



## ABN Digest

Stories of interest  
to Arkansas Baptists

### Trans order challenged by 10 more states

LINCOLN, Neb. (BP) – Ten more states have signed on to sue the Obama administration over its transgender directive that forces schools to allow students to use restrooms and locker rooms that correspond to their perceived gender identity rather than their biological sex. “It’s putting school districts in a terrible position,” said Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson, who took the lead on the latest round of lawsuits. “It’s trying to push a certain agenda through our school systems, and we need to simply stand up and say this does not make sense.” Nebraska, along with Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming, filed an injunction in federal court July 8 in Nebraska against the joint mandate from the Department of Education and the Department of Justice.

### 1st Amendment Defense Act gets first hearing

ST. LOUIS (BP) – After stalling in Congress for more than a year, First Amendment Defense Act (FADA) had its first public hearing July 12 in the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. FADA prohibits federal government discrimination based on marriage beliefs – including in tax treatment, accreditation and federal licensing. “What an individual or organization believes about marriage is not – and should never be – any of the government’s business,” said Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, FADA’s Senate sponsor. “And the First Amendment Defense Act simply ensures that this will always be true in America.”

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# FBC, Hatfield, shares Christ through hoops

Caleb Yarbrough  
*Arkansas Baptist News*

HATFIELD – The sound of rubber basketballs bouncing, flying through the air and making contact with orange metal targets has become a staple of the start of many summer vacations of children who live in and around Hatfield, a community of less than 500 located about 12 miles southwest of Mena at the Arkansas-Oklahoma line.

For the past five years, and usually coinciding with the first or second week of students’ summer break, First Baptist Church, Hatfield, has partnered with Sports Ministry Outreach to conduct what has become a popular Christian basketball camp for children.

In 2007, Bill Chamblee, then minister of activities/recreation at First Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, was asked by First Baptist’s missions committee to travel to Illinois and lead a sports camp for a church there. The experience led Chamblee to conclude that God was calling him to use his passion for recreation as a catalyst to share Christ with hundreds of people, mostly children, each summer.

“As a Christian I don’t think you have a right to retire from anything. You don’t retire from life,” said Chamblee. “I knew I still needed to be doing what God wanted me to do. So I said, ‘Wait a minute, coaching kids and sharing the gospel.’ I thought ‘That’s clever.’ So after doing that camp up there, I said, ‘God, you led me to do that, and that’s what I want to do the rest of my life.’”

Sports Ministry Outreach – previously known as the Sports Ministry of North Texas – was founded by Chamblee in 2008 after his retirement from First Baptist, Denton, where he served on staff for 35 years.

Chamblee does not charge churches to do a sports camp; however, he does ask host churches to provide local volunteers to help him lead the camp. Members of First Baptist – ranging from teenagers to senior citizens – volunteered to help put on this year’s basketball camp held May 30-June 2 at the former Hatfield High School (closed in 2005) gym, now a multi-use municipal recreation facility.

Scott O’Rear, pastor of First Baptist, Hatfield, said the annual basketball camp has been an excellent outreach and ad-



A boy takes a shot during a skill-building game as part of a basketball camp hosted by First Baptist Church, Hatfield. Sports Ministry Outreach, a sports camp ministry out of Denton, Texas, led the basketball camp. Photo by Caleb Yarbrough

dition to their existing vacation Bible school (VBS) and Camp Agape, a camp for children with parents in prison.

“We get just as many salvations from this group (children attending basketball camp) as we do out of vacation Bible school. Vacation Bible school

will have 10 or 11, and here we will have 10 or 11,” said O’Rear. “Two-thirds of these kids will not come to vacation Bible school; two-thirds of the kids who come to vacation Bible school will not come to

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## Arkansas Baptist News announces staff changes

LITTLE ROCK – *The Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN) has announced staff changes that have occurred over the past several months.

**Circulation coordinator.** Barbara Vick has been named the ABN circulation coordinator. Vick, who is fluent in Spanish, is a former missionary with the International Mission Board (IMB). She and her husband, David, served in Argentina from 1978 to 2007, where Vick was office assistant and secretary for the Theological Institute in Obera, Misiones, Argentina.

Vick’s other responsibilities while in Argentina included serving as instructor for “Experiencing God” at the Institute, serving on the national women’s organization, design-

ing and publishing promotional materials and maintaining a database of ministry professionals serving in Buenos Aires. Other positions Vick has held since leaving the mission field include serving as



Vick

volunteer coordinator and citizen relations coordinator for the city of Rosenberg, Texas. Vick, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, is a member of

First Baptist Church in Hot Springs.

**Writer/copy editor.** Margaret Colson, who has served as special projects editor for the *Arkansas Faith & Family* magazine produced by the ABN, is now a writer and copy editor.



Colson

Colson is a graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She worked for 12 years with the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) before starting Dempsey Communications in 1992. She also serves as executive director of Baptist Communicators Association.

Colson is a member of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., where she and her husband, Keith, co-teach a multi-generational Sunday school class.

**Associate editor.** Caleb Yarbrough, who has served

the ABN in the positions of summer intern, media specialist, staff writer and assistant editor, has been promoted to associate editor. His responsibilities now include reporting, editing and assisting with editorial management.

Yarbrough is a graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., where he earned a degree in advertising from the Grady School of Journalism and Mass Communications and a degree in history from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. He was recently engaged to Chelsie Kauffman of Little Rock, and he is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock where he plays guitar in the church’s contemporary service.



Yarbrough

# Expository Preaching Conference trains pastors

Micah Overstreet  
Arkansas Baptist News

**TUMBLING SHOALS** - In a quiet little town two miles north of Heber Springs, a church with a congregation no more than 75 on an average Sunday morning has greatly impacted the lives of Christians worldwide for the past 19 years.

Since 1997, the Expository Preaching Conference (EPC), hosted yearly by Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church, has trained more than 1,500 pastors in biblical preaching and ministry.

"Many of the pastors who attend the EPC are not, and probably will not be, seminary-trained. This weekend is often the closest they will come to being formally educated in biblical preaching and ministry," said Brad Johnson, pastor of Tumbling Shoals Baptist.

"They are provided the opportunity to sit under the teaching of one of the top preaching professors in the world, Dr. Hershael York,

(professor of Christian preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and senior pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky.), and under a man who has been preaching expository sermons for 51 years, (Arkansas itinerant preacher) David Miller. When each participant leaves the conference, he is given a copy of Logos Bible Study Software, by far one of the best biblical study resources available," said Johnson.

The conference began as the brainchild of Miller in 1997.

After serving as director of missions for Little Red River Association for 25 years, often counseling preachers on how to preach seriously from the Bible, Miller retired in 1995 and began looking for another mission position to fill. He then held the first

EPC by hosting 15 men and their wives. The event now welcomes about 50 participants and their spouses annually. The conference is sponsored fully by Tumbling Shoals Bap-



David Miller (above), an itinerant preacher for more than 50 years, speaks about biblically based preaching at the Expository Preaching Conference hosted at Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church. Hershael York, (lower left) professor of preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., preaches during the conference held recently at the church.

tist Church and Miller's ministry, Line Upon Line, which focuses on the deliberate verse-by-verse preaching of God's Word.

"Expository preaching is in direct contrast to 'prodigal preaching,' where you read one verse and depart from it, nevermore to return, and preach more on your own opinion than God's Word. It is also not 'skyscraper preaching,' which happens 'when you tell one story on top of another,' said Miller. 'I like the old-school. I believe that when folks come to church, they ought to open their Bible, and the preacher ought to preach

seriously out of that text.'"

The EPC at Tumbling Shoals is one of four annual conferences hosted by Miller and York throughout the country.

Tumbling Shoals has allowed for a vast amount of world change through offering the EPC, believes Johnson. Cross-cultural aspects of the conference have emerged over the years with Latino and Vietnamese churches sending pastors for training. Also, at the conclusion of the conference, Tumbling Shoals gives a 10-minute presentation about its mission organization, International Church Planters (ICP).

Ryan Bush, head of ICP, said several EPC-trained preachers have already either begun to help with various projects or plan to travel with ICP in the future.

The popular conference often has to turn people away, and a waiting list for subsequent years now fills up regularly, according to Johnson.

"I think EPC made me reappreciate expository preaching," said Josh Raspberry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Corning. "The reminder has helped me as I prepare each week. Instead of trying to force my viewpoint on the passage, I look for what's in the Word and what needs to be shown to my congregation by exposing the text and breaking down what the original author was trying to say to the original audience to show how that



## Severe storm closes Baptist building

ARKANSAS BAPTIST disaster relief (DR) volunteers were deployed to various locations in central Arkansas following severe storms that swept across the Natural State July 14, leaving more than 100,000 people without power.

Little Rock area storms were so severe that power to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) building in Little Rock was knocked out from around 6 p.m. July 14 to around 9 p.m. July 15, resulting in the building being closed July 15.

In all, 129,000 electric customers lost power as a result of the storms, according to the Entergy Arkansas website.

The outages were caused by damage resulting from "thunderstorms and straight line

winds as strong as 70 mph," Entergy reported, adding "As weather clears, Entergy crews will begin by assessing damage and restoring power as quickly and safely as possible."



Some areas received a deluge of rain in a short period of time. For example, North Little Rock received 1.35 inches of rain during the brief period of the storm.

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported that wind gusts

at Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport/Adams Field were measured at 68 mph and that at 6:17 p.m. the Federal Aviation Administration evacuated the control tower. Flights at the airport were suspended for a short time.

According to Randy Garrett, ABSC DR director, DR volunteers from Balboa Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village, Central Baptist Association in Benton and The Church at Rock Creek, Little Rock, deployed to Benton.

Eleven volunteers helped clean up a single site in which a large tree had fallen and hit the resident's home, barn and three automobiles.

"(We are) still monitoring to see if there are any additional needs," said Garrett.

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### Pokémon Go drawing gamers to church

ST. LOUIS (BP) - Chris Martin, an author developer at LifeWay Christian Resources and longtime Pokémon enthusiast, urges churches to engage Pokémon Go players coming to their church. In recent days Martin has written several posts on his blog, *millennialevangical.com*, educating churches on the game and helping them see the mission potential of reaching out to gamers. "When you have people literally coming to your doorstep, I would almost go as far as to say it is your responsibility to engage these people - whether they are there for Pokémon Go or they are looking for directions," Martin said. "If circumstances deliver people to your doorstep, I think you'd be smart to serve them." Martin recommends that pastors whose churches are Pokestops or gyms should try to become somewhat familiar with the game in order to converse with players who come to your church grounds. Even on Sunday mornings during regularly scheduled worship services, Martin says there still may be players on church grounds.

### Nice attack spawns prayer, questions

NICE, France (BP) - A terrorist attack July 14 in Nice, France, that left at least 84 people dead has prompted calls for prayer as well as speculation on the role Islamic extremism may have played. "Please pray for the people of France and others who are affected by this tragedy," said International Mission Board (IMB) spokeswoman Julie McGowan. McGowan was unable to disclose locations of IMB personnel at this time due to security concerns.

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# 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)

## 'Lawlessness will be increased'

**A**nd because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold" (Matt. 24:12, ESV).

Respect and an adherence to the rule of law are the foundation of society. When that is broken, there is anarchy.

As I write this there is brokenness in our country.

The rhetoric of our secularist society has resulted in numerous families losing their loved ones who wear a badge and who are charged with upholding and undergirding the laws of our nation.

The more we are set adrift from the underpinnings of what made the United States of America a great country, the further we slide down a

path of destruction. When people start murdering police officers in cold blood on our streets, we know the day of our Lord is near.

Space doesn't allow me to go into statistics that debunk the narrative of the radical

### Pressing On

Tim Yarbrough

Phil. 3:14

left and its lies - resulting in prompting a man to load a semi-automatic weapon and set out to gun down those among us tasked with maintaining order in our land.

What is clear in the aftermath of these senseless shootings is for us in our desperate condition to call out to God to pour out His Spirit and to save us from ourselves.

I have heard numerous

friends and family members say - as I have said myself - "It can't get much worse than it is today."

Well, according to my reading and understanding of Scripture, it very well can until the Church and God's chosen people rise up.

We must start each day by praying for our state, our country and our world, petitioning the God of the universe to have mercy on us and grant us a great movement of His Spirit, cleansing and reconciliation.

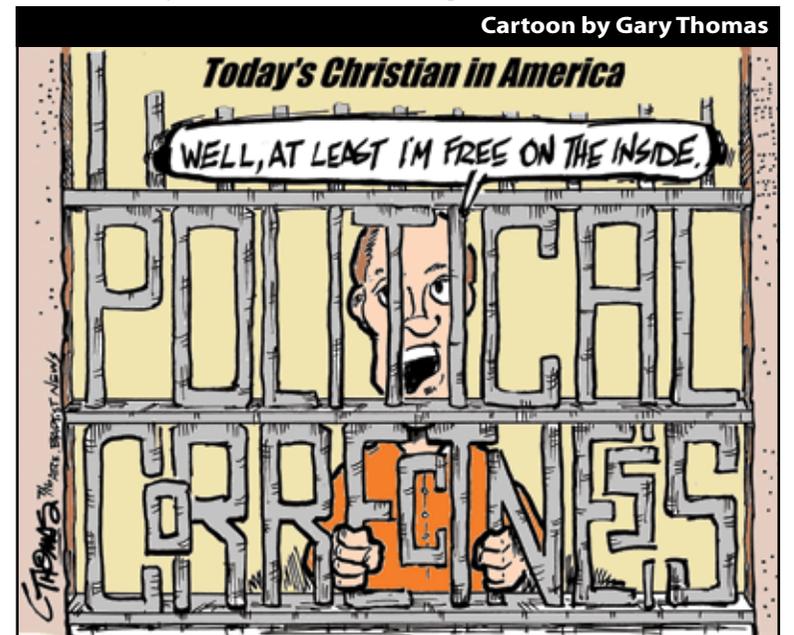
Scripture tells us that not all will be saved and come to knowledge of the Father - but that doesn't mean that we give up and leave it to chance. We see all too vividly what happens to a country when it turns its collective heart away

from God.

"When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles"

(Psalm 34:17, ESV).

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## Consider conducting a nonpartisan voter registration drive

**E**very election year, I'm asked, "Is it proper for a church to conduct voter registration drives within the church and in its community?" and "Is it permissible for a church and its pastor, staff and lay leaders to encourage voter turnout?" The answer to both questions is 'Yes.'

Conducting nonpartisan voter registration drives in your church and urging members to participate in the electoral process are legal, proper and the right things to do as we believers strive to be responsible Christian citizens.

When churches and their pastors, staff and leaders promote and facilitate voter registration and encourage members to vote, it in no way

runs afoul of the law or ethical considerations. The tax laws and IRS regulations prohibit churches (and church officials when acting in a representative role for the church) from engaging in partisan political activity, which involves endorsing, supporting or opposing candidates for political office or political parties. Conducting voter

registration and working for a vigorous voter turnout are decidedly not partisan political activities.

What we are talking about here is healthy Christian citizenship. We are not just citizens of heaven; we are temporal citizens here on this earth, so we should participate in the process by which we select

our leaders and make important policy decisions. Dual citizenship requires that we pay attention to both realms and fulfill our obligations to each.

And, pastors, you do not need to refrain from talking about voter registration and turnout. Those things are in the finest of pastoral traditions and integral parts of American democracy and representative government. Some of our most effective and accomplished spiritual leaders in our nation's history have faithfully and honorably exhorted Christians to be involved in the political process with integrity and accountability.

God says in Proverbs 14:34 (NIV), "Righteousness exalts a nation ... ." Just how do we

make our nation righteous? The primary and, by far, the most important way is to change hearts and minds by winning people to Christ. Clearly, this is our paramount



duty, and it is the key to healing our land. However, there is a collateral way to help achieve our goal; it is to make sure we make choices in election contests and policy decisions that come closest to lining up with God's truth, standards and will.

If we do what is suggested

here in a nonpartisan manner and with humility and servants' hearts, we will help achieve a more righteous culture, improve the perception others have of us and strengthen our witness for the Lord.

Find information about conducting a voter registration drive at the Arkansas Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections). Voter registration forms can be printed from that website or obtained from county clerks' offices and some other government offices. Also, we would be glad to field any questions you may have about voter registration and how to conduct a drive in your church.

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**'PEACE' walk****Family Matters**

Ben Phillips

Our culture has become increasingly tense with racial strife, little respect for authority, terrorism, sexual freedom and political unrest. Plodding through this milieu can cause anxiety, anger and disillusionment. It is an opportunity for families to discuss issues from a biblical worldview. How can you walk your family along a path of peace?

Pray for your country. Pray for authorities. Pray for your church. Prayer walk your neighborhood (pray4everyhome.com). Pray for your spouse and family. 1 Timothy 2:1-7 provides wisdom in praying, ultimately resulting in the spread of the gospel.

Examine your heart when there is an injustice or crisis. Difficult times reveal what is entrenched in our hearts. We often point fingers without examining our own hearts. Psalm 24 reveals internal heart priorities that desire to glorify God.

Apply Scripture. God's Word walks us through commands regarding how we should treat others. There are plenty of stories throughout the Bible that provide wisdom in how we should treat others and walk the biblical path. 2 Timothy 3:14-17 pictures a family where Scripture is central in guiding to salvation and maturing that produces good works.

Converse about issues. Engaging in a conversation with someone is different than arguing or berating another to prove a point. Ephesians 4:15 admonishes us to speak the truth in love. If you're not sure what loving speech looks like, then Ephesians 4:29 will provide some practical advice.

Empathize with others. We live in a self-centered culture that struggles to walk alongside the hurting. Romans 12:15 reveals that we need to mourn with those who mourn. 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 enables us to know that we serve a God of comfort who comforts us so that we can comfort others.

God has settled you and your family where you today can provide neighbors, co-workers and friends with a message of peace. Ephesians 6:15 provides the gospel as sure footing for peace, and Romans 10:15 pictures the beauty of sharing the good news of the peace that Jesus Christ can bring.

Ben Phillips serves on the ABSC evangelism and church health team.

# Our responsibility in the current crisis

If you have been around the television, a newspaper or any media outlet recently, you understand we are in the midst of serious unrest and confusion concerning recent events in and leading up to Dallas. Because we believe in the incredible power of the Word of God and believe in the total Lordship of Jesus Christ, we always have a response and an answer! Several principles should guide us as we respond.

**First, everyone matters to God!** That means black, white, yellow, red, elderly, young, unborn, unattractive, hurting, messed-up, wealthy, poverty-stricken and even those lives with whom we disagree. Because our God has created all in His image, each person deserves to be treated with respect, dignity and great worth. Arkansas Baptists believe this truth so strongly that "Everyone Matters" was the theme of our state convention in 2015.

**Second, we need to approach the situation with sensitivity.** There is much emotion, disunity, misunderstanding, differences of opinion and polarization. By our words and actions, we must encourage kindness and grace. We must be peacemakers and help the greater good to prevail.

**Executive Directions**

Sonny Tucker

**Third, you have brave men and women in your local police departments who serve with great integrity to protect you and uphold the law.** Showing appreciation is a great way to minister to them and their families.

**Fourth, the current crisis should drive us to pray more earnestly for revival and spiritual awakening in our country.**

**Lastly, this is an incredible time for the church to rise up and be the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.** This is not a time to be silent or to be absent. We have a prime opportunity to show that we indeed have the answer. If Jesus is real, if the Bible is true, if we are truly God's children, if the church is supposed to make impact in the world, then we must act.

There are people within your sphere of influence as a believer and as a church who need to know that everyone matters to God. They really want to know if God cares and if He has anything to say. Let's not disappoint them. Let's not disappoint Him!

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## 'All are precious in His sight'

I love how biblical truth can be proclaimed with such simplicity in a children's song.

*Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Recent events have reminded me of the importance and urgency of not only proclaiming – but also living – these simple words that are so rich with the gospel! Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. In a culture where I believe hashtags (#blacklivesmatter, #bluelivesmatter, #alllivesmatter) are creating an "us versus them" mentality, while fueling the flames of racial prejudice and hatred, the church must live and speak as people redeemed by the grace of God.

Yes, black lives do matter, and blue lives, and white lives, and yellow lives, and brown lives, and red lives, and rich lives, and poor lives, and male lives, and female lives, and married lives, and single lives, and young lives, and old lives. . . but no one life matters more than another; no one race is more valuable than another. This is the message of the gospel. Each life matters to God. God does not want "anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9, NIV). And church, because each life matters to God, each life should matter to us and the gospel must be our message to each life we encounter. "There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:22-24, NIV). Our message to each individual and to every people group, regardless of their preferred hashtag, is the same: Your life matters. Repent and

**President's Perspective**

Sam Roberts

be reconciled to God.

Just now, while writing this article, I was listening to Dallas Police Chief David Brown's advice to those who were protesting: "Become a part of the solution. We're hiring." Those are strong words for the protesters and also strong words for the church. The further our culture gets away from God, the more chaotic our society will be. Church, the gospel is the only solution for racial division, personal and systemic injustice, and the brokenness so prevalent in individual lives and families. Arkansas Baptists, let's become a part of the solution by proclaiming and living the gospel. "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27, NIV).

Here are some steps I'm committing to follow to be part of the solution. I invite you to join me.

- Have coffee/lunch with a person of another race. Ask that person to share his or her heart on what's happening in our culture. Listen with the purpose of understanding, not to justify your rights or preferences.

- Speak out against any form of injustice or racism. Hold fellow believers accountable for words or actions that divide, and ask to be held accountable for your words and actions.

- Do not speak to political or cultural issues (including social media) without a gospel-centered response.

- Do not be ashamed of sharing the gospel for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

- Pray daily for revival in your church and the churches of your community.

"Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight!"

Sam Roberts is senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Stuttgart and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



## Support the ABN!

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## Camp Siloam: 'I feel called to preach'

“Son, what’s the matter with you?” the stranger asked as he walked past the sobbing boy sitting on the stump.

“I think I feel called to preach,” said Stuart through his tears. Stuart was a camper at Camp Siloam and had heard the camp pastor talk about being called to ministry during the evening worship service. So overwhelming was the call that Stuart had to leave the pavilion in tears.

Although his initial approach was gruff, the stranger stopped and took the time to gently walk Stuart through what it meant to be a preacher. The boy was Stuart Bell,

pastor of First Baptist in Centerton.

Over 93 years of ministry, Camp Siloam has developed a reputation of being a place where people are called to missions or full-time ministry. I believe that

if I want to see our campers and staff make an eternal, global impact for the kingdom of God, then campers need to understand God’s mission for the world.

I’ll have to admit that I didn’t understand God’s mission for the world until I was 40 years old. I took a class called Perspectives,

which helped me understand Christ’s return in the context of every tribe, tongue and nation hearing the gospel.

When I understood that missions is linked with Christ’s return (Matt. 24:14), then I began to see a solution to the big problems of the world.

I also have a strong desire to be on the winning team. I know who wins in the end, but, honestly, in the past 10 years it has seemed like, in America, Christians are on the losing team. When I heard from missionaries in

Perspectives about revival in countries like South Korea, India and Mongolia, and I heard the Joshua Project (an attempt to identify and count unreached people groups) statistics, which say we’ve reached 60 percent of unreached people groups, I felt like I was on the winning team! I got excited about participating with God in reaching every tribe, tongue and nation.

I decided that God’s mission for the world must be incorporated into our mission as a camp and our annual camp message. God sent us Robert Coppedge, a nine-year International Mission Board

(IMB) missionary who had been serving in Turkey, to be our program director. He has infused missions into our annual message. Each year the IMB sends a Journeyman to spend the summer with us and help our staff and campers understand God’s mission for the world. Last summer, we emphasized God’s mission for the world by telling the story of Jonah. We saw God call 143 campers to missions or full-time ministry.

Who knows, one of these campers might be the one to bring the story of Jesus to the last unreached tribe.

*Jason Wilkie is executive director of Camp Siloam.*



### Camp Siloam

Jason Wilkie

## ABCHomes: 'Pastor, do you know?'

At Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries (ABCHomes), we love Arkansas Baptist pastors. We want pastors to be informed about our ministries and the opportunities they have to utilize, partner with and support those ministries.

Pastor, do you know that you can make a placement referral to the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children or the Arkansas Baptist Boys Ranch? Perhaps you have a family in your church that is struggling with a child and may need out-of-home care for that child. Maybe a parent has a serious health problem, elderly grandparents with cus-

tody of their grandchildren lack the energy or resources to parent, or other serious issues necessitate the need for placement. In these situations, the guardians remain involved, maintaining legal custody.

Sometimes, immediate or temporary help is needed, and one of our Emergency Receiving Homes can be a resource. If we cannot accept the child, we may be able to provide helpful referrals to other programs.

Pastor, do you know that our Family Care Homes

(located in Jonesboro and Little Rock) provide havens for single mothers with children? You can make a referral to either program from anywhere in Arkansas. Family

Care Homes are different than temporary homeless or battered women’s shelters.

We require background checks and pre-placement interviews as we seek out mothers dedicated to making long-term positive changes for themselves and their children. Mothers must work on

specific goals that include employment, savings accounts and good parenting skills.

Pastor, do you know that our professionally licensed counselors provide free counseling services to church staff members and their immediate families? Utilizing a biblically based focus, our master and doctorate level counselors provide services in seven different locations.

Pastor, do you know that we welcome church groups such as children and youth groups, mission organizations, senior adults and others to visit any of our residential programs for tours, prayer walks, cook-outs, one-day work projects,

worship experiences and major repairs?

Pastor, do you know that we count on you to make your members aware of ABCHomes? Many Arkansas Baptists have little or no awareness of this ministry. Do you know that we will gladly come to any Arkansas Baptist church to share about this ministry?

Pastor, do you know we depend upon you to be our advocate, prayer warrior and friend? Do you know that we really do love Arkansas Baptist pastors?

*David Perry is executive director of Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes.*



### ABCHomes

David Perry

## Williams Baptist: A generational endeavor

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (Ps. 100:5, NIV).

There are six living generations in America today. The latest two of these represent young leaders in our society, with many of them in our educational system preparing for their roles as adults. These two generations are our primary charge at Williams Baptist College.

The millennial generation, born between 1982 and 2000, has been a revolutionary catalyst for change in our economic and social world. Some pundits have characterized them as sheltered and over-confident individuals

self-absorbed in their self-worth and importance to the future. Others have heralded their preference for community and teams, favor for social rules, and focus on achievement.

Just as everybody thought we had the millennials figured out, the next generation is now emerging. Though popular culture has not yet settled on a dominant name, they have been called the founder generation, the I-generation, the bridge generation and the builder generation to name a few. Like the generations before them, they come with their own set of

experiences that have created attitudes, values and expectations of the world around them.

Millennials began entering college around 2000. In a few short years, the impending wave of the next generation will land at our institu-

tions with even more cultural imperatives to navigate. What will be our response as a Cooperative Program ministry commissioned to educate these anxious young leaders?

In spite of the sociological upheavals that come with every new generation, a person’s basic spiritual need

remains the same – the need for a relationship with a holy God. At Williams Baptist, we certainly want to be sensitive to the needs of new generations and effectively respond to them. However, our future direction is not determined by the latest fad or social philosophy.

When facing new generational demands, our resolve is to graciously readjust the way we operate when appropriate, humbly and firmly defend our position when needed, and remain vigilantly committed to excel in our mission. Doing so allows us to consistently provide a curriculum and environment that are decidedly Christian and un-

compromising in our faith and purpose.

For several generations, Arkansas Baptists have valued ministry to collegiate students. Their support of the Cooperative Program has helped fund Williams and Ouachita Baptist University, and 37 campus ministries at public institutions across our state. Continue to pray for all of us as we develop effective ways to reach, disciple and send these next generations of Christian leaders to a world in need of Jesus.

Our good Father’s love and faithfulness will endure, regardless of the generation.

*Tom Jones is president of Williams Baptist College.*



### Williams Baptist

Tom Jones

# How to prepare for and stay safe in a storm or tornado

TORNADOES ARE among nature's most violent storms and can cause death, injury and destruction within seconds. "How to Prepare for a Tornado," published by the National Weather Service (NWS), explains how to protect yourself and what steps to take now so that you can act quickly at a time when every second counts.

**What** - A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground and is often - although not always - visible as a funnel cloud. Once the tornado has passed, the NWS rates it using the Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale based on the severity of the damage and estimated wind speed. The scale goes from an EF0 tornado, which causes light damage, to an EF5 tornado,

which causes total devastation. Lightning and hail are common in thunderstorms that produce tornadoes.

**When** - Tornadoes can strike in any season, but they occur most often in the spring and summer months. They can occur at all hours of the day and night, but are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

**Where** - About 1,200 tornadoes hit the United States every year, and every state is at risk. Most tornadoes in the United States occur east of the Rocky Mountains.

**Impact** - The destruction and injury caused by a tornado depend on its intensity, size, path, time of day and duration on the ground. Wind from tornadoes can reach more than 200 miles per hour, and damage paths can be more than

one mile wide and 50 miles long.

Damage can range from light to catastrophic. Injuries can be minor, serious or life-threatening. Fatalities can result even in the lower-rated tornadoes (EF0/EF1). Wind from tornadoes can cause structural damage, transform debris into deadly projectiles, move and destroy houses, debark trees and roll cars.

A tornado may disrupt transportation, power, water, gas, communications and other services in its direct path and in neighboring areas.

Heavy rains, flash flooding and hail can occur from related thunderstorms.

## Watches and warnings

How do you keep your family safe during the summer storm season? Disaster relief

professionals offer tips to follow during a severe storm or tornado.

A **tornado watch** is issued by the NWS if weather conditions in a certain area indicate the potential risk of a tornado developing.

Because a tornado watch is not a definite declaration of a tornado, citizens do not have to take immediate cover. However, during a watch individuals are advised to keep a radio and/or TV tuned to local weather stations in case the NWS upgrades the watch to a tornado warning.

The NWS will issue a **tornado warning** if a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says a tornado

warning is typically issued around 13 minutes prior to the event.

In a tornado warning, individuals are advised to take immediate shelter in a FEMA safe room or storm shelter. If this is not possible, individuals are advised to shelter in a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level. FEMA notes that underground levels offer the most protection. In these areas, individuals are advised to take "additional personal cover" in covering their necks and heads with their arms as well as covering their bodies with coats or blankets.

Information for this article is from "How to Prepare for a Tornado." For more information visit [ready.gov/prepare](http://ready.gov/prepare).

## PARTNER

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plan beforehand; that's the key," he said. "For instance, if a tornado hits Little Rock today, you've got grandkids, spouses and children in different schools or different work atmospheres; you don't know where they are. If something happened, do you have an arranged rallying point?"

Families should have a predetermined place to converge after a disaster, he said.

Additionally, he recommends that families have a pre-arranged plan on how to contact each family member following a disaster.

"Another big issue that we need people to understand is communications," explained Garrett. "Everybody has a cellphone; everybody has everybody's number in their cellphone. The only problem is that in the event of a disaster, if the power goes out, that cellphone won't work. It's going to lose power; the cell tower is going to go down. What you need to do is write down all the key numbers and have them in a safe, dry place that you can access. If the cellphone is dead, it's not any good to you."

Finally, before a disaster strikes, families need to have assembled an emergency kit to sustain themselves temporarily

in case it takes a few days for responders to reach them.

"The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, FEMA, and we recommend that you have an emergency kit. You need to have a box or something that can withstand water, like a sealable plastic tub, that has some food, water, medical supplies and clothing inside so you have some stuff for just a few days," said Michelle Hendrix, missions team assistant.

While it is often assumed that most Arkansas disasters occur primarily in the spring months and along "tornado alley" - the area surrounding the length of I-30 - the Arkansas DR says that any disaster can happen anytime and anywhere.

If proper precautions are made and adequate cover is taken during a disaster - whether it be going to a bunker or inside room during a tornado or going to higher ground during a flash flood - Arkansans can ride out the storm, knowing that, if requested, a team of DR volunteers with a variety of communications, feeding, shower or recovery units will be their partner in the storm.

Arkansas DR is a volunteer-based program that relies on the support of unpaid Arkansans statewide to remain in operation. To volunteer, people must first attend a regional training event to understand what exactly DR does in the

aftermath of a disaster. After the initial training event, volunteers can choose to focus on one of several different unit specialties through standardized training offered by the Arkansas DR.

Even those who are unable physically to be a DR volunteer can be involved in significant ways in DR, according to Hendrix.

"For people who can't physically be involved in disaster relief, they can pray, and they can give. Both of those things have a huge impact on what we can do," said Hendrix.

Though recognized by the state as one of the few key federal response agencies on the Arkansas Homeland Security Council, Garrett said that it is always important to be candid about the purpose of Arkansas DR.

"We have to remember why it is we do what we do. We don't do this to cut the trees; we don't do this to feed the people; we do this to share the Word of Christ and to represent Christ. We've got general knowledge on how to help people. We're not psychiatrists or psychologists or health workers or anything like that; we're there to listen and to share the Word of Christ."

More information can be found about Arkansas Baptist DR at [ABSC.org/disasterrelief](http://ABSC.org/disasterrelief).

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# 2017 Pastors' Conference to focus on 'average' pastors

Caleb Yarbrough  
Arkansas Baptist News

ST. LOUIS – About the time Steve Gaines, J.D. Greear and David Crosby were announced as likely candidates for president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), a group of Southern Baptist pastor friends – acquainted through the Baptist blog sbcvoices.com – began discussing the status of the annual SBC Pastors' Conference.

Recognizing that most SBC churches average less than 500 people in worship on typical Sunday mornings, the men began to wonder what the Pastors' Conference would look like if it featured keynote speakers who are pastors and leaders of churches representative of the SBC's diversity.

Doug Hibbard, pastor of East End Baptist Church, East End, and *Arkansas Baptist News* board member, was one of the pastors involved in the discussion.

"We've got all these folks that are constantly being heard from. We got to kicking around the idea, 'Aren't there any good preachers in small- to medium-size churches?'" said Hibbard. "And this is really where it started, 'What if we had a Pastors' Conference that wasn't about the personalities but focused on the text?'"

Hibbard said that he and the other pastors in the sbcvoices.com group hold no animosity toward large- and mega-church pastors. They simply recognize that in recent years the Pastors' Conference speaker line-ups have been essentially void of pastors who represent Southern Baptist churches averaging less than 500 in attendance on Sunday mornings.

"We didn't want it to be against the big-name guys but thought that doing something

different one time could shake it up," said Hibbard. "A key component was the idea that we wanted to be able to reach out to some of our brothers that we don't ever hear from. ... We wanted to make it more encouraging, relational, more focused on the Word and for the speakers to be Southern Baptists and more diversified in regards to church size, location and ethnicity."

In a recent post on sbcvoices.com, Bart Barber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas, made a similar argument to Hibbard in specifying that while he believes the emphasis on "pastors of average-sized churches is good," it is not an indictment of recent conferences which featured speakers from larger churches.

"This 2017 event vindicates Southern Baptist thinking and practice in at least two important ways," wrote Barber. "First, I hope that it will vindicate what we believe about the Bible. ... (and) Second, I hope that this event will vindicate the work that we Southern Baptists do together in training men to preach the Word of God."

Dave Miller, pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Sioux City, Iowa, and a key member of the group of Baptist bloggers, was elected president of the 2017 SBC Pastors' Conference during this year's meeting in St. Louis. Miller was joined by Paul Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church

of Chandler, Ariz., who was elected vice president, and Toby Frost, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Greenwood, S.C., who was elected treasurer. Like Miller, Smith and Frost are pastors of "average-size" Southern Baptist churches.

"We ran for this office because we believed in a principle – that there was power in the Word and that the servants of God would be encouraged by the exposition of that Word in the PC

(Pastors' Conference). We are going to stick with our 'plan,'" Miller wrote in a blog post following his election.

"We will stick to the heart and soul of our idea – preachers from average churches proclaiming the unsearchable riches of God's Word. We love and appreciate the big churches, and we assume they will be back in 2018, but this year we are going to hear from the folks we don't get to hear from at other times," said Miller.

"We intend to do some things never done before. Our hope is that it will be such a blessing that you will decide to head all the way out to the wild, wild west to join us in Phoenix," Miller added.

"Why is the 2017 Pastors'

Conference good for us? Because people like me have been thinking for too long that we can't do something like this, betraying the doctrines I believe and the cooperation I practice," wrote Barber.

"When we start to think that we can't, we need a band of merry men to come along and straighten us out, not so that we can believe in ourselves, but so that we can believe again in an almighty God who uses shepherd boys and trumpet-warrior brigades and Damascus-blinded visionaries and maybe ... just maybe ... even Iowa pastors to remind us all that the battle belongs to the Lord," he said.

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Hibbard

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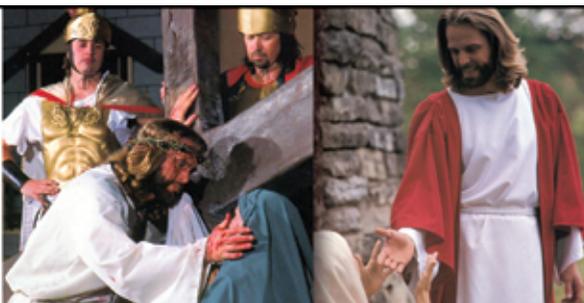
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basketball camp.”

O’Rear said that their basketball camp is “practically free.” The church provided snacks throughout the week, and at the end of the camp each camper went home with a T-shirt, a basketball – and if they had accepted Christ during the camp – a devotional Bible.

“It’s just amazing. He (Chamblee) teaches them teamwork; he teaches them encouragement; he teaches them hard work and he teaches them Christ,” said O’Rear.

In between sessions of drills and games used to teach the children the fundamentals of basketball, groups of children rotated going to an auditorium behind the basketball courts. While there, O’Rear shared the gospel and plan of salvation using anecdotes of his own experiences from playing sports as a child and young adult.

Each day during the four-day camp, Chamblee and the adult volunteers gave away awards including camper of the day and best effort of the

day. At the end of the week, awards were given for camper of the week, best effort of the week, most Christ-like of the week and so on. First, second and third awards in regards to basketball skills including shooting, passing and dribbling were also given out at the end of the week.

“I have to trust the pastor and leadership of the church to follow up on these kids after they have decided they want to have Christ in their lives,” said Chamblee. “The next thing to do is to disciple them. Do something with it; don’t just say, ‘OK, you’re a Christian now.’ They need to come to church and have a prayer life and study time.”

“I remember when I became a Christian and there was no discipling me; I was just in Sunday school class just like I always was. And that’s a shame,” said Chamblee.

Chamblee said that this year he is conducting nine basketball camps across the country. Last year he conducted 10 camps, with 92 children making professions of faith. According to O’Rear, 12 children made professions of faith during this year’s Hatfield camp.

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O’Rear



**JOYWORKS FUN** – Reyna Rogers, 11, of First Baptist Church Arkadelphia, laughingly attempts to spell out her name with her body during a drama exercise at JoyWorks. Hosted yearly by Ouachita Baptist University, JoyWorks is a worship arts camp sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that allows children to explore the creative side of praise.

## PREACH

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applies to us.”

“Tumbling Shoals was just so encouraging and supportive to all of the ministers who were there. They really ministered to us during that time,

and it was not only a refreshing time but also a learning time,” said Travis Johnson, education and youth minister at Grace Baptist Church in El Dorado. “I’ve been a pastor for 18 years. I think it’s great for any minister, whether they’ve received previous training or not, and the ministry of the church, how they have a heart and a passion to build up ministers. It will probably do more for discipleship across the country and in those churches represented at the conference than anything we can do.”

The global impact that one church in northern Arkansas has made since 1997 shows how effective believers can be when they are intentional, reminding all Southern Baptists that every part of the body of Christ is potent, regardless of size, said Johnson.

“These aren’t rich people. They are regular folk in a small

rural community in Arkansas ... but they are kingdom driven,” said Jeremy Bradshaw, a past attendee of the conference in a blog post. “The church often brings in pastors who are burned out or beat up to help restore them and send them back out. They train men up in their own congregation who sense a call to preach. They don’t order prepackaged curriculum to teach from ... their teachers are trained to teach expositionally through Scripture and are doing just that. Their textbook is the Bible.

“You don’t have to be a mega-church or ‘impressive’ in a worldly sense to make a kingdom impact. You simply must be faithful and lean on the sufficiency of Scripture and apply it to every area of your life.”

Micah Overstreet is a summer intern for the Arkansas Baptist News.



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# WEBSITE

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In addition to optimizing arkansasbaptist.org across all media platforms, ABN's web designer Brian Pappalardo, of Pappalardo Media Company in Little Rock, said the new site will also make uploading and managing web content, processing advertising and classifieds, updating ABN archives and eventually adding new individual and church-wide subscribers more streamlined.

"As technology has advanced over the past several years, we have seen a huge shift in the way that people are finding information online. The new ABN website is now optimized to give users a great, clean experience - whether they're browsing on their smart-

phones, tablets or desktops," said Pappalardo.

"We've made it easier for the ABN team to post and edit articles and handle advertising requests, and we are rolling out additional updates over the coming months to move the ABN Now digital edition onto the site for a more seamless user experience.

"As times have changed, our mission field has changed. If we as Christians are not engaging in the online community, then we are missing out on a huge opportunity to proclaim the gospel. I hope that this new site can be a tool to do just that," said Pappalardo.

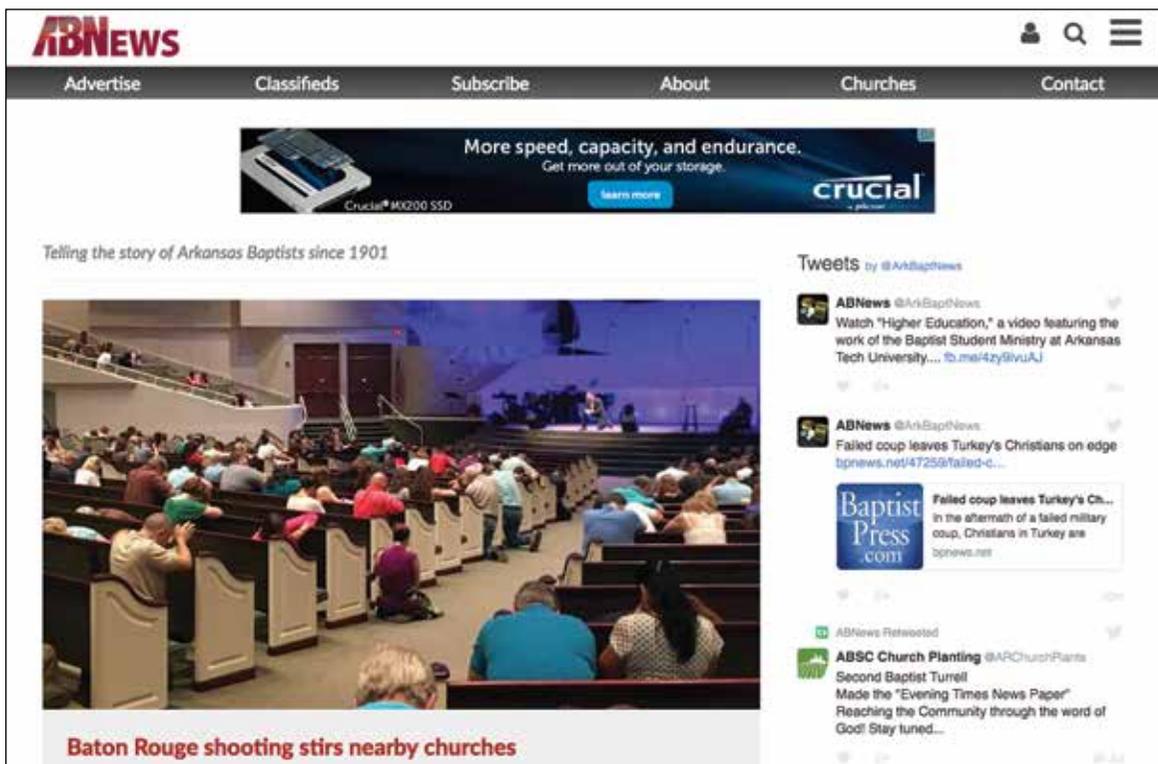
The ABN website is one of the most frequented Baptist websites in Arkansas, said Yarbrough.

"The new website is the most functional web presence the ABN has ever had. It is optimized for all digital platforms, creatively and cleanly designed, easy to navigate, and fully customizable," he said,



Arkansasbaptist.org is now optimized for mobile devices and traditional computers (right).

optimized for all digital platforms, creatively and cleanly designed, easy to navigate, and fully customizable," he said,



adding the website now has full integration with ABN's Facebook and Twitter social media platforms.

"The ABN's last website design was a huge improvement from what we had before, and this new site is a huge improvement from the most recent site in look, feel and function. And due to its ease of customization, we will be able to continue to shape it to meet the needs of the ABN and Arkansas Baptists in the future," Yarbrough added.

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## PRAYER

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“is neither a ‘come and go’ nor a ‘come and be seen’ event. This is not a time to hang out in the hallway. We are gathering once again for serious prayer from start to finish.”

At the previous two prayer gatherings, attendees were encouraged to sign commitment cards signifying they would pray for their church, local communities, Arkansas, the United States and the world.

Many of the men and women who attended the previous prayer gatherings accepted the challenge, and the ABSC has received feedback from them, explaining how they took to heart their commitments to pray and how God answered those prayers. Many attendees went on to host prayer gatherings at their own churches or associations.

Brian Trostle, associate pastor for senior adults and

pastoral care at First Baptist Church, El Dorado, said the church held a 40-day prayer event in November 2015. Trostle said that notable impacts of the emphasis were prayer across racial, denominational and political lines, one to two people coming to know Christ as their personal Savior and less police sirens and crime across the city.



Trostle

“I believe that we will continue to see glimmers of prayer light across our community. City and church leaders refuse to go back to the way things were and accept our current climate as a ‘new normal.’ We don’t want a ‘new normal;’ we want God’s unchanging normal across our city,” said Trostle. “With all of the changes our city is looking at accomplishing over the next few years ... we are determined to beg God for revival and spiritual awakening in El Dorado, Union County and all across Arkansas.”

Donny Hargett, pastor of Calvary Trail Cowboy Church

in Louann, said he was burdened to lead Calvary Trail to be more intentional about prayer after attending last year’s prayer gathering at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock.

“(It) seemed to me we were out of balance ... we needed less Bible study and more prayer. (I) guess that sounds odd, but our renewed prayer efforts have noticeably helped,” said Hargett. “The new priority has refreshed us kind of like a long drink of cool water in the hayfield,” he said.

In a report to the ABSC following a Morning of Prayer for Revival and Awakening service at East Side Baptist Church in Paragould in 2015, Pastor Phillip Miller emphasized the response of church members to the time of prayer.

“It was a wonderful day. I can’t remember how many people came up afterwards and in our evening service saying, ‘It was great,’ ‘We have needed this for a long time,’ ‘Spirit of God was in this place,’” said Miller. “God is starting to do something here.

It was said over and over that we need to do more Sunday mornings like this.

“We are anticipating a mighty move of God,” he said.

There is no cost to attend the August 29-30 prayer gathering, but attendees are responsible for their own lodging and travel expenses. For more information visit [prayarkansas.com](http://prayarkansas.com) or email Gwen McCallister at [gmc-callister@absc.org](mailto:gmc-callister@absc.org) for more information.

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## Obituaries

**Gilbert Athol Nichols, 84,** of Cabot, died July 9 at his home.



He graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1953.

He pastored churches in Indiana while attending Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

After seminary Nichols returned to Arkansas where he served as pastor of Baugh Chapel Baptist Church in Austin for two years, preparing him for missionary work.

In 1958, he and his growing family left for language study in San Jose, Costa Rica.

In 1959, Nichols and his family arrived in Paraguay, where they were missionaries for the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) until their retirement in 1996. He was primarily involved in theological education and church planting.

Nichols also served as director of missions (associational missionary) for Ouachita Baptist

Association in Mena.

Following his retirement, Nichols was pastor of Watten-saw Baptist Church in Lonoke.

Nichols was a gifted carpenter whose furniture is still used in churches throughout Paraguay.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Deanie, four children and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 12 at First Baptist Church in Cabot.

Burial followed at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cabot.

## Church life

**First Baptist Church, Searcy,** will host the Singing Men of East Texas in concert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 3. For more information, call the church office at (501) 268-3561.

**New Hope Baptist Mission, Marion,** will distribute hundreds of pre-packaged school backpacks Saturday, August 6. Registration begins at noon, and students must be present and accompanied by parent, guardian or ministry chaperone. The gospel will be presented following the

backpack distribution, a hot dog cookout and block party. For more information contact John Rech at (901) 246-9787.

**Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church, Tumbling Shoals,** will host a missions conference August 4-6. Services begin at 6:30 p.m. (Thursday and Friday), and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Michael Cloer, senior pastor of Englewood Baptist

Church in Rocky Mount, N.C. is the featured speaker. For more information call (501) 362-3987.

**Pine Grove Baptist Church, Little Rock,** will celebrate its 147th anniversary August 14. Services start at 10:45 a.m. with Steve Overstreet speaking. A potluck dinner will follow. For more information, call (501) 490-0206.



**VBS KICKOFF NETS SALVATIONS** – Fifteen salvations were recorded at a block party kickoff event for vacation Bible school by Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock Saturday, July 16. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) teamed with Union Baptist Church from Harrison to assist the church with the event, said Breck Freeman of the ABSC missions team.



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# Classifieds

## PASTOR

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tee, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, AR 72745 or email them to [fbcb@fbcb-lowell.com](mailto:fbcb@fbcb-lowell.com).

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## OTHER STAFF POSITIONS

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Covenant Baptist Church, a traditional Southern Baptist church in Collierville, TN, seeks a **full-time minister of music/senior adults.** Send a cover letter and resume, along with a link to a video or DVD of a recent worship service which you have led, to Personnel Committee, Covenant Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville, TN 38027-1165, or to [drsam@mycbcc.org](mailto:drsam@mycbcc.org).

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Southern Heights Baptist Church, Berryville, is seeking a **full-time worship leader.** Please send resumes to Personnel Committee, 279 Highway 221 S., Berryville, AR 72616 or [shbc@shbc.arcoxmail.com](mailto:shbc@shbc.arcoxmail.com). Website: <http://www.myshbc.net>.

Bear Creek Springs Baptist Church is seeking a **full-time student pastor.** Those interested should send a resume to Bear Creek Springs Baptist Church, Attn: Senior Pastor, 179 Devito Loop, Harrison, AR 72601.

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# Arkansas Baptists unite to minister on Indian reservation

PAWHUSKA, Okla. – For the past six years, members of several Arkansas Baptist churches have traveled to Pawhuska, Okla., in partnership with Osage Indian Baptist Church, to spread the love of Christ through vacation Bible school (VBS). The ministry, described by volunteers as “a little taste of heaven,” is held at the Osage Indian Reservation in Pawhuska.

This year’s trip, July 10-13, involved seven churches, several ethnic groups and Native American tribes and 11 Arkansan volunteers from First Baptist Church, Bear Creek Springs Baptist Church and Northvale Baptist Church, all located in Harrison; Olvey

Bible Church in Olvey, and First Baptist Church and Lakeland Baptist Church, both located in Omaha.

Volunteers say that their lives were changed by the joy they felt in sharing God’s Word with the Osage children.

“One ‘God moment’ occurred on the last day of VBS when we were all sitting in the sanctuary and Pastor Scott (Kohnle) of Osage Indian Baptist Church was asking questions about what had been learned and remembered. His last question asked what we had been talking about all week,” said Jean Hankins, member of Lakeland Baptist.

“Our youngest member of

VBS, 3-year-old, rambunctious Josiah called out ‘Jesus Christ!’ Our hearts leapt with joy! He heard! He knew! It was one of the single most profound moments of my life.”

In their time there, the team saw their numbers increase from 24 to 60 children and workers.

With a VBS theme of “God’s Transforming Love,”



Children and teens enjoy a puppet show at Osage Indian Baptist Church in Pawhuska, Okla.

Hankins said, “When we came together to share our experiences we heard such love – love for the children – love for the team – love for the culture – love for the church – and love for the Lord who has given to us the Great Commission. Go! Teach all nations,” said Hankins.

“So we go, again and again, with our hearts filled with joy and expectation for what He is going to do in the lives of everyone involved! We know that if we do not obey the Great

Commission, it becomes a ‘Great Omission’ within us.”

In years past, in addition to leading VBS, the team has repaired the sinking floor of the Osage Indian Baptist Church and built a new facility to house its Sunday school classrooms.

Returning annually for “a little taste of heaven,” volunteers of the Arkansas team say that they can’t wait to see what the transforming love of God does through their service in years to come.

## STEWARDSHIP TIP

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If you have questions concerning steps to take after the loss of a loved one or if you’d like to receive a copy of the Survivor’s Guide, please contact us using the information below or obtain a copy from our website ([www.abf.org](http://www.abf.org)) under the Forms and Publications link.

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## Wilkins to lead N. Pulaski Assoc.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK – Dennis Wilkins has been named associational missionary of the North Pulaski Baptist Association (NPBA) in North Little Rock.

Wilkins, who has served in various pastoral roles in churches across the south for nearly 20 years, most recently served as the NPBA’s interim associational missionary since April 2015.

“I appreciate the confidence that the association has in me

to call me to the position full time,” said Wilkins. “It is an opportunity that seems to match with what they need and my God-given skill set.”

Under Wilkins’ leadership as interim, the NPBA created and approved a new strategic plan for the association. The plan includes the association’s mission statement, core values, objectives and four primary activities that the association plans to accomplish annually.



Wilkins

## Sam Moore Evangelistic Ministries



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# Faith & Family

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it..."*

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

## Grief: From heartbreak to joy in Christ

Margaret Colson  
Arkansas Baptist News

THE DARKNESS of heartbreak, grief and uncertainty descended on our family in an instant.

My husband and the father of my teenage children passed away after a two-year illness.

As a mother, I knew we must grieve but couldn't get ensnared in the grief, unable to break free to live our lives for God.

Not every family will grieve the loss of a parent during the children's formative years. Yet, all families will grieve as they experience pain, heartache and challenges. For example, the death of a relationship, such as in divorce; or the death of a dream, such as an unexpected career shift or a child who didn't make the team; or the loss of physical capabilities, such as in devastating injuries, all set the stage for grief.

The following suggestions, gleaned from God's Word, helped our family move forward in faith. Perhaps as your family experiences times of loss or heartache, these suggestions will guide you.

**Claim God's promises.** Scripture teaches: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11, NIV).

When your family faces loss, cling to God's promises and the truth of God's Word. Be assured of His presence and His love, even on the darkest of days.

Challenge your children to do a "God's-promises-search" with you through the Scriptures. Make these promises front-and-center in your lives, whether that means posting them on the refrigerator or bathroom mirror, putting them into your favorite electronic device or creating your own "promise-a-day" booklet.

**Be thankful for God's blessings.** It is difficult to see God's blessings through tear-filled eyes. At the tomb of Jesus, Mary couldn't even recognize her beloved Savior

through her tears. Yet, when she heard His voice, she had no doubt and could not keep silent; she rushed to tell the others about the miraculous blessing she had experienced (John 20:10-18).



As your children experience heartbreak, help them wipe away their tears long enough to consider God's blessings. Encourage them to begin a blessing journal, where they

look for God's blessings in their lives daily, thank Him for those blessings and share those blessings with others.

**Pray.** Prayer provides peace, as the Scripture teaches: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7, NIV).

Through life's trials, pray with your children; pray for your children. Celebrate with them as God answers their prayers. Again, a journal is an excellent way to list your prayers and recognize God's answers.

**Take time to grieve.** Individuals grieve differently, even in families. Notice in Scripture, Mary and Martha grieved the loss of their brother, Lazarus, in their own unique ways (John 11:20).

Grief is a process, and the schedule for this process is unique for each individual.

When your family experiences loss, allow your children to grieve in their own ways and on their own timetables, yet remind them, even in their grief, of the hope that we have in Christ (1 Thess. 4:13).

**Accept from others; serve others.** In the loss of my husband, Christian friends served us selflessly. Grateful for each loving act of kindness, I also learned that the children and I could serve others. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28).

As we had been served in our hour of need, the children and I rediscovered joy as we served others in their need. On challenging days, encourage your children to turn their focus toward others. Joy comes in serving others.

**Conclusion.** God's Word is true, and God is faithful. Losses in life are never easy, but joy can and does return. As the Scripture teaches, "The joy of the LORD is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).

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### Media Minds

Excerpts from [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com)



#### 'The Secret Life of Pets'

If you've ever ventured onto YouTube ... you know that we humans have a tender spot for our pets. Videos of tumbling, bumbling furballs are everywhere.

When you take that built-in sensitivity to pettable pets and infuse it into a rollicking story packed with quirky conversing critters, well, it's a combination that can't help but make you smile. Adults and kids alike will have their hearts tickled and tugged at here, like a pooch with a favorite chew toy.

Occasional toilet humor doesn't ruin this good-hearted, pro-pet flick. ... In the end, "The Secret Life of Pets" kinda sorta makes you want to wag your tail, even if you aren't a chit-chatting kitty or a palavering pooch.

For full reviews on these and other movies, visit [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com)

## Weeping with those who weep in Dallas

By J. Josh Smith

IRVING, Texas (BP) - Although I live only 10 miles from downtown Dallas, I'm rarely there. But on the night of June 7, of all nights, I was. I was just a couple of miles south of Dallas when the shootings took place and had to make my way back through the city to return home as the situation continued to unfold.

The city looked unlike I had ever seen it. The streets were shut down; blue and red lights reflected off the buildings, and the sky was filled with helicopters. I listened to the reporters on the AM radio trying to make sense of the events that had just occurred. It wasn't until I returned home and turned on the TV that I began to fully understand the reality of what had taken place in this city that I love.

It's truly overwhelming. I feel a sense of the gut-wrenching compassion that Jesus felt as He looked out over the multitudes and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. I feel it for the families of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling. I feel it for the black community as they try to make sense of the last few days. I feel it for the 12 officers shot last night and their families. I feel it for the families of the five officers killed. I feel it for our Dallas police officers who will continue to protect our city and its citizens. I feel it for our nation that seems to have somehow reverted back to the racial tension of a previous generation.

As a pastor in this community, I'm thinking about how to respond. I must respond,

not just because I live in this community, but because this is what pastors do.

Romans 12:15 says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep." The reason God gives us that command is because He knows we do not naturally do this. God knows that every response to someone's suffering is easier than this one; it's easier to act than to feel. It takes less time. It takes less energy. It takes less listening.



Smith

Today, among the many good and gospel-centered responses that the church will have to this situation, let's not miss the most basic one - to feel. The glory of the incarnation was not that Christ simply felt our pain, but that He took our pain and suffered and died for it. But one without the

other does not give us much hope. We run to Jesus not only because He can help, but also because He understands.

Our response cannot end with grief - but it seems that it must start there. We must pray that God, in His grace, will allow us to weep with those who weep that somehow, in the midst of our own griefs and sorrows, God might allow us to understand and feel the grief and sorrows of those around us. We must pray that we, as the church, might reflect not only those actions of Christ, but also the heart of Christ. That the world around us would see the Jesus of the Bible, the One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows (Isa. 53:4). That Jesus is hard to ignore.

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AUGUST 7, 2016

A few days ago my husband was out of town and my three children were at “grandparent camp.” It afforded me the rare chance to have a few days to do whatever I wanted to do.

The first morning I woke up and decided to go on a jog in a historical neighborhood. This neighborhood is filled with beautiful homes, any number of which could be in the pages of *Better Homes and Gardens* or *Southern Living*. My intention when I started out was to run as long as I wanted to. During my run I kept getting distracted: first, by the beauty of the homes around me, then by a random meeting with a classmate I hadn’t seen since high school and finally by a phone call from my husband. I kept getting thrown off my main goal by distractions. Because of that, my “go-as-long-as-you-want” jog ended up being a six-mile trek! Even though my endurance as a runner was up to that distance, it wasn’t what I intended to do.

The old saying about sin my mother used to repeat to me comes to mind, “Sin will take you farther than you want

to go, keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay.”

Saul, sadly, discovered the truth of that statement. I doubt on his first day as king that Saul thought, “You

know, one day I’m going to kill the priests of the Lord.” But that is exactly what he did in 1 Samuel 22. “Then the king said to

Doeg, ‘You turn and strike the priests.’ And Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod” (1 Sam. 22:18, ESV).

When Saul started out in 1 Samuel 10:9-10, he was given another heart by the Lord, was filled by God’s Spirit and proph-

esied among the prophets. When we allow even small sins to creep into our lives, they can take root, poison our hearts and make us do things we never thought ourselves capable of doing – just like Saul. Examine your life today and ask yourself if there are sins that could lead you down a road you don’t want to travel.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

## Blinded

1 SAMUEL 22:6-17 (ESV)

Caroline Penick  
Fayetteville

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

## Manage money diligently

PROVERBS 31:13-21 (ESV)

Craig Seals  
Arkadelphia

There is so much written on the Proverbs 31 woman that it is difficult to think of something that is not expressed in a hundred other places. So, instead of focusing on the individual characteristics of this woman, who manages her household with grace and wisdom, I want to look at an overarching characteristic found in the passage, namely that she is aware. She is fully awake to the reality of the world around!

She lives wisely in the world that God has placed her in. She seeks (v.13), brings food from afar (v. 14), considers a field (v. 16), perceives that her merchandise is profitable (v. 18), notices the poor (v. 20), is aware of the seasons and is prepared for each of them (v. 21). This woman is not just focused on herself or just her family; she is looking at the world and living wisely in it.

People who manage money diligently will develop an ability to be aware of the world around them. They will perceive the seasons and prepare. They will evaluate the worthiness of invest-

ments and act. They will recognize their resources and invest them appropriately (v. 16).

Many times a lack of observation and awareness will cause people not to keep up with their finances, follow investments or perceive fresh opportunities to grow what has been entrusted by the Lord.

Usually Proverbs 31 is read as a text that encourages hard work, with phrases such as: “rises while it is yet night” (v. 15), “her lamp does not go out at night” (v. 18) and “plants a vineyard” (v. 16). Certainly this text, along with many others, encourages hard work and faithful living. Simultaneously, wise people will perceive the world around them.

Then, they will make wise judgments based upon God’s Word and truth. Hard work alone will not yield fruitful profit. Instead, the wise person must perceive the world rightly and then direct their hard work to the areas of life that will produce the most fruit. Wise management of money begins with being fully awake to the world.

AUGUST 14, 2016

We are a society that is used to instant gratification. Want the answer to a question? Google the answer. Forgot to make dinner tonight? Pick up take-out on the way home. Want to watch a movie? Stream it directly to your TV through Netflix. If you want it, you can have it now!

While the convenience of having things at a moment’s notice is nice, it unfortunately sometimes breeds impatience and feelings of entitlement in our hearts. These feelings bleed not only into our attitudes toward everyday inconveniences but also in our relationship with the Lord. Look at David in 1 Samuel 25. When he received word that he not only had been insulted by Nabal (1 Sam.

25:10) but also his men had been mistreated (1 Sam. 25:11), his response was swift and fueled by emotion (1 Sam. 25:13).

How would you feel in a similar situation? When someone mistreats someone close to you, do you tend to stop and seek the Lord or have a knee-jerk, emotional response? I, like many of you, can

identify with David. When I feel like ones close to me have been wronged (especially when someone insults someone in my family), I quickly put on my sword like David’s men in verse 13. But thankfully, the Lord has put people in my path who, like Abigail, are used of the Lord to stop me in my rash decisions and reactions.

Think of the last time you were wronged or insulted. Or worse, think of the last time you heard someone insult the Lord.

What was your response? Proverbs 14:29 (ESV) says, “Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.” When we are put in situations where we are wronged, we need to consider how we can reflect

Christ in those moments. In our world of instant everything, we have lost the discipline of simply sitting in the presence of the Lord, meditating on His word and patiently waiting for His answer. The next time you feel wronged or inconvenienced, don’t go for a quick fix that might reflect poorly on the Lord, instead seek the One who has answers.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

## Protected

1 SAMUEL 25:14-17,32-38 (ESV)

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## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

## Invest money wisely

ECCLESIASTES 11:1-6 (ESV)

Craig Seals  
Arkadelphia

My wife and I are looking to purchase a house in the town where I pastor (we currently live 15 minutes outside of the city). We see this move as a potential investment that could, hopefully, produce a return in equity in a few years. However, there are many unknowns beyond our ability to control.

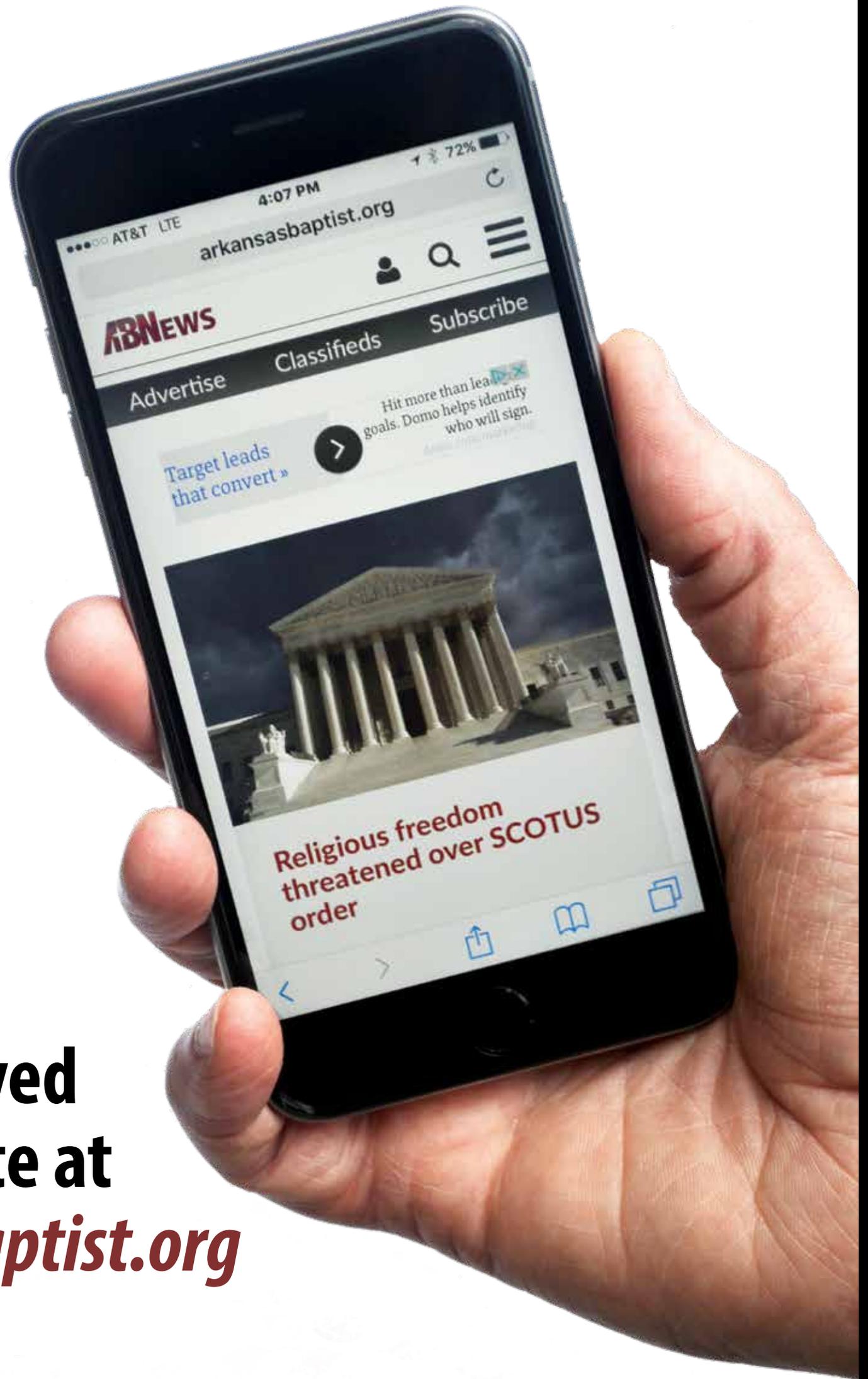
What will happen to the housing market? Will the new house begin to have foundation problems? What will happen to the neighborhood? Will the housing market in general take a negative turn? We have no control over any of these scenarios. It may seem that the future is completely out of our control.

When we read Ecclesiastes, we learn that it is a half truth that we are not in control of our future. No investment is guaranteed, and ultimately God is the only One who knows the future. Anytime we invest we need to understand that there are risks. However, the Bible explains that we should take care to invest wisely to

eliminate as many of the unknowns as possible.

In Ecclesiastes 11:6 the Teacher exhorts us to sow seed in a variety of places because you do not know where the crop will actually grow. The theological truth is that God is in control of the fruit but we must sow the seed. Wise investors of money (time, talent, etc.) will recognize that it is wise to diversify their efforts so as to maximize the fruit of the investments.

Also, investors must minimize the risk as much as possible. However, this can often lead to paralysis by analysis. Wise investors measure the risk and then decide what is in their control and what is out of their control. What is in their control should be addressed, and what is out of their control should cause them either to leave the investment alone or to invest and trust the Lord’s results – even if it does not bring the return hoped for.



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