received the following response on behalf of Campbellsville's Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Owens and Carter:

"The slate of 11 trustees was elected by the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014. Each elected trustee is either serving currently, or has served in the past, on the CU Board of Trustees and meets service requirements set by the board."

The slate of new trustees, according to the statement, included Steve Branscum, Jana Gore, Cordell Maddox, Mary Frances May, David Morris, Ron Rafferty, Malinda Smith, Matthew Smyzer, Tommy Turner, Jane Wheatley and Leon Wilson.

"We're grieved that Campbellsville University has walked away from the agreement with Kentucky Baptists," KBC President Chip Hutcheson said. "We've done all we know to do to try to salvage the relationship. This latest action,

unfortunately, is a blatant breach of the covenant."

"We had hoped to avoid this, but Campbellsville made the decision to end the partnership," Hutcheson said. "I don't know of anything else that could have been done from the standpoint of Kentucky Baptists."

Although the Campbellsville University board of trustees had voted earlier this year to unilaterally terminate the covenant agreement and voluntarily surrender Cooperative Program allocations,

in recent meetings with the university, KBC leaders urged the school to re-establish its connection to the churches.

KBC officials suggested that, rather than terminating the agreement, the university work with the convention to amend the

agreement and thus achieve the university's desire for a self-perpetuating board. Campbellsville refused that offer.

While KBC leaders express regret over the university's desire to step away from the covenant agreement, they say they also respect the right of the university to do so.

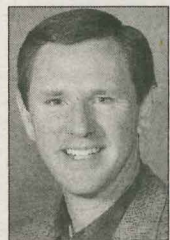
"We have enjoyed our association with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and remain grateful for the KBC's support to our school and its students," Owens said in an August press release. (WR/KBC)



Needed: Foster care

More than 7,500 kids are currently in the care of the state of Kentucky. Most of these children have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. A child's average age when removed from his or her home is 6.

Together We are the KBC



Paul Chitwood

James 1:27 teaches us that caring for children like that is one of the marks of true religion. Yet, here in the state of Kentucky, among 750,000 Kentucky Baptists and 2,400 Kentucky Baptist Convention churches, as many as 300 children in the

foster care system typically have no placement. We believe it's time to change that—and I'm asking you to help.

The "Be the One" challenge from Sunrise Children's Services wasn't just a Sunrise idea; it was my wife, Michelle, who asked me one day, "What can we do to get more people involved in taking care of these hurting children?"

Be the One is our answer to that question.

It's an invitation for every KBC church to find at least one family in the church that will commit to becoming foster parents through Sunrise. Then, as a church, you will "surround the one." That is to say, you will come around that family and support them.

What does it mean to support a foster family? Church members can be trained to provide respite or relief care to the foster children, help with doctors' appointments, run errands, or simply provide prayer support.

Every year, half of the total number of trained and certified foster parents quit. The average foster family doesn't make it two full years.

Most foster kids have been through a lot. They come from broken homes, abusive families, drug-infested neighborhoods, and are being cared for by a government system that is just a little less dysfunctional than the situation from which the government seized them.

And yet they are children; little boys and little girls who want to play and watch cartoons and be safe and loved. But all they have seen, heard and endured is still ringing in their ears, haunting their dreams, and affecting their behavior.

Getting involved with a broken family in a broken system to care for a broken child is risky, but no more risky than stopping on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho to bind the wounds of a man who has been stripped, beaten, and robbed. And, according to Jesus, that's what a Good Samaritan does for his neighbor. Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus also said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." How do we let children come to Jesus?

We bring them to Him by bringing them into our families and into our churches so we can bring them to Jesus.

Will you be the one? Call Sunrise today at (800) 456-1386, or visit www.sunrise.org/surroundtheone to learn more.

Paul Chitwood is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Bowling Green preview: Five to watch

Next Tuesday, Kentucky Baptists will gather at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green. While some unexpected business could emerge, here are five significant actions to watch for on the annual meeting's agenda.

1) Campbellsville University—Last week, Campbellsville's trustees met and elected 11 of their own board members, without the Kentucky Baptist Convention's approval. In effect, the university is establishing a self-perpetuating board and, therefore, has forfeited its Cooperative Program allocation of nearly \$1 million and sacrificed its partnership relationship with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Some other funds of approximately \$100,000—for scholarships, for example—will still continue to go to Campbellsville. Any final convention action concerning Campbellsville, however, would be determined during the Mission Board's meeting, the day prior to annual meeting. No action, though, is anticipated at this point since Campbellsville has ended the relationship.

2) Crescent Hill Church—The Louisville church's website announced that the congregation has voted to ordain people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and to perform same-sex marriages. The KBC Committee on Credentials will recommend that the convention sever ties with Crescent Hill, determining that the church is "no longer in friendly cooperation" with Kentucky Baptists. Crescent Hill currently may send up to six messengers to the Bowling Green annual meeting. A resolution concerning people who identify as transgender, while opposing efforts to normalize their lifestyle, is among four being recommended by the KBC Committee on Resolutions.

3) Budget reduction—The KBC business and finance team will recommend shaving the 2015-16 budget proposal by \$750,000, the largest reduction in a Cooperative Program goal from a previous year's amount since 2010-11. With the Mission Board's poll, the new budget goal would be set at \$21,250,000, reflecting a continued downward trend in CP giving. Although approximately \$1



After Thought

By Todd Deaton

million may be freed up because Campbellsville University has surrendered its CP allocation, much of these funds may need to be applied to the new budget, KBC officials suggest.

4) New Foundation leader—Harold Monroe, of Nashville, was nominated as the next president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, succeeding Barry Allen in February. With the KBC administrative committee's recent approval, he will be presented to the Mission Board for election. Monroe has been employed at the Nashville-based Southern Baptist Foundation, which provides investment services to the Southern Baptist entities and individuals, since 2011.

5) Presidential elections—All three KBC offices have only one announced candidate. Bowling Green pastor Tom James will be nominated for president; Erdie Carter, of Glasgow, and Mark Payton, of Dry Ridge, are running for vice president spots. It doesn't take much of a prophet to predict election by acclamation. Meanwhile, congratulations are in order for current KBC president, Chip Hutcheson, of Princeton, who has been named as chairman of the SBC's Committee on Nominations.

And, though not a KBC agenda item per se, we are going to make another prediction: Kentucky Baptists will easily exceed their goal of filling 2,800 buckets of supplies for Baptist Global Response. The white, plastic buckets are filled with household items that most of us take for granted, but they help show love to a dying person and introduce Christ to the lost. More than 6,000 buckets have already been shipped to Africa since last year.

The new "Tell Your Story" website, www.tellyourstory.com, today, also will launch in Bowling Green, encouraging Kentucky Baptists to share their testimonies with their friends and neighbors. Messengers will have an opportunity to record their personal testimonies at two on-site recording booths in the exhibit hall, and then share them through a link on social media.

So, come to Bowling Green, fill a bucket and tell your story!

10 Rules of Debt Management

By Don Spencer

For most people, debt is a necessity. Debt can be a valuable tool in personal finance. However, if not handled properly, debt can become a major problem.

A common problem trap is seeing debt purely from the standpoint of the monthly payment. For example, a couple decides to purchase an item on credit because it will only cost \$20 per month. Next month, it's another item for \$10 more per month. Little by little, this mushrooms and sets a person up for problems. Adding to the problem is the financing costs.

You must control debt. If the debt begins to control you, then you are setting yourself up for disaster. Below are 10

simple rules for using debt wisely.

1. Save for major purchases. Don't finance unless absolutely necessary. Set a goal of paying cash for vacations, cars, etc.

2. Use credit cards as a convenience only. Do not finance any long-term debt with credit cards. Pay credit card bills in full each month. Credit cards are easy to get and misuse. They generally have a very high interest rate.

3. Keep all debt payments under 1/3 of your gross income. Above that level, you're exceeding safe limits.

4. Lower the real cost of debt. Try to make all interest tax-deductible. A home equity loan has this advantage.

5. Maintain adequate assets that can easily be turned into cash. Debt has never

hurt anyone. A lack of sufficient cash flow to manage debt has.

6. Have adequate life and disability income insurance. Ignoring this exposes a person to significant financial risk.

7. Make debt predictable. Be cautious using adjustable-rate financing and loans with balloon payments.

8. Accelerating debt payments may not always be best. One should maintain adequate savings for emergency needs, fund tax-deferred retirement plans adequately, and pay off non-tax deductible debt before accelerating payments.

9. Refinance only if it will save money. Consolidation loans do not always save money.

10. Protect your credit. Make payments on time. If you have problems meeting payments, talk to creditors and re-negotiate.



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Marriage crisis

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Gospel Project at LifeWay Christian Resources and a popular blogger. The culture moved away from a "common-good" understanding of marriage to the view of the institution as a romantic, sexual relationship between two consenting adults who want to commit to one another and have the government's approval, he said.

The romanticized view of love and marriage is "already prevalent in evangelical churches," Wax said.

During the same panel discussion on millennials and marriage, cultural commentator John Stonestreet said, "Same-sex marriage is not the root of any problems. It's the fruit of missing what the point of marriage actually is.

"It's time to rebuild marriage. Stop talking about defending it and start rebuilding," said Stonestreet, a fellow of the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview. He added, "There's not much left to defend on a cultural level."

Sherif Girgis, who cowrote a book arguing for the traditional view of marriage, said cultural indicators demonstrate why the issue is so important.

"Every aspect of the common good depends on a strong marriage. This is Matthew 25 stuff," Girgis said, referring to Jesus' words about the "least of these" in His teaching on the final judgment. "It is a matter of social justice. That's why your congregation should care about it. That's why we can't give this up or think that it's just a matter for the church. We owe it to the least of these to make sure that wherever possible our culture gives them the best shot at being reared by the love of the

man and woman who gave them life."

Western civilization is in the final stage of a moral revolution—one that is "happening at warp speed," Mohler told attendees. British theologian Theo Hobson has said three things must happen for a moral revolution to occur. Those developments, Mohler said, are:

■ "Something that was nearly universally condemned is now nearly universally celebrated.

■ "That which was celebrated is condemned.

■ "Those who refuse to celebrate are condemned."

The church is now in a position of being "a moral minority," Mohler said.

"We are accustomed to ministry from the top side in the culture, not from the underside," he said. "We are accustomed to speaking from a position of strength and respect and credibility. And now we are going to be facing the reality that we are already, in much of America, speaking

from a position of a loss of credibility."

Responding to this situation, Mohler said, "is going to take an awful lot of Christian thinking. It's going to take a lot of prayer, a lot of agonizing conversations. ... the kind of conversations that take place in the middle of an emergency."

Mohler acknowledged he has been mistaken on a couple of points in writing about the issue of homosexuality for about 30 years. Early in the debate, Mohler said, he denied "anything like sexual orientation" because he thought it necessary to make the gospel clear. "I repent of that," he said.

He believes a biblical, theological understanding of homosexuality is "far more deeply rooted than just the will," Mohler said, adding Genesis 3 explains this is "deeply rooted in the biblical story itself and something we need to take far more seriously than we have in the past."

Other speakers encouraged attendees to think and act biblically toward those

with whom they differ on these issues.

Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board, said during a panel discussion, "The one thing that's hurt our witness most is the tone" with which it has been conducted. That has "brought on some of the condemnation not on what we've said" but how it has been said, he told the audience.

Glenn Stanton, director for global family formation studies at Focus on the Family, urged attendees to develop genuine friendships with people who disagree with them.

"The great divider between us and them—and I hate to use that term...—is not sexuality," he said. "The great equalizer is our sin. The great equalizer is our need for repentance and new life in Christ."

Friendship "is not a means to an end," he said. "It is an end in itself. And as those relationships develop, then we can share the truth about our life, and it comes up naturally." (BP)

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not happen in this life.

■ Present the multi-faceted beauty of the gospel in dealing with sexual sin.

■ Not fear suffering for Christian confession.

■ Not make sexual ethics, but the gospel, the center of their message."

Sexual ethics, Greear told the audience, "should not be central or dominant in our message. His cross should be."

The Christian call for repentance should not focus exclusively on homosexuality, he said. "Our message is not

simply, 'Stop your sexual sin.' Our message is, 'Behold your God,' because it is amazement at God's love for us that delivers us from all the lesser attractions."

He also said, "If what the Bible says about homosexuality is true, how can it be loving not to tell them?"

Greear apologized for the failure of Christians, including himself, to stand up to abuse and injustice toward those in the LGBT community.

"I think the question for us as church leaders is: Have you drawn the gay and lesbian community close?" he said. "Are you their friends? When you find out someone is gay, how interested are you in them as a person beyond their sexuality?"

"Do you see them primarily as gay and lesbian or do you see them primarily as people created in the image of God just like you but with gay and lesbian desires?"

... Would gay and lesbian people feel loved to be in your home?"

In addition to calling for a family reformation, Rainey urged husbands and wives to pray together daily and encouraged churches to "enlist, equip and empower couples to become missional."

"Don't ever threaten divorce in your marriage," he said. "If you have, repent. Ask your spouse to forgive you."

"Get down on one knee with a child and weep and say, 'That will never happen again.'"

"We must repent of our cavalier attitude about divorce while at the same time loving those who are divorced."

He told attendees, "The Great Commission begins at home, but it's not intended to stay at home. The family is not designed by God to be a holy huddle but to pierce the darkness." (BP)

Biblical examples of giving

Six who gave faithfully, generously & cheerfully

Someone once said, "Two things I've had in life in ample supply, good advice and poor examples."

One of the great things about the Bible is it not only gives good advice, it gives good examples. Below are six worthy of emulation.

First is the example of the poor widow (Luke 21:1-4). In terms of the coins she used, she made the smallest gift.

But to Jesus, in comparison to what the wealthy gave, she made the most significant gift.

To Jesus, the gift that counts is the gift that costs; it's not the size of the gift, but the size of the sacrifice; it's not the amount, but the proportion; it's not the depth of our pockets, but the depth of our love and commitment to Him.

No one is excluded from making a worthy gift to our Lord.

Second, Zacchaeus is an example of a person of wealth who gave over and above the normal (Luke 19:1-10). He was such a successful businessman and tax collector he had become wealthy.

When he decided to follow Jesus, he

freely vowed, "... I give half of my possessions to the poor." What an example of generosity for those who have wealth!

Third, the woman with the alabaster jar of expensive perfume (Mark 14:1-9) is an example of a single person who was just getting by financially but out of gratitude made a sacrificial gift to the Lord.

Fourth, Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37) used a piece of real estate to make a legacy gift for the Lord's work "with no strings attached."

Fifth, the Macedonian Christians (2 Corinthians 8:1-5) literally gave out of their poverty and beyond their ability for the privilege of being involved financially in the Lord's work.

Sixth, the Lord Jesus Christ stands as the supreme example and motivation for us as Christians to give faithfully, generously and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The Bible is true (Acts 20:35) and these examples above provide proof, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So, give it a try; I promise you will be blessed.

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Endowment has increased from \$6 million in 1980 to \$79 million* in 2014.

Total Undergraduate enrollment for Fall 2014 is 2,650 students.

With 5,700 students, UC is the largest private university in Kentucky.

Total Graduate enrollment for Fall 2014 is 3,050 students.

Net worth has increased from \$14 million in 1980 to \$140 million in 2014.

(*Endowment Spending Policy: 5% of 12 quarters rolling average drawn down annually to help meet student needs or approximately 7% of the University's total operating budget.)

Nothing is done overnight. It takes many heads, hearts and hands. What is being accomplished has taken over 125 years in quietly acquiring property and in saving funds to pay for projects. None of it is easy. We are grateful for the blessings showered upon us from On High, the good financial management by our Board of Trustees, and the support of our Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Barefoot for Bare Feet



Over 300 university students, faculty, and staff assisted 325 elementary students from the local area for the Barefoot for Bare Feet event.

Workers and event organizers pre-registered the students and their shoe size so that once the students arrived in the Rollins Center, everything was waiting on them. The volunteers removed the children's old socks and shoes and put them in their new backpack to carry home with them. The children's feet were washed and dried and then fitted with their brand new socks and shoes.

The children were entertained with fun games and activities and were even treated with free ice cream courtesy of Forcht Bank.

At the end of the morning, 325 children walked out of the gymnasium, each with a new pair of shoes, a new pair of socks, a backpack, and a new outlook on life.

Mountain Outreach builds 145th home



Mountain Outreach completed two new houses this summer, capping 32 years of providing new and efficient homes for deserving families. The construction went well, as did the other projects MO completed through the summer. Lives were changed as Mountain Outreach continued its work to change the face of poverty in Southeast Kentucky.

RECENT CAMPUS IMPACT

We are blessed to experience God's presence on campus. This fall:

- A number of football players made a profession of faith during pre-season team devotions.
- 40 additional football players made a profession of faith at practice following a brief, after practice devotion by Clayton King.
- Clayton King spoke at our opening convocation service with 88 students making professions of faith during the time of response.
- During a worship time led by Jordan Jeffers and Forrest Coleman and during a worship time led by Dr. Chuck McAlister, around 20 professions of faith were made.
- A number of commitments were made during our Baptist Campus Ministries sponsored Fall Awakening program with Cameron Mills as the speaker.
- During a faith development student convocation program, featuring David Edwards, 14 students indicated a first time profession of faith.

We are grateful to God for working through these various evangelists and ministries which are provided through Cooperative Program support from Kentucky Baptist Convention churches. UC is fully committed to the mission of Christian higher education through our partnership with the KBC.

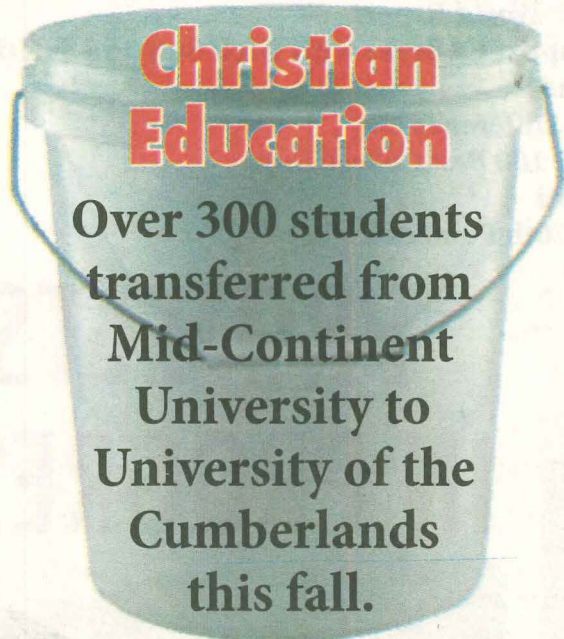
Mountain Outreach Gift Days

Parents' Gift Day

An average of 300 adults with limited financial resources choose new toys and slightly used clothing for their children.

Kids' Gift Day

MO students take gifts to three county elementary schools where children choose gifts for their parents or guardians and learn the joy of giving.



Christian Education

Over 300 students transferred from Mid-Continent University to University of the Cumberlands this fall.

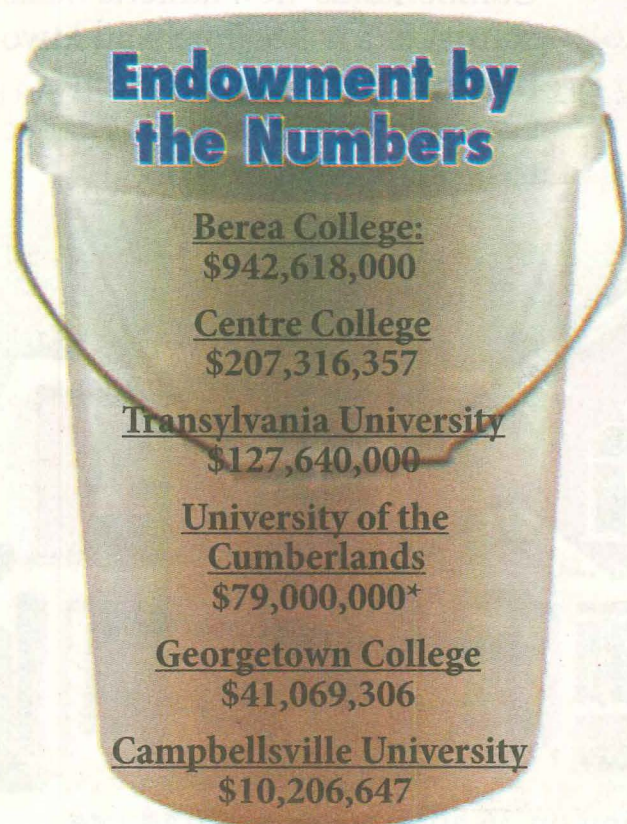
UC's BUCKET PROJECT

UC has partnered with Baptist Global Response (BGR) through the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) to assemble Hospice Care Buckets for individuals in Sub-Saharan Africa who are impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

These buckets can make a difference - physically and spiritually!

Baptist Global Response (BGR) has found that sharing a five-gallon 'bucket of love' may be the most effective way to open doors to share the love of Christ with these folks who are at death's door. Items found in the bucket are helpful for the comfort of the patient as well as an aid to the caregiver(s).

The goal for UC's Bucket Project is to collect funds to assemble 100 buckets.



Endowment by the Numbers

Berea College:
\$942,618,000

Centre College
\$207,316,357

Transylvania University
\$127,640,000

University of the Cumberlands
\$79,000,000*

Georgetown College
\$41,069,306

Campbellsville University
\$10,206,647

(*Current data for UC, FY 2012 IPEDS data for other institutions)

Patriots Around the World



Throughout the year more than 350 students and 140 faculty and staff were involved in missions and ministry efforts. "He said to them, 'Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" (Mark 16:15)

Here are a few highlights:

Alumna and staff member Amanda Walton traveled to Tanzania and Kenya with the International Sports Federation (ISF) in June. While there, she climbed the 19,341 foot Mt. Kilimanjaro and visited an orphanage.

Alumni and employees Brad and Lesley Tipton visited five missionary families who live in Thailand to help spread the Word of God, plant churches and convert natives to Christianity.

Alumna LeAnn Wright is currently serving on The World Race: an 11-month trip to 11 countries to "serve the least of these."

Current student Lydia Huggins spent over two months serving as a missionary doing media relations work for Face2Face in Southern Asia.

Current student Gine Nichols spent a week in Nairobi, Kenya ministering to children and young women living in the slums.

Alumna and staff member Jordyne Gunthert traveled with the International Sports Federation (ISF) to Kenya, Africa where she helped restore hope and shared the love of God with the people through sports missions.

Professors Dr. Bob Dunston and Dr. Fred Cummings journeyed to Skopje, Macedonia with four of their students, along with Cummings' wife Marge, to share God's word.

In addition during the summer:

- 10 students served with the Appalachian Ministries team in Whitley County, KY.
- 10 students served with the Mountain Outreach team in Whitley County, KY.
- 2 students served with Laurel Lake Baptist Camp in Whitley County, KY.
- 16 students served with their home churches in Kentucky and other states.
- 1 student served with Mountain View Baptist Camp in Kentucky.
- 1 student served with BCM 1:8 Experiences in Kentucky.
- 1 student served with Appalachian Outreach in Washington.
- 5 students served with Centri-Kid Camps in various states.
- 3 students served with Crossings Camps in various states.
- 1 student served with M-Fuge Camps in Tennessee.
- 12 students served internationally.

Accolades

Named in *America's Best Christian Colleges*
 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
 In top Kentucky colleges with highest financial return on investment by *College Database Online*
 In top 30 baccalaureate colleges for opportunities afforded to first-generation and low income students; research; and service by *Washington Monthly Magazine*
 NAIA Champions of Character 5 Star Institution

Among "Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the South" by *U.S. News & World Report*
 AC Online's top Baptist Colleges with High Starting Salaries for Graduates
USA Today Make a Difference Day
 Named in *America's 100 Best College Buys*
 Horatio Alger Award
 George H. Bush's 220th Point of Light

Cumberlands Breaks Ground on Health & Wellness Center



The health needs of our Appalachian region are at a critical level. In fact, the situation is so dismal that the Governor has set specific goals for improving the health status of the state's citizens and it begins with education to change their unhealthy behaviors.

At Cumberlands our goal is to provide education to reduce preventable disease and make available various health screenings so that problems can be identified while they can still be treated. Behaviors leading to poor health include lack of physical activity, poor nutrition,

smoking and excessive alcohol use. These lead to heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and arthritis.

The Ward Correll Health and Wellness addition to our Campus Center will provide an area for our students, faculty, staff and the community to receive critical health education, screenings and referrals, and where a host of exercise equipment will be available for use by all.

The cost of this total project is over \$11 million which has been donated by alumni, friends, and foundations.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS



UC's new entrance will provide direct access to the university. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2015.



Cumberlands' new athletic fields consist of a softball field and two lacrosse fields. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2015.

With a little help from our friends

Thanks to the generous donations from our friends, UC was able to raise \$6 million in 20 months for its new apartments:

Rollins Foundation - \$3 million; J. G. Brown Foundation - \$1 million; Alumni & Friends - \$2 million



Construction will begin in the spring on 36 apartments for graduate students and married students, with preference to those enrolled in the Physician Assistant program.

Life University making disciples at Ballardsville

Ballardsville—Effective churches make the most of every opportunity when someone attends their church. Ballardsville Baptist Church has sought to make the most of their Wednesday night gatherings by developing Life University.

Life University begins at 5 p.m. each Wednesday with a meal prepared by a team from the church. Following the meal, several opportunities are offered for all ages to participate in serving and learning.

"We wanted to place the things that we desired our people to do—outreach, discipleship, spiritual growth through youth and children's ministry—in time slots where people were most likely to come to church," Pastor Tony Wolfenbarger said. "When people are at the church building, we want what we do to add value to their life."

Life University adds value by providing an opportunity for members to be involved in outreach. The church places a high value on outreach and follow up. Ballardsville has developed an intentional plan to follow up on guests who attend Sunday services. They also have an intentional plan to connect with new people in their community.

Teams of two leave the church following the Wednesday meal and make visits to the previous Sunday's guests. Other teams visit people who recently

moved into the community.

The church secures a list monthly from Outreach Magazine of 60 to 100 people who moved within a 10-mile radius. The church sends a postcard to the top 100 movers in that radius. Pastor Wolfenbarger also sends a letter. On Wednesdays, a team conducts visits.

Every Sunday School class is encouraged to have an outreach leader who on Wednesday nights is part of an outreach team. If their class mentions that someone has not attended in a while, they receive a priority visit.

One of the outreach team members who sings in the choir commented on how many new people were in the service whom he had personally visited.

Regional SPOTLIGHT



Alan Witham
Central Region

Life University adds value by providing an opportunity for members to grow as disciples and become disciple-makers. One course that is being taught by Pastor Wolfenbarger at Life University is "How to Become a

Disciple-maker." Sixteen people gather weekly to learn how to disciple new believers one-on-one. In addition to weekly class time, participants also invest one-and-a-half hours per week paired with another believer in the class to practice disciple-making, using a plan called "Operation Multiplication."

After two semesters of training, Ballardsville Baptist will have 16 people



Jim Marshall and Jason Brown practice one-on-one disciple making.

equipped to disciple new believers.

Life University adds value by providing spiritual growth opportunities for all ages. AWANA, a ministry for children, and youth Bible studies are offered. AWANA is building a strong biblical foundation in the lives of the children and families. This occurs through Bible study, Scripture memorization and missions involvement.

Teenagers are being challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with God, and learn how to live out the gospel in their schools and in front of their peers. Often guests are thought to visit a church for the first time on Sunday mornings, but Ballardsville Baptist Church has encountered guests attending on Wednesday nights. Recently, a child attended the AWANA program, then weeks later the parents also began attending on Wednesday nights.

2 Peter 3:18 challenges us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Life University is helping people do just that.

'Tell your story'

Continued from page 1

annual meeting at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green will be able to record their stories in Tell Your Story sound booths.

Since its soft launch in September, McAlister said hundreds of people have listened to the dozen or so personal testimonies on the website, and that their first salvation decision was by an unidentified female with a Muslim background.

"We are challenging Kentucky Baptists to share the story of their encounter with Jesus to at least one person every day for an entire year with a goal of winning five people to Jesus over a year," McAlister said, "and tellyourstory.today can be an important piece in achieving that kingdom goal."

The convention plans to continue the push after the annual meeting and has designated Nov. 16 as Tell Your Story Sunday.

"We are inviting pastors to share the story of their encounter with Jesus to their congregations and then lead the congregations as individuals write out the story of their encounter with Jesus," McAlister said. "One of our pilot churches in the Louisville area engaged in just this practice with the result of 51 salvation decisions in six weeks."

Kentucky Baptist churches can have their own Tell Your Story websites where testimonies by members can be collected and shared through the community and around the world. Pastors will be able to track success of the site and report to the congregation. For more information, visit www.tellyourstory.today. (KBC)

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SEEKING: Buck Creek Baptist Church located in Calhoun, Ky., is seeking candidates for a full-time worship leader/children's minister (with IT experience), whose primary responsibility is to lead worship. A job description may be viewed on the church website at www.buckcreekbaptist.com. Send resumé to the following: Buck Creek Baptist Church, Attn.: Personnel Comm., 3788 US 431, Calhoun, KY 42327. Resumés will be accepted until Nov. 28.

SEEKING: Christ Baptist Church in Cold Spring, Ky., is prayerfully accepting resumé for the position of full-time senior pastor. A minimum of 5 years experience

and seminary degree is preferred. Please send resumé, and CD/DVD or internet link for sermons to: Christ Baptist Church, 3810 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076, Attn.: Pastor Search Committee.

SEEKING: Woodlawn Baptist Church, a small Southern Baptist Church in central Ky. is seeking a full-time pastor. Experience preferred, but not required. Send resumé to home@woodlawnbaptist2serve.org.

SEEKING: Northside Baptist Church is seeking interim worship pastor. Northside is located in Elizabethtown, Ky. Submit resumé with salary expectations (negotiable dependent upon qualifications); Northside Baptist Church, Attn: Jane Hunt, 1800 Pear Orchard Rd., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

SEEKING: Senior pastor for Plum Springs Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., to provide leadership to the members of Plum Springs Baptist Church, enabling them to focus on the Great Commission and equip them to carry out the five functions of the New Testament church: worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry and fellowship. Pastor should possess great enthusiasm for outreach in a growing community. Candidates should have strong preaching skills, passion for pastoral care, administrative ability, and a heart for missions and evangelism. Plum Springs Baptist Church recently celebrated 116 years of serving the Lord and desires to follow His guidance in finding the pastor to continue His work. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, 2080 Plum Springs Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101; or email to: pastorsearch@plum-springsbaptist.church. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Resumés are targeted for receipt by Dec. 1.

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Got chicken?

Donation from Ohio County blesses kids, community

We are often blessed with many donated items. These donated items come in by the bag load and tractor-trailer load, and often include clothing, food and furniture.

Our donations coordinator has been working overtime of late. She has loads coming in day after day. One of the biggest blessings she has helped secure for our ministry has been thousands of pounds of donated chicken.

We have been blessed with so much chicken that we have been able to utilize it in our cafeteria, bless our staff with some of it, and also bless our community with it. On a recent Saturday, we had cars lined up nearly a mile long to come onto our campus and receive some chicken.

My travels recently took me to the Blackford-Breckinridge Baptist Association's annual meeting in Hancock County. I had a great meal as always, met some fine people, and made some great Oneida connections.

After spending the night across the river in Indiana, I then headed for Ohio County.

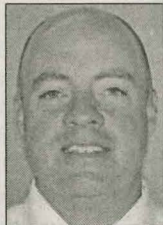
This donated chicken I mentioned earlier has been coming from Ohio County.

I was privileged to spend about an hour with a gentleman there who is running a fantastic ministry that serves that county and beyond.

I was blessed beyond measure as my new friend shared his heart and ministry for the people of Ohio County. Of

course I invited him to come and see Oneida and see the young people from across the world that he is helping us serve.

This is Oneida



Larry Gritton

Naturally, I told him we would feed him a great meal or two when he comes, and those meals most likely would be chicken.

Interestingly enough, we surveyed our students about our food in the cafeteria last school year.

Nearly every kid asked for more chicken. Ask and ye shall receive. I highly doubt any of our kids are now longing for more chicken.

When the Lord blesses us, it is our duty and privilege to bless others. If the Lord lays something on our hearts, we need to do it and we need to do it quickly.

As my travel companion and I listened to our friend from Ohio County tell us about what God was doing through his ministry, we were both compelled to open our wallets and give him what we had.

Between the two of us, it probably only amounted to about \$50, but the Lord can multiply our gift to serve and feed more people.

Every able-bodied Christian ought to possess at least three things—a Bible, a passport and some cash in case the Lord leads you to give to someone quickly.

Even if you don't have a passport, you can still serve the world by coming to visit Oneida.

Larry Gritton Jr. is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, a Christian boarding and day school. Website: oneidaschool.org. Phone: (606) 847-4111

Finding his way—Part 2

Online student Lawrence Parker continues his testimony

"Shortly after my conversion I started going to an in-depth discipleship program that taught not only the basics of doctrinal truth, but really some complex truths," Lawrence Parker said. "I was shown how to witness effectively and study the Bible effectively."

"I was invited to go to many events with the pastor. One of these events was a prayer conference. The whole conference had a theme of missions. I remember praying, 'God, if you can use me, here am I.'"

"Since that time I have been called out to preach," Parker continued. "The Lord has used me in revival services, as transitional supply and now as a church planter. I have stopped trying to figure out where God is leading me."

"I have found that when I try to figure it out, I seem to only hinder His leading because I will need to undo the vision in my head, and let Him put His vision in my heart."

"I am thankful for the opportunity God has given me to train for His calling," said Parker. "I would not be able to go to college if it were not for the

online format that Clear Creek offers.

"I have wanted to go to an accredited Bible college for quite some time, but neither had the time nor resources to move close enough to one."

Clear Creek Chronicle



Donnie Fox

"My life is completely full with ministry and part-time work, but with the convenience of taking classes online I am able to study when conventional college classes wouldn't be offered."

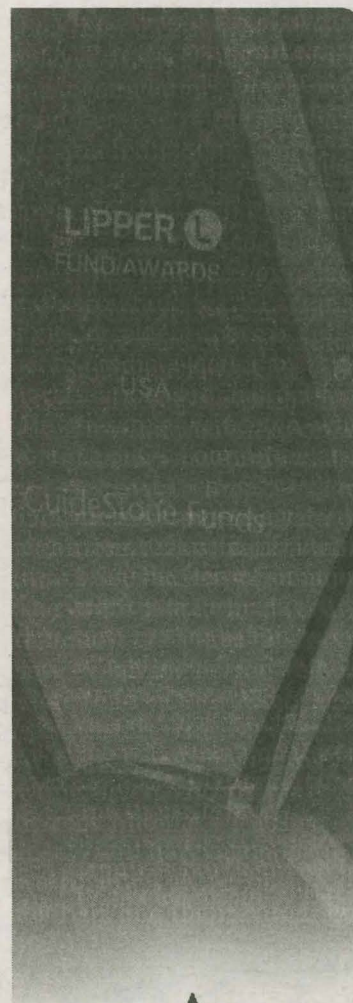
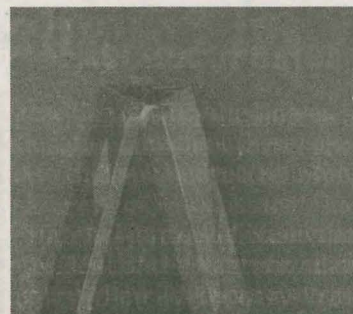
"I would encourage anyone in the ministry or any lay person who has a desire to know the Savior better to take classes at Clear Creek," said Parker. "I am also excited

about Clear Creek because they are accredited."

"There are many Bible colleges out there, but Clear Creek has worked hard to become a college that is recognized for its educational standards, not just denominational recognition."

"The cost of Clear Creek is totally affordable as well. I would encourage anyone to at least check it out before saying, 'I can't,' because you can, if God is in it."

Donnie Fox is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, 300 Clear Creek Road, Pineville, KY 40977; toll-free: (866) 340-3196; ccbbc.edu; email: dfox@ccbbc.edu.



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KBC KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 8 Girls in Action Jam
2014, First Baptist
Church, Shelbyville.
- 10 KBC Mission Board
Meeting, Living Hope
Baptist Church,
Bowling Green.
- 10 Kentucky Baptist
Pastors' Conference,
Living Hope Baptist
Church, Bowling
Green.
- 11 KBC Annual Meeting,
Living Hope Baptist
Church, Bowling
Green.
- 14 KBC/Baptist Campus
Ministries Collegiate
DR Training, Univer-
sity of Kentucky BCM
Building, Lexington.
- 14-16 All-State Junior
High Choir Retreat,
Campbellsville Baptist
Church.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

LOUISVILLE—The health ministry of Walnut Street Baptist Church will present a book signing with **Benjamin Mast**, author of "Second Forgetting, Remembering the Power of the Gospel During Alzheimer's Disease" after the Precious Memories worship service on Nov. 9. Mast is an associate professor in the department of psychological and brain sciences and an associate clinical professor in geriatric medicine at the University of Louisville. Signing immediately after the service at 12:15 p.m.

Bethlehem Baptist Church has called **Mike Towler** as pastor. **Steve Thompson** has served as interim pastor.

WACO—Panola Baptist Church will host the Kentucky Mountain Trio on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. **Marvin Neal** is pastor.

What's happening?

Send your church news and
association events to:

Mountains to the Mississippi

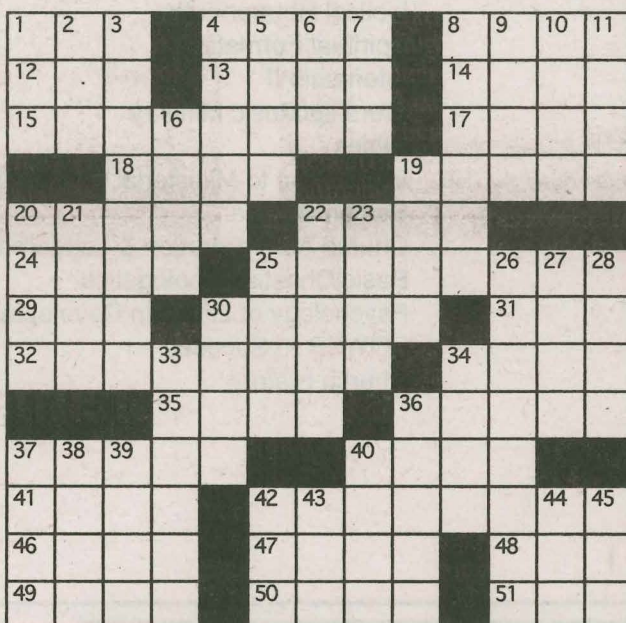
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Bible Crosswords

By Elaine Okupski

Across

- 1 To damage
- 4 "And Saul _____ unto David"
(1 Samuel 17:37)
- 8 Cushions
- 12 "Blessed _____ the meek"
(Matthew 5:5)
- 13 Son of Helem (1 Chronicles
7:35)
- 14 Operatic solo
- 15 _____ Goliath (2 words)
- 17 Genuine
- 18 Genesis garden
- 19 _____ of Two Cities
(2 words)
- 20 "The wine _____"
(Psalms 75:8; 2 words)
- 22 Man of brave deeds
- 24 Female rabbits
- 25 Sealing wax
- 29 Epoch
- 30 Member of the nobility
- 31 Anger
- 32 "Making a noise with
psalteries _____" (1
Chronicles 15:28; 2 words)
- 34 "They _____ not the bones till
the morrow" (Ephesians 3:3)
- 35 "The _____ are a people not
strong" (Proverbs 30:25)
- 36 "Yet offend in one _____"
(James 2:10)
- 37 "The _____ of his fire shall
not shine" (Job 18:5)
- 40 "_____! for that day is great"
(Jeremiah 30:7)
- 41 "The _____ of the Lord was
with him" (Luke 1:66)
- 42 David's friend
- 46 Father of Shammah
(2 Samuel 23:11)
- 47 Son of Jerahmeel
(1 Chronicles 2:25)



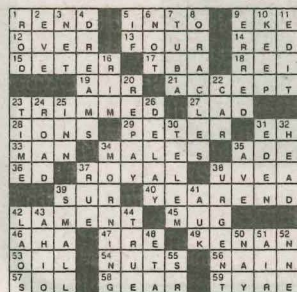
#17

- 48 Female sheep
- 49 "Thou shalt not build it of
_____ stone" (Exodus 20:25)
- 50 Wagers
- 51 Fourth letter of the alphabet

Down

- 1 "Lo, ye see the man is _____"
(1 Samuel 21:14)
- 2 Son of Jether (1 Chronicles
7:38)
- 3 Pastor's title
- 4 Having walls
- 5 "There was _____ sent
from God" (John 1:6; 2
words)
- 6 "There was no room for them
in the _____" (Luke 2:7)
- 7 Father
- 8 "And he was in the hinder
_____ the ship" (Mark
4:38; 2 words)
- 9 Length x width
- 10 Knob
- 11 Garage _____
- 16 The _____ of March
- 19 Son of Dishan (1 Chronicles
1:42)
- 20 Thought
- 21 "As _____ as I had eaten
it, my belly was bitter"
(Revelation 10:10)
- 22 "We hanged our _____
upon the willows" (Psalms
137:2)
- 23 Greek god of love
- 25 "For we know in _____"
(1 Corinthians 13:9)
- 26 "He said, It is _____" (John
19:30)
- 27 Teheran's country
- 28 Salamander
- 30 "Behold, I stood upon the
_____ of the river" (Genesis
41:17)
- 33 "_____ not your hearts"
(Hebrews 3:8)
- 34 "He shall bring a she _____
of the first year for a sin
offering" (Numbers 15:27)
- 36 Schemes
- 37 Middle eastern ruler
- 38 Book leaf
- 39 "_____ heart also will
I give you" (Ezekiel 36:26;
2 words)
- 40 "Casting _____ into
the sea" (Mark 1:16; 2
words)
- 42 Old Testament book
- 43 Metal-bearing rock
- 44 "Stand in _____, and sin
not" (Psalms 4:4)
- 45 Born, Fr.

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OBITUARIES

Ed Hewlett Sr., Clarence, N.Y.

Ed Hewlett Sr., 102, died Oct. 17 in Clarence, N.Y. He was Southern Baptist minister for more than 70 years, having served churches in Kentucky, Missouri and New York.

A graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Hewlett, while serving as a young pastor at Seven Hills Baptist Church in Owensboro, married Mildred Robertson, an accomplished musician, in 1937. Their marriage of 73 years was a partnership of service and ministry.

They are survived by three children: Sally Taylor, of Portland, Ore.; Ed Jr., of Clarence; and Janie Winscott, of Prentiss, Miss.; nine grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Hewlett also served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, before moving to St. Louis, Mo. He later was a trustee of both the former Foreign Mission Board and New Orleans Seminary.

After retiring from his St. Louis ministry in 1978, Hewlett worked with the Mission Service Corps in Rochester, N.Y., where they established Browncroft Baptist Church, which he served until 2001, continuing to preach even after he was 100

years old. He was active in the New York Baptist Convention, serving as its president.

Rodney Travis, Hopkinsville

Rodney Travis, 69, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, died Oct. 25 at his home following a long illness.

Services were held at Hopkinsville First, where Travis was a member and named pastor emeritus following his retirement.

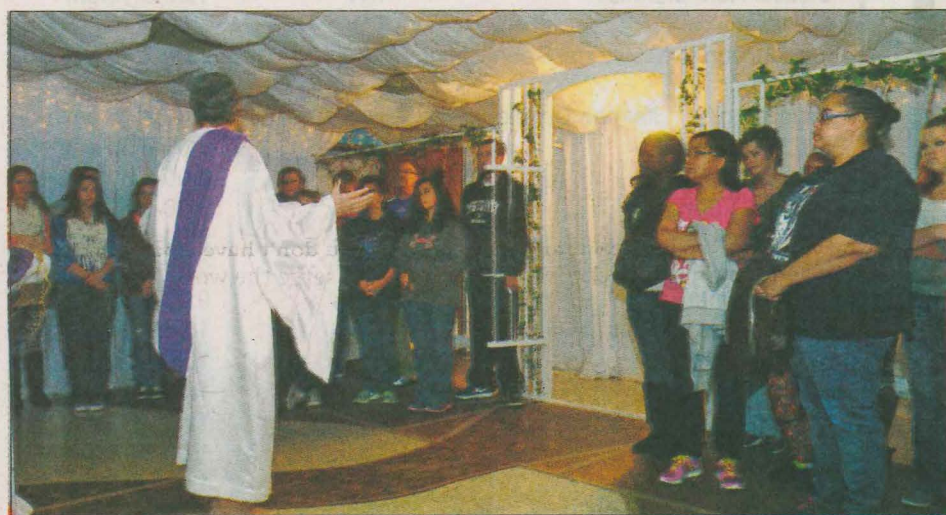
A native of Marion, he was a graduate of Georgetown College, Southern Seminary and Vanderbilt University. Travis served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri during his 42-years in the ministry, and he was president of the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1994.

He also served two terms as a trustee of the Western Recorder.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Tabor Travis; two daughters, Shawn Travis, of Elizabethtown, and Tiffany Travis Sexton, of Nashville; and three granddaughters.



Travis



More than 100 people worked to create Judgement House at Southside Baptist.

Southside's Judgement House sees 173 professions, 1,227 rededications

By Chip Hutcheson

Princeton—Southside Baptist Church in Princeton wrapped up its 18th annual presentation of Judgement House on Oct. 26, and church members are celebrating this year's effort as one of the most successful in the church's history.

There were 2,279 people who went through the drama, which focused on the events in the lives of four teenagers.

The church saw 173 people make professions of faith. Another 1,227 people said they had rededicated their lives after seeing the drama.

"From a pastor's perspective, Judgement House is the most productive evangelistic tool I have ever witnessed," said interim pastor Kent Workman. "The visual impact of the drama seems to prepare the hearts of the viewers for a willing acceptance of the gospel of Christ."

Approximately 100 workers from Southside were involved in the presentation, which lasted eight days.

Many churches use different actors to portray the same person as one travels from scene to scene. However, the same actor goes from scene to scene in Southside's production, enabling visitors to

more easily keep track of the characters.

"As a first time participant and counselor, it has been a special blessing to observe the groups as they go from one dramatic scene to the next," Workman noted. "I have seen the countenance and the tender reception of their hearts as God's redeeming love is proclaimed."

Vickie Roper coordinates the production, which involves a large group of students. Other positions needed involve set construction, counselors, door and hall workers, security, kitchen staff, nursery workers, greeters, prayer room, registration and clerical workers.

"In addition to the many who come in faith to a personal relationship with Christ, there is the blessing of seeing over 100 people work long hours over the preparation and presentation of this event. The joy seems to energize the physical fatigue and brings a unifying focus to the entire church body," Workman added.

This year's numbers show almost the same attendance as last year when 2,285 went through the drama. However, this year there was a marked spike in professions of faith—59 more. (WR)

Chip Hutcheson is publisher of the Princeton Times Leader and The Eagle Post.

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