



Bikes, Blues and BBQ festival

Jeff Harrison (left) of South Main Baptist Church, Crossett, washes a motorcycle at the annual Bikes, Blues and BBQ festival in Fayetteville. First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, sponsors a free bike wash every year. Members of the FAITH Riders from South Main Baptist assisted this year. See story page 2. Photo by Lynn Kutter

2,000 vols; 150 churches participate

Acts 1:8 One Day sees more than 100 saved

FORREST CITY – More than 100 salvations – as well as other decisions still being calculated – were reported as a result of the annual Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip, a Mississippi River Ministry Project, which took place Oct. 6.

More than 2,000 volunteers representing 150-plus churches across Arkansas converged on Forrest City and surrounding areas for the missions day, which is a ministry of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC).

Volunteers divided into groups and ministered at 118 ministry sites in area communities, which are served by Tri County Baptist Association. Among other things, projects ranged from nursing home visits and sports

ministry to prayer walking, block parties and evangelism.

“The One Day Mission Trip was a great success, many lives were changed and the community was impacted,” said Breck Freeman, ABSC missions ministries team member and Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip coordinator.

John Stipe, deacon at First Baptist Church, Forrest City, related stories he heard of how several people were impacted.

One such story was of a volunteer who met a husband and wife who were verbally fighting. The volunteer encountered the man as he was leaving the house and planning to get a

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At UA-Fort Smith

Campus revival nets 39 salvations

Tim Yarbrough
Arkansas Baptist News

FORT SMITH – A revival on the campus of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Oct. 2-3 drew nearly 600 students and others – resulting in 39 decisions for Christ.

Dubbed “Revive,” the revival started Tuesday, Oct. 2 with an indoor service, which was attended by 180 students. A number of profes-

sions of faith were recorded the first night. But God had bigger things in store for the second night, said John Schaffner, Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) director.

A special worship service was held outside on the campus green Wednesday, Oct. 3. Evangelist Dave Edwards shared a message and The Shine band led in worship.

“We were outdoors and held our worship from the very heart of

campus. We had over 400 in attendance,” Schaffner said, adding the atmosphere could not have been better.

“It was a perfect night – 68 degrees with a light breeze and clear skies. The best part was seeing people saved in the shadow of the clock tower,” he said. “This was the first time we have attempted an event like

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Church Building & Facilities

Read about how Arkansas Baptist churches are improving their facilities.

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Bouillon honored for 50 years of RA service

Leah Fender
Arkansas Baptist News

LONSDALE – For half a century, Ken Bouillon, member of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, has been involved in Royal Ambassadors (RAs) in some capacity – either as a member or leader.

On Sept. 22, while at an RA retreat at Spring Lake Baptist Assembly in Lonsdale, he was surprised

with a plaque and some letters to commemorate the occasion.

“I was totally surprised,” Bouillon said. “I had no idea that my family was going to do this.”

While in the middle of a Saturday night RA worship service, Bouillon’s family presented him with the plaque and letters.

“I truly feel honored,” Bouillon said.

Bob Fielding, Arkansas Baptist State Conven-

tion (ABSC) missions ministries team member and Bouillon’s brother-in-law, said he started thinking of how to commemorate this occasion a number of years ago.

“I knew that his 50th anniversary with RAs was coming up, and I wanted to truly do something special for him,” he said.

Fielding began contacting as many missionaries as he could to enlist them in writing letters to Bouillon about how his faithful service has made a difference in their lives or those they are reaching with the gospel.

“I was amazed at how many people actually took the time to write letters,” Fielding said. “This book (of letters) literally covers every single continent, except Australia and Ant-

arctica. Now that’s a testament!”

In addition to the book of letters, Fielding had a plaque made to commemorate the occasion. Fielding wrote an inscription that reads, “Honoring your service to the King of Kings as His Royal Ambassador for the last 50 years. You have trained hundreds of boys to love Him, serve Him, give to His Mission, pray for His missionaries, and be on mission themselves. Millions worldwide have heard the gospel because of your faithfulness. May He receive all the glory.”

The plaque also has the four RA patches that have been used during Bouillon’s 50-year involve-

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Bob Fielding (left) with Ken Bouillon.

Arkansas Baptist TV anchor dies in car crash October 6

MATT TURNER, a Little Rock TV anchor and Southern Baptist, died Oct. 6 in a crash on Interstate Highway 30 between Benton and Malvern near the Hot Springs exit.

Authorities reported Turner's vehicle ran off the road and hit a highway sign.

A native of Arkadelphia, Turner joined the THV television station in September after serving at a northwest Arkansas TV station for a number of years.

He played both baseball and football for Arkadelphia High School and was starting quarterback for Ouachita Baptist University's football team.

While at Ouachita, he met his wife, Julee. They have a 10-month-old daughter, Preslee Bell.

In addition to a wife and daughter, Turner is survived by his mother, Lisa, and his brother, Andy.

Turner's father, Gary, was the

pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia for 25 years. The elder Turner died of leukemia in 2005.

Those who knew Turner said he was "incredibly dedicated to his family" and had a strong relationship with the Lord.

"He was incredibly in love with his family and was a great man of integrity," said Greg Kinsey, associate pastor at The Church at Rock Creek, Little Rock, where Turner



Turner

attended. "He was committed to his family and faith, and whatever he did, he did it to the best of his ability. He will truly be missed."

Turner was a member of Cross Church in northwest Arkansas.

A memorial service was held Oct. 10 at Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up at Summit Bank and Southern Bancorp for Julee and Preslee Turner.

Baptist Foundation offers stewardship Bible study

LITTLE ROCK - The Arkansas Baptist Foundation is partnering with Philanthrocorp of Colorado Springs to offer a special 1-hour Bible study with the purpose of assisting members in making better decisions when donating their estates to ministry.

"The purpose is to increase the educational emphasis in helping Arkansas Baptists to be better stewards of their estates, which may include leaving at least a portion of their estates to ministry," said David Moore, Foundation president, of its new partnership with Philanthrocorp.

Moore added, "Specifically, the Foundation is making available a one-hour Bible study based upon the book 'Stewarding Your Stuff' taught by a Foundation staff person. If desired, the Bible study can be followed by a legacy-related sermon in the worship service, which can be preached by a Foundation minister. The Bible study and sermon emphasis works in either a Sunday morning or Sunday evening format."

The Bible study includes the fol-



lowing topics: stewarding your stuff (introduction/biblical foundation); stewarding the "big jar" (Christian estate planning/giving), and practical guide for Christian estate planning (conclusion/application).

"Christian estate planning is an often overlooked or minimized part of one's life," said Moore. "However, it involves one of the most significant financial and stewardship decisions of our lives. The Stewarding Your Stuff emphasis helps educate and motivate Arkansas Baptists to be good stewards of God's blessings. This includes encouraging Arkansas Baptists to consider leaving a part of their estates to God's kingdom."

For more information about the Stewarding Your Stuff Bible study emphasis, call the Arkansas Baptist Foundation at 800-798-0969.

Churches share Christ at Bikes, Blues and BBQ Festival

Lynn Kutter
Arkansas Baptist News

FAYETTEVILLE - When tens of thousands of people travel to one's city during a four-day event, ministry opportunities come knocking - or in this case - come riding. That's the scenario First Baptist Church, Cross Church and University Baptist Church face every fall during the annual Bikes, Blues & BBQ (BBB) festival.

First Baptist is located at the corner of Dickson Street and College Avenue, and bikers turn the corner during the four days to go to activities, restaurants and vendor booths along the street. The church sponsors a free bike wash for two days in its Dickson Street parking lot, and church members serve a free hot breakfast on Saturday morning.

The church usually washes anywhere from 60 to 150 bikes and serves breakfast to more than 100 people each year.

Church member Rick Tanneberger said the "real story" is that it took First Baptist about three years to realize it was located in a prime location to minister to the bikers. Two men, Rick McCoy and Steve Moore, came up with the idea to wash bikes, and it's been an annual event for the past seven or eight years.

"It's a ministry, and occasionally, you'll have an opportunity to share Christ with someone," Tanneberger said, adding that many times the bikers will offer to pay for the wash and church members have to remind them it's all free.

McCoy said the outreach provides an opportunity for church members to be involved in a local mission project. As church members wash bikes, cook and serve breakfast, they get the opportunity to share Jesus Christ.

"We have foreign missions, and this gives a chance for people to do it locally. There's a lot of lost people in Fayetteville, and a lot of lost bikers," McCoy said.

Seven people prayed to receive Christ this year during the church's outreach.



Evelyn McDonald (right) of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, serves a free breakfast to Mike Bostick of Osawatimie, Kan. Each year, First Baptist Church sponsors a free bike wash and breakfast to the many who come to Fayetteville for Bikes, Blues & BBQ. Photo by Lynn Kutter.

This is the second year that Cross Church of Fayetteville and its FAITH Riders have participated in the motorcycle festival. FAITH Riders, based in Lakeland, Fla., is a national motorcycle ministry associated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

FAITH Riders from Cross Church set up a booth in the parking lot across from the Walton Arts Center, which was in the middle of activities being held on Dickson Street. Visitors were invited to listen to a 3-minute testimony in exchange for signing up to win an iPad.

Jeff Hairston of Cross Church said many FAITH bikers learned to share their faith for the first time last year.

"Before the event, we get prayed up," Hairston said. "We've seen them show their faith and seen confidence growing in them."

He pointed out that if believers can share their faith in the middle of a motorcycle rally, "you can share it anywhere."

This year, the FAITH Riders took on a new challenge to clean up and recycle several areas at

the rally, including the beer garden and the large Walton Arts Center parking lot. The group is using the money it earned to pick up recycling items to benefit Restoration Village, a facility in Little Flock that provides long-term shelter for women in crisis.

The project allowed the bikers to be among thousands of people throughout the four days.

"This is all about personal touches," Hairston said. "They see we're willing to serve, and when we're cleaning up after them, it gives us the chance to sit down and explain who we are."

Additionally, he said he believes this visibility helped with recognition when bikers and other patrons walked by their vendor tent.

The key of the FAITH Riders outreach, said Hairston, is to get people under the tent to hear a personal testimony about Jesus Christ. Over four days, FAITH Riders and other church members shared their testimonies with 857 people, and 56 people prayed to accept Christ as their Savior.

First Baptist and Cross Church had other volunteers helping their ministries this year. A FAITH Riders chapter from South Main Baptist Church, Crossett, washed bikes and helped under the Cross Church tent during the festival. Other groups included FAITH Riders from Oklahoma, the Iron Riders of Christ of northeast Arkansas and the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

University Baptist Church, located about a block from Dickson Street, provided paid parking for BBB patrons, a free cookout on Friday and a Saturday lunch. Proceeds from parking benefited Second Mile Ministries, the church's community benevolence ministry.

As part of the paid parking, the church gave patrons a ticket. The back of the ticket displayed a Quick Response (QR) code with a link to a video message from Mike Lumpkin, University Baptist pastor. The message invited bikers to church and shared the gospel with them.

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ABSC president

Addison embraces ministry in Ark.

Tim Yarbrough
Arkansas Baptist News

CABOT – At first glance, Greg Addison's path to ministry in Arkansas may seem unconventional. He has a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee and is a former member and staff member of a high-profile Southern Baptist megachurch.

If you knew Addison prior to 1995, it might have been through the law firm of McKnight, Hudson, Lewis and Henderson in Memphis, Tenn.

A lot changed for Addison in 1996 when he was ordained to the gospel ministry at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. In February of that year, Addison would join the ministry staff at Bellevue, where he served on staff until 2002, leading the church's single adult, new member and men's ministry.

Today, Addison, 47, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Cabot and is finishing his first term as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC). As of press time, Addison was the only announced candidate for president.

Addison has been senior pastor of First Baptist in Cabot since February 2007. Previously, he pastored East Side Baptist Church in Paragould from 2002 to 2007.

Addison's love for the Lord and for His Church is contagious. During his tenure at First Baptist, the church has grown significantly, in part due to innovative programs like Genesis Lab. He and his wife, Janet, developed the children's worship program, which Addison describes as "a creative and interactive program using drama, science experiments and creative teaching in the context of an imaginative science lab to teach children a biblical worldview."

The Addisons have two children, Mabry Anne, 20, a student at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, and



Greg Addison shares about the 100 for 100 campaign at First Baptist Church, Cabot, which is designed to encourage more small groups, volunteers and increased stewardship.

John Grant, 18, a student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Addison is grateful for all the ministry experiences God has provided him – first as a layman and now as a minister.

"I know what it is to be a layman. I served as a deacon, committee member and Sunday school teacher. I understand the world they live in and walk through every day because I walked through that world as well," said Addison.

"I understand how hard it is to work with people with a different worldview, witnessing at work, the stress of maintaining your testimony – even when ridiculed for it. I know what it is like to have ministry responsibilities after working 50 hours a week in your secular job. I know what I want and need from a pastor," he



Listen to an interview with Greg Addison at www.arkansasbaptist.org/podcast.

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ABN Digest

Stories of interest to Arkansas Baptists

Poll: Pastors support Mormon candidate

NASHVILLE (BP) – Three times more Protestant pastors plan to vote for Mitt Romney over Barack Obama in the upcoming presidential election, and Romney's Mormon beliefs are a factor for only a small number of pastors, according to a new survey. The survey conducted by LifeWay Research Sept. 26-Oct. 3 found that 57 percent of Protestant pastors plan to vote for Romney compared with 17 percent for Obama. Twenty-two percent are still undecided.

Decline of Protestants on rise, says new study

NASHVILLE (BP) – Headlines proclaiming the loss of the Protestant majority in the United States should not cause panic among evangelicals, but rather motivate them to articulate the gospel and live as followers of Christ, Southern Baptist leaders said. The percentage of Americans who are not affiliated with any particular religion – dubbed the "nones" – rose to 20 percent in the latest analysis by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life, compared to 15 percent five years ago. Moreover, one-third of Americans under age 30 are religiously unaffiliated, Pew said Oct. 9, and the percentage of Americans who self-identify as Protestants dropped from 53 percent to 48 percent.

Southern Seminary opens missions center

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) – Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's new Bevin Center for Missions Mobilization officially opened Oct. 9 during the seminary's Heritage Week. The center is designed to mobilize prayer and people through the seminary community for fulfilling the Great Commission, said Southern Seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. Functions at the Bevin Center will include a missions conference at the seminary, training events, affinity group fellowships, cultural immersion experiences, hosting missionaries in residence and an expanded missions week on Southern's campus, as well as expanded missions trips around the world. Festivities culminated with a prayer of dedication by trustees.

For more ABN Digest, go to www.arkansasbaptist.org/abn-digest

At ABN exhibit

Parent magazine, iPad giveaway

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS attending the annual convention meeting Oct. 30-31 in Cabot may choose to have their caricature drawn and register to win an iPad by visiting the *Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN) exhibit.

"In addition to providing extensive coverage of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting, we would like to invite messengers to visit us, the staff of the ABN," said Tim Yarbrough, editor. "In addition to signing up for a free, three-month subscription for the digital edition and for our iPad giveaway, ABN cartoonist Gary Thomas will hand draw caricatures of messengers."

A new feature at this year's exhibit will be the distribution of the free *Arkansas Christian Parent* magazine, said Yarbrough.

"We are so excited to be a part of producing *Arkansas Christian Parent*," he said. "The magazine is a great resource for churches and their members, as well as designed to be used as an outreach tool. We encourage churches to place them

strategically at local businesses and at work, as well as use them during church visitation."

Churches are asked to come to the annual meeting prepared to pick up the number of magazines they want to distribute.

"Some churches may want as few as 25; other churches may want a couple hundred magazines. The key is letting us know prior to the meeting in Cabot so we will have enough on hand to send home with them," said Yarbrough.

To be eligible to win the iPad, attendees must visit the ABN booth in the exhibit hall in person where they will receive an official form. Entrants must be an active member of an Arkansas Baptist church. When signing up for the iPad giveaway, entrants will automatically be signed up to receive a free, three-month subscription to the digital

edition of the ABN.

To request copies of the *Arkansas Christian Parent* magazine for your church, call the ABN at 501-376-4791, ext. 5153, or toll-free at 800-838-2272; or email abn@arkansasbaptist.org.



Thomas



Free copies of *Arkansas Christian Parent* magazine will be available at the ABN exhibit.

Jesus is the only hope for 'nothing in particular'

Never before have so few people in the United States identified themselves as Protestants.

According to a new study by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, more conservative evangelical Protestants – such as Southern Baptists – are experiencing decline much like liberal mainline Protestants, Methodists and Episcopalians have in the past.



PRESSING ON

Tim Yarbrough

The study, conducted this past summer, noted the decline was among white Protestants, not minority black Protestants.

Nearly one in five Americans now identify themselves as “atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular,” the study said.

What’s more, one-third of young people age 18 to 22 are religiously unaffiliated.

For years, I was told that if someone did not come to Christ by the

age of 19, their chances of ever professing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior fell significantly.

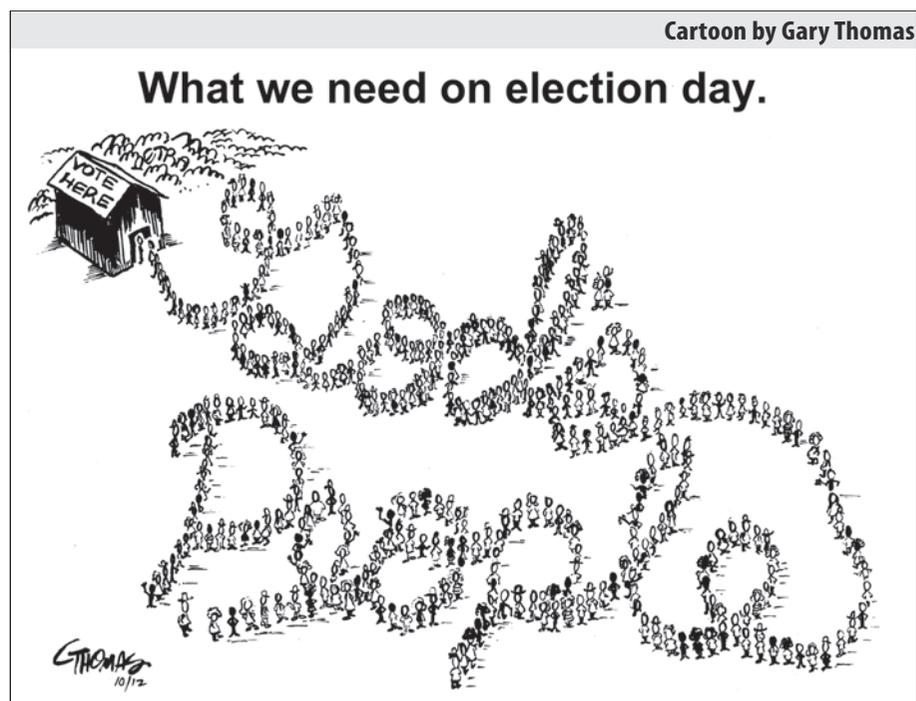
These statistics should be a wake-up call for all evangelicals to double up efforts to reach the younger generations.

So after reading the study, it was uplifting to see an Arkansas Baptist ministry to students result in so many young people being saved.

Last week I attended the Revive student revival meeting on the campus of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

The Spirit of God was heavy as I watched students worship, pray and respond to a simple gospel message during the event – with more than 30 making decisions to follow Jesus.

The revival at Fort Smith is repeated time after time on campus after campus across Arkansas as a



part of the ministries of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) that Arkansas Baptists so faithfully support.

Pray for God to continue to use ministries like the BCM to make

known the hope found in Christ and Christ alone.

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The serious issue of medical marijuana

Issue 5 on the Arkansas ballot for this November is purported to be about providing medical marijuana for the sick and dying. There are three serious problems with the proposal. (1) It does not hold marijuana to the same standards as other medicines; (2) it allows users to grow their own marijuana at home without oversight from authorities or medical professionals, and (3) it gives counties less control over marijuana than substances like alcohol.

If you purchase over-the-counter medicine at the drugstore or pick up a prescription at the pharmacy, that medicine has been tested and vetted by scientists and doctors. Additionally, it has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, which also provides dosing recommendations, and in the case of prescrip-

tions, is controlled by your doctor and your pharmacy. Under Issue 5, marijuana does not get treated like a prescription at all. A written note from any doctor in the nation is sufficient to permit a person to use marijuana under this measure.

That doctor’s note is good for a lifetime – it never expires. As long as a person has that note, the state of Arkansas must continue permitting them to use marijuana – even if they no longer actually suffer from any qualifying illness.

The measure establishes marijuana stores – called dispensaries – to sell marijuana to users. However, if a user lives more than five miles from a dispensary, he or she may grow their own marijuana at home. Since the measure effectively caps the number of dispensaries at 30 for the entire state, it’s safe to assume most users will be able

to grow their own marijuana. This marijuana cultivation may be done in a person’s backyard – if the user wants. The regulations are very lax. There are very limited restrictions on the number and types of plants a user can grow, but the truth is this cultivation is conducted with absolutely no involvement from either state officials or the user’s doctor who recommended the marijuana in the first place.

Finally, the measure gives counties less control over marijuana than they have over alcohol. Under this measure, marijuana will be legal even in counties where alcohol is not. In about 40 Arkansas counties where citizens have voted to ban liquor stores, marijuana stores can pop up like wildflowers. If these counties attempt to ban marijuana dispensaries the way they have liquor stores, marijuana users

will simply grow their own drugs at home. That’s how backward this measure is.

Do you want your children and grandchildren growing up in neighborhoods where folks grow marijuana right next to the rose bushes? Do you want to live in a state where a person has to fill out more paperwork for a box of behind-the-counter Sudafed than for a bag of marijuana? There’s a reason the medi-

cal community does not turn out in droves to support “medical” marijuana: It isn’t really about helping the sick and dying. It’s just about making marijuana as available as possible.

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Family Matters

Intentional parents

In spring 2011, I met a couple who participated in parenting seminars I led related to my Doctor of Ministry project. The seminars covered a variety of passages related to parenting, encouraging them to frequently nurture the faith of their children at home. They faithfully attended and planned intentional opportunities to engage in consistent faith interactions with their children at home, in addition to being regularly involved with their children at church. The class provided some guidance for parents, encouraging them to share their testimony and a gospel presentation with their children.



Phillips

In spring 2012, I drafted a baseball team of 18 children, ages 7 to 9 years old, in the local city league. One of the players just happened to be this couple's 9-year-old son. Coaching throughout the spring provided an opportunity to continue hearing stories about the challenges and successes of their family life. The father, in particular, shared about his heart to see his children trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior.

This fall was a memorable time for their family when God's timing led their son to accept Christ after attending a series of evangelistic meetings at his church.

The child had a variety of experiences at home and church that prepared his heart to hear and respond to the gospel. His parents were actively involved in church with their entire family. He had the opportunity to hear the good news from a variety of voices in Sunday school, worship, preaching, the Awana program and other church events. His parents were intentional at home to engage in consistent faith interactions, and were patient and trusted God and His timing with their son's decision.

My prayer is for all families to be actively involved in church and to engage in faith interactions at home, resulting in children responding to the gospel. What steps would God have your family take to be more actively involved at church and to more intentionally engage in faith interactions at home?

Ben Phillips leads the Arkansas Baptist State Convention family ministry team.

My first ABSC meeting

My first Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) Annual Meeting occurred in 1986. I was the new pastor at Mt. Olive in Crossett and was introduced by Don Moore in the presentation of new staff members. I remember that convention because of the Nominating Committee report. It was adopted unanimously when presented, but revisited later in the convention, and amended. It was a good convention for me, and I learned a lot about being an Arkansas Baptist.

This convention will be the 15th consecutive convention as your executive director and also my last in that position. I know more about being an Arkansas Baptist than I did in 1986, and I have a deeper appreciation for who we are and the way we do our work. Our diversity, focus on evangelism and missions, cooperation – and the demonstration of these attributes – thrills me each year during our convention meeting. And I look forward to another display of the things that make Arkansas such a great place to serve.

Each year I get notes and emails after the convention.



A PASTOR'S HEART

Emil Turner

The subject of these gracious communications is always appreciation for what our churches are doing together. I can take no credit for these accomplishments, other than that of the child who sets the table prior to the feast. The staff of the ABSC and I simply arrange what you see; we did not produce it. We are grateful to have been close enough to be identified with it.

So come and enjoy the fellowship. Rejoice in the work done by your church and its sister churches in our convention. Thank God for each one who was saved, each new ministry and each missionary sent. Pray for each agency and the important work they do. Sing, celebrate and share in the joy of serving

the King.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the ABSC. And while it will be my last convention as your executive director, God willing it will not be my last convention as an Arkansas Baptist. I enjoy too much to miss any.

Emil Turner is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Biblically responsible investments 101

In today's volatile economic climate, one question stands out: What investments should a person make? As a minister who deals in such matters, I am honored when people believe I have a ready answer for that question. To attempt a response would prove irresponsible on my part since too many crucial, but unknown, variables must be considered.

First, Does the person who asks the above question have an emergency fund in cash or cash equivalents? Normally, that amount should represent about three to six months of one's ordinary living expenses. This fund is exclusively for emergency needs that may arise (loss of employment, sudden funeral expense, et cetera.).

Next, Is there diversification in the current investments (retirement and investment accounts)? The wise man in Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NIV 1984) reminds each one of us to "give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land." Although the entreaty refers to giving, the underlying concept applies also to investments. It may be that the proverbial adage, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," more convincingly spells out the same message. With numerous asset classes and individual funds that span numerous types of assets, one can easily diversify a portfolio today.

As Christians, we should also seek to invest in a biblically responsible manner. It is shameful to do

otherwise, like putting our money into businesses whose products and services waste away the moral or physical makeup of our existence (e.g., pornography, abortions, alcohol, tobacco).

To screen is not always an easy task. A particular company, for example, has made the "Wall of Shame" for a Christian money manager because the company advertises on "anti-family" TV shows. Others would screen the company as a major distributor of alcohol. Others would argue that buying the company stock does not add to the profit of the company, but shopping in the store does.

Thus, there are many opinions on how to properly screen companies from a biblical perspective. At the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, we spend considerable time in determining which companies to screen from our biblical basis.

Perhaps "completely pure" investments are impossible to make, but each disciple of Christ must try. Seek counsel from the Bible; then, pray about the matter. Remember, we need to help protect others, our community and overall environment, not deplete them.

To summarize, invest in an emergency fund. Diversify your portfolio with numerous asset classes and assets. Invest in a biblically responsible manner. Above all, pray for wisdom in making investment decisions.

David Moore is president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

FINANCIAL TIMES

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Missing IMB missionaries

I've been crunching the numbers from the 2012 annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting.

The reports continue to show a drastic decline in our foreign mission force, which is supposed to be our best effort to win the 6 billion lost folks in the world. The number of international missionaries sent out by the SBC fell again in 2011 from 5,031 to 4,857, a drop of 174 or almost 4 percent. This follows the drop of 2010, in which the total was 5,031, down from 5,441 in 2009, a net loss of 410 missionaries or over 7 percent of the foreign mis-

sion workforce.

In the last two years, our foreign mission force has gone down by 584 missionaries, a loss of 11 percent.

Warren Watkins
Searcy

Editor's Note: The Arkansas Baptist News contacted the International Mission Board (IMB) about the decline in the missionary count. The IMB provided the following response: "The number of international missionaries serving is dependent on the financial resources

provided by Southern Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). In 2009, there was significant decline in gifts through CP and LMCO. In the following years, gifts

from Southern Baptist have increased slightly, but there has not been a return to the level of support provided before 2009.

IMB is committed to being fiscally responsible with the resources provided and will maintain a missionary force that can be supported by the current giving of Southern Baptists through CP and LMCO."

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said. "It really helps me focus on loving and serving our church family. In fact, most of the time I identify with the perspective of a layman far more than as a pastor."

Addison believes there are some "common skill sets" between pastors and attorneys.

"For example, research and study is the lifeblood of both professions. The principles for properly interpreting Scripture are very similar to the principles used for properly reading a law. Writing a sermon is a lot like writing a legal argument – proper research, correct interpretation, arguments based solely on authority and not personal opinion, and moving the hearer to a decision. All of these skills have translated very well."

Addison said his "life journey" of moving from lawyer to pastor intrigues some people and gives him opportunities to share Jesus – even sometimes when it is said in a joking manner.

"It's fun to hear them ask, 'Did you get saved and then stop practicing law?'" Addison said, adding he uses the opportunity to tell them how he was saved at age 9 and grew up in the church.

"God trained me through church to teach me as a pastor the power

and importance of a healthy church. Every salvation testimony is special because it cost Jesus' death on the cross," he said. "Mine is no more valuable than anyone else's story, but like every testimony, (it) connects with some people and causes them to consider Jesus' influence in a life. The lesson? If you will surrender your life to Jesus, He will do more with your life than you can ever imagine."

The *Arkansas Baptist News (ABN)* interviewed Addison recently on a number of topics as he completes his first term as ABSC president.

ABN: *Having completed one year as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, what are some things you learned that you didn't know about the work in Arkansas and, perhaps, Arkansas Baptists in general?*

Addison: Even though I have been very involved in ABSC life since I moved here a little more than 10 years ago, I never cease to be amazed at the astounding breadth of what our convention does through the partnership of the ABSC staff and churches. It seems like every time I talk with someone or go to a meeting I am discovering yet another area of ministry.

There are exciting and effective churches in every region and type of neighborhood, city or rural area. Churches are being planted in an amazing variety of ways – satellites, urban churches, different languages,

unique metropolitan areas, cowboy churches, et cetera. We're supporting crisis pregnancy centers, law enforcement chaplains, poverty conferences, worldwide ministries, BCMs on something like 16 campuses, lobbying efforts in the state legislature, and supporting state conventions whose funding has been reduced due to changes in the SBC. This does not even scratch the surface.

In fact, I believe getting churches, both pastors and congregations, involved is a key to our future strength. The substance is there. Everyone who gets involved is surprised and blessed to see the quality and breadth of ministry. We need to find more ways to engage Arkansas Baptists. If they just get connected enough to start seeing all that happens, they cannot help but get involved.

ABN: *As Arkansas Baptists look ahead to the future, what challenges and opportunities do you see?*

Addison: Obviously, anytime an organization faces a major change in leadership, it presents potential risks and opportunities. Dr. (Emil) Turner (executive director of the ABSC) has given strong and visionary leadership in every area of the ABSC. He has focused our convention on the main thing – more people in heaven and less people in hell. Our staff is as strong as any state convention, and they love and serve our churches. Our state is unified and characterized by love and partnership among our people. Dr. Turner's leadership has been integral to these things. We are strong and well-prepared for transition. It will be imperative for all of us around Arkansas to bathe in prayer this search process and God's new leader for us. If we do that, I am confident we will see God protect us from the risk and lead us into the new opportunities.

Another issue that I personally see relates to how we view ourselves. We are impacting both America and the world for Jesus right here from Arkansas. Other state conventions look to us as a model. I think there are still a lot of people within our state, however, that view us as "just small churches in Arkansas." We are so much more than just small churches in a small state. We need to see a greater vision of who we are. It was Jesus who told us we would do greater works than He did. That is either the divinely inspired Word of God or it isn't. And it's not just the large churches I am talking about.

We have so many innovative pastors in small and bi-vocational churches. There are churches building creative and beautiful facilities in every size community. All our churches need a dose of "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Seeing a greater vision should not be a culture perspective; it should be a Christian perspective. I do not really even see a resource deficit in our state. I truly believe it is a deficit of identity as the Body of the living victorious Christ. It's amazing how resources and talented people show up when people work from the viewpoint of a God who can do "exceedingly beyond all I can think or imagine."

Finally, I hear a lot of questions and concerns about the direction of the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention). I can certainly understand some concern and have areas of concern myself. I am not worried about that having much of a detrimental impact in Arkansas. While it may mean pragmatic changes in some ways, our convention staff and leadership committees have really prepared us for whatever may come. More importantly, our pastors and churches are committed to working together to saturate Arkansas with the gospel and ministries that show Jesus' love. Our churches are mission-minded and will continue to have a missions worldview and reach out to the world with the gospel.

National trends – whatever they turn out to reveal – will not change that. This is the heart of who we are as Arkansas Baptists. I have seen that heart clearly, and it is what makes me so optimistic about our impact for the foreseeable future.

ABN: *Share a little about the support and/or encouragement you have received from other Arkansas Baptist pastors, staff and members as you have served as ABSC president and – for that matter – the members of your own church.*

Addison: One of the many things I love about working with Arkansas Baptists is their servant-heartedness and sense of teamwork. A major portion of my role is recruiting and participating in the nominating process. It can be intimidating to have the responsibility to fill so many key positions. Everyone has been more than willing to serve unless just provisionally hindered. They are so gracious to jump in. In fact, most of them thank you for letting them serve. To me, it is a blessing and a beautiful picture of Christlikeness. Who wouldn't be encouraged by working with so many people who are willing to serve the cause of Christ?

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Greg Addison, shown with wife, Janet, has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Cabot, since 2007.



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Many festivals planned

Arkansas churches reach out during fall

ACROSS ARKANSAS this fall, there will be no shortage of community outreach as Arkansas Baptist churches host numerous events.

Fall festivals planned

Second Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, is sponsoring a fall festival called "Lotta." It's called "Lotta" because there are a "lotta kids, lotta candy, lotta fun," said Noelle Stanley, children's minister. It will take place on the church's parking lot from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 and will include games, food, candy and inflatables.

Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, is having their annual fall festival but with a twist.

"This is one of our church's greatest opportunities to share the gospel," said Beverly Turner, children's minister for Grand Avenue Baptist Church. "We make over 600 balloon hats that tell the salvation story with color. Then we have a 'bucket brigade,' church member's that carry treats in a bucket and ask the kids wearing hats to repeat the story back to them for a prize. Now the children are telling us the (salvation) story – big bonus!"

Crosby Baptist Church, Searcy, is hosting a fall festival starting at 2 p.m. Oct. 27. Bounce houses, games, prizes and candy will be featured. After the sun goes down, there will be a bonfire to roast marshmallows and hot dogs. There will also be a hayride.

Calvary Baptist Church, Hope, will hold its annual fall festival and a block party for Awana and neighborhood kids.

"Our church is surrounded by a diverse neighborhood with lots of children," said Hal Dixon, pastor of Calvary Baptist. "So we try to do these kinds of activities frequently."

Second Baptist Church, Russellville, will host a children's fall festival from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. A photographer will be there to take pictures of children in costumes against a fall backdrop. Photos will be hand-delivered to the homes shortly after the festival with a special invitation to visit Second Baptist, said Al Ray Taylor, associate pastor.

Dell Baptist Church, Dell, will hold its annual fall festival at 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

"The whole community is invited for a chili supper and fellowship. The children will play games in the gym and a devotional will be given," said Sherry Griffin, music leader at Dell Baptist Church. "Everyone in the Dell community enjoys our fall

festival."

Mountain Pine First Baptist Church, Mountain Pine, has planned its fourth annual fall festival for 5 p.m. Oct. 27. According to Darrin Green, pastor, results from the event the past several years have been nothing short of "outstanding." In fact, the festival attendance from the community has grown from about 40 participants the first year to about 175 in attendance last year, he said. A Christian-themed pumpkin

carving contest will be held, along with various games, a bonfire and weenie roast, hayride, bounce house, various games and food for attendees.

"This is a positive alternative to Halloween that provides a family-friendly atmosphere that can be enjoyed by the entire family where the love of Christ can be shared," Green said, adding there are several new families attending Mountain Pine First Baptist as a result from last year's festival.

A number of other churches are also planning fall festivals, including First Baptist Church, Greenland; First Baptist Church, Trumann; Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Harrison; Maddox Road Baptist Church, Jacksonville; Marmaduke First Baptist Church, Marmaduke; First Baptist Church, Fort Smith; Faith Baptist Church, DeWitt; South Main Baptist Church, Crossett; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Arkadelphia; Trinity Baptist Church, Texarkana; Immanuel Baptist Church, Rogers, and Ebenezer Baptist Church, El Dorado.

Other fall activities

Each year, **First Baptist Church, Benton**, hosts the Harvest for Hunger Carnival for children and their families to come have fun while raising money for World Hunger, said Laurie Cox, the church's minister of preschool and childhood education.

The carnival will include old-fashioned carnival games, as well as some "modern day fun," said Cox. She added there will be food and a variety of inflatables for all ages, such as sumo wrestling, a slide, a preschool obstacle course and a bounce house.

"This is a wonderful evening for our church family to gather and make a difference for the kingdom while enjoying fellowship with family and friends," said Cox. "During the evening, we will also give away door prizes to guests. All of the proceeds from the evening are given directly to the World Hunger Relief Fund."

First Baptist Church, Marion,

hosts several large 5th Quarter events after high school football games that register more than 500 students each, and their student evangelism teams follow up with and reach these students throughout the fall.

Second Baptist Church, Clarksville, will have Round Up Sunday Oct. 28.

"The objective is to round up everyone for Sunday school," said Tom Dicus, pastor.

Dicus went on to say they will all dress in Western wear to go with the theme and have chili for lunch, horse rides for the kids and other activities.

Similar to Round Up Sunday, **Three Trees Cowboy Church, Wynne**, will have its second annual Fall Round Up Day Oct. 27, starting at 10 a.m. with its "top hand challenge." Pastor Tracy Wilson says that it's basically a race on horseback through an obstacle course.

"There are three classes – youth, ladies and the open class that all can ride in and the men have to," said Wilson. "This is open to everyone, and we always look forward to the public participating because they get to hear the gospel preached."

The event will include a big chuck wagon, bonfire weenie roast, lots of games, kettle corn and an old-fashioned hayride and horse ride through the countryside.

Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock, will have its annual GSFest, a fall carnival from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Oct. 26. The event will include carnival rides, inflatables, games and food.

"GSFest is an event that Geyer Springs hosts each year," said Paige Cate, children's ministry associate. "Every year we have a great opportunity to impact our community

for Christ. While they are on our campus, we take every opportunity to share the gospel and make sure they walk away knowing that we love them, but most importantly, that God loves them."

Balboa Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village, will conduct Fusion Fest III, a night for teenagers with a campfire, outdoor movie screen and plenty of snacks Oct. 27.

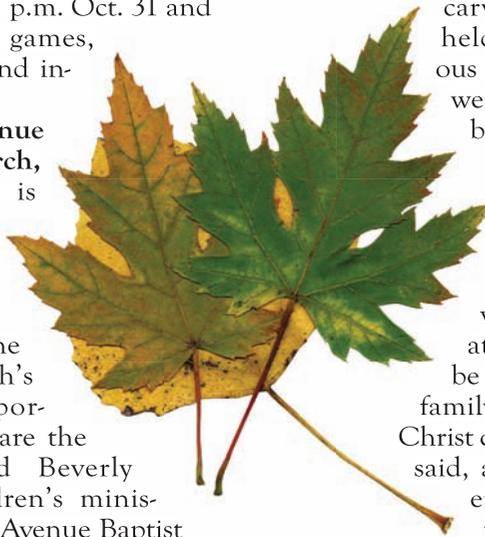
East Side Baptist Church, Paragould, is having a Wild West Fun Fest from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 28, complete with "real cowboys on horses, a mechanical bull, petting zoo, horse rope swing, inflatables, games, food and much more," according to Packy Magel, student pastor.

East Side Baptist is also holding its first-ever Treats in the Streets event Oct. 31.

"Our students grades 7-12 will be equipped with bags of candy and gospel tracts that we will go and distribute in our busiest trick or treating neighborhood," said Magel. "This is a new ministry for us. No 'Trunk or Treat.' All students will be on foot with clearly marked T-shirts or safety vests that identify them to our church as our students offer kids candy and tracts. We are praying that God uses these efforts to further His kingdom."

Trunk or Treat

In addition to the activities listed above, many churches are also hosting Trunk or Treats, including Archview Baptist Church, Little Rock; First Baptist Church, Lowell; Zion Hill Baptist Church, Cabot; First Baptist Church, Alma; First Baptist Church, Marion; Dallas Avenue Baptist Church, Mena; Second Baptist Church, Clarksville, and First Baptist Church, Hamburg.



Churches across Arkansas use fall festivals and similar events to reach out to their communities.

Coronado Baptist breaks ground for new building

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE – Coronado Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village, held official groundbreaking ceremonies for its first-ever church building Sept. 11.

Since its inception in 2005, the church has met at Hot Springs Village's Coronado Center and will continue there until completion of the new building, which is located in Hot Springs Village at the corner of Coronado Drive and Minorca Road. The property was donated by the John Cooper family, the developer of Hot Springs Village.

The initial structure will be 18,500 square feet with a multiuse auditorium that will seat 250-plus people. It will contain a boardroom, offices and 11 classrooms, which will serve infants through adults. The new structure will include a

full-service kitchen.

The church began as a mission of Balboa Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village, on Nov. 6, 2005, and was incorporated April 9, 2006, with 83 charter members. Johnny Ross served as pastor until current Pastor Gene Washburne's arrival in January 2007. Richard Rose serves as the church's minister of music and Jerry Thompson serves as church administrator.

"Having our own building will allow us to be more creative both in corporate worship and our ministry in the community," Washburne said about the building project. "It will give us more control over what we do. As a result, we can better express who we are as a local church."

For more information about Coronado Baptist, visit www.coronadobap.com.



Participating in the Coronado Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village, groundbreaking ceremony were Washburne children, Caleb, Corey and Elanor; Steve Butler, associate pastor at Balboa Baptist Church; Kenny Moore, pastor at Balboa Baptist Church, and Ken Barnard, associational missionary for Central Baptist Association.

New Hope builds ... after 17 years

Springdale churches complete buildings

Lisa Falknor

Arkansas Baptist News

SPRINGDALE – A church founded on the principle that people are more important than property has finally built a building – after 17 years.

Since its beginning in 1995, New Hope Fellowship rented three different Springdale locations: The Holiday Inn Conference Center, a recreational facility and a skating rink.

Founding Pastor Cliff Jenkins said the church, which started with eight and had 106 the first Sunday, focuses more on missions than bank loans. New Hope has started two churches in Montana, one on the Amazon River and two in downtown Springdale. Their House of Hope Rescue Mission is a 6,000-square-foot renovated space, which served 6,000 people last year.

"I think because we turned our focus toward people and said we're going to help people who can't help themselves," said Jenkins, "God said, 'I'm going to give you



New Hope Fellowship in Springdale (above) dedicated a new building Sunday, Oct. 7. The church met at The Holiday Inn Convention Center for 17 years. Regina Stevenson (right) writes her favorite Scripture, Jeremiah 29:11, on the floor of the New Hope Fellowship sanctuary in Springdale. During a new building dedication ceremony, members wrote a Bible verse before installing the carpet the following week so they would always be "standing on the promises of God."

a building ... on the corner of 540 and 412."

New Hope members dedicated the building Oct. 7 by prayer walking and writing favorite Scriptures on the uncarpeted sanctuary floor. The church plans to open its doors Nov. 4 to an expected crowd of 700.

Regina Stevenson, 52, wrote Jeremiah 29:11 on the floor.

"This verse means God is fulfilling a promise of giving us a new building, something we've been praying for a long time," she said.

Another church south of Springdale, University Baptist in Fayette-

ville, sold a youth building across the street from its main building, using the monies to revamp a dining hall, chapel and youth space.

"I love having our youth back on our main campus and not across the street," said Lisa Turner, mother of a 16-year-old member of the church's youth group. "It's so great seeing them in their new space that they helped design and create. It reminds me of a coffee house with its comfortable seating and rich colors."

The youth meet above the renovated dining hall in a space that got light use through the years, said John English, facilities manager.

University Baptist completed the project in July, just in time to appreciate the new air-conditioning units. Walls of individual classrooms and a hallway were removed, the lighting was changed and a stage added in a worship area. New sound equipment also was installed.

"It's exciting because it's a total new transition for them," said English.

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Pastor: 'What others meant for evil, God meant for good'

Church 'restores and remodels' after fire

BOONEVILLE - For members of First Baptist Church, Booneville, the weekend of Aug. 25-26 marked a special event - the rededication of what is now known as the "Education Center."

The original Education Building, built in 1958, was damaged by fire in October 2010 after two juveniles broke into the building and vandalized it, said Robert Netterville, senior pastor of First Baptist.

"What others meant for evil, God meant for good," said Netterville. "The church was moved to restore and remodel the building, bringing it into the 21st century. Today we celebrate the complete restoration of this building and look forward to many more years of service the building will provide for the church family."

He explained the building "will provide a place of training and worship for the children of First Baptist Church from nursery to 12th grade."

Activities to take place in the building include Sunday school, the Awana program and youth worship services, among others. Netterville described the building as having a

"modern design and layout."

"It is the result of much prayer, hard work and faithful giving," he said. "This building will be used to advance God's work in our community and aid in reaching people for Christ and teaching them in the ways of the Lord."

"I know that God will be honored and glorified in each classroom and worship center in the building. Kingdom work will advance in Booneville and around the world as lives are changed through the ministries provided in the Education Center."

The theme throughout the building process was To God be the Glory for All Generations, said Netterville.

"I am both excited and thankful to be able to have the Education Center available and online again," said Netterville.

"Our church family was so patient and willing to sacrifice during the almost two years after the fire. I am also thankful to be a part of a church that has a vision for the family and will invest in kingdom work to minister to children and youth. I saw God bring gifted people together and coordinate every step of the



First Baptist Church, Booneville, members (above) gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 26 for what is now known as the "Education Center." The original Education Building (right) was damaged by fire in 2010.



building process," he said.

"Ultimately, God gets all the glory. The Lord has directed every step of the process and has blessed

FBC. We intend to let this building be a tool to win the lost and disciple His children for generations to come."

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Additionally, there is a game room for students.

"With the bright red walls, it's just another good space for the kids to meet and have fun," English said.

Since it is located just a few minutes from the University of Arkansas campus, University Baptist uses the updated chapel as the main facility for their college group as well - hosting two concerts each year.

English said the chapel, that now seats 400 comfortably, will be equipped with theatrical lighting and a computerized sound system - a move which will keep down concert expenses.

He added the goal is to keep the chapel open for the public to use for weddings, Campus Crusade weekly studies and sorority meetings.

"We like to keep our facilities as open as possible to the public so that then, as a church, we have an avenue to speak with them about Christ," said English.

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



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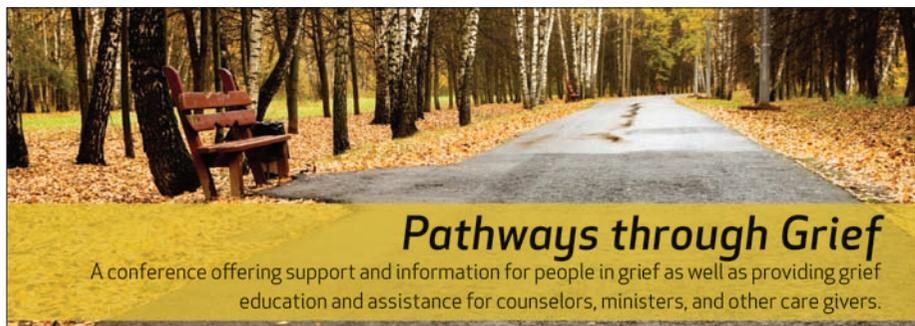
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ABN 2012 Christmas card design contest

LITTLE ROCK – The *Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN) is announcing its Christmas card design contest.

“Each year, the ABN staff sends out cards to individuals and to various ministries in Arkansas and around the Southern Baptist Convention. We decided we wanted to try something new this year and also involve our readers by introducing a design contest,” said Tim Yarbrough, ABN editor.

The winning design should depict a religious, Christmas-related scene, said Yarbrough.

“It can be a special moment experienced by an individual at Christmas, a depiction of decorations at a church, a unique manger scene – anything creative that helps communicate the true meaning of Christmas,” he said.

The winning design will be featured in an upcoming edition of the ABN and will be used by the staff as the official 2012 Christmas card. All entries must be received by Nov. 16 and will be judged by the ABN staff. The person with the winning entry will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

Entries must be submitted elec-

tronically and should be emailed to jessica@arkansasbaptist.org. Art may also be submitted via mail on digital media, such as a CD-ROM, to ABN Christmas Card Contest, 10 Remington Drive, Little Rock, AR 72204. Submissions become the property of the ABN and will not be returned.

Contest Rules

- Contest submissions accepted from all ages. Each entry should be accompanied by a brief biography (up to 200 words) and a photo of the designer/artist.
- Multiple submissions are allowed per individual up to three entries.
- Designs should reflect a Christmas theme (please no commercialized themes such as Santa Clause).
- Cards can be traditional, modern or even humorous. Remember, the staff is looking for creativity.
- Art or graphics submitted must be the artist’s own original work.
- No photographs accepted – only original artwork.
- Artists must currently be a member of an Arkansas Baptist church and must be an ABN subscriber – either through church or individual plans.



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Students serve through SSM/KASMA program

SEVENTEEN YOUNG people, ranging from their teens to their 20s, spent the summer serving in Arkansas Baptist churches and associations as Kaleo Arkansas Summer Ministry Associates (KASMA) through a partnership between Student Summer Missions (SSM) and Kaleo Arkansas.

Susie Thompson, Kaleo Arkansas consultant with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC), described the Student Summer Missions/Kaleo Arkansas Summer Ministry Associates (SSM/KASMA) program as “an intentional internship in ministry leadership, allowing students to explore their call with a mentor and allowing our churches to invest in future leaders.”

“Churches and leaders who request a KASMA have the responsibility of providing actual leadership positions – and are expected to meet with and mentor these students,” said Thompson. “Because of this intentionality, students spend a summer that genuinely helps them better understand how God is calling

them – and, for many, helps them make decisions about their journey. At the same time, we are seeing our leadership multiply throughout the state.”

“Students grew in their calling, did ministry and had a mentor to help walk them through their calling to Christ,” said Breck Freeman, SSM/KASMA mission strategist and ABSC missions ministries team member. “They did children and youth camps. The guys preached. The girls led Bible studies for children and youth. They visited in the hospitals, and they got a taste of what real ministry is all about.”

Thompson explained that while students served “across the state” in 2011, most served in the pilot area of Concord Baptist Association, which is located in Fort Smith. This year’s participants were spread out across Arkansas, she said, stating they were in Rison, Mountain Home, Warren, Hot Springs Village and other locations.

“It went great – and we look forward to the continued growth as we

see it strengthen both the student and the church,” she said.

The students themselves testified to how God worked in their lives through the SSM/KASMA program.

“This summer, I have done nothing but mature in my faith,” said Kristin Rhodes, an Arkansas Tech University student who worked with children at First Baptist Church, England. “I have had some amazing experiences, as well as some hurdles to jump over in the process. Without my faith, these challenges would have been impossible and nothing would have fallen into place as it has. This summer ‘job’ has turned into a true passion and love for what God is using me to do to glorify Him.”

Rhodes now serves on the staff of First Baptist, England, as the children’s ministry leader.

Laura Ashley Turner, a student at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith who served in the children’s area at Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, said God used

a child to grow her.

“God taught me that I should and can love no matter what, and helping the least of these is one of the most important things in the world. In fact, it’s the very heart of who He is. I mean, look what He did for all of us,” she said. “I had started the internship without an inkling of an idea of what God was up to or what He was going to do, but He used a child to grow me closer to who He created me to be and change me for the better.”

Jessica Carter, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary who served as a children’s intern at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, recalled the church’s mission trip and how a pastor asked them to pray for a certain man who was not a Christian. The man had accepted Christ within an hour. She learned a number of people “had been praying for this man for at least two weeks.”

“That day, the pastor’s wife had

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divorce. Not only was the volunteer able to witness to the couple and convince them to be reconciled, but he led them both to Christ.

Stipe also shared the story of how a woman thanked a team leader for giving her leftover hot dogs, saying she would now have something to eat the following week.

“We will never know, this side of heaven, how much good was done Saturday (Oct. 6), but our own members that participated in the mission day were blessed, motivated and saw firsthand what can be done outside of our church walls,” Stipe said.

“It was a humbling experience,” said Ray Dean Davis, associational missionary for Tri County Baptist Association. “When we first started talking to Breck about hosting this God-ordained event and he started telling us what to expect, my wife, Sheila, said, ‘I gotta see this.’ Well, see it we did – 2,000 people, some driving as much as 5 hours to get there, to love on and minister to the folks in our communities. It was like seeing Jesus on earth again in the form of lawn mowers, weed eaters, pressure washers, paint brushes, hammers and nails, block party trailers, dental chairs and stethoscopes, surrounded by disciples of prayer walkers and evangelistic teams walking the streets.”

He added the mayor of one area town said, “I just don’t why you would come and do this for us.”

“Most of those from our association that participated have had their eyes opened to the needs around them and their hearts turned toward meeting those needs with compassion,” Davis said.

He shared the story of one volunteer who chose to witness to people despite the rain.

“He called in from a sidewalk, standing in a cold, pouring rain, and said, ‘I’ve got my phone in a chip bag, and I’m going to continue witnessing,’” Davis shared. “I’ve been

informed that the following day, God blessed that young man’s courageous efforts by allowing him to see his oldest son saved in his home church.”

Becky Hardwick, member of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, and *Arkansas Baptist News* business manager, reflected on her experience as a volunteer at the mission trip.

“Forrest City may not sound like the ‘ends of the earth’ (Acts 1:8), but the people who needed to be told about Jesus were there. For them, it was the ‘ends of the earth,’ and Christians from all over Arkansas left the confines of their walls and went to them,” she said.

“What did Jesus use to get people to stop from the busyness of their lives to hear what their lives needed most? Children doing craft projects, people watching us clean their yards, ... people being helped with health needs, youth playing and learning about sports, neighborhoods being visited by evangelism teams, people receiving much-needed food boxes,” said Hardwick.

And this is not the first year Arkansas Baptists have gathered for



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Volunteers pray at the Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip held in Forest City Oct. 6

ministry like this.

“This started 17 years ago as a Mississippi River Ministry Project being done every other year, but due to the impact, we began to make an annual event in 2010, not just to serve Mis-

issippi ministry area, but the entire state,” said Freeman.

In 2013, the Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip will be held Oct. 5 in Harrison, which is served by North Arkansas Baptist Association.

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ABSC calendar

- Oct. 19-20: **Tour of Duty: Military Wives Retreat** – Baring Cross Baptist Church, Sherwood
- Oct. 26-27: **Missions Getaway girls and women's retreat** – Camp Paron, Paron
- Oct. 29: **Ministers' Wives Network** – First Baptist Church, Cabot
- Oct. 29: **Pastors' Conference** – First Baptist Church, Cabot
- Oct. 29: **Annual Hispanic Fellowship** – First Baptist Church, Cabot
- Oct. 30: **ABSC Chaplains Breakfast** – First Baptist Church, Cabot
- Oct. 30-31: **ABSC Annual Meeting** – First Baptist Church, Cabot
- Nov. 3: **Poverty 101 Conference** – East Side Baptist Church, Paragould

For more information on events, go to www.absc.org, or call 800-838-2272.

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Poverty 101 conference to be held in NE Ark.

THE ARKANSAS Baptist State Convention (ABSC) missions ministries team is partnering with East Side Baptist Church, Paragould, to sponsor the Poverty 101 northeast Arkansas regional conference.

The conference will assist those attending in understanding and ministering to those who live in poverty. The event seeks to shed light on gen-

erational poverty, while examining the culture and mindset of those who live in poverty. It will also explore the most effective ways to minister to the impoverished.

Conference material is based on the book "Bridges out of Poverty" by Ruby Payne and other sources. Leading the conference will be Mindy Jamison, who serves with the North

American Mission Board and the Baptist Convention of Iowa in inner city Des Moines, Iowa, as the state church and community ministries consultant and the co-director of the Friendship Baptist Center for more than 12 years.

For more information about the conference or to register, contact 800-838-2272, ext. 5150.

Children's Ministry Day set for Feb.

CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6 are invited to take part in Children's Ministry Day Feb. 16.

Church groups are encouraged to plan projects for that day, or a day that works for their church, during which they can meet needs in their communities, which may range from feeding the hungry to visiting shut-ins.



Since it began in 2008, more than 150,000 people have been involved in the Children's Ministry Day, which was created by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) "to move children out of their churches and into their communities to do missions," according to the WMU website.

For more information, visit www.wmu.com/cmd.

Nursing training day set for Nov. 2

THE ARKANSAS Baptist State Convention (ABSC) will host The Heart of the Healer, a Baptist Nursing Fellowship training day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the ABSC building in Little Rock.

The event will cover the topics of compassion fatigue, lateral violence and crucial conversations. RNs and LPNs will receive 5.5 contact hours.

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is a ministry of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The training day is a ministry

event of the Cooperative Program and is sponsored by the ABSC missions support team, Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Health.

Baptist Health is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by Arkansas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

To register, contact Ashley Summers at asummers@absc.org or call 800-838-2272, ext. 5137.

ABSC offers churches variety of resources

THE ARKANSAS Baptist State Convention leadership and worship team offers a variety of resources to churches, including deacon training and encouragement sessions and the Partners in Purpose capital funding emphasis.

Deacon training and encouragement sessions are generally held on weeknights for 2.5 hours, beginning with a light meal. However, they can range up to 6 hours if so desired, giving time for more feedback and discussion. Sessions focus on character, missions, courage and teamwork. For more information, visit www.absc.org/deacons or call 800-838-2272, ext. 5114.

The Partners in Purpose capital funding emphasis seeks to help churches raise funds for new construction or reduce their debt. For more information, call 800-838-2272, ext. 5114.

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Excelsior Baptist Church, Greenwood, is seeking a **bi-vocational pastor**. Please contact Dr. Jeff Thompson, c/o Concord Baptist Association, 6120 S. Zero Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903 or by email, Jeff@ConcordBaptistAssn.org, or phone, 479-646-2100, for more information or to submit a resume.

Church is seeking a motivated **pastor** with the heart to minister and strong leadership with a vision to move the church forward. Must be bi-vocational with the desire for full-time as soon as possible. Contact: email tj_tomlinson@cox.net; mail: Shiloh Baptist Church, P.O. Box 667, Harrison, AR 72601.

As transitional **pastor**, I watched this church heal from a split in 2007 while learning from the past, facing present issues and preparing for growth, which has begun with five to be baptized next Sunday. Send resume to Calvary Baptist Church, 7727 Cedar Dr., West Siloam Springs, OK 74338.

River Road Baptist Church in Redfield is seeking a **part-time pastor**. Send resumes to P.O. Box 161, Redfield, AR 72132 or river013@centurytel.net. 501-397-2576.

Elliott Baptist Church, Camden, is seeking a **full-time pastor**. Send resume to Elliott Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 4189 Hwy. 376 South, Camden, AR 71701. Phone: 870-231-6411.

Bi-vocational pastor needed at Grace Country Church, Sidney, a small nontraditional church with mission for local community outreach.

Send resume to Pastor Search Team, P.O. Box 114, Sidney, AR 72577 or call 870-346-5822.

Shiloh Memorial Baptist Church in Texarkana is seeking applications for the position **senior pastor**. Please send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, 9143 U.S. Hwy. 82 East, Texarkana, AR 71854.

Full-time pastor for Salem Baptist Church. Send resume to P.O. Box 28, Mena, AR 71953 by Dec. 1 or email claydine@aol.com.

OTHER STAFF POSITIONS

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Van Buren is seeking a **minister of music and youth**. Please send resume with references to Oak Grove Baptist Church, Attn. Personnel Committee, 4929 Industrial Park Road, Van Buren, AR 72956.

Graphics Coordinator – **full-time print/video/web person** needed at Second Baptist Church, Conway. For full job description, contact Rich Nelson, worship pastor, 501-327-6565, RichN@2bc.tv.

Clinton FBC is seeking a **full-time student minister**. Please send resumes to Student Minister Search Committee, P.O. Box 1340, Clinton, AR 72031.

First Baptist Church, Ward, is accepting resumes for **bi-vocational youth director**. Email resume to fbccoffice@centurytel.net.

Harlan Park Baptist Church in Conway is seeking a **part-time minister of music**, pursuing

a blended worship style. Send resume, references, DVD or YouTube links to the church at 1895 Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR 72034, or email to garynmitchell@hotmail.com.

WANTED – energetic, enthusiastic **minister of music** for a medium-size Southern Baptist church. Music degree and keyboard experience a plus but not a requirement. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Please send resume and DVD (if available) of performance and interaction with congregation to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 328, Booneville, AR 72927, Attn. Music Search Committee.

Walnut Valley Baptist Church is seeking a **pastor of student ministries**. Position is full-time with benefits. Send resume to WVBC, 1698 N. Hwy. 7, Hot Springs, AR 71909 or email to tforrest@cablelynx.com.

Minister of music – FBC, Canton, Texas, is accepting resumes for a full-time minister of music/pastoral care. We are seeking a God-centered worship leader to join our growing, thriving ministry and to lead blended worship. Responsibilities: provide leadership for all choirs, plan dual AM services with the pastor, assist with pastoral duties, supervise all media. Please send resume and video (optional) by Dec. 15, 2012, to firstcantonmusic@yahoo.com or mail to First Baptist Church of Canton, 303 S. Athens, Canton, TX 75103.

First Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas, is seeking to fill open position of **children's minister, full-time** with benefits. If interested send re-

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Sulphur Rock celebrates 125th

SULPHUR ROCK – Sulphur Rock Baptist Church, Sulphur Rock, celebrated its 125th anniversary Oct. 7, commemorating the members' many years of service to the Lord, the community and its members.

During the church's anniversary celebration, Rusty Hart, Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) executive support team member and former missionary to Russia, presented Charles Barfield, intentional interim pastor, with a certificate from the ABSC.

Jim Box, former Sulphur Rock pastor and current associational missionary for North Central Baptist Association, brought the message during the morning service.

Members were recognized throughout the day for their years of service to Sulphur Rock Baptist, and during the afternoon Stand UP



Estelle Bramblett (left), who has served 48 years as church clerk, with Charles Barfield, intentional interim pastor.

for Recognition ceremony, members were honored for years of service totaling 403 years.

"If the Lord tarries, may this church serve the Lord for another 125 years," Barfield said as he closed the service.



Hickory Grove celebrates 140th anniversary

Dewayne Tanton, associational missionary for Harmony Baptist Association, presents a certificate to Bill Hilburn, interim pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Star City, in honor of the church's 140th anniversary, which was celebrated during the weekend of Sept. 28-30. The Lisemby Family from New Edinburg were special guests for the event.

Church life

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, will host Renan Perdomo, a former Operation Christmas Child shoe box recipient, as he shares his testimony of God's provision in his life at 10 a.m. Oct. 20. Operation

Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church, Tumbling Shoals, will host singer, songwriter and Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame member Squire Parsons in concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock, will host Christian rap/hip hop artist Lecrae in concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 24.

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Obituaries

Mark Lashley died Oct. 10 of cancer. He was a member and small-group leader at Second Baptist Church, Conway, and served as an Arkansas Baptist pastor in multiple churches, including Pickles Gap Baptist Church, Conway; First Baptist Church, Mount Ida; Calvary Baptist Church, Dardanelle, and First Baptist Church, Delaware. He is survived by his wife, Patty, and a son. A memorial service was held Oct. 15, and burial took place at Brearley Cemetery in Dardanelle.



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Ezell visits Life Line

Kevin Ezell (left), president of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), visits at a reception for area pastors, leaders and church members at Life Line Baptist Church, Little Rock, Sept. 30. Ezell spoke during the church's morning worship service. The day's events were in connection with Life Line Baptist's year-long 100th anniversary celebration.

Happy Birthday!

to all the missionary kids attending college who are celebrating birthdays in the month of November.

- ◆ Nov. 2: Kurt Bannert, OBU Box 3117, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001; Serbia.
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Living in faith

1 Peter 4:12-13 says not to be surprised when “the fiery ordeal” tests us. Instead, we should rejoice while sharing Christ’s sufferings “so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation of His glory.”

Remember how, as a child, birthdays combined an element of assurance and anticipation? So does faith.

The purifying of our faith is more complex than anticipating a birthday. Peter describes it as “more precious than gold” (1 Peter 1:7). The picture here is of a goldsmith who puts crude gold into a fire and liquefies the mass. The impurities are

skimmed off so when the worker can see his reflection in the surface of the liquid, he knows the contents are pure gold. Christian suffering is the fire by which our faith is purified – the slag of unbelief that mingles with our faith is removed and the reflection is that of Jesus Christ in the character of the unbeliever.

The conclusion to be drawn is that Christians can expect to suffer and that, in suffering, the Savior will be glorified. The reasons for the fire are: (1) to make us think about God and His Word (Heb. 12:5); (2) to know that God loves us (Heb. 12:6); (3) to prove that we belong to God

(Heb. 12:7-8), and (4) to make us more like Jesus (Heb. 12:10).

We can also be assured that our most holy faith brings many precious blessings: (1) God will never forsake us (Psa. 9:10); (2) we do not have to fear man because God will be our Helper (Prov. 29:25); (3) Jesus never changes or wavers (4); we can come boldly to the throne of grace to find help in time of

need; (5) this is not our permanent residence, and (6) God is working in us that which is pleasing in His sight through Jesus.

When we suffer for faithfully representing Christ, we know our message and example are having an effect and God considers us worthy to represent Him. Suffering does not mean that we have done wrong. Instead, it often verifies that we have been faithful.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE OCTOBER 28, 2012

Joy Ross
member
First Baptist, Van Buren

Scripture passage:
1 Peter 4:12-19

From failure to action

When I was a young man, both my parents were diagnosed with cancer about the same time. It was a very trying time on my faith. I was in college and working at a gas station. I had decided that I probably wasn’t called to the ministry. I was angry with God over my parents’ health struggles and several other issues. One of the clerks I

worked with, who was named Angel, had nicknamed me “Duhrev.” She derived this name from my initials and what I told them I wanted to do with my life. One day Angel asked me if I was really a Christian. I was offended, convicted actually, and told her it was none of her business.

Angel’s question to me was not

much different than the one asked of Peter by the slave girl (John 18:17). And my response was not much different that Peter’s. I had failed in my walk with the Lord. How could I go from claiming I was called to preach the gospel to having an unchurched person question my walk? How could Peter go from cutting a man’s ear off in defense of Jesus (John 18:10) to denying Him? Many of us are guilty of this same crime. We will proclaim our love for Jesus one moment and deny Him the next.

But how wonderful is our Savior in that He will come to us and give us a second, third or 100th chance

to make it right? Over breakfast, Peter is forgiven for his denial (John 21:15-17). Peter goes on to become one of the greatest preachers of all time. It was he who, on the day of Pentecost, was preaching with boldness and conviction (Acts 3:12-26). Then a little while later it was this same Peter who made one of my favorite statements: “For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20, NASB).

The day Angel asked me about my relationship with Jesus got me back into action. I had failed Jesus, but He allowed me to come back and be a part of His wonderful plan.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE OCTOBER 28, 2012

Daniel Haigwood
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Scripture passages:
John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-19;
Acts 4:13, 18-20

Living in humility

Humility has become a hidden, if not extinct, quality of the world in which we live. So many of us push ourselves to be the center of attention.

The dictionary defines “humility” as “the spirit of submission” and “not haughty, proud or arrogant.” The Bible speaks of humility as esteeming “others better than themselves” (Phil. 2:3).

In 1 Peter 5, Peter speaks to all Christians regarding the role of humility in a Christian’s life. To the mature leaders, be servants as you “feed the flock” (1 Pet. 5:1-4). To the younger, “submit yourselves” to your

mature leadership (1 Pet. 5:5a). And to all Christians, “be subject one to another” (1 Pet. 5:5b).

Pride, the opposite of humility, is condemned throughout the Word of God. Christians who possess a prideful attitude seldom show dependence upon the Lord for their successes. A pastor described it best when he said, “It’s difficult to strut while carrying a cross.”

Perhaps the greatest characteristic of a Spirit-filled Christian is the attitude and action of humility. It is a vital part of the fruit of the Spirit – “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness,

temperance” (Gal. 5:22-23).

Without humility, there is no salvation; we must recognize our own helplessness without Jesus and His shed blood. Without humility, there is no lordship; a servant’s attitude is essential to His being Lord of our lives.

Humility – and its parallel submission – is a major factor to the success of every

family. Humble leadership and humble followers, whether in church or the home, will always strengthen each other in achieving excellence.

And our example of “living in humility” is Jesus. The Sovereign of the universe exemplified humility whether before kings or the needy. Peter summarizes: “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you” (1 Pet. 5:6, KJV).

EXPLORE THE BIBLE NOVEMBER 4, 2012

Jack Schoeppey
member
First Baptist, Mena

Scripture passage:
1 Peter 5:1-9

Pray with dependency

In my walk with Christ, completely surrendering to His will is a struggle. I knew surrendering would require complete dependency upon Him. I wanted to give God complete control, but what if I had to do something I didn’t like? What if I had to do something that made me uncomfortable? I have learned that God is not concerned with my comfort zone. Instead, He is concerned about His will being manifested in my life. He desires for His will to be accomplished in your life as well.

Acts 4 tells how Peter and John were released from prison after being questioned about their faith and following of Christ.

The high priests and elders were confounded and angry at how one could serve this so-called Jesus. I can imagine that Peter and John needed comforting from their Father after the rigorous questioning.

The passage says Peter and John met with their people and told them of the occurrence. As one Body of believers, they earnestly prayed to God, asking for boldness to preach His Word.

They prayed for miracles to be showered upon all. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed His righteousness. Their prayer was one of complete dependency upon God.

At an early age, I knew I was called to be a nurse. It seems like only yesterday that I sat in my father’s lap and listened to his heart with my toy stethoscope. And I cannot forget the many pretend shots I would give him using a toothpick. It was important to me to give a shot without inflicting much pain. We still laugh about those days.

I worked in Louisiana as a dialy-

sis nurse before I met my Arkansas husband. When we married, I was able to relocate with the same dialysis company. I thought the transition would be an easy one. It was the same company.

Though I had four years experience with dialysis nursing, I had to prove myself. People’s lives were dependent upon my knowledge and abilities. I had to demonstrate confidence tempered with compassion.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE NOVEMBER 4, 2012

Kelli Haigwood
member
Hermitage Baptist, Hermitage

Scripture passage:
Acts 4:23-31

SERVING

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made a comment about his state: "With all this prayer, he didn't have a chance." Carter recounted. "I am humbled and ashamed - When was the last time someone did not have a chance for healing, having a prayer answered or for salvation because I had bathed, if not drowned, them in prayer?"

Anna Sikes, a sophomore at Ouachita Baptist University, served at First Baptist Church, Mountain Home, as a youth intern.

"This experience allowed me to do hands-on ministry work to help strengthen the direction of my personal call to ministry leadership," she said, explaining her summer experience allowed her to develop relationships with, and be an example to, younger girls.

"I feel like the most important aspect of this journey for me was my witness to the girls," she said.

BOUILLON

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ment.

Fielding said they were able to pull off the surprise "with the secret help" of Bouillon's wife, Linda.

"It was hard to keep it a secret," said Linda Bouillon, "although, he (Fielding) didn't let me know about it until a couple of weeks ago, so that helped."

Royal Ambassadors is a mission discipleship organization geared for boys in grades 1-6.

"I've seen so many boys come up through RAs that are now either leading RAs themselves or are missionaries somewhere else," Bouillon said. "Seeing these boys grow up and get involved in mission work is why I do this."

Bouillon is a retired police captain and became a member of RAs at age 9 in 1962.

As an adult, he was stationed at the air force base as a police officer and became involved with First Baptist Church, Jacksonville. After attending that church for a few months, he was approached by a fellow church member who asked if he would help out with their RA group, and he's been doing it ever since, says Bouillon.

Fielding said Bouillon was always his mentor, and not just through RAs.

"I met Ken when I was dating my future wife, Sharon, in our 12th-grade year. He is married to Sharon's sister, Linda. Ken was a cop, and I wanted to be a cop. At the time, I was even in a ride-along program sponsored by the police department," said Fielding. "Ken and I became close friends, and I still remember that every time I would stop by his house to hang out, he was reading the Bible. His life really

"They got to see a glimpse of how I strive to live out my life for Christ, but they will still be watching to see what I do next. This places responsibility on my life decisions in the future, to know that young girls are looking to me for guidance and influence. God is truly a great God who allows our story to coincide with other people's story. My prayer is that this journey will continue to be a blessing."

"This summer for many confirmed they were called for full-time or bi-vocational ministry," said Freeman, stating his hope for the future is "that SSM/KASMA will continue to grow across our state, that more churches and associations will become involved and more students will spend their summer doing ministry and confirming their calling."

Freeman added, "Churches and associations need to understand this missions ministry is for a church or association of any size. We will work with any church or association to help them with the SSM/KASMA mission ministry."

had an impact on me."

Then in 1979, Bouillon invited Fielding to become a helper in RAs.

"Soon I was leading," Fielding said. "This was my introduction to SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) missions."

A year later, Fielding joined the police department where he worked with Bouillon.

Then a few years after that, Fielding was called into the ministry where he became the pastor at First Baptist Church, Cherokee Village, in 1994 where they had an active RA and Girls in Action (GA) group, said Fielding.

"In 2001, I was called to serve on the ABSC missions support team as the state Baptist Men, Challengers and Royal Ambassadors consultant," Fielding said. "This would not have happened if my brother-in-law had not invited me to be involved in missions education years before!"

Now, Fielding serves as the national and international missions consultant on the ABSC missions ministries team, which he said helps connect and resource teams in Arkansas as they serve within the state and around the nation and world.

"I am so thankful that Ken has been faithful to God's call to invest in men and boys. I am just one guy of the no doubt hundreds of men and boys he has influenced in the last 50 years as a faithful RA leader," Fielding said. "Only in heaven will we know the extent of Ken's ministry. Who knows how many have heard Jesus' name as a result of Ken's own personal giving, praying and going and by those taught to do the same. He truly lives out the RA motto - 'we are ambassadors for Christ.'"

For more information on RAs, contact Travis McCormick, ABSC missions support team member or visit www.royalambassadors.org.

Contact Leah Fender at leah@arkansasbaptist.org



Students worship during Revive on the campus of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

REVIVAL

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this, and it exceeded our expectations. At the end of it all, we had 39 professions of faith and many other decisions. That is what it's all about - souls being saved and lives being changed."

Area Fort Smith churches were invited to participate in the revival, which was sponsored by the Concord Baptist Association.

"I don't think it could have went any better," said Brandon Halsey, student minister at Rye Hill Baptist Church, Fort Smith. "It was truly a blessing to be there and see the Holy Spirit move in a mighty way through the students."

Grant Lowe, student minister at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, agreed that conducting the revival on the campus - and outdoors - added to its appeal.

"I loved the location!" he exclaimed, adding, "Good atmosphere and witness to the lost that didn't join us - but (they) did see and hear."

Jeff Thompson, associational missionary for Concord Baptist Association, said, "It was incredi-

ble to see the gospel be proclaimed in song and sermon from the heart of the UA-Fort Smith campus."

Thompson applauded Schaffner's ongoing efforts to reach the campus.

"John Schaffner is an amazing gospel-focused BCM director. ... His goal is to see Christ lifted up in the lives of the students, the campus and the churches," he said. "We had a tremendous turnout from our churches. Dozens of senior adults who pray faithfully for the students and the campus were there to see prayers answered with their own eyes."

Thompson said the numbers that turned out were encouraging and pointed to a revival on the campus.

"Five years ago we typically saw 50 to 60," he said. "Wednesday night we saw 500 to 600 gathered for worship. A revival spirit is growing on the UA-Fort Smith campus."

The Revive event in Fort Smith was part of activities surrounding the Engage24 evangelism event being held in October, which encourages students to witness on campus.

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