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## Editor's Note

There is nothing worse than being asked to do something and feeling like you don't know how to do it. You feel helpless, scared, and often a little angry because no one is helping. Sometimes in the church setting we are guilty of recruiting volunteers without providing adequate training and the same feelings abound.

We desperately need dedicated and trained volunteers in all our churches, and summer time is a good time to be equipping leaders for the next year. This issue of the *Proclaimer* tells the stories of churches that have taken the job of training volunteers seriously. Several articles bear testimony to the value of attending an SBCV training event. Our annual Church Leadership Conference will be on August 19 & 20 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights.

If you will invest a few minutes getting someone to come with you for training, it will yield benefits in the life of the trainee right away and also for eternity.



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- Private Accommodations

Buffet Dinner, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch

Check in Time: 4-6 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

## Cost for first 50 paid couples: \$220

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Only 80 spaces, so get your payment in early!

## SBCV CALENDAR

For more information, please contact us at  
sbcv@sbcv.org or call 888-234-7716

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JULY	11-15	SBCV YOUTH CAMP — Liberty University, Lynchburg
AUGUST	9-10	YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (YEC) — Liberty Baptist, Hampton
	19-20	CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Colonial Heights
	25	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (statewide)
SEPTEMBER	9-10	PASTORS, STAFF & WIVES RETREAT — Wintergreen
	11-14	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (CW) — The Tabernacle, Danville
	11-18	WEEK OF PRAYER for State Missions
	24	CHURCH TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE — Fellowship Community Church, Salem
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OCT	7-8	HARVEST FOR THE LORD Women's Conference — Cave Spring Baptist, Roanoke
	27	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (statewide)
NOV	14-15	SBCV ANNUAL MEETING — Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond
2006		
JAN	26	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
FEB	17-18	SWAT RETREAT (Eastern)
	23	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
	24-25	SWAT RETREAT (Western)
MAR	12	FRIEND DAY — SBCV Churches
	13	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
	24	STUDENT PASTORS/DIRECTORS RETREAT
	30	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (statewide)
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# NOT a Cookie Cutter Conference

The SBCV Church Leadership Conference (CLC) comes just once a year... but the benefit that it brings to your ministry could last for years to come. Nearly 1,000 participants attended the 2004 conference. "When we looked at what was being offered and the caliber of those that were leading the conferences, we realized that every servant leader in our church would benefit from attending," said Pastor Mike Palmer

changing needs of local churches. "It has never been a cookie cutter type of conference. The SBCV carefully analyzes the needs of the local church and then designs the conferences to speak directly to our needs. Because of this, it helped motivate our people to learn and to apply ministry principles, which are so practical to the life of Green Ridge Baptist Church. The conferences helped us move forward in our thinking and strengthen the way we do ministry, said Palmer." Last year the pastor and key leaders from Green Ridge Baptist

attended a conference concerning legal issues in the church. As a result, they are presently re-evaluating their church

constitution, by-laws and applying for articles of incorporation.

In addition to all the other areas of church ministry, CLC has a primary focus on Sunday School leadership training. LifeWay, the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board partner with the SBCV to provide the most qualified leaders in their respected fields. "I would recommend the Church Leadership Conference to every church that wants to move to excellence in ministry. Do everything you can to encourage your leaders to attend this year's training," said Palmer.

*Editors note: Make your plans to be at this year's Church Leadership Conference at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights on August 19-20. For more information go to [www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org).*



of Green Ridge Baptist Church, Roanoke. Courses at the Church Leadership Conference are tailored to meet the ever-

## Leadership Training Yields Life Impact

*Where do you turn when circumstances and tragedy leave you alone and searching? When Tammy's (not her real name) husband left her and her children... she was looking for encouragement, support and love. She found just such a place in the Sunday School ministry of Poquoson Baptist Church. But this warm, inviting atmosphere didn't just happen by accident... it was the result of intentional training! In fact, all of Poquoson's Sunday School classes meet*

Poquoson Baptist Church began a regular leadership meeting after training with SBCV staff in October 2004. The church was challenged to see Sunday School as an open group, a means for bringing people into the church. Prior to that time, Sunday School was seen simply as a means of mentoring Christians and not as an open door ministry.

These regular times of leadership training and the resulting renewed focus on small group relationships have led to numerical and spiritual fruit. Recently, Poquoson Baptist had 200 in Sunday School for the first time in the history of the



church! Leadership training has proved critical because it gives continuity of vision amidst the constant turnover of military families. Debbie Johnson, a member of Poquoson, said, "Bring us up and send us out to form more classes. That's what we do." Leaders who have been in place for years are more excited than ever before, according to the pastor, John Pouchot. "It is like the church has experienced a radical change in its thinking; a paradigm shift is taking place. This has been a direct result of our focus on leadership training and development."



# Church LEADERSHIP Conference

## August 19-20

### Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Colonial Heights

*Equipping  
Leaders  
for the  
Work of  
Ministry*

**Friday: 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. Session 1  
6:30 p.m. Rally  
7:15 p.m. Session 2  
8:30 p.m. Session 3

**Saturday 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. Session 4  
10:15 a.m. Session 5  
11:30 a.m. Rally  
1:30 p.m. Session 6

#### *Workshops Include:*

- Sunday School Growth
- Evangelism and Outreach
- Church Health and Growth
- Preaching & Pastoral Ministries
- Music and Worship
- Technology
- Church Administration
- Church Planting
- Home & Family
- Ministries
- Missions
- SWAT

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Ron Pratt**

Ron Pratt is national events planner for the LifeWay Conference Centers at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention





# What Would Cause a VBS Veteran to Attend a VBS Clinic?

## MYRA TRENT, VBS DIRECTOR OF MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH,

just west of Phenix, said the reason she attended the State VBS Clinic last year for the first time was to "get some good ideas for decorating." She went on to say, "If I can just add one more idea to my creative list, it will make VBS all the better. What I like about the VBS training is that it encourages you to do what God has called you to and the church has enlisted you to do. It is not a chore, it is an opportunity!"

To make sure she seized the opportunity, this year Trent brought eight other leaders with her to the VBS training at Hyland Heights Baptist in Lynchburg. Her enthusiastic personality was well received when she kidding made training manda-

tory for her leaders! "Of course it wasn't, and they knew that I was kidding, but they also knew my heart and the importance I placed on training and being equipped to lead one of the most exciting VBS ever," said Trent. Catching her



vision and passion for VBS was Pastor Joey Anthony and their

youth minister, Chris Kessler, along with their wives, as well as some other key leaders. "It's a jump start to the VBS season. It gets your excitement going," said Anthony.



In a church that averages approximately 140 in worship, it is exciting to see the growth that has taken place in VBS attendance. Enrollment was 80 just six years ago. Last year 181 were enrolled with 13 first

time decisions for Christ.

Midway Baptist is anticipating another jump in VBS attendance this year. The early preparation makes it possible to concentrate on the most important aspect of VBS, and that is outreach to the unsaved and unchurched in the community. Their prayer and aim is that others would join them on this year's

## Ramblin' Road Trip: Destination — Jesus

## Deacon Training Beneficial for Unpredicted Future

**Craig Valley Baptist Church**, near New Castle in Craig County, learned of Deacon Training through an advertisement at last year's Church Leadership Conference. Their pastor enlisted Don Matthews, Church Enrichment Missionary for the Midwestern Area, to conduct a Deacon Training seminar. The goal was to take a Biblical approach to deacon ministry. The training was three-fold: purpose for new deacon orientation, review for seasoned deacons, and on-going training.

Things the deacons were already doing well were confirmed during the training — such as apportioning the membership among them in order to serve families. Deacon Chairman John Starns said, "These small groups were determined by geographical locations, friends and acquaintances, or by Sunday School classes."

The deacons also reaffirmed their organizational structure, which does not place them as decision makers. Instead, they make recommendations to the church council, who in turn bring matters before the congregation. With representatives on key committees, they are able to trust the teams the church has enlisted for ministry.

Little did they know that the Lord was preparing them to step up and serve when their pastor resigned. These newly trained deacons now lead the worship service, prayer meeting, and 'Bible Buddies' for 50 children. New ministries also blossomed from the training; one example is the casserole ministry. Members make casseroles that are stored in the church freezer. Whenever someone is sick, shut-in, or there is a death, the casseroles are ready for an immediate response.

*Editors Note: If you are interested in Deacon Training for your church, contact your area missionary.*

# Harvest for the Lord Conference

## October 7-8, 2005

### Cave Spring Baptist Church, Roanoke

Sponsored by the Women's Ministries of the SBCV and Cave Spring Baptist Church

Plant Love... Share Hope...

Special Guest: Jaye Martin

For more information go to [www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org) or call 888.234.7716



# Dry Bones *Rise Again*

A Testimony from SBCV/NAMB  
Basic Training for Church Planting



FROM THE DESK OF:  
*Dr. Shaun M. Mataka*

April 4, 2005

Dear SBCV,

I want to share with you what a blessing the Basic Training for Church Planters was for me. I really didn't realize how much those four days would impact my personal walk with Christ, rekindle my fire for evangelism, and discover a new passion for church planting.

In my own personal walk I had been going through the "valley of dry bones". I had just come out of a season of ministry that had left me more depressed and discouraged than I had ever been in over ten years as a pastor. There were times over the past several months that I had looked at my calling and wondered, why was God allowing this season in my life.

When Jodi and I arrived in Glen Allen for day one, we were reserved but excited. Having been a pastor for ten years I really thought I could be more of a help to all these young and new "Church Planters". It took all of about thirty minutes for me to realize that God had brought me here for a reason and that He was about to breathe "new-life" into these dry bones.

Basic Training helped me to realize that God does want to use me, but He wants to lead the decision making process. Basic training showed me how to see God's vision for our community and also His mission to reach the people within it. Since Basic Training, I've had more personal witnessing opportunities and our church membership has grown dramatically through personal evangelism.

So thank you. I believe these dry bones have risen again!

In Christ's Service,





# Week of Prayer for State Missions

and the  
*SBC of Virginia*  
*State Missions Offering*

September 11-18, 2005



RISKING TO RENEW

Goal: \$175,000

## *HOW will this offering be used ?*

Three Portable Baptistries/Church Planting . . .	\$ 7,500.00
Two Portable Churches/Church Planting . . . . .	\$64,500.00
Disaster Relief Equipment . . . . .	\$35,000.00
Appalachian Trail Ministries . . . . .	\$ 5,000.00
Summer Ministry Interns. . . . .	\$26,000.00
Land for Church Planting . . . . .	\$25,000.00
Evangelism Response Center TV Ads . . . . .	\$12,000.00

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# TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING

## IMAGINE

more than a 1,000 years of collective wisdom pastoring churches in one room! For four days, pastors and state leaders gathered around coffee cups for Transitional Pastor Ministry training. Now, imagine having that collected wisdom in your church during the critical time when you are between pastors. As too many churches have experienced... this can be a tenuous time filled with uncertainty. The question often raised from its members is, "What do we do now?" One great opportunity is securing a Transitional Pastor. A Transitional Pastor provides spiritual leadership in guiding a church through the time between a pastor leaving until the calling of a new pastor.

Well-known and gifted Southern Baptist Convention leaders partnered with Lifeway and the SBCV for a four day conference that was attended by 43 pastors and missionaries. These men are experienced, God-called servants who are proven pastors and leaders. The Transitional Pastor Ministry Training has now prepared these men to guide churches through stages of transition. They are now able to assist the churches in ministry, help church leaders renew vision, mend broken relationships, and prepare the church as they call a pastor.

With the coffee cups cleaned and back in the cupboards, these men are ready to serve.

## WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the SBCV Church Enrichment Missionary for your ministry area or call 888-234-7716 if you would like to know more about Transitional Pastor Training.

# FAITH WORKS!

# FAITH

**P**astor Scott Harris is passionate about FAITH. He says that because South Norfolk Baptist Church members are FAITH trained they are able to accomplish their God-given task of reaching out to their community.

"First, FAITH has increased the number of people involved in our weekly outreach program. This semester we had 39 adults and 13 youth involved in visitation. Over the past two years we have equipped 93 people to share their faith."

The FAITH evangelistic method trains people to share the Gospel and gives them the opportunity to share their faith. It also provides a group of Christians who will encourage and hold each other accountable.

Harris also said, "FAITH has increased our impact on our community. With the increase of people involved in visitation, we were able to make more visits. This past semester we made 469 personal visits. That translates into 469 ministry opportunities. Six people were led to Christ!"

Pastor Harris says FAITH training has led to something South Norfolk Baptist calls "soul-consciousness." "They are more aware of the eternal destination of the people around them. There is now a more concerted prayer effort to reach those who do not know Jesus. This has had a direct effect over the entire ministry, which has led to the church experiencing growth in our Sunday School and Worship attendance."

For the past 2 years God has blessed South Norfolk Baptist Church with an increase in baptisms: 51 more in 2003 and 42 more in 2004. FAITH can work for your church too!

**FAITH Training ■ September 26-29**  
**Kingsland Baptist Church, Richmond**

Don't miss the final FAITH Training clinic of the year!  
 Call LifeWay at 615-251-2477.





# RENEWING YOUR PASSION

SBCV  
ANNUAL  
MEETING &  
BIBLE CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER  
14 & 15  
2005

GUEST SPEAKERS:  
Bob Reccord  
Al Mohler  
Carrie McDonald  
Carl Weiser  
Doyle Chauncey

SPECIAL MUSIC:  
Calling Levi

GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
RICHMOND, VA

## *Revive Our Hearts Lives Up to Its Name*



Women from 420 churches in 21 different states came to Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg to listen to Nancy Leigh DeMoss lead the "Revive our Hearts" conference. More than 2,300 women packed the sanctuary. The SBCV teamed with Thomas Road to coordinate and host what turned out to be Demoss' largest conference ever! But the true results lie in the changed hearts and lives behind the numbers.

Here are a few of the comments received from conference attendees:

"Praise God for this miracle that He has worked in my life this weekend, removing much bitterness and contempt that I've held toward my husband for so many years."

"Thank you for renewing a pastor's wife's heart that was weary and worn."

"My heart was truly touched and revived at this

conference. I am not the same as when I came... the Holy Spirit was here."

"A friend in my Bible study group was saved at this conference! Amen!"

"I have been saved for almost 20 years and been to many conferences, but I do not know if I have ever felt such conviction, or rather, seen so clearly how far away I am from God and how close I could be."

Sue Sawyer, women's ministry coordinator for the SBCV, put it this way, "God's spirit moved in an awesome way and women responded by going to the altar, making situations right with friends who were with them, phoning husbands or parents to seek forgiveness, or going to the prayer room to pray with a counselor. There were also ten ladies who received Christ and twelve who received assurance of their salvation. Praise the Lord!"



# YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE



Worship  
Leader:  
Chris  
Tomlin



Musical Guests:  
The Wedding

## Departure

from the old to the new



II Cor. 5:17

Speaker:  
**Kirk  
Cameron**

**August 9-10, 2005**

Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton

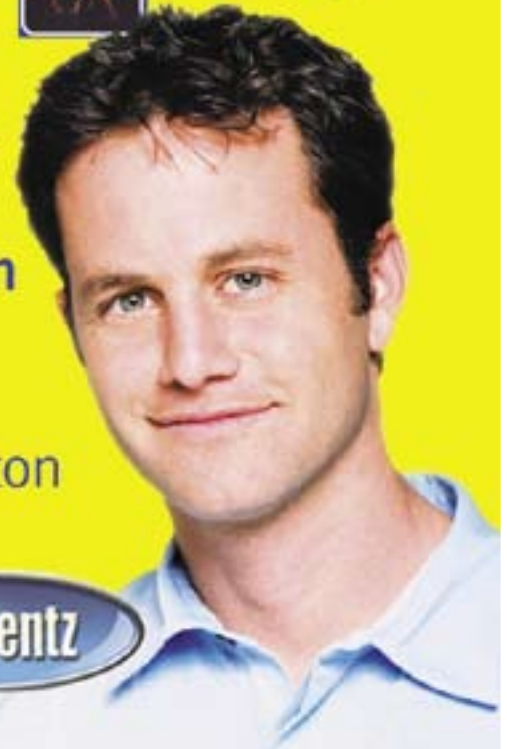
Cost: \$25

For more information  
or to register

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## Youth Pastors Find Fellowship at Retreat

HOW do you balance dynamic discipleship with effective evangelism? This was one of the main topics at this year's Student Pastor Retreat and College Metro. Almost 60 youth and college pastors along with their wives came together for two days to learn, network and relax.

One of the country's foremost youth pastors, Bubba Thurman, was the guest speaker, along with his wife, Amanda. Thurman serves at Lake Pointe Baptist Church in Rockwell, Texas, where they typically average 1,000 teenagers per Sunday. Youth pastors went away with practical principals and basic strategies to grow

their youth groups, regardless of the size of the church.

"Awesome job this weekend! This is a first-class training event and other youth pastors should take advantage of it. Bubba was fantastic, and my wife was truly blessed by Amanda. Plus, the 24 hours away from the children was really nice," said Pat Fiordelise, Youth Pastor of King-land Baptist Church.

Phil Mitchell, SBCV Studentz Coordinator, says the Retreat/Metro is an invaluable event for every youth pastor and college minister in the state. "Besides bringing vibrant and effective youth pastors to Virginia for quality encouragement and enlightenment, SBCV youth

pastors and leaders are able to build relationships with other ministers so when questions or struggles come, they have others to turn to."

That relationship building is one reason many of the youth pastors come back to this retreat year after year. Greg Palmer, Adolescent Pastor of The Tabernacle, feels it's something that you can't get anywhere else, "Although we see some of our fellow SBCV Youth Pastors from time to time at state events, we don't normally get the opportunity to fellowship. The Youth Pastors' Retreat is a unique setting where these men and their wives can get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. My wife loved the "break-out" sessions with Amanda. The weekend reminded me that "iron truly does sharpen iron."



# A Burden Shared A Church Planted

Jon Rissmiller served as minister of youth at Southside Baptist in Suffolk for more than six years. During that time, he heard his pastor, Stewart McCarter, constantly cast his vision that Southside plant a church. As Rissmiller prayed, his pastor's vision became his vision and he felt impressed that God wanted him to pastor this new church plant that McCarter had been talking about.

Rissmiller initially fought this overwhelming burden. But, after much prayer, he spoke out one day at the start of a staff meeting. "Pastor, you're sinning. You say we need to plant a church but we haven't done it!" McCarter replied, "We've been praying for a pastor of that church before we start one." With tears in his eyes, Rissmiller said, "God wants me to be that pastor!" After praying together as a staff and rejoicing in the providence of God, McCarter called Delton Beall, SBCV Church Planting Strategist for the Southeast Ministry Area. They began the process of sending out Rissmiller and 16 other families to plant Abundant Hope Baptist Church.

McCarter and Southside Baptist were fully committed to the process... to the point that when Rissmiller went through Basic Training for church planting, McCarter attended with him. He even helped watch

Rissmiller's children so nothing would stand in the way of this new church being planted. The 16 families sent from Southside have included very prominent leaders... including the women's ministry director, the church treasurer, the church drummer, and several prominent laymen. And God has truly blessed Southside Baptist through this process. Despite sending these families out, attendance at Southside has remained steady, as has tithes and offerings. Abundant Hope had over 60 present at their first service. Please pray for both churches, as God uses them to build His kingdom!



## Evangelism CONFERENCE CENTRAL WEST

September 11-14



Musical Guest  
Damaris Carbaugh



Paige  
Patterson



Herb Reavis



Danny Akin



Bobby Welch

The Tabernacle  
Danville



# Pastor Baptizes in Iraq

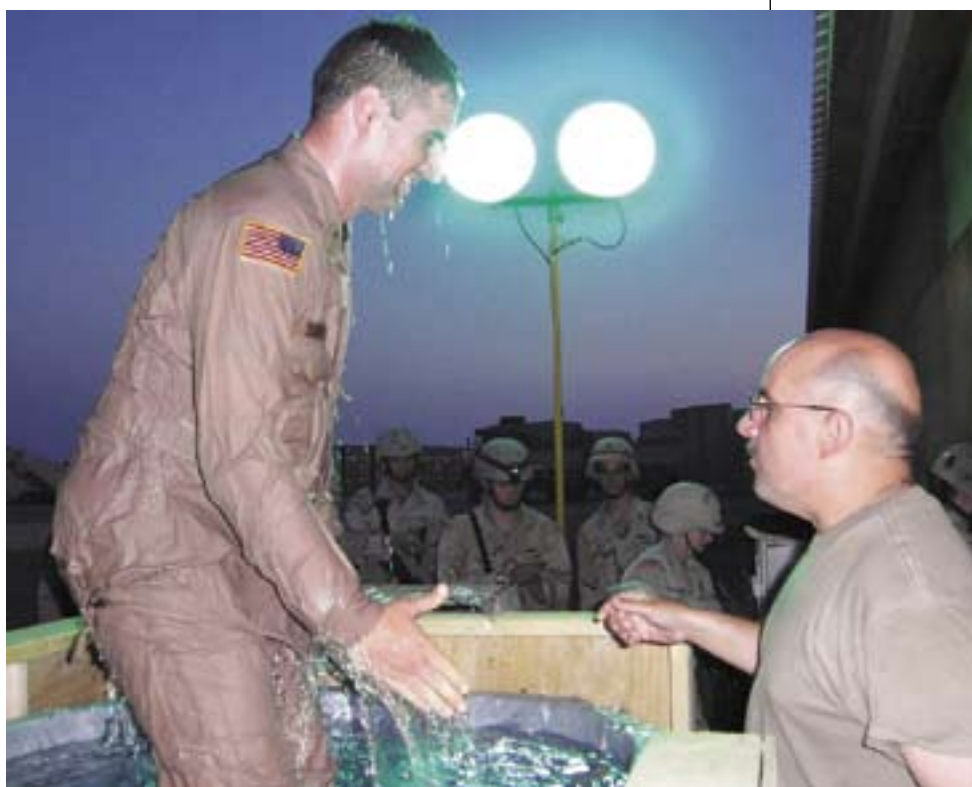


“We have found a very inventive way of baptizing the saints here.”

Union Baptist is no stranger to the combat in Iraq. Several of their own are serving there, including their pastor, J.D. Moore. His chaplain ministry was highlighted at the SBCV Evangelism Conference in March. More than \$400 was given at the conference for a coffee house called the Oasis, a place started by Moore, where soldiers can gather away from the battle.

After coming home for a brief “sabbatical,” J.D. is again serving in Tikrit, Iraq until November. J.D. understands his mission is spiritual combat, bringing the Gospel to soldiers at a point in their lives when they are open to God’s provision. He leads a Friday night Bible study on Revelation and keeps evangelism at the forefront. Listen to what J.D. said about a recent baptismal service in the Iraqi desert:

“Baptizing obedient Christians is always an exciting event, especially when it presents a challenge to find a place deep enough to immerse the baptismal candidates. We have found a very inventive way of baptizing the saints here. We found a casing, in which a jet engine was shipped to us, and placed plastic in the split container for it to hold water. The only way to get enough water into the make-shift baptistry (without pouring pint-size bottles



of water all day long) was to find a water truck. God provided the truck and we filled up the baptistry. The congregation stood around the tank and we began our baptisms. It was great! God is moving in a great way here, and you all are a part of the success—thank you for your prayers.”

For recent updates from Pastor Moore, go to [www.unionbaptistchurch.net](http://www.unionbaptistchurch.net) and select “Chronicles of Pastor J.D.”

## Technology Survey Results

Our recently conducted survey identified the technology usage and needs of SBCV churches.

### Discovered Church Needs:

- Making non-profit, discounted technology purchases
- Microsoft Office mass communication training needed
- The need for training in using multimedia
- The need for training in website strategy and content

### Survey Factoids:

- 71% of churches have a website
- 83% of websites were created by volunteers or staff
- 50% have high-speed internet connections

The SBCV Church Technology Team is providing the following training opportunities:

- August 9-10, Church Leadership Conference seminars
- September 24, Church Technology Conference, Fellowship Community Church, Salem





# “I’m Tired of Living a Lie”

Two  
souls saved, one  
man baptized and a  
marriage restored...  
all from a simple  
haircut.

## Sound incredible?

Well, it is! But that’s the story of a church member of Pioneer Baptist in Max Meadows.

Gayle is a hair stylist at a truck stop off Interstate 81 in Wytheville. One April morning, a truck driver named Steve came in with a normal request for Gayle... he wanted his head shaved. The conversation started off quite normal... but when Gayle started talking about her faith in Jesus, things changed forever — for both of them.

Steve said he had no interest in religion, mainly because he couldn’t understand the Bible. Gayle called her pastor, Neal Hawks, and asked if he would bring Steve a modern translation. While waiting Gayle continued to witness and learned Steve was



having marital problems. (This hit close to home for Gayle.) She told him that after accepting Jesus as his Savior, he should go to church, read the Bible and pray with his wife, if he wanted his marriage to last. When Hawks arrived, he began to share God’s forgiveness, using the very Bible he had just brought to Steve! With tears streaming down his face, Steve repented of his sin and made Christ his Lord.

Two days later, Gayle’s husband, Philip, awoke on the couch — which had become a normal event. He argued with Gayle and stormed off to work. Gayle continued to pray, asking God to perform a miracle in their marriage, knowing that if something didn’t happen soon, it would end.

Later that morning the Lord burdened Philip to visit his pastor. Hawks assumed Philip was there to talk about his marriage problems but to his surprise Philip began to confess, “I’m tired of living a lie. I need to give my life to Christ.” Hawks led Philip to Christ and the following Sunday Philip was baptized along with two others!



# Missions at the AIRPORT



Onancock Baptist Church on the Eastern Shore of Virginia has found a way to challenge its members about missions while introducing the community to the mission field.

At its last mission conference, two members of Onancock gave their lives to missions. The church also increased its Cooperative Program giving and missions involvement on a local level. But one unique feature of the conference was combining missions and aviation for the entire community to see. More than 700 people at the Accomack County Airport enjoyed airplane and helicopter rides, children’s activities and missionary information stations. They also heard about the work of JAARS, a ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators. The pilots for the JAARS also spoke at local school assemblies and demonstrated a number of technologies

being used on mission fields around the world. John Madden, youth

and children’s pastor at Onancock, coordinated the mission conference and said that they wanted “to unite for the kingdom and to present missions as a viable opportunity for young people by exposure to missionaries.”

This September, Onancock Baptist Church will again sponsor a mission conference that will include “Missions at the Airport.” The conference’s theme will be “The Incorruptible Seed” based upon Colossians 1:6.

Missions at the Airport is an opportunity that can take place at many of the regional airports throughout the Commonwealth. If you are interested in learning about how you could bring this unique ministry to your community, contact John Madden at Onancock Baptist Church.





# Much More Than Just A Layman

*From the Executive Director*

DOYLE CHAUNCEY



ways. He could have remained a solo act. But Jesus chose to advance His work primarily on the shoulders of ordinary people who live in the real world of family, business and community. He believed the same skills used to make clay pots, herd livestock and bake bread could be used to advance the Kingdom of God.

Whether God has blessed you with forty hours a week of discretionary time, or whether you can barely snatch forty minutes a month from your overloaded schedule, you have the potential to make a difference in your corner of the world.

What about it? Is it time for you to get up from the grandstands, crawl over a couple of benches, suit up, and get out on the playing field? I guarantee it's far more exhilarating to be a participant than a spectator. Why watch others change the world when you can join them?

**Volunteers** involved in ministry often say this about themselves, "I am just a layman." My primary purpose in this issue is to elevate to its rightful place the sacred and noble ministry of hundreds and thousands of men and women volunteers in SBCV churches. These volunteers tirelessly and sacrificially invest their time and talents in Kingdom work, without financial remuneration. A second purpose is to reaffirm our commitment to assist our affiliated churches in providing volunteers the very best training possible. We will do whatever it takes to help churches equip and train these special people to

serve Christ productively and with excellence.

I am a paid, full time Christian worker. And I am grateful beyond words for the gifted, hard-working, creative paid staff with whom I work. But the Kingdom of God cannot advance through the efforts of paid Christian workers alone. That hope rests on the willingness of volunteers from all walks of life — doctors, lawyers, construction workers, students, senior adults, etc.

Jesus deliberately made a strategic decision when He invited Peter, James, John and the other disciples to help Him spread the good news of the Kingdom. He could have built His ministry in other

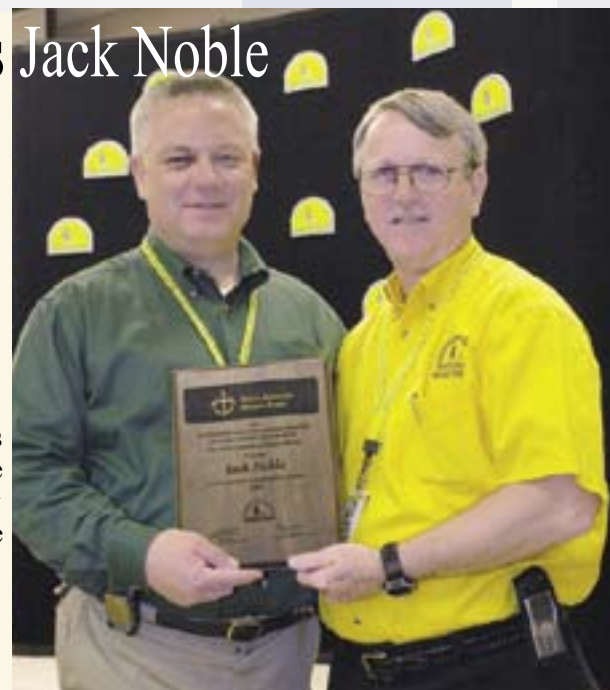
## Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Honors Jack Noble

The North American Mission Board honored Jack Noble, volunteer co-director, for the SBCV Disaster Relief Ministry, as one of the ten recipients of this year's Special Service Award. "Under Jack's leadership, the convention's disaster relief ministry has grown from its inception in 2002 to include more than 500 trained volunteers. The ministry includes a shower unit, mobile feeding unit, command unit, and nine chainsaw units." (BP)

According to co-director Mark Gauthier, "Jack's dynamic leadership has had an immediate and long-lasting effect. Jack's heartfelt response to hurricane Andrew epitomized his service to the Kingdom of God. After Andrew hit, Jack led a team from his church to respond. Upon his return home, he and his wife, Rhonda, felt

the Lord leading them back to Homestead, FL. They sold their house and belongings, bought an RV, and moved to Homestead, staying on church property, and ministering to the church members and pastors. They remained there for several months, until the pastors had their homes rebuilt and were prepared to minister to their churches."

Like most of our Disaster Relief volunteers, Jack exemplifies a servant's heart. Through his tireless efforts, more than 500 trained volunteers stand ready to respond. In addition to serving as the Co-Director of the SBCV Disaster Relief, Jack also serves as Minister of Education of North Main Baptist Church, Danville, VA.





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