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Oklahoma marijuana law concerns evangelicals

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) – Oklahoma’s adoption of what may be the nation’s most permissive medical marijuana law has left some evangelicals concerned the drug could gain an increased hold on the state.

“The approval of so-called medical marijuana is disappointing but not shocking,” Brian Hobbs, editor of Oklahoma’s *Baptist Messenger* newsjournal, said. “The culture in America is increasingly in favor of marijuana use, and this state question gives marijuana a dangerous foothold in the Sooner State. Christians need to redouble our efforts on warning people – especially young people – about the spiritual and physical ramifications of these mind-altering, addictive drugs.”

By a 57-43 percent margin, Oklahoma voters approved State Question 788, which legalizes medical marijuana without specifying the ailments for which it may be prescribed. The District of Columbia and the 29 other states to legalize medical marijuana all have laws specifying the conditions for which it may be prescribed, according to the *Tulsa World*.

Oklahoma’s law, approved by voters June 26, permits individuals 18 and older to obtain a medical marijuana license with the approval of “an Oklahoma Board certified physician.” Minors will be permitted to obtain medical marijuana with the signatures of “two physicians and the applicant’s parent or legal guardian.”

The law will take effect July 26, though the *World* reported it could take nine months or longer for the measure to be implemented.

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SWBTS donors pull funding

Caleb Yarbrough
Arkansas Baptist News

HOUSTON – In another development in the ongoing controversy surrounding Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a group of self-identified Southwestern supporters have expressed “disdain” with the May 30 firing of former Southwestern President Paige Patterson and rescinded their financial support until actions are taken to reverse the decision.

The message came in the form of a seven-page letter written by Gary W. Loveless of Houston, co-signed by 25 others.

Addressed to Kevin Ueckert, chairman of Southwestern’s Board of Trustees, as well as the executive committee of Southwestern’s Board of Trustees, Loveless’ letter claimed that the executive committee’s actions were not only a “complete miscarriage of justice” but also “illegal.”

“Dr. and Mrs. Patterson continue to have our absolute and unwavering support,” Loveless wrote on behalf of himself and the co-signing donors. “We have always had complete confidence that under Dr. Patterson’s wise stewardship, our financial gifts were Kingdom gifts to the Glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Loveless claims the donors’ past gifts have totaled “millions of dollars.”

The letter argues that the May 22 called meeting of Southwestern’s Board of Trustees in Fort Worth, Texas, at which Patterson was removed as the institution’s president and given the honorific title of president emeritus, was the point at which Patterson’s “professional fate ... and his relationship with Southwestern Seminary were determined.” Actions of the executive committee of Southwestern’s Board of Trustees to terminate Patterson on May 30 were “indefensible in their substance”

and “conceived and executed ... in the darkest of secrecy,” according to the letter.

The group asserts that during the 13-hour meeting May 22, Southwestern’s Board of Trustees did not offer Patterson proper “due process,” “equal access to the information provided to Trustees,” or the opportunity to participate in their discussions or to defend himself.

The letter claimed that comments made by Bart Barber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas, and a

member of the executive committee of Southwestern’s Board of Trustees, on the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Dallas June 13 were “false and slanderous.” Barber alleged Patterson refused to meet with or take counsel from Southwestern’s board, as well as that he actively worked “to undermine the legitimacy and validity of its board of trustees,” prior to his termination.

According to the statement released by Southwestern on May 30 announcing Patterson’s termination, the executive committee of the seminary’s Board of Trustees made the “immediate” decision to fire Patterson based on the uncovering of “new information ... regarding the handling of an allegation of sexual abuse against a student during Dr. Paige Patterson’s presidency at another institution.” The “new information” referred to information regarding Patterson’s handling of an alleged rape of a female student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during his tenure as the institution’s president.

The donors’ letter argues that the executive committee of the Board of Trustees maliciously chose specific language in their comments regarding Patterson’s firing in order to place blame where none was due.

“We submit you chose your words as you did because while



Paige Patterson (left), former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, gives the seminary’s report at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in St. Louis in 2016.

you knew Dr. Patterson had not done anything wrong, you nonetheless wanted to create the impression that he had,” wrote Loveless.

The donors also seemingly threaten future investigations by “the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Texas Attorney General’s office” as a result of Patterson being fired without “proper notice.”

The letter goes on to comment on reports that Patterson inappropriately took letters and other documents from Southeastern seminary after vacating the position of president there, correspondences that would eventually be relevant to the investigation of Patterson’s alleged mishandling of the sexual abuse of former Southeastern student Megan Nichols (Lively) in 2003.

In addition to claiming that Nichols’ statements regarding her rape were “contradictory” and “false,” the donors argue that Patterson’s use of the phrase “breaking her down” was in reference to an attempt to help Nichols by convincing her to change her story, without police present, “before she continued with such false statement to the police” and in order to avoid “a criminal conviction of making a false statement.”

Karen Swallow Prior, an English professor at Liberty University and research fellow for the Southern Baptist Convention’s (SBC) Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, commented on the Southwestern donors’ letter to the *Washington Post*.

“What we’re seeing is people who are committed to a person rather than to an institution or to the convention, putting their loyalty to a person ahead of their adherence to the principles of the institution,” Prior told the *Post*.

In her comments to the *Washington Post* July 4, Prior highlighted the irony that the donors’ letter questioned procedures revolving around due process while actively circumventing the SBC’s avenues for due process.

“It’s ironic, actually, that this letter, which is making complaints about alleged lack of due process, is also failing to follow due process within the Southern Baptist Convention,” said Prior.

“Since that was defeated, now we see something else enter into the picture, which is huge amounts of money. And there’s nothing Baptist or Christian about that,” she said.

Loveless, the letter’s author, is a member of Second Baptist Church, Houston, and a former Southwestern trustee, according to *Baptist News Global* (BNG) reports.

In 2009, Loveless donated \$1 million “to help the seminary purchase a collection of unpublished Dead Sea Scroll fragments offered for sale while he and his wife were in the Holy Land on a tour led by then-President Paige and First Lady Dorothy Patterson,” according to BNG.

Other signatories of the letter have been influential financial supporters of other Southwestern initiatives such as the construction of the \$30 million 3,500-seat J.W. MacGorman Chapel in 2011, according to BNG.

The chapel features stained-glass windows highlighting notable Southern Baptists, including W.A. Criswell, Adrian Rogers, Rick Warren, Charles Stanley, Bailey Smith, Richard Land, Jerry Falwell, Ronnie Floyd, Paul and Nancy Pressler, Frank Page, and Paige and Dorothy Patterson.

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The feeding of 1,100:

Camp Siloam opens new Cedar Hall

Lisa Falknor
Arkansas Baptist News

SILOAM SPRINGS - On June 21, historic Camp Siloam celebrated the grand opening of Cedar Hall, a more than \$3 million dining facility which seats 900 and feeds 1,100.

"On that day, I was thinking how much we can do together. Nine-hundred and forty-six people gave gifts that ranged from a little girl who left \$7.00 of her birthday money on my computer to the incredible gift of a million dollars and so many in between," said Jason Wilkie, executive director of Camp Siloam.

"I don't know how to thank everyone," Wilkie added. "Charles and Genevieve Bonner offered the incredible gift of a million dollars; Mac and Sandy Holleman gave the initial pledge; Wallace and Jama Fowler provided a capstone gift; J.B. and Johnelle Hunt finished out the campaign. It really is everybody working together."

Kaylee Searcy, 17, stopped serving as a T-2 camp volunteer to help celebrate the special occasion.

"The new dining hall feels clean, like what a summer camp dining hall should be," she said.

Cedar Hall offers five serving lines, four drink stations, a salad bar and "amazing" air conditioning, she said.

"It's not extravagant, but super functional - more than we could wish for."

Mike Seabaugh, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Mag-



Jason Wilkie, executive director of Camp Siloam, speaks to guests during the dedication of the new Cedar Hall dining room on campus June 21. During the raising of the money for Cedar Hall, Wilkie said he felt God stretched his faith as he battled worry over whether the campaign would be successful. "I had to trust Him on a moment-by-moment basis. He proved faithful through all of it."

nolia, and his wife, Laurie, agree that Cedar Hall is better than the former Hatfield Hall. Laurie Seabaugh said the new dining hall this summer saved the couple \$250 because they want to eat at camp now instead of eating out most meals. Mike Seabaugh has served as camp pastor every year since 1990.

Laurie Seabaugh, a member of the Camp Siloam board of directors, praised the new

hall's efficiency.

"They get everyone fed in-and-out in less than an hour," she said, adding that as a board member she knew firsthand that the camp "could not go on if this dining hall wasn't built."

"Cedar Hall is a testimony to the leadership the camp has in Jason Wilkie," said Mike Seabaugh.

"To not have a large congregation to count on or a big donor base ... it is a miracle it was able to happen. It affirms the purpose and cooperation of people working together and having a vision."

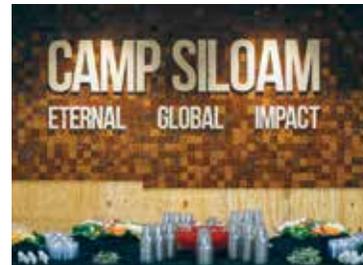
Bobby Clark, while serving as chairman of the Camp Siloam board from 2014-17, said he saw the Lord move miraculously to build Cedar Hall through the leadership of Wilkie and other board members.

"Camp Siloam has become one of the most impactful places in my ministry because God had His hand in everything we did," said Clark, pastor of Abbott Baptist Church, Abbott.

Clark said God uses camps:

"How many young men and women get saved and called to ministry at Camp Siloam?"

The numbers are "astronomical," said original trustee



Sandy Hinkson who challenged small churches to give money.

Hinkson said her church, Hebron Baptist Church in Little Rock, gave \$8,000 to the camp when the church only had 40 people.

"We can have a part in reaching young people, if not through our church doors then through the gates of Camp Siloam," she said, adding the new dining hall is just the beginning of what God wants to do at the camp.

Lisa Falknor is a northwest regional correspondent for the Arkansas Baptist News.

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Fifth statewide prayer conference set Aug. 27-28

LITTLE ROCK - The fifth statewide prayer gathering for ministers will be held on Monday evening, Aug. 27, and Tuesday morning, Aug. 28, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 501 N. Shackleford, Little Rock.

Focused prayer times will be facilitated by Arkansas pastors and leaders. Pete Lee, worship pastor of the Summit Church in North Little Rock, and the Summit Church Band will lead in worship through music.

Arkansas pastors, staff members, Arkansas Baptist State Convention agency and institution leaders, associational missionaries, students training for ministry, itinerant ministers, and retired pastors and staff members are invited to take part in the event.

There is no charge to attend. Registration opened July 9 at prayarkansas.com.

LifeWay 'Share the Word' provides free Bibles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Thousands of Bibles will ring up for free at the registers of LifeWay Christian Stores this summer.

It's an effort by LifeWay to help local churches take the Word of God into their communities through an initiative called "Share the Word. Together."

Churches of any denomination within 15 miles of a LifeWay store can sign up for a designated week in which each member of the church can visit the local LifeWay to pick up a free CSB personal gift Bible. Church members will then give the Bibles away in their communities.

More information is available at sharetheword-together.com.

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An exterior photo of recently completed Cedar Hall on the Camp Siloam campus.

Editorial & Opinion

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

The scorecard on the Communist-socialist agenda

In the mid- to late-1990s I had the privilege of traveling to Belarus on two occasions as a part of a partnership between the Missouri Baptist Convention and the "Christian-Baptists" – as the Belarusians called themselves – in the country.

Belarus, along with Russia and other countries in the region, was going through a tremendous amount of change at the time, following the fall of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1991.

As the world's first Marxist-Communist state, the Soviet Union had become one of the largest and most powerful empires in the world, occupying nearly one-sixth of earth's land surface.

The roots of the Soviet Union were born in October 1917 during the Vladimir Lenin-led Bolshevik Revolution, which overthrew a provisional government in Russia during World War I. In 1922, the Soviet Union was formed.

Many Americans grew up in a post-World War II nuclear era where the threat of war with the Soviet Union was real – so much so that many children of the 1950s regularly participated in safety exercises at school.

The world rejoiced at the fall of the Soviet Union, which was replaced by the Russian Federation. Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Russia has enjoyed an economic renaissance of sorts on the world stage, with the "new" Russia's implementation of "state capitalism."

The country I found when

traveling to Russia in the 1990s was nothing like I previously perceived. While the prevailing thought in the United States was of a powerful industrialized country, what I witnessed was a depressed and mostly agricultural state.

Pressing On

Tim Yarbrough

Phil. 3:14

What I found was that the people of Belarus were

warm, friendly and desperate to hear the gospel.

As our group visited Belarusian high schools, we were allowed to openly share the gospel. The auditorium of every school we visited was packed, with students many times standing in the aisles in order to get a glimpse of the Americans.

On one occasion, after others and I shared our Christian testimonies, dozens of young people came forward to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

On Sunday when we worshipped with fellow believers, the congregation would hear from up to four preachers! Services that would start in the morning hours would continue on for hours into the afternoon.

The Christian-Baptists in the country were quick to embrace their newfound freedom from government interference that previously limited freedom of worship, speech and assembly. They built churches as quickly as they could – always in fear that things would change again. Sadly, since those days, many of the Communist-inspired policies have been reinstated, limiting religious

freedoms in Belarus.

With all of the talk about Russia in recent years, I have been doing a bit of self-study on the country, which eventually led me to read the book, "The Naked Communist," written in 1958 by political theorist W. Cleon Skousen, a former FBI agent.

Essentially, the book argues that the Marxist-Leninist Soviet Union was attempting a geopolitical strategy to overcome and control all of the world's governments that were not members of the then-Communist bloc. Prominent conservatives today point to the book as essentially laying out the entire progressive plan to fundamentally change America – 60

years ago.

Long before today's conservatives took note of Skousen's work, the U.S. House of Representatives and members of Congress took notice of the book, which laid out "45 Declared Goals For The Communist Takeover Of America." U.S. Rep. Patricia Nordman of De Land, Fla., had the Communist goals read into the Congressional Record on Jan. 10, 1963.

There isn't space in this column to recount all of them, but I wanted to highlight a few that I believe are of particular significance to 21st century American Christians:

– 17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism

and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

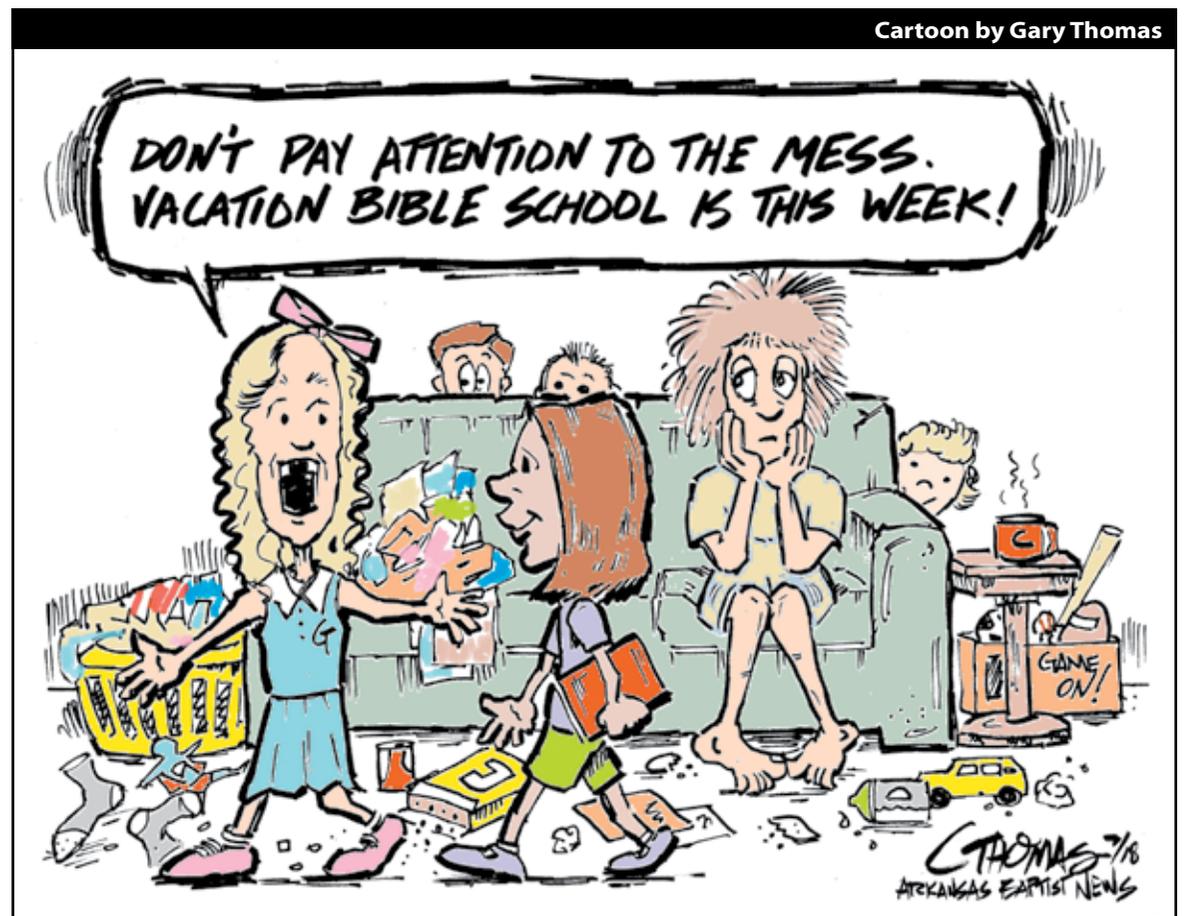
– 20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, policy-making positions.

– 21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

– 25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

– 26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural,

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How should Christians use Old Testament Law?

When Christians seek growth in their faith, church leaders encourage them to read the Bible. Often they start with the New Testament, then read the Old Testament. When they do, they encounter the Ten Commandments, and they often try to follow them. However, when they read the dietary code in Leviticus, they wonder, "Should we follow these, too?"

They may at first try to live by these laws. However, when they learn that there are 613 commandments, they realize it's not that easy. If they decide to obey all of them, they soon realize that it is impossible to follow all of them all of the time. When they break one of the laws, they would have to try again. This cycle would continue each day, every day, throughout their lives.



Baptists Ask

Ken Gore

This not only becomes frustrating and burdensome, but also takes a lot of theological maneuvering to keep such a practice intact.

After attempting to follow these laws, many believe the best thing to do is simply to ignore them. Since the Law is in the Old Testament, they assume there is no reason to worry about it. However, is it possible to sweep all 613 laws away? These very laws reflect the beliefs of a holy and righteous God. The Law of God is still active; it has neither been demolished nor gone away.

When Christians learn that it is neither feasible to follow the laws nor correct to ignore them, believers do their best to understand their use. They remember that, since Christianity came after the cross and the resurrection, Christians actually read the Old Testament backwards. Jesus did not come to destroy the Law; He came to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17). Since no Christian can fulfill the Law better than Jesus did, believers are called to live in right relationship with God through Jesus. By doing this, the Law is therefore fulfilled in their lives, as they walk with the Lord through the Holy Spirit.

Christians also learn that the laws were never created out of coercion or anger; they were created out of love. The law code came as a result of the Covenant, not before it; therefore, the Law was always embedded in relationship with God. Obedience does not create relationship; instead, relationship causes obedience. God calls His people to holiness (Lev. 19:2), and the only way to be holy like God is to "mirror" Him — to reflect who He is.

The Law, therefore, is a reflection of who God is. God called His people to that relationship. Christians, therefore, should see the Law not as commandments to live by, but fulfilled by their Savior Jesus, Who satisfied it for them. Because the Holy Spirit abides in believers, they then are to live holy lives to God.

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The Arkansas Baptist News (ABN) exists to assist Kingdom work by informing, inspiring and involving Arkansas Baptists through meeting needs of people, spreading the gospel, making disciples and growing God's work in Arkansas and beyond.

**We advocate for the cause of Jesus Christ.
We report the news based on our Christian worldview.
We uphold high standards of journalism and Christian ethics.**

Caring for God's children

Some of my most precious childhood memories were made during the summer months when the days were longer and our schedules were not so hectic. There was time for slower mornings, imaginative play, building indoor forts, attending vacation Bible school and running through the sprinkler for hours on end.

As I reflect on these memories, I cannot help but think of the many children who are currently in the care of Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries. They, too, are embarking on new adventures and are hopeful for fun days ahead.

I am blessed to be a part of

the ministry team that serves single mothers and their children who live at the Little Rock Family Care Home. It is a privilege to get to know them on a personal basis and to hear about summer wish lists and plans to create their own special memories.

Due to the generosity of Arkansas Baptists, there will be family trips to local water parks, days spent at the Little Rock Zoo, respite from the heat while learning to ice skate, or educational experiences at the Museum of Discovery. Many of our moms will be making summertime memories with their children for the first time in a long time due to recent reunification. Others are now able to focus on having fun with

their children versus merely surviving. It is such a blessing to witness a mother and her children planning family outings that will forever be etched in their minds. Due to the safe, stable and structured home environment offered at the Family Care Home, many of these families are now able to envision a summer filled with new experiences and adventure.

Please continue to pray for those whom we serve through residential care, family care, counseling and foster care. May this be a summer of new beginnings, special memories, spiritual growth and a full understanding of the love which the Lord has lavished on us.

Aamie Mason is the Little Rock assistant area director for Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries.



ABC Homes

Aamie Mason

WBU: Academic diversity

Here's something that seems to surprise folks about Williams Baptist University (WBU): About 6 percent of our students are preparing for careers on church staffs. That means 94 percent of Williams students are preparing for careers outside the church, with majors like biology/pre-medicine, psychology, business, education and others.

That is a key reason our name has changed from Williams Baptist College to Williams Baptist University. The new name simply describes the academic diversity of Williams better than our old name did.

Here's another point that's just as important as the first: Although only a fraction of our students are studying to become church staffers, our goal is to prepare 100 percent of WBU students for ministry. You see, every career can and should be a platform for ministry.

Williams graduates enter careers where they are well-prepared to serve, whether it's the boardroom, the classroom, the operating room or anyplace else. They are also equipped to reach the world for Christ, armed with tools like a Christian worldview,

Bible knowledge and, in many cases, invaluable experience as student ministers and missionaries.

The mission of Williams is "to provide an excellent, holistically Christian liberal arts education while compassionately shaping students' lives."

Let's focus on that word "holistically." If something is holistically Christian, it is Christian through and through. Our lives should not be lived in worldly fashion

with a Christian component on the side. We should strive to be consistently, thoroughly Christ-like. The same is true of higher education.

A university experience that is holistically Christian is built on a Christian worldview in the classroom, across all subjects. It is taught by professors who believe and understand that the God of all creation is foundational to the study of every academic discipline. It surrounds students in a warm, loving and personal Christian environment that allows them to become all that God designed them to be.

To be clear, WBU has an outstanding Christian ministries program that is preparing men and women for fulfilling careers in churches



and on the mission field. We pray God calls even more students into this excellent field of study!

But we also rejoice at the students who will be awesome ministers through a host of other career possibilities.

That new name, Williams Baptist University, reflects an institution that exists to make disciples across all academic disciplines and through all career pursuits.

Editor's Note: Williams Baptist University was established as Southern Baptist College in 1941. The institution announced it would be changing its name to Williams Baptist University in 2018.

Brett Cooper is vice president for institutional advancement at Williams Baptist University.



Williams Baptist University

Brett Cooper

Letters to the Editor

Pence speaking at SBC

Thank you for printing the letter by Vivian Meins of De Witt (*Arkansas Baptist News*, June 28, 2018). She had an awful lot to say and needed to express her opinion – and I do mean her opinion, not necessarily facts.

Our country does not have any leaders who are without fault, but I support Vice President Pence over so many others. Our country has so many complicated problems to solve, and name-calling does not bring us together to work for a solution. I appreciate Mr. Pence being invited to speak to us Baptists in the Dallas meeting.

Mary Ann Vance
Morrilton

Politics and biblical values

This is in response to Vivian Meins' letter in *Arkansas Baptist News*, June 28, 2018.

I am not writing to debate her. It would take a full page to accomplish that. My question for her is this: What would a representative of the Democratic Party have to offer me as a Bible-believing Christian?

Would they disavow their party platform and tell me:

1) They no longer support abortion?

2) They will support the biblical definition of marriage being between one man and

one woman?

3) They agree that each of us is created by God and born with the biological sex God wants us to be?

4) They support my right as a Christian not to honor or support sinful activities which the Bible admonishes against?

5) They now allow Jesus and prayer back in schools and public meetings as the founding fathers did?

I see no biblical values in the Democratic Party platform.

I am an elderly man living on Social Security, and I enjoy the fact that President Trump's tax plan has allowed me to keep more of that money, which is unlike the Democrats who want to repeal his plan.

John F. Hinkle
Appomattox, Va.

Misled by hype

Steve Gaines – as being a high level leader in Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) work – has a responsibility to be very careful [in his] actions, in my opinion.

[He is] an effective (quote: "God's supernatural power is greater than any problem Southern Baptists have. ... Stop talking about how big your problem is, and start talking about how big your God is") preacher and SBC pastor who was doing great things in "person to person," "street"

evangelism in Memphis.

My question is this: What was gained by his joining publicly a group that wanted to have Confederate monuments removed? Besides national news, this was covered in *Arkansas Baptist News*. He got his way with a very suspicious – at night no less – move to get it done. He did not have a part in the removal, except for a public endorsement of the removal. I was embarrassed and shocked about his adding his name to a request to a state historical commission.

How was God glorified by (Confederate soldier) Bedford Forrest's (grave of him and his wife) statue being removed?

Of personal note: I visited this site and was discussing the situation with a policewoman who happened to be black and was guarding [the statue] before the removal. She was very versed on the situation, and said, "This stuff about Bedford being a KKK member is blown out of proportion. It is like Michael Jordan selling tennis shoes. Yes, he wears them, but his image is being used to sell more. Same with Bedford," she said.

Additionally, I happened to inquire of black passersby, not one was offended by the statue. (It's sad how the public is misled by hype. We as Christians need to be very careful.

Mike Woodside
Paragould

Baptist 'business leader' submissions being sought

LITTLE ROCK – Nominations for the third annual *Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN) Business Leader of the Year are now open, and it's up to ABN readers to nominate a businessman or businesswoman they feel is worthy of consideration.

"The ABN wants to bring attention to Arkansas Baptists who are making a difference for Christ in the lives of others and through their businesses and in the marketplace," said Tim Yarbrough, ABN editor/executive director.

Past recipients are John

David Neeley, president of Neeley Forestry Service in Camden, in 2017, and Jim Gillis, owner of Gillis Inc., a construction company located in Jonesboro, in 2016.

Candidates should be a resident of Arkansas, a member of an Arkansas Southern Baptist church and actively involved in ministry in his or her church and in other areas.

To nominate someone, please include the following: 1) name, phone number, email and church membership of the submitter; 2) name, phone number, email and church

membership of the candidate, and 3) a 200-400 word essay explaining why the candidate should be considered for Arkansas Baptist Business Leader of the Year, including the impact he or she makes in the business world, as well as his or her involvement in church/ministries/missions.

Submissions must be received on or before Nov. 1.

Email nominations to tim@arkansasbaptist.org or mail to Arkansas Baptist Business Leader of the Year, *Arkansas Baptist News*, 10 Remington Dr., Little Rock, AR 72204.



Our mission team outside a Belarusian church in 1998. Everywhere the group went Belarusian people were hungry to hear the gospel and to worship our Risen Lord.

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healthy."

– 27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a "religious crutch."

– 28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."

– 29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.

– 30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."

– 31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the "big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.

– 32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture-education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.

– 38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can

understand [or treat].

– 40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

– 41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.

– 42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use ["united force["] to solve economic, political or social problems.

For a complete list of the goals listed in the Congressional Record, visit beliefnet.com and search for "communist goals."

Well, for me, this is pretty scary stuff, because in my lifetime I believe that our country has seen many of these goals accomplished.

There is no doubt that our country is under assault by a hidden enemy that is invading the minds of those who wish to fundamentally change America and remove and abolish any vestige of its Judeo-Christian heritage.

Of course, behind it all is the total depravity of man, driven by the desires of the Evil One, who seeks to bring bondage to the free, and destruction of souls.

May God help us in these days, and bless us with His Spirit in bringing a sweeping renewal and revival to our fractured land.

Tim Yarbrough is editor/executive director of the *Arkansas Baptist News*.

World Changers returns to LR for 12th year of ministry

Sarah Davis
Arkansas Baptist News

LITTLE ROCK - While some teenagers waste away their summer days, others volunteer to work in the sun and share

the love of the Son. "The younger generation gets such a bad rap. People think they don't care about anything, but these students are a great testament," said Megan Conley, a World

Changers representative. "They are willing to work in the hot sun all day long for a week to show others that they care about a community they've never been to before."

A total of 200 students and adults from seven states served in Little Rock through World Changers June 11-16. During the week, volunteers completed 17 projects, including 13 home rehabs and four backyard Bible clubs.

With the help of Little Rock's housing and neighborhood programs, World Changers has completed 281 projects over the past 12 summers.

"I just spent the past two years renovating the inside of my house," said May Harden, one of the homeowners helped



A World Changers participant works on a house in Little Rock. Photo by Sarah Davis

this year. "It was going to take me a while to save money to renovate the outside, but with World Changers and the city program, I can get it done now."

Bailey Mammen, a student from Lawson, Mo., has participated in World Changers four times.

"Seeing how we impact peo-

ple's lives is really cool," Mammen said. "Getting the opportunity to come and work for them is amazing, but we also get to share the love of Jesus through our work."

Julio Villarreal from Clinton, Mo., has worked with World Changers twice.

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New students need to take time to organize

Sarah Davis
Arkansas Baptist News

SUMMER DOESN'T last forever. While many children and teens will begin their school routines once again in August, another group of students will be entering a new phase of their lives: college.

College is a four-year blur with fun memories and loads of stress, and the first year can be the most stressful. Moving away from family can make students anxious. Learning to live with a roommate for the first time is not the easiest task.

While those are difficult to overcome, the biggest challenge freshmen have in college



is time management.

"Throughout my years in higher education, I've seen students have a difficult time balancing their schedule," said Amber Grady, dean of students at Williams Baptist University. "You hear that all the time, but it can be very overwhelming if you aren't accustomed to it."

Between classes, outside schoolwork, activities, responsibilities, jobs, friends and sleep, students can find there are not enough hours in the day.

"The college schedule operates differently, and what you learn quickly is that you're the only one managing all the things you have to do," said Hannah Pilcher, resident director for the freshman girl's dorm at Ouachita Baptist University. "It's definitely an adjustment and usually takes a full semester or so, but students figure it out as they go."

One way to prepare for college is to start resting during the summer and getting organized for the upcoming school year.

"Students need to take advantage of the time to rest. While they are doing that, they

need to start mentally preparing themselves and think through what is going to be different about college," said Grady. "They need to ask people who have gone to college or reach out to the resources that are available to them at their college."

It's also important for freshmen to understand that failure is inevitable in college.

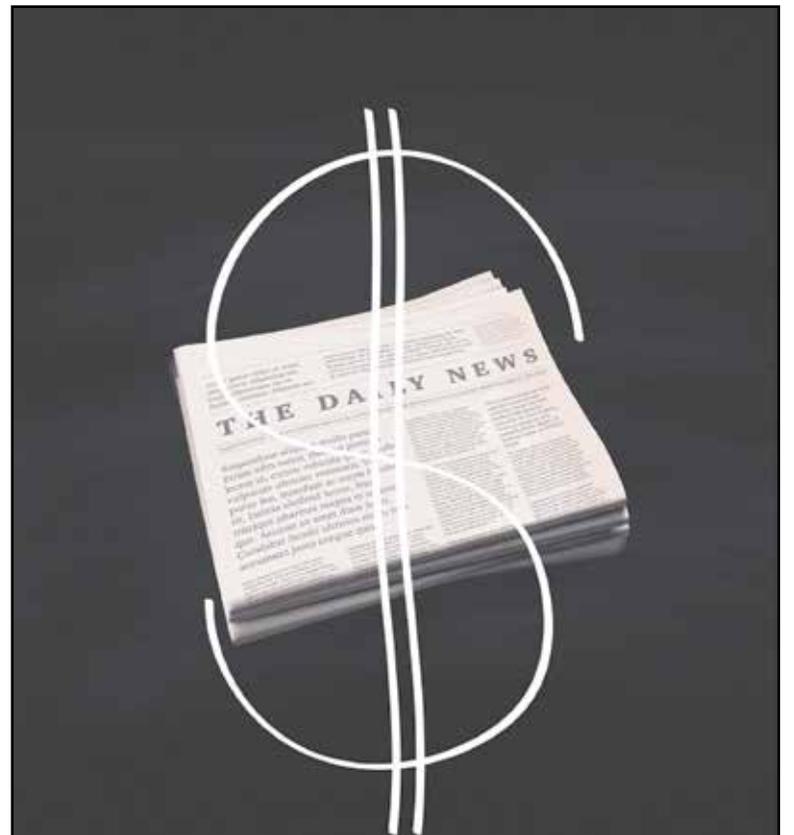
"Students often struggle the most in college after they experience a significant failure," said Ryan Scantling, campus minister for Conway Baptist Collegiate Ministry. "When a college student messes up and makes a significant mistake, they need to know that God still loves them and desires to use them. He does not discount them based on their failings."

The most successful students in college are not the ones with the highest ACT score or who graduated valedictorian of their high school class. That doesn't matter. The most successful students in college are the ones who learn how to manage their time and how to move past failure.

Contact Sarah Davis at sarah@arkansasbaptist.org.



A new routine and the rigors of the college environment necessitate that new students stay organized.



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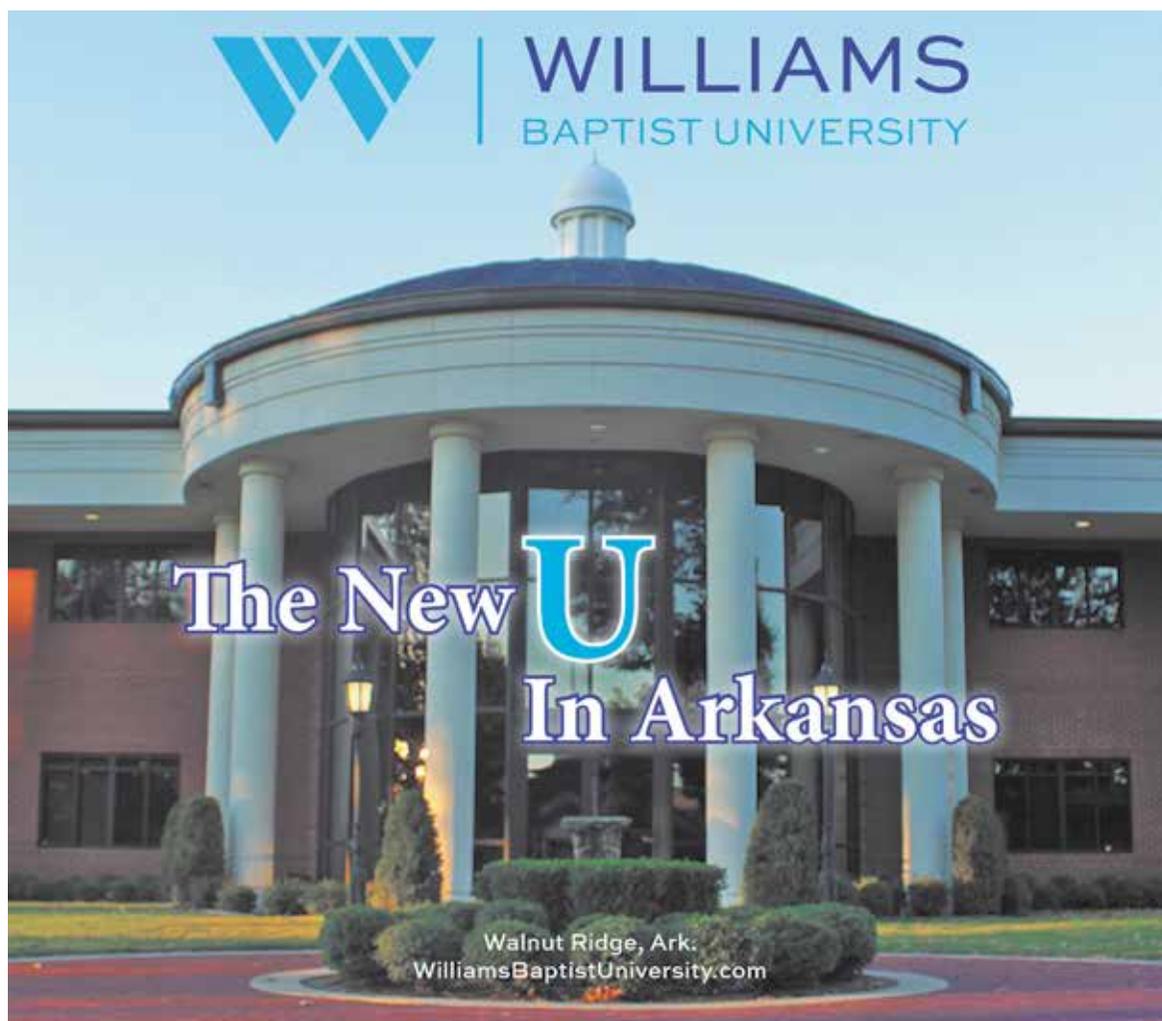
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Five tips to staying organized in college

STUDENTS NEW to the college environment and routine may want to take into consideration the following tips for staying organized in college.

Use a planner or electronic calendar

The best planners or electronic calendars have the monthly and weekly pages. After your first day of classes, take your syllabi and record every homework assignment, paper, project and test for each class you have. It's better if you color-code your classes.

Keep track of your syllabi

Yes, you may have it all recorded in your planner, but each syllabus has specific instructions on how long a paper needs to be, details of the class project and how many absences you can have without being penalized. Many syllabi are available online; make sure you know how to find them quickly when needed.

Make a semester spreadsheet

Record every major due date (papers, projects, book reports or tests) from every class into one spreadsheet or Word document. This will help you see what's coming up and let you focus on what's a priority – the closest due date.

Make a weekly to-do list

Every Sunday night, look at your upcoming week. On a piece of paper or on an electronic device, record what you need to do for each day of the week: job, homework or extracurricular activity. Keep that list handy so that you can cross out each item once you complete it.

Don't be afraid to ask for help

Ask the professor after class or in an email; a professor wants to help you. There are other resources available if you have a question: tutoring centers, resident assistants.



New challenges at college require students to hone their organizational skills.

Evangelicals hopeful in Kennedy departure

WASHINGTON (BP) – Evangelicals are hopeful of a conservative shift in the highest court of the land following the announcement of another U.S. Supreme Court justice's pending retirement.

Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement effective July 31, ending 30 years of service that began with his 1988 confirmation in the Ronald Reagan administration.

Kennedy's resignation opens a second seat for President Donald Trump to fill.

In 2017, Congress amended rules to allow confirmation of justices by a simple majority vote, enabling the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Southern Baptist ethicist Russell Moore noted the gravity of the upcoming appointment.

"This vacancy on our nation's highest court is a critical one," said Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

"As Justice Anthony Kennedy leaves the bench, he leaves what I see to be a mixed legacy. On the one hand, he was an important voice on high-profile cases involving religious liberty and free speech. But at the same time, he persistently denied justice to unborn children and authored the disastrous Obergefell decision.

"I'm praying that the next associate justice will be fully committed to life, family, religious liberty, and human dignity," Moore said.

Trump announced he would nominate a replacement from a standing list of 25 possibilities, presumably the list he published in November 2017.

Kennedy, the court's lon-

gest serving member, was considered a moderate voice. He supported same-sex marriage on one hand while protecting religious liberties on the other.

"It has been the greatest honor and privilege to serve our nation in the federal judiciary for 43 years, 30 of those on the Supreme Court," Kennedy said in a statement at the close of the court's term, indicating a desire to spend more time with his family. Kennedy turns 82 in July and was the oldest justice behind 85-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Jerry Johnson, president of National Religious Broadcasters, joined many in noting the importance of Kennedy's replacement.

"This week's 5-4 decisions are a vivid reminder that we must have Supreme Court justices who honor the values of life and liberty at the very core of our Republic," Johnson said in a press release.

"Free speech and religious liberty hang in the balance, and those values would have suffered dearly if Justice Gorsuch had not been on the bench. I urge President Trump to nominate a Constitution-honoring individual in the mold of Justice Scalia once again, and for the Senate to confirm him or her quickly."

Michael Farris, president of Alliance Defending Freedom, expressed appreciation for Kennedy's service while noting his varying opinions.

"He deeply disappointed many Americans with his constitutional jurisprudence favoring abortion and same-sex marriage," Farris said in a statement shortly after Kennedy's announcement. "But we also praise Justice Kenne-

dy's insight and forceful celebration of First Amendment freedoms, his sensitivity to the danger of authoritarian government, and his refreshing

desire to preserve and teach the necessity of freedom of speech to future generations."

During the most recent Supreme Court term, Kennedy

wrote the majority 7-2 opinion in favor of Colorado Christian baker Jack Phillips, who refused to design a wedding cake for a same-sex wedding.



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Churches join together to make impact

SEVERAL CHURCHES celebrated the beginning of summer by hosting mission days. Through block parties and medical and dental clinics, churches were able to reach local community residents and share the gospel. Two separate events took place May 19.

First Baptist Church in Stephens hosted a community block party with the support of eight other churches in the community, which contributed with volunteers and money. Prior to the mission day, the

churches held a combined worship service. The block party was a way for them to then minister together. In all, 160 people attended the block party, and two people made professions of faith.

“I think the block party served to encourage the churches in our town. Our congregations are small, and it’s easy to be discouraged,” said Stephen Suffron, pastor of First Baptist. “We also got to share the gospel and connect unchurched people with

the gospel. We showed the community there is life in our churches.”

Fellowship Community Church in Forrest City hosted a medical and dental clinic and community block party on the same day. Volunteers saw 28 patients and extracted 36 teeth. The mission outreach resulted in three salvations.

“The clinics are absolutely free and open to everyone. The evangelism team presents the gospel to each patient on a one-on-one basis,” said Jennifer Allbritton, medical and dental coordinator for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. “The ministry helps the local churches provide much needed services while also sharing the gospel with the lost.”

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Davis writer-reporter for ABN

LITTLE ROCK – Sarah Davis, a recent graduate of Ouachita Baptist University (OBU), is serving as a writer and reporter at the *Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN).

Davis graduated from OBU with a bachelor’s degree in Christian ministry and mass communications.

Previously, Davis worked for two years in the OBU news bureau in the office of communications under Trennis Henderson, former ABN editor, and she also served as the summer intern for ABN in 2017.

“My experience as an intern was so wonderful, and I’m excited for the opportunity to be back,” said Davis. “This is a great ministry. I’m thankful I can be a part of it.”

Davis is a past recipient of the newspaper’s commu-

nications scholarship.

“Today, perhaps more than ever, journalism and communications need dedicated individuals like Sarah



Davis

who lift high the mission of Jesus Christ and seek to honor Him in all they do. We are grateful to have her serve on our team, if just for a season,” said Tim Yarbrough, ABN editor/executive director.

Davis’ duties will include writing, editing, photography, field reporting and assisting with newspaper archives, website and social media updates.

Davis plans to stay in Arkansas for a couple of years before moving to Utah as a missionary and starting a ministry to the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



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Obituaries



Nita Faye Taylor Miller Moore, 85, of Little Rock, died June 24. Her husband, Don Moore, is a retired executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock.

Moore was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock and had served as a member of Baptist Tabernacle and Parkway Place Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Her ministries of outreach and teaching were very meaningful. Her ministry of prayer, speaking to women's groups, encouragement through written notes and the giving of "Jesus Calling" devotional books touched many lives.

Moore was preceded in death by a sister, her husband of 39 years, Fred Miller, and a son.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, two daughters, 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

Church life

Smithville Baptist Church, Smithville, will hold revival during its morning services at 11 a.m., Aug. 12. The evening service is at 7 p.m., Aug. 13-15.

Gary Winters is the featured speaker.

First Baptist Church, Kensett will host a senior adult revival Aug. 13-15 for the churches in Calvary Baptist Association. The speaker is Lynn Riley from the church health team of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock. For more information contact Calvary Baptist Association at (501) 729-3101.

Baptist life

Literacy Missions Training Workshops will be held July 13-14 at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention building in Little Rock. For more information visit absc.org/literacy.

PraiseWorks and **JoyWorks** will be held July 16-20 at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. For more information visit praiseworksarkansas.com or joyworksarkansas.com.

Engage Youth Camp will be held July 16-20 at Camp Paron in Paron. For more information visit campparon.com.

On the move

Bryson Long is serving as children's minister at First Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge.

Jan Gaddis is serving as a counselor for Calvary Baptist Association in Judsonia.

Father-son baptized; boy reached at Awana, father during home visit

TRUMANN - Maple Grove Baptist Church in Trumann baptized father and son, Julio and Isaiah Carillo, on Sunday, June 3.

The boy accepted Christ during Awana, and his father surrendered to God when men from the church visited their home.



Julio and Isaiah Carillo

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Pocahontas church 'unbelievably thankful'

POCAHONTAS – More than \$100,000 in damage to a historic Arkansas Baptist church was incurred during a freak accident recently.

First Baptist Church in Pocahontas was concluding Sunday school June 24 when a powerful thunderstorm pushed through the area –

bringing with it an unexpected disaster.

Lightning struck the church's bell tower, destroying a decorative concrete pillar. Large chunks of concrete fell through the roof and into the facility. Several pieces of the pillar fell into the hallway on the third floor. One chunk of concrete crashed into the church's balcony and split a pew.

"We are very thankful that no one was sitting there yet," said Eric Moffitt, pastor of the church. "Ten or 15 minutes later, someone would have been sitting there, and it certainly would have harmed them."

Out of everything damaged – the roof, floors, ceilings, pews, sound equipment and phone network – not a single person walked away with an

injury that morning.

"Thanks be to God that no one was seated. Thanks be to God that no one was out in the hallway at that exact moment," said Moffitt. "We had some people in the balcony that were making preparations on the sound system before service, and they had just left before the incident."

The church's roof has been repaired, and it took a week of moisture removal to dry the church out. The phones have been repaired, and there have been some repairs to the ceiling.

Other elements destroyed will take longer to fix as the church tries to match them architecturally, said Moffitt.



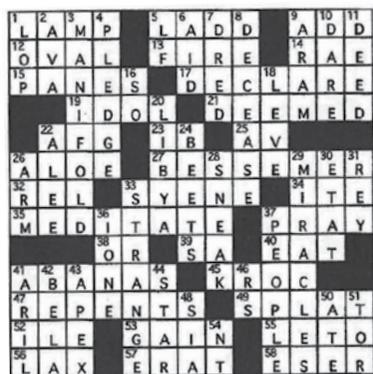
A lightning strike on the bell tower of Pocahontas First Baptist Church resulted in more than \$100,000 in damage. Thankfully, no one was hurt in the incident.

"We are unbelievably thankful for the gracious hand of God in that moment," said Moffitt. "We definitely felt the protection of the Lord."

First Baptist is one of the historic churches in northeast

Arkansas, according to the church's website. One of their pastors was H.E. Williams, the founder and first president of Southern Baptist College, now Williams Baptist University in Walnut Ridge.

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"World Changers made me realize how much work I should put into my community and spreading the Word. A lot of people aren't as fortunate as I am, and they don't have a relationship with Jesus," Villarreal said.

In 1990, World Changers

was started under the Memphis-based Brotherhood Commission as a way to provide a weeklong mission project for students.

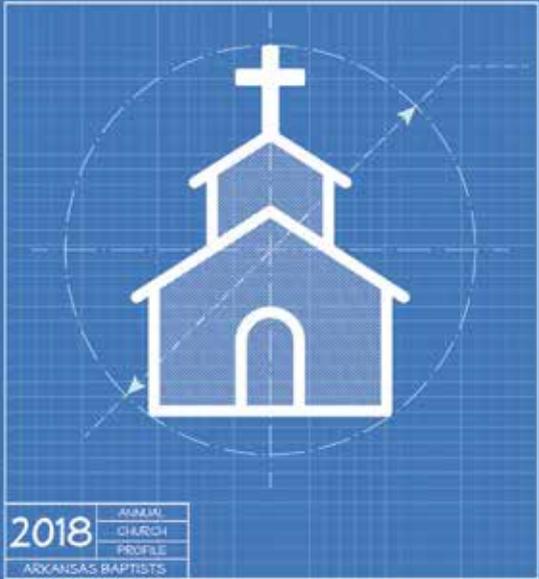
Now supported by the North American Mission Board and sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources, World Changers has provided mission projects for more than 300,000 volunteers in the past 28 years.

Starting this year, the organization will include the mis-

sion projects formerly known as P2 Missions – a church planting mission project – and Infusion Missions – an urban mission project – under the World Changers banner to now offer construction, church planting and urban missions in dozens of cities.

World Changers was held in Fort Smith June 25-30, where they have completed 113 projects in the past six years.

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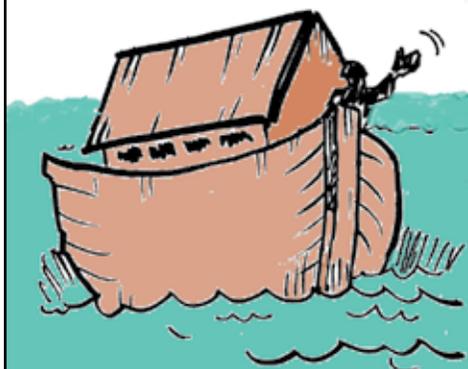
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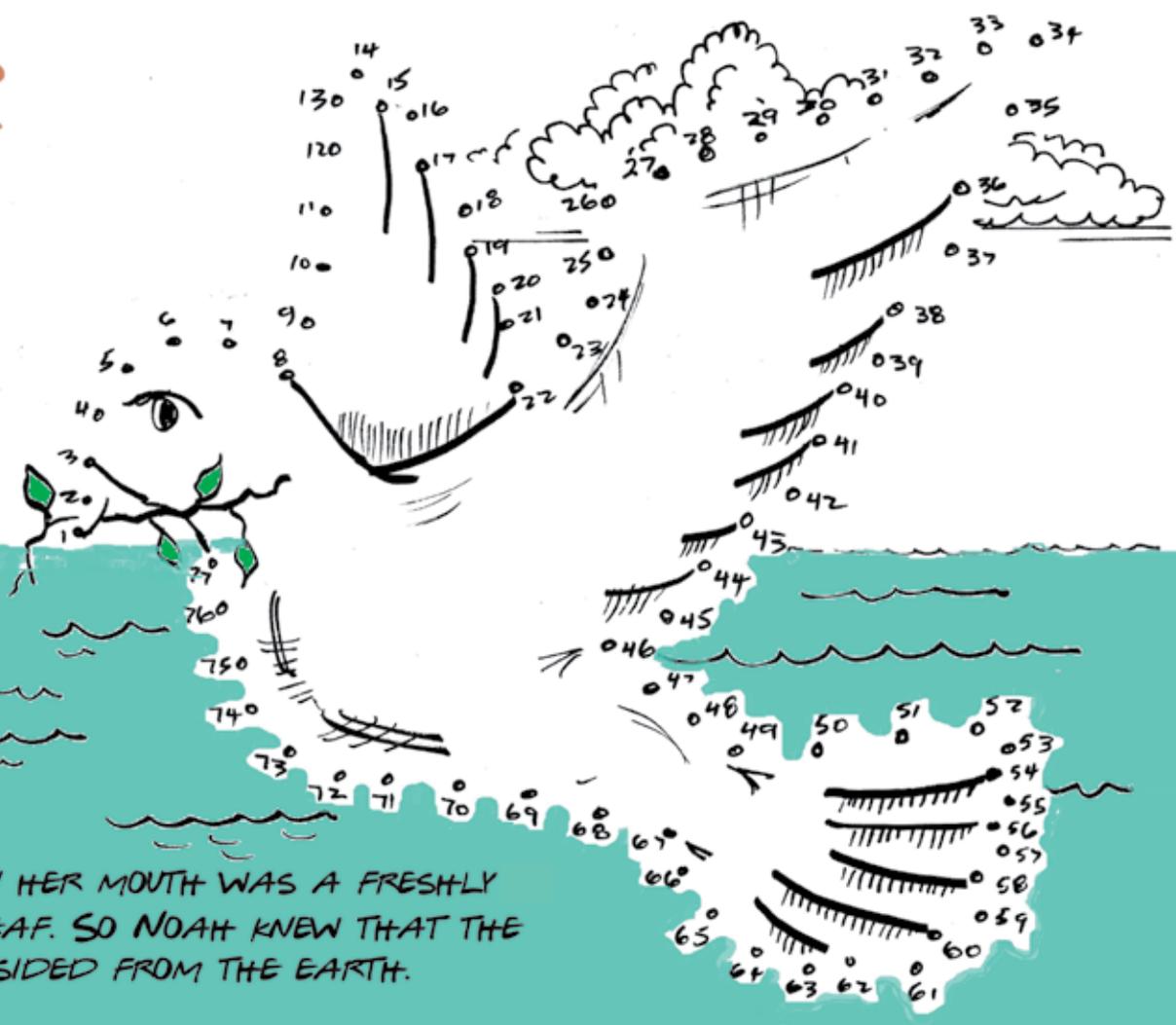
"An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."

2 Timothy 2:5 (CSB)

CONNECT THE DOTS TO DISCOVER WHAT GOD USED TO HELP NOAH.



"...AND BEHOLD IN HER MOUTH WAS A FRESHLY PLUCKED OLIVE LEAF. SO NOAH KNEW THAT THE WATERS HAD SUBSIDED FROM THE EARTH. (GENESIS 8:11)



Across

- 1. "Thy word is a ___ unto my feet" (Psalm 119:105)
- 5. Actor Alan
- 9. "___ iniquity unto their iniquity." (Psalm 69:27)
- 12. Egg shaped
- 13. Oust
- 14. Feminine name
- 15. Rectangular sections
- 17. "The heavens ___ the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1)
- 19. Object of adoration
- 21. Believed
- 22. Asian country (abbr.)
- 23. In the same place (Lat.)
- 25. So-so (abbr.)
- 26. "perfumed my bed with myrrh, ___, and cinnamon"
- 27. Pioneer in steel
- 32. Kin (abbr.)
- 33. "from the tower of ___ shall they fall" (Ezekiel 30:6)

Down

- 1. "the Lord of hosts shall ___ the bough with terror" (Isaiah 10:33)
- 2. Star of The Barefoot Contessa
- 34. Inhabitant of (suffix)
- 35. "in his law doth he ___ day and night" (Psalm 1:2)
- 37. "they love to ___standing"
- 38. Either ___
- 39. Continent (abbr.)
- 40. Munch
- 41. Of a Damascus river (2 Kings 5)
- 45. The man behind McDonald's
- 47. Feels contrite
- 49. Sound of a dropped melon
- 52. ___-de-France
- 53. "if he shall ___ the whole world" (Matthew 16:26)
- 55. Apollo's mother in myth
- 56. Careless
- 57. He was (Lat.)
- 58. Anglo-Saxon slave

- 3. "Yet thou in thy ___ mercies forsook them not" (Nehemiah 9:19)
- 4. "What ___ shall I give thee?" (Genesis 38:18)
- 5. Direction for printer (abbr.)
- 6. First ___
- 7. Slave Scott
- 8. To die
- 9. Son of Kemuel (Genesis 22)
- 10. "for a good man some would even ___ to die" (Romans 5:7)
- 11. Act
- 16. King of Egypt
- 18. Lift (Fr.)
- 20. Tripoli is the capital
- 22. Toward the wind
- 24. Red root vegetables
- 26. Branch
- 28. Move stealthily
- 29. "for no man can do these ___" (John 3:2)
- 30. State (Fr.)
- 31. King (Sp.)

- 33. Alien
- 36. Bulwer-Lytton heroine
- 37. "sin is a reproach to any ___" (Proverbs 14:34)
- 41. Seed covering after fertilization
- 42. Lugosi
- 43. Peak
- 44. "the bright and morning ___" (Revelation 22:16)
- 46. Currency of India (abbr.)
- 48. A Nethinim family, the children of ___ (Nehemiah 7)
- 50. Chewed
- 51. Anderson's High
- 54. Bib. div.

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In the 2002 film “Catch Me If You Can,” Leonardo DiCaprio starred as Frank Abagnale Jr., one of the slickest con-men in American history.

Abagnale’s first “con,” at age 15, took advantage of his own father who had provided him with a vehicle and a credit card for purchasing gas. Abagnale devised a plan in which he charged automotive products to the card, only to return them for cash refunds.

Abagnale eventually, between the ages of 17 and 21, would adopt eight different identities which he used to infiltrate numerous careers and con people out of money across the country. After being caught and serving prison time in France, Sweden and the United States, Abagnale began working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and started a financial fraud consultancy business. Abagnale’s wikipedia.com page describes him as “one of the most famous impostors ever.”

More than 2,000 years before Abagnale was impersonating professionals

in America, there was a biblical character who could be placed on the list of greatest imposters; his name was Absalom.

In 2 Samuel 15, we read that during the reign of King David, Absalom, David’s third son, acted in a similar fashion to Abagnale when he “stole the hearts of the men of Israel,” convincing them that he was their king (2 Sam. 15:6).

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Deposed

2 SAMUEL 15:10-16,24-30

Four years after he first began infiltrating David’s throne, Absalom sent “agents” throughout the tribes of Israel. Who continued

to trick the people into believing Absalom was their new king. Absalom’s followers grew, eventually including David’s adviser Ahithophel, and David was forced to flee his palace in fear, weeping as he retreated to the summit of the Mount of Olives “where he used to worship God” (2 Sam. 15:32).

Absalom’s cons dishonored God. Believers should seek to follow God’s will instead of their selfish ambitions.

Most Christians understand that prayer is important. Yet, in spite of this, most of us fail to consistently pour our hearts out to God.

In Nehemiah 1, we read that while Nehemiah was in the city of Susa, he heard word from his brother, Hanani, that the Jewish remnant who survived the exile were in “in great trouble and disgrace” because Jerusalem’s wall had been broken down and its gate burned (Neh. 1:3).

After hearing the news, Nehemiah “sat down and wept” and “mourned for a number of days, fasting and praying before the God of the heavens” (Neh. 1:4).

In his prayer Nehemiah acknowledged God’s greatness and the fact that He keeps His covenants with “those who love him and keep his commands” (Neh. 1:5).

Nehemiah lifted up his fellow Israelites to God, confessing his people’s sins, “Both I and my father’s family

have sinned. We have acted corruptly toward you and have not kept the commands, statutes, and ordinances you gave your servant Moses” (Neh. 1:6-7).

Nehemiah asked God to remember His promise that if Israel is “unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples. But if you return to me and carefully observe my commands, even though your exiles were banished to the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I chose to have my name dwell” (Neh. 1:8).

Nehemiah closed his prayer by affirming that Israel is God’s people, asking God to be “attentive to the prayer of your servant and to that of your servants who delight to revere your name” (Neh. 1:11) and to grant him success and compassion.

Like Nehemiah, in our prayers, we should lift up the needs we recognize around us, acknowledge God, confess our sins and ask God for guidance.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Pray

NEHEMIAH 1:1-11

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In 2 Samuel 15, we read how Absalom cunningly conned much of Israel into following him instead of his father, King David. In 2 Samuel 19, Absalom’s insurrection ended with him being killed by David’s army.

In this passage we see: 1) the destruction that comes from disobeying God, 2) the power of emotion and familial love, 3) the power of counsel and 4) the power of being unified by a common trust in God.

Absalom’s selfish attempt to overtake his father’s kingdom was folly, and the price for his sin was his life.

When David heard the news that his son was dead, he broke down, covered his face and cried, “My son Absalom! Absalom, my son, my son!” (2 Sam. 19:4). Regardless of the fact that Absalom had become his enemy, David couldn’t help from loving his son. It’s never easy to lose a close family member or child, regardless of their failures in life. In this emotional depiction, we are presented with David’s raw humanity.

We can understand David’s sorrow

following Absalom’s death from the perspective of a father grieving the death of his son. However, in grieving his son, David was also grieving the one who had attempted to take his rightful throne. This, understandably, did not sit well with David’s people, as it made them feel that their king stood on the side of his enemy instead of on the side of his people. It took the counsel of Joab, a fellow believer, to remind David of his kingly role and responsibilities to his people.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Restored

2 SAMUEL 19:1-15

Upon receiving Joab’s counsel, David reached out to the priests

Zadok and Abiathar, who sent word petitioning his people to return to him, and they did.

“So he won over all the men of Judah ... Then the king returned” (2 Sam. 19:14-15).

The counsel David received from Joab reminds me of the counsel that I receive from my Christian brothers and sisters during my own trials of life. I thank God that He made us to live in communion with fellow believers – that we might help one another.

My wife, Chelsie, likes to joke that she is a planner, while I like to figure things out as I go.

If we are going camping, Chelsie likes to make sure everything is prepared and packed way ahead of time, while I often find myself remembering this or that on the day of our departure, consequently delaying our departure or, at the very least, frustrating my wife.

It’s true that Chelsie is a better planner than I, but that does not mean that I do not respect the discipline of planning and being prepared. I very much do. In fact, I often find that, when I proactively plan things using lists and other organizational methods, I am much more productive!

This concept of planning versus flying by the seat of one’s proverbial pants is not just a good idea if one doesn’t enjoy annoying their more organized and punctual friends and family; it’s a biblical concept.

In Nehemiah 2, Nehemiah petitioned the king of Persia for approval to go and rebuild his homeland, the land

of Judah. Nehemiah did not make his request haphazardly; he made his request with a plan, a plan that he bathed in prayer (Neh. 2:4-5).

The king asked Nehemiah how long his journey would take and when he would return, and Nehemiah was able to answer him because of the plan Nehemiah had made (Neh. 2:6).

Nehemiah went on to request letters from the king in order to ensure his safe passage and provide him with the material necessary to rebuild the city of his ancestors (Neh. 2:7-8).

After traveling to Jerusalem, Nehemiah shared what God had placed on his heart to do for Israel, “You see the trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned. Come, let’s rebuild Jerusalem’s wall, so that we will no longer be a disgrace.’ I told them how the gracious hand of my God had been on me, and what the king had said to me. They said, ‘Let’s start rebuilding,’ and their hands were strengthened to do this good work” (Neh. 2:17-18).

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Plan

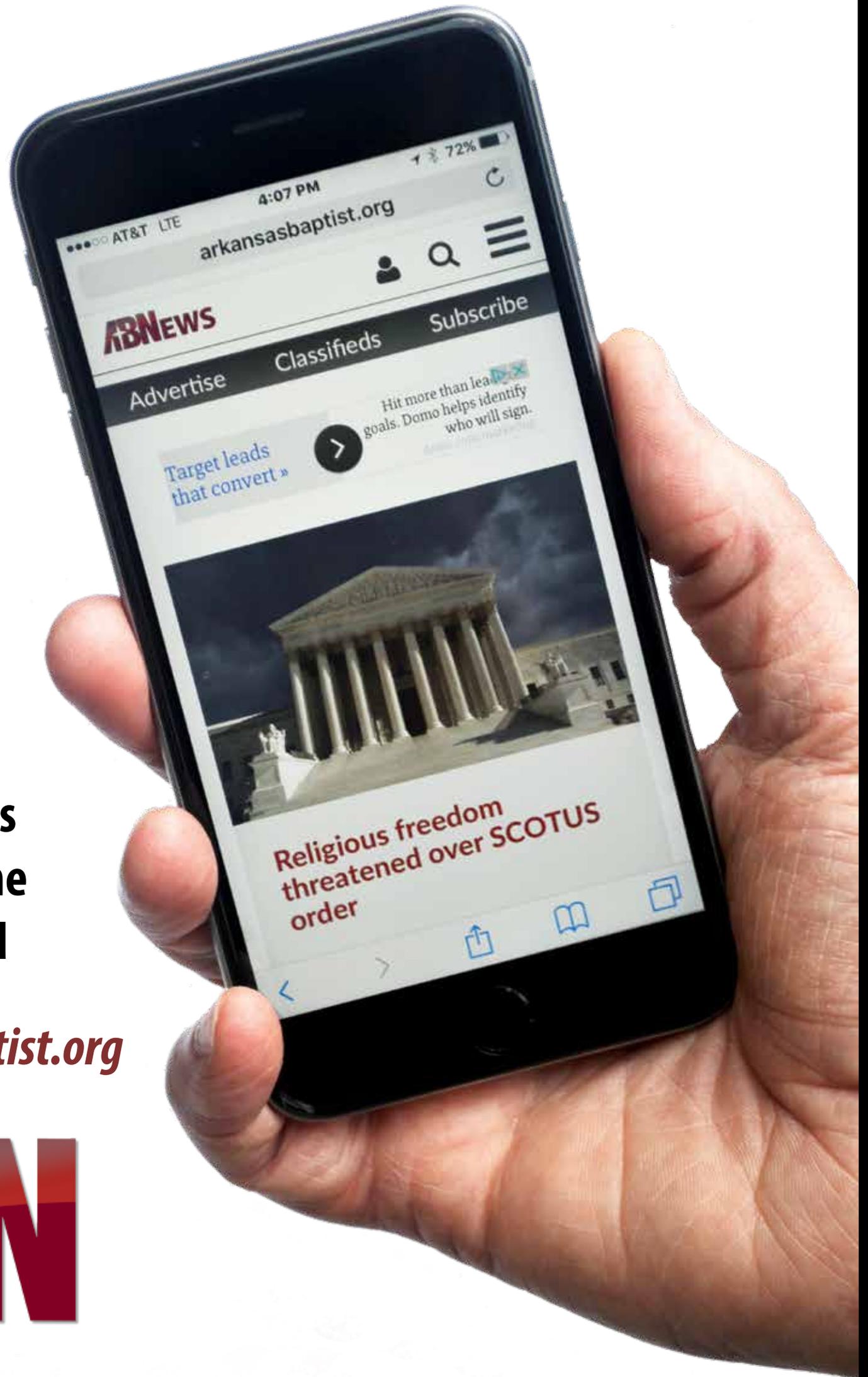
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