Renewing your Passion

The SBCV is a fellowship of Southern Baptist Convention churches cooperating to assist local congregations in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.
EDITOR'S NOTE

You hold in your hands the Annual Meeting issue of the Proclaimer. If you are a messenger, we would like to welcome you to our Annual Homecoming. If you are a reader who is not able to join us at Grove Avenue Baptist in Richmond, we hope that you will pray for us.

In these days together we will transact important business, listen to inspiring preaching, and hear what God is doing through the SBCV and in the lives of our churches. New churches will be introduced and old friendships renewed. Our hearts will be inspired to renew our spiritual passion for our first love, prayer, the local church, and truth. This is why we call it an Annual Homecoming.

Pray that God will bind us together as a family of messengers and guests seeking to do His will. Pray that we will work together to proclaim the good news and bring glory to His name in Virginia, North America, and to the ends of the earth.

Geoff Hammond

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2005 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
THAT ALL PEOPLES MAY KNOW HIM

Week of Prayer
December 4–11

National Goal: $150 million

SBCV GOAL: $2.5 million
4 DISASTER RELIEF: National and International
The SBCV spread disaster relief internationally by ministering to thousands of the tsunami victims in Khao Lak, Thailand. Also, here at home, the needs of those suffering from the ravages of hurricanes Katrina and Rita were met by the many volunteers of the SBCV.

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Prayer and evangelism have been woven into the fabric of Fellowship Community Church since it began as a church plant. Passion for prayer continues to formulate this church’s future.
SBCV Disaster Relief volunteers have been stretched to the limit in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The shower unit, food unit, and clean up units have been stationed in Mississippi and New Orleans. Each week approximately 40 of our volunteers have been serving thousands of meals a day, providing hot showers, and doing clean-up work. The volunteers have taken leave from their jobs and left family responsibilities behind to serve.

Faithful giving to the Cooperative Program and the State Missions Offering provided the equipment, training, and infrastructure necessary to respond to this tragedy. In the six weeks after the first hurricane, the SBCV received almost $600,000 for Disaster Relief and trained nearly 800 new volunteers. They work in shifts, some beginning as early as 3:00 a.m., and the work is strenuous and draining.

For information, go to our web site at www.sbcv.org and download the video of our volunteers in action.

SBCV Disaster Relief volunteers give out more than free food and showers to thousands of victims each year... they also give out the Bread of Life. Just recently, our International Disaster Relief Team traveled to Khao Lak, Thailand. It was here that more than 5,300 people died from the tsunami. Of the 1,500 families displaced by the wave, most still live in temporary housing. The team ministered to these 1,500 families daily by providing a single staple of cabbage, corn, chicken, pork, sugar, onions, garlic or eggs. In addition, they distributed to each family a bag of other staples that included corn oil, fish oil, dry milk, creamer, coffee, hand soap, shampoo, and sponges. After handing out food in the afternoon, the team took the opportunity to talk with them about Christ. The people were very open because until then, only Christians had shown up to minister to their needs. The Thai’s were often the ones who extended the invitation to talk and would invite their friends. With our IMB missionaries strategically placed, you can already begin to see God starting a great work.

Another exciting development is taking place in construction. The Thai government has made a decision to help only those whose homes were completely destroyed in the wave. They have not offered help to those with partially damaged homes. That leaves SBC Disaster Relief with the opportunity to renovate the “partially destroyed” homes. This opportunity puts our teams in face-to-face ministry with the Thai people they are helping. SBCV teams work alongside homeowners replacing windows, doors, walls, and paint.

If you feel God calling you to join the Disaster Relief Team and would like to join this exciting national and international ministry of the SBCV, e-mail disasterrelief@sbcv.org.
Each SBCV ministry area will hold at least one Disaster Relief Training Seminar in 2006. Many more will take place as we respond to the requests of our churches.

NEXT TRAINING:
JANUARY 27-28
Kempsville Baptist Church, Virginia Beach
and Fellowship Community Church, Salem

To view Disaster Relief videos, please visit www.sbcv.org
That is exactly what happened this summer as fourteen summer youth interns were placed in churches across Virginia as a result of faithful giving to the SBCV State Missions Offering. Here’s what happened at Ragland Memorial Baptist in Sandy Hook, VA... 

Pastor Ed became a true mentor to me... a relationship that I hope will last a lifetime. The SBCV intern training in June gave me a great jump start by teaching me much about fundamental youth ministry principles and strategies. 

Cale Duncan, Summer Youth Intern 

The SBCV was a tremendous aid when we decided to hire a summer intern to assist in starting an organized youth ministry at Ragland. Our intern, Cale Duncan, did a fantastic job. Our church benefited several ways. His leadership and direction encouraged several adults to step up and commit to work with our youth. He developed a structured youth ministry, which supported our overall mission to supply ministries for all ages. Cale made many contacts with unchurched youth and their families, providing evangelistic opportunities for our church. He also gave pastoral support to the entire church family. Interestingly, we brought Cale on to primarily work with our youth, but he ministered to every age group. Our entire church family was blessed through this young man and our ministry truly benefited through the summer internship provided by the SBCV. 

Ed Rodriguez, Pastor
surrender to be a pastor... he now has compassion for others on similar journeys.

The second key, see people through Jesus’ eyes. When Jesus touched the blind man, he opened his eyes and saw figures that looked like trees. Jesus touched him again and he could see people as Jesus saw them. Sometimes a second touch is needed to see people through Jesus’ eyes.

Third, allow Jesus to love through you. Pastors and staff need to love their people unconditionally...the way Jesus loves His sheep. Many will stray, disappoint, and make wrong choices, but let Jesus love through you, no matter what.

Fourth, grow in love with Jesus. Cultivate a deeper, richer relationship with Jesus through devotion and prayer. When you love Jesus, it is easier for Him to love through you.

Fifth, let the Spirit of God live and work in you. Listen to the Holy Spirit, obey the Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you.

living Word Baptist Church in Forest has grown from about 100 in attendance to a high of 770. With 80 additions this year, including baptizing 19 in one service, it is obvious that Pastor Marvin Sutt is well suited for ministering to the people. This shepherd has a real passion for his sheep.

Just recently Pastor Sutt returned from a week long vacation upon which he passionately and emotionally shared with the congregation his love and appreciation for them. During his vacation, a member’s son had been killed while serving in Iraq. The congregation had responded overwhelmingly to the mother’s needs in those dark hours. His passionate commendations provoked thoughts of Paul commending a New Testament church for good works and acts of kindness.

Sutt says that the first key to having passion for people is “don’t forget where you come from.” He remembers when Jesus radically saved him as a GI in Korea, to his unlikely
ANNUAL HOMECOMING
of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

Renewing your Passion
November 14 & 15
Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond

To register, please go to the SBCV website at www.sbcv.org.

Special Testimony By Carrie McDonnell
IMB Missionary whose husband was killed in Iraq

Special Music: Calling Levi
Musical Guest: Marvin Matthews
Worship Leader: John Griffin

MONDAY, NOV. 14
Registration 11:00 a.m.
AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
SPECIAL MUSIC:
Calling Levi | Marvin Matthews
MESSAGE: Doyle Chauncy
SBCV BUSINESS SESSION
SBCV MINISTRY REPORT
EVENING 6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
SPECIAL MUSIC:
Hyland Heights Choir with Calling Levi
Marvin Matthews
MESSAGE: Bob Raccord
SBCV MINISTRY REPORT

TUESDAY, NOV. 15
Registration 8:00 a.m.
MORNING 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Session Begins 8:30 a.m.
SPECIAL MUSIC:
Marvin Matthews | Calling Levi
MESSAGE: Carl Weaver
SBCV BUSINESS SESSION
SBCV MINISTRY REPORT
AFTERNOON 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
SPECIAL MUSIC:
Calling Levi | Marvin Matthews
TESTIMONY: Carrie McDonnell
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Marvin Matthews
Colonial Heights Baptist Choir
MESSAGE: Al Mohler
SBCV MINISTRY REPORT

LUNCHEONS
- Ministry Area Hospitality Rooms
  Open Monday 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Women’s Luncheon
  Tuesday, Noon
- Student Pastor/Director Luncheon
  Tuesday, Noon
- Southwestern Alumni Luncheon
  Tuesday, Noon

2006 VBS Preview
Breakfast Seminar
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS
Bob Reccord
Al Mohler
Carl Weaver
Doyle Chauncy
Prayer
And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.
Acts 4:31

First Love
And you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have lost your first love.
Revelation 2:3 & 4

Local Church
Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.
Ephesians 5:25b & 26

Truth
By open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every one’s conscience in the sight of God.
2 Corinthians 4:2b
Renewing Passion for Sunday School

Jason Barber became Pastor of North Main Baptist Church in Danville a little over a year ago. He came with a passion and a calling to nurture a thriving Sunday School.

Starting new units is one evidence of this. In Pastor Barber's first Sunday School year, he worked with a couple's class to birth a new unit. The pastor partnered with a man from the sending class who felt called to co-teach. In less than 18 months, that "new class" grew from 6 people in attendance to over 30. An apprentice teacher was found and equipped...he then birthed a new class for nearly newlyweds.

It was out of such an apprenticeship that one man recently yielded to God's call to full time vocational ministry. The young man now admits he would have never imagined himself in ministry had he not been asked to serve as a Sunday School apprentice. Now he is preparing for theological education and could perhaps be a future church planter from North Main.

Pastor Barber commented, "We have used the start of new Sunday School units to teach church planting principles. We want our folks to multiply themselves through interpersonal evangelism, multiply our Sunday School through the start of new units, and multiply the Kingdom through the start of new churches."

getting back to the basics

The pastor isn't the only one at North Main with a renewed commitment to Sunday School. An influential church leader and business executive in the community asked that his name be removed from consideration in a deacon election in order to pursue God's call to renew his passion for leading and teaching his Sunday School class. While most men pine after such a "prestigious servant position," this man decided that his time would be best spent visiting, attending team meetings, and preparing Biblically sound Bible studies.

What a great example of a pastor's passion being passed on to the congregation.

A Marketplace for Ministry

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights became a marketplace of ministry on August 19 & 20. The SBCV offered more than 70 seminars and conferences, covering almost every aspect of ministry and work in the local church. Highlighting the Church Leadership Conference (CLC) this year was Ron Pratt of Lifeway. Ron led the plenary sessions and called for us to "dream," by asking, "What could happen if we, as churches and individuals, would risk to invest?" Pratt reminded us that real investing involves making a present sacrifice to have a better future.

More than 780 people made their way to the sessions, taught by servant leaders from SBCV churches and LifeWay. In addition to the courses, there were two sessions where everyone came together for praise and worship, along with vision-casting for the future. It was like being in a marketplace that offered a broad selection. In this case, the "shoppers" were selecting ministry seminars to take back to their churches to nourish and strengthen their work.

Each year, SBCV sets aside a weekend in August to help strengthen churches by providing conference seminars for church leadership as the new Sunday School year begins.

Why? Because your SBCV exists to assist churches in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission. A marketplace of ministry helps...but, remember, you have missionaries on the field to assist you as well. If there are ministry needs in your church...be sure to contact your area missionary.

While you're thinking about it....
A Renewed Passion for Missions

Hampstead Baptist Church in Maryland has had a passion for mission work for the last five years. In 2000, Steve and Dawn Nauman (Hampstead’s former Missions Pastor, and his wife) introduced the church to their friends, Raymond and Leah. Steve led the couple to Christ and soon thereafter learned of the tremendous needs, both physical and spiritual, in Leah’s hometown, Nueva Rosita, Mexico. That led to Hampstead starting a church planting ministry in Mexico.

In October of 2001, after searching for a church plant location, Hampstead purchased a building in the community of La Florida, Mexico for $5,000. The Lord led them to a former mission pastor, Javier Valdez, who was called as the bi-vocational pastor of the newly formed Iglesia Bautista de la Nueva Esperanza (New Hope Baptist Church).

Hampstead sent part of its recent VBS offering to New Hope to build classrooms in the church house. Twice a year, they also send mission teams for evangelism and discipleship, as well as assist with funds for other projects. In 2004, new works were started that involved five other Mexican churches and 230 people. Hampstead is now looking to start two new works in the communities of Rancherias and Sabinas with New Hope taking the lead in Rancherias. Praise the Lord for this church that continues to be “On Mission for Christ”!

Hampstead has made 12 trips to Mexico and has seen at least 500 decisions made for Christ!

Taking VBS Outside the Church Building

Looking for an evangelistic mission project? Red Lane Baptist in Powhatan decided to take VBS to the streets this summer and use it for backyard VBS clubs. Trained volunteers from Red Lane first teach VBS in their own church, and then head across the state as “home missionaries.” Associate Pastor, Josh Kappes, tells the story of their trip to Norfolk this past summer...

“Our VBS mission trip was amazing! Tuesday night we sensed spiritual warfare, so our pastor, David Stajoy, called us to prayer. God moved powerfully. One hundred fifty-three people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. I’ve never seen God move through VBS like this. Many of those converted are being baptized and are plugging into six different SBCV churches we work with.”

“Over the last four years, it’s been amazing to see the growth in children’s ministry as a result of VBS. It ripples back to our churches, too. Old Powhatan went with us this year. One of their students got saved on the trip, and a few others came forward for baptism. Two of our youth surrendered to full-time ministry. The Lord is blessing our church immensely and it’s so exciting. Last Sunday we had an entire family get right with God as a result of the pastor’s ten year old son inviting his friend to church every Sunday. Their first interaction with our church was through VBS last summer.

You too can take VBS to the streets. Check out the LifeWay VBS curriculum at www.lifeway.com for next year’s materials and see the LifeWay VBS preview at our Annual Meeting.

2006 VBS Preview Breakfast Seminar

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Guest Speaker: Becky Martin, VBS Ministry Specialist, LifeWay
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Passion for Prayer
Is your church passionate about prayer?

Starting on their knees...
Fellowship Community Church in Salem began with two main priorities... prayer and evangelism. A passion for prayer has been woven into the fabric of the church since it began as a church plant. At the outset, God laid on Pastor Ken Nienke’s heart what he calls the “120 Team” patterned after the 120 that gathered in the upper room and were praying prior to Pentecost. In the beginning, prayers were enlisted. Nienke still sends a prayer request email every couple of weeks to more than 150 people.

Prayer continues to be a major part of the strategy at Fellowship with designated prayer times each month. The church has a designated prayer room used weekly by teams of two people. They pray during each of the two Sunday morning services for God to work in a mighty way. Future plans are for the prayer room to be manned 24/7 in one hour shifts.

The members of the church sought God’s direction for their building plans through fasting... some from food, some from TV, and other sacrifices. God blessed... $1,252,000 was committed over 3 years (nearly 4 times the annual budget) and they received the largest 1 day offering in the history of the church... more than $120,000!

Before excavation and construction of the new building began, Fellowship Community Church had a full day of prayer where people came and prayed in 30 minute time slots. And when they moved into their new building in January 2005, the church body met at 8:00 a.m. for a prayer walk, where they walked 7 times around the facility while they prayed... like Joshua, who was told to walk around the city of Jericho 7 times to receive victory.

Fellowship isn’t resting on its laurels. It’s now getting ready to start a Wednesday night study of R.A. Torrey’s book, “How To Pray for 10 Weeks”. In addition, the church began “40 Days of Community” on September 18, 2005.

A PASSION.
A Louisiana boy from Lake Charles, Paul McDaniel met his sweetheart while serving as a summer missionary at Grove Avenue Baptist Church. They married and their journey in ministry began. From summer missionary to church planter, Paul and his wife, Kimberly, have not lost their passion to start churches. They have planted churches in two totally different cities... Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Lafayette, Louisiana. Each church has had a unique cultural challenge. How they are ready to embark on the third church plant, Salem Baptist Church in Richmond has extended a call to Paul to start a church in Mechanicsville. The needs are different but ‘the need’ is the same—bringing the message of redemption to people searching for answers.

A NEW CHURCH.
Salem Baptist will be the McDaniel’s strongest sponsoring church yet. The church is providing people, prayer, and assistance with church planting activities, in addition to financial support. When the McDaniels worshipped at Salem Baptist for the first time, Pastor Joe Buchanan challenged the members to covenant to pray and participate in cultivating the new church field. Pastor Buchanan publicly acknowledged that the Holy Spirit was calling some to go and help plant this new church by being the core members of the new congregation. He urged them to accept that call with the church’s blessing.

A NEED.
Pray for the McDaniels and for the new church plant in Mechanicsville, outside of Richmond.
A Passion for Church Planting ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

"Developing a heart for lost souls around the world is one result of short-term mission trips."

These are the words of Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor of Patsworth Baptist in Gloucester. Hollandsworth is also the leader of an SBCV missions team that went to Zambia in September 2005. SBCV is partnering with IMB Missionary Teams to do personal evangelism through Chronological Bible Storying in order to plant churches among the Bapatse people group. Rob Edwards of Tucker Swamp, Mike Smith of Deerfield Baptist, and Allen Cherry of Dugapur Baptist went with Hollandsworth. Each of these pastors is also committed to returning to Zambia with another team from their own church in 2006.

This first SBCV team had plans to travel to a remote part of the Western province of Zambia. This region is cut off for much of the year by flooding. But with the water receding in September, the team would be able to drive across the flood plains to reach this area and minister in the village of Namweti. But God had other plans. Unforeseen circumstances required one of the missionaries on the field to be away from Namweti at the time of the SBCV trip. After much prayer, it was decided that the team would minister in Kalabo Zambia, doing one-on-one evangelism and preaching in the churches there. God truly blessed and the team saw 10 people pray to receive Christ. Church leaders were encouraged and contacts made for a new church start in Kalabo as well. The ultimate goal of these SBCV mission teams is to plant churches with IMB missionaries following up.

"Preparing for the trip has greatly affected both the church and me. In addition to expanding my vision for the world, it has impacted the church by helping them see what God is doing around the world. Until people know the need and see it for themselves, they will never truly have a burden. Until you look out over the city, you will never weep for the city." Patsworth Baptist is also planning to double Cooperative Program giving in the next three years, a tangible result of their increasing passion for missions.

GREETINGS in THE NAME OF OUR LORD

Mark Twain said, “The Government builds roads and Baptists wear them out going to meetings.” I know many of us agree with him. However, there is one meeting worth attending, our SBCV Annual Meeting, November 14-15 in Richmond. Together, we’ll usual” honors the Lord. We’ll discuss and adopt a faith budget, we’ll deal with timely resolutions and you’ll have opportunities to bring issues to the floor for all of us to deal with … all done under the Lordship of Christ.

I am always amazed at our ministry reports. It is inspiring and challenging to see how God is leading your church to reach the lost of Virginia. As I sit there and listen, I realize this is not “business as usual,” it’s God’s business in unusual ways. I am inspired to see that God is working without the boundaries of conventional means. I am thankful to be part of a Convention whose priority is “imparing the people of Virginia with the Gospel, no matter what.” As I listen to these reports, I find myself challenged to think outside the box. And, as I sing on the cake, we are privileged to hear some of God’s finest servants. What a Blessing!

Let me close with thanking you for allowing me to serve you this past year as your President. It has been a year of blessings getting to know you, working with our Convention leadership and watching God take us to the next level. See you in Richmond.

Blessings, Carl Weber
The 2nd Annual SBCV Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) doubled in attendance and SOLD OUT one of the largest SBCV churches in the state with nearly 2,000 teens from 111 churches. With the previous year’s huge success and having personalities such as Kirk Cameron and Chris Tomlin, YEC 2005 was strategically moved to Liberty Baptist in Hampton to accommodate the anticipated crowd. The worship center was filled to capacity with an overflow of 300 students in the gym.

The SOLD OUT seating was not the real buzz though! Teens listened in amazement to Kirk’s passion and knowledge on sharing Christ who delivered much more than a token Christian message. Kirk is SOLD OUT to Jesus and SOLD OUT to sharing the Gospel message to the lost, which all adds up when you learn that he co-founded “The Way of The Master,” a ministry that trains students and adults in how to share their faith as Jesus did.

YEC’s unique design to attract lost teenagers through a great program and theme park options excelled by equipping Christian teens with the courage and tools to share an intolerant Gospel with a tolerant culture that accepts all faith systems as equal. Each breakout session unveiled cutting edge evangelism strategies developed by the SBC Student Evangelism Department at NAMB. Who better to lead the sessions than Chad Childress, himself, Director of Student Evangelism, NAMB?

“Departure” was more than a fun theme; it represented the hundreds of students who departed from their old life of sin into a new life in Christ. This fall we launched 2,000 teens back into school as campus missionaries. That is what evangelism is all about! Make plans to join YEC next year on August 8-9, 2006.

The Surrender Conference strives to make a lasting impact in the lives of students all across the nation by exalting the name of Jesus and boldly proclaiming His Word. Surrender does not come to a city to entertain, but to provide a watershed moment that will spur a student toward a deeper walk with Jesus. The beauty of Surrender is what happens long after in the lives of the students.

What makes it different?
Simply: No fluff. Just truth.

You will not find games, contests, and “fluff” at Surrender. Instead, Surrender offers a weekend of teaching from God’s word and strives to bring students to the realization that worship is a lifestyle. The emphasis of the teaching, music, video, and youth minister breakout sessions are centered around the glorification of Christ. Our hope is that each student will have a “watershed moment” that will forever change the way they live as a response to God’s amazing love.

Designed for a “watershed moment,” students enjoy the Surrender Conference’s excitement and energy as they learn how to worship Jesus in Spirit and Truth. They are also moved as God speaks to their heart and challenges them on “who” they are worshipping with their life. In every city, we see the impact of the Holy Spirit’s work in the lives of those who attend.

“In the end, worship can never be a performance, something you’re pretending or putting on. It’s got to be an overflow of your heart... worship is about getting personal and drawing close to God.”
— Matt Redman
A Different Spirit

Fred Smith, the distinguished author and business leader, has noted from his years of leadership that most people have a “passion for significance.” Most everyone wants his or her life to make a difference.

The fact is that everyone is already making a difference every day. You shouldn’t be asking, “Did I make a difference today?” Of course you did! You undoubtedly affected somebody, maybe slightly, maybe significantly. The more important question to ask is, “What kind of difference did I make?”

Caleb was a great leader. He returned from spying out Canaan with Joshua and the other ten spies. He boldly opposed the majority’s decision not to enter into the Promised Land. He could not agree with the majority, for that would be to disagree with God. As a result of his obedience, God made this promise:

“But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.” Num. 14:24 (NIV)

Caleb was not so much a man of great faith as a man of faith in a great God! His boldness rested on his understanding of God, not on his confidence in Israel’s abilities to conquer the land. His was a matter of simple obedience to the will and plan of God.

Here are three suggestions for renewing your passion for significance:

- **Move toward what God has called you to do**
- **Walk away from choices that are not compelling**

Renewing Your Passion is the theme of the Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend and pray that God will renew our passion for His Worship, His Will, and His Work.

You Can Help Those Affected by Hurricanes without Leaving Home!

LOUISIANA FOOD BOX PROJECT

The SBCV, NAMB, and the LA Baptist Convention are partnering to provide food boxes to Louisiana. There are specifics for this project, such as packing instructions, box size, and products. DROP OFF SITES in each Ministry Area. The drop off date will be late November or early December. Details are being formulated. Upon final completion of the process, each SBCV church will receive a letter with specific information.

Please go to the SBCV website www.sbcv.org for details of this project.

Virginia Is A Long Way From Texas

By the time Randy and Lisa Martin, along with their children, arrived in Roanoke to begin their work as church planters with the SBCV, they realized that “Virginia is a long way from Texas!” They had prayed for several weeks about selling their home, leaving their construction business and becoming bi-vocational church planters with the SBCV. Then God gave them permission to leave and the passion needed to plant a church in the Roanoke area.

In the spring of 2005, the Martins moved to the Roanoke area and Randy began a construction business. They also began working in the harvest field... starting their first Bible Study Group. Their sponsor church, Fellowship Community Church, and the SBCV have partnered together to help them make the transition and start the church God has planned. Let us pray for the Martins and the birth of this new church.
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