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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

It is so much
more than just an
Annual Meeting!

Renewing your Passion



2005 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

THAT ALL PEOPLES MAY KNOW HIM

Week of Prayer

December 4–11

National Goal: \$150 million

International
Mission Board
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

SBCV GOAL: \$2.5 million

Dates to Remember

SBCV CALENDAR

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

2005	
NOV	11-12 SURRENDER CONFERENCE — Bethel Baptist, Yorktown
	14-15 SBCV ANNUAL MEETING — Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond
DEC	1 VBS Curriculum Available LifeWay Christian Stores
2006	
JAN	20-21 VBS LOCAL CHURCH TRAINING — Ridgecrest Conference Center
	26 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
	27-28 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING (SE) — Kempsville Baptist, Virginia Beach
	27-28 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING — Fellowship Community Church, Salem
FEB	17-18 SWAT WEEKEND CONNECTION (Eastern) — Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg
	17-18 SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH TRAINING — Hyland Heights Baptist, Lynchburg
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	23 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
	24-25 SWAT WEEKEND CONNECTION (Western) — Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke
MAR	4 VBS PREVIEW DAY — VA LifeWay Stores
	12 FRIEND DAY — SBCV Churches
	13 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (East) — Liberty Baptist, Hampton
	13 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (West) — Salem Baptist, Salem
	24-25 STUDENT PASTORS/DIRECTORS RETREAT
	30 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
APR	31-Apr 1 VBS CLINICS (South Hampton Roads, Danville, Alexandria)
	7-8 VBS CLINICS (Peninsula, Fries, Lynchburg)
	27 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
MAY	28-29 VBS CLINICS (Eastern Shore, Roanoke, Charlottesville)
	5-6 VBS CLINICS (Richmond, Abingdon, Fredericksburg)
	20 BIBLE DRILL
JUNE	25 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
	11-14 PASTORS' CONFERENCE, Southern Baptist Convention — Greensboro, NC
	29 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
JULY	10-14 STUDENTZ CAMP
AUG	8-9 YEC
	18-19 CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SEP	24 CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
	8-9 PASTORS, STAFF & WIVES RETREAT
OCT	10-17 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS
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7 A Passion for People

A pastor with fervor for his sheep reveals the keys to having passion for people.

8 SBCV Annual Meeting

"Renewing Your Passion" is the theme this year for the annual homecoming of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. It will be a time for review, prayer, remembering your first love, a time for the local church, and a time for seeking truth.

10 A Marketplace for Ministry

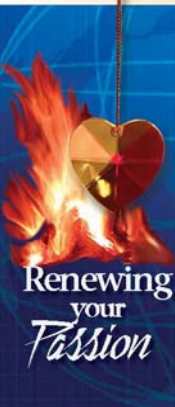
What could happen if churches and individuals would risk to invest? The SBCV offered a marketplace of ministry for those willing to make a personal sacrifice to have a better future.

11 VBS ON MISSION: Taking It Outside the Church Building

Trained volunteers head across the state as "home missionaries" taking VBS to the streets and using it in back yards for VBS clubs. God moved powerfully, affecting the lives of many children, teenagers, adults, and even families.

12 Passion for Prayer

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.



Renewing your Passion

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.

Each week approximately 40 of our volunteers have been serving thousands of meals a day, providing hot showers, and doing clean-up work.



Volunteer prays with a victim.

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

SBCV Disaster Relief Goes International

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.



disaster relief



American
Red Cross

Disaster Relief

DISASTER RELIEF



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



"This is my first mission trip, and I'm hooked."
Richard Cundiff, First Baptist Roanoke

"Through our regular giving to the Cooperative Program...we as Southern Baptists look ahead to what's coming. We have these funds...the shower unit...the feeding unit. We have this equipment, we have been trained, and all that's made possible through...giving...together in churches to pool our resources...to do things that NO church can do on their own."
Eddie Urbine, Minister of Music, Old Powhatan Baptist Church

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



"It's not just the water and food. They have a spiritual hole, some of them, in their hearts. Other ones, they're brothers and sisters in Christ and they're so happy that we're going to pray with them... There were times I could feel the Spirit moving, saying 'Pray with this woman about this situation right now' and I'd look at the several thousand cars in line... but the most important thing you could do right then was to pray with them."
David Jones, First Baptist Norfolk

To view Disaster Relief videos, please visit www.sbcv.org

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Serve Churches or Impact Future Leaders

Why Not Both?

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...

While at Ragland, the Lord truly blessed me and allowed me to learn by working with Pastor Ed Rodriguez. He taught me a lot simply by watching him and seeing how he lives his life. One thing that really stuck in my heart was his passion and drive for the local church. I learned that being pastor of a church is far more than preaching a good sermon on Sunday morning. It's about ministering to the people GOD has placed in your flock.

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 worked 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

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Sunday School Training & Leadership Development!

SBCV places great importance on Sunday School Training and Leadership Development! SBCV has also placed a high value on ministering to the Southwest area of the state. On September 30, these two priorities were married together at the Southwest Church Leadership Conference, which equipped 174 people from 16 churches.

A myriad of 34 workshops were offered, led by SBCV State Missionaries, LifeWay and NAMB Consultants, and other specialists from around the state. Topics included Women's, Men's, Children's, and Student Ministries as well as all aspects of Sunday School, Evangelism, Missions, Church Growth, Leadership, Worship, and Pastoral Ministry.

Anchoring the event together



was keynote speaker Gene Mims, former Vice President of LifeWay. Gene challenged churches to grasp a kingdom perspective when doing ministry. Gene brought the example of trying to get a full view of a room by looking through a key

hole. Only when inside the room can you fully see it and get the correct perspective of the door. So it is with the church, trying to see the kingdom from one local church is hard, but view the Kingdom from God's perspective found in scripture, and then the proper importance can be placed on the local church and its role in the kingdom. This conference was about equipping the local church to play their vital role in the overall kingdom of God. Gene emphasized that the church has God's promise, and power, to propel us to go do his work. Lets go do it!

SBCV thanks Euclid Avenue Baptist for being a gracious host.



It's Annual
Church
Profile
Time!

ACP

We hope you have submitted your ACP. The profile is very important. It helps us to ...

- EVALUATE,
- PLAN, and
- COORDINATE

...based on the needs of our churches. It enables the State Convention to come alongside and assist your leaders in meeting those needs.

If you haven't submitted your ACP, please do so now.

Questions about the ACP? Please contact your area missionary by calling 888-234-7716 or email sbcv@sbcv.org.



a pastor with a Passion for His People

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 Suitt is well suited for ministering to the people. This shepherd has a real passion for his sheep.

Just recently Pastor Suitt 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.

Suitt 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

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 devotions 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.



Challenging an Icon of Evolution!

THE INSTITUTE FOR CREATION RESEARCH PRESENTS

THOUSANDS...
NOT BILLIONS
A CONFERENCE

Creation Conference

Saturday, May 20, 2006

■ 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ■

First Baptist Church Roanoke

The Institute for Creation Research presents

"Thousands...Not Billions"

A Conference

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

Evangelism Conference

March 13, 2006
Monday

TWO LOCATIONS:

Eastern Conference

Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton

Western Conference

West Salem Baptist Church



ANNUAL HOMECOMING

of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

Renewing your Passion

November 14 & 15

Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond

Special Music: Calling Levi



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



Musical Guest:
Marvin Matthews



Worship Leader: John Griffin



GUEST SPEAKERS



Bob Record



Al Mohler



Carl Weiser



Doyle Chauncey

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOV. 14

Registration 11:00 a.m.

AFTERNOON 7:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Calling Levi | Marvin Matthews

MESSAGE: Doyle Chauncey

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 Record

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 Weiser

SBCV BUSINESS SESSION

SBCV MINISTRY REPORT

AFTERNOON 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Calling Levi | Marvin Matthews

TESTIMONY: Carrie McDonnell

SBCV BUSINESS SESSION

MINISTRY REPORT

EVENING 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Marvin Matthews

Colonial Heights Baptist Choir

MESSAGE: Al Mohler

SBCV MINISTRY REPORT

■ 2006 VBS Preview

Breakfast Seminar

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

■ 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

LUNCHEONS:
To purchase
luncheon tickets
on line, go to
www.sbcv.org

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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 couples 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

the 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...
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the
2006 Church Leadership
Conference
August 18-19, 2006.**

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 Rancherías and Sabinas with New Hope taking the lead in Rancherías. 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!

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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 Slayton, 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

November 15 • During Annual Mtg • 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond

Guest Speaker: Becky Martin, VBS Ministry Specialist, Lifeway

TWO CURRICULUMS HIGHLIGHTED!

Please make your reservations at the VBS Booth on Monday at the Annual Meeting.



Limited Seating

Bringing Church Planting Passion to Virginia

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. Now 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



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.

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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



Dennis Hollandsworth: One on One Evangelist

"Developing a heart for lost souls around the world is one result of a 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 Barotse people group. Rob Edwards of Tucker Swamp, Mike Smith of Deerfield Baptist, and Allen Cherry of Dugspur Baptist went with Hollandsworth. Each of these pastors is also committed to returning to Zambia with another



SBCV Team with Mabel and Henry

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 plain to reach this area and minister in the village of

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 "impacting 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 sit 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

SBCV President

Carl Weber
Senior Pastor
Hyland Heights
Baptist Church
Lynchburg



focus on "Renewing our Passion". Our Annual

Meeting continues to be unique and filled with the presence of our Lord. In business sessions we rejoice in what God is doing, we receive valuable information, we discuss and vote. Messengers are amazed that business "as

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.



Allen Cherry: One on One Evangelist

SOLD

out!

at
YEC

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.



SURRENDER



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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



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

A Different Spirit

From the
Executive Director

DOYLE CHARNICK



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*

- *Find significance in what you are called to do*

The passionate life is about reaching our potential – taking risks – giving it our best shot – leaving it all on the field. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

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



SBCV, NAMI, and the LA Baptist Convention are partnering to provide food boxes to Louisiana. Here are specifics for this project, such as packing instructions, boxes, and products. DROP OFF BOXES 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 Groups. 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.

"I am confident...He who began a good work in you will be able to complete it..." Philipians 1:6

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