

Proclaimer

NOV/DEC 2006
Volume 9 Number 6

The Official News Magazine of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

M
O
R
E

B
E
Y
O
N
D



JEREMIAH 29:11

F
O
L
L
O
W

S
E
E
K

C
A
L
L

R
E
M
E
M
B
E
R



Proclaimer

NOV—DEC 2006
Volume 9
Number 6

EDITOR

Dr. Geoff Hammond

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Brandon Pickett

DESIGNER

Patti Spencer

The Proclaimer is a collaborative effort of the State Missions and Support Teams.

The Proclaimer is a ministry of the SBCV's Cooperative Program and is published six times annually. It is sent free of charge to interested parties and friends of the SBCV upon request.

SBCV STAFF & MINISTRY AREAS

For information about ministry areas and SBCV staff, visit our web site at www.sbcv.org. SBCV staff persons may be reached via email using their first initial and last name along with the suffix: @sbcv.org.



GEOFF HAMMOND
Senior Associate Director

FROM THE EDITOR

More Beyond!

As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary this November, we remember our beginnings. Thirteen (13) churches came together to form a fellowship... which eventually became a State Convention with over 490 churches today. We marvel at all that the Lord has done and continues to do, and we see the hand of God on the ministry of our churches and our missions efforts. I wonder if those who founded our Convention ever dreamed about where we would be in ten years:

DID they anticipate a convention of this size?

DID they envision that nearly 25% of our churches would be churches that the SBCV had helped plant?

DID they think that SBCV would become the largest contributor to the Cooperative Program in Virginia in just ten short years?

DID they see a Disaster Relief ministry that would be one of the most effective of any State Convention?

DID they dream about state missionaries stationed all over Virginia to help strengthen existing churches and plant new ones?

From where we stand, it is hard to tell exactly what they saw beyond their small group as they banded together to form a fellowship and then a State Convention. But they were bound together by the truth of the Word of God and a passion to do missions together through the Cooperative Program.

What are you dreaming about for the SBCV over the next ten years? We are still bound together by the same truth and passion. There is so much More Beyond — and we hope this issue of the Proclaimer will cause you to dream a little and pray a little harder, asking the Lord to do so much more than we could ever ask or think!

Geoff Hammond

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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®



2006 Tell us the story of
Jesus

National Goal:
\$150 million

What would
you give so
they can
hear?

Week of Prayer December 3-10

SBCV GOAL: \$ 2.5 million



Dates to Remember

SBCV CALENDAR

For information contact sbcv@sbcv.org or call 888-234-7716

2006

NOV	3-5	IMPACT MEN'S CONFERENCE — Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg
	7	ELECTION DAY — Don't forget to vote!
	11	SONIC FLOOD MISSIONS CONCERT — Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond
	13-14	ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION — First Baptist, Roanoke
DEC	3-10	WEEK OF PRAYER for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

2007

JAN	14	SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
	20	SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING with Elmer Towns — Hyland Heights Baptist, Lynchburg
	25	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
FEB	22	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
	23-24	SWAT — Hotel Jefferson, Richmond
MAR	4-11	WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions
	12	SBCV EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
	23-24	STUDENT PASTORS/DIRECTORS RETREAT
	29	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
APR	13	VBS Clinic (Danville)
	14	VBS Clinics (Fredericksburg, Richmond, Independence)
	20	VBS Clinic (Southside Hampton Roads)
	21	VBS Clinics (Roanoke, Centreville, Lynchburg)
	26	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Regional)
	27	VBS Clinics (Richmond, Abingdon, Staunton)
	28	VBS Clinic (Charlottesville)
MAY	27-28	SBCV PASTOR-DEACON RETREAT
	4	VBS Clinics (Bedford, Rileyville)
	5	VBS Clinics (Pennington Gap, Lower Peninsula)
	19	BIBLE DRILL
	31	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN) (Statewide)
JUN	10-13	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION — Texas
JUL	9-13	SBCV STUDENTZ CAMP — Liberty University

PASTORS, STAFF & WIVES Christmas Fellowships

in **EVERY**
ministry area

Please visit us online at
www.sbcv.org
for information on the
Christmas fellowship in your area.

CONTENTS

Proclaimer

4 Looking Forward to Greater Things

From South Norfolk Baptist Church to River Oak Church, Dennis Culbreth is at work building the DNA of a reproducing church plant.

6 Church Relocation Provides a Means of Refocus

Alexander Baptist Church starts several strategies for impacting their new neighborhood.

7 More Beyond 50 Years

Thomas Road Baptist Church is celebrating 50 years of ministry. But rather than basking in what God has done, Pastor Jerry Falwell continuously casts the vision that God has More in store.

10 Short-term Missions, Long-term Effects

A ten-day mission trip to Zambia changed the heart and future of Tucker Swamp Baptist Church in Southampton County.

11 Prepared for Disaster

Volunteers across the state build SBCV Disaster Relief units. Mark Gore, a member of North Main Baptist Church in Danville has led the building effort in the last few years.

13 YEC Makes the Shift

Throughout the YEC conference students were challenged to have a passion for sharing the Gospel. Students left equipped to answer the open-ended question on the year's theme logo, "Ready to make the Shift?"

14 DC Area Church Planter Wins the Lottery

Northern Virginia Church Planter John Koch and his wife Kay won big in a Northern Virginia drawing, giving them an opportunity to purchase a home in Old Town Alexandria.



Looking Forward To Greater Things

Eight years ago, when Dennis Culbreth accepted a call to be the pastor of South Norfolk Baptist Church in Norfolk, he sensed God leading him forward to a new and exciting ministry. Leaving a growing church plant in the Metro

Atlanta area was not easy, but Culbreth knew that God was bringing him to Virginia. Even then, he had church planting on his mind. He was called to pastor South Norfolk Baptist and help them plant a new church seven miles to the south.

Six months later, River Oak Church was started in a high school in south Chesapeake. Culbreth continued to serve as pastor of both churches until 2001 when he turned his attention solely to River Oak. The forward look did not stop there. Culbreth has built into River Oak the DNA of a reproducing church plant. His vision includes having the church be a center for preparing church planters in the future. Recently, River



Oak broke ground for a new \$4.5 million church building that has been designed to meet ministry needs for all ages. Once completed and the church body has moved in, Culbreth is looking forward to using the building to help the church be a complete Acts 1:8 church... taking the Gospel to all people throughout

the world. Meanwhile, the church is busy revamping present ministries,

developing new ministries, and re-aligning staff to meet the needs of the church body for when they move into their new building. Truly, God is at work at River Oak, and they are looking forward to even greater things.



Daniel Floyd, pastor of Lighthouse Church, an SBCV church plant in the Fredericksburg area, does not hold back when it comes to talking about planting new churches. "Church Planting is our greatest hope for multiplying healthy reproducing communities of faith around the world." Lighthouse Church has a vision for the future, which includes reaching every possible person through every possible means. Floyd says, "We are committed to continually reinventing ourselves while remaining true to God's word." Although the past has been bright and exciting for Lighthouse Church, they are not living on past victories. According to Floyd, the Lord has placed a vision on their hearts that goes beyond the ability of one local church. "We are believing God to make Lighthouse Church an epicenter for church planting, ministry training, and global outreach."

Floyd believes that Lighthouse can reach thousands of people in the next 25 years through multiplying healthy new churches. He says, "We just know that God has a bigger plan for us than we can imagine. If the command is to make disciples, then is

The Ultimate Future Contains Church Planting

not the ultimate fulfillment of that a church birthing new churches?" Lighthouse not only looks to be a true church-planting church, but they are exploring the idea of something they call, "The Leadership Experience." Floyd says, "We want to bring in college and seminary students and train them in a real-life setting, giving them classroom learning with hands-on experience, and have it count towards their degree." Floyd sees these future leaders, as well as

those who are trained within the church, as potential church planters. "I firmly believe that the rumblings you hear in the distance of the SBCV church planting movement, in the next 10 years will not be able to be contained within the borders of Virginia but will have spread globally and I am thrilled to be a part of it."



More Beyond...Church Planting

The SBCV Church Planter Farm System

Sports teams look to their farm system to produce high quality players who will take the team well into the future. Could it be that the future for church planting in Virginia will be determined by an effective farm system? The SBCV's developing farm system includes church planter apprentices, church plants that reproduce multiple times, and established churches that proactively send out church planting teams to start new churches.

Tom Phelps, a recent graduate from Southeastern Seminary, is serving as a church planter apprentice with Jeremy Hendricks. Sky View Baptist Church at Fancy Gap, sent Hendricks out with a small team to start a church in nearby Woodlawn. After Phelps completes his apprenticeship, he will be sent out with a small group of people to assist him to start a church in an under-reached nearby community. At a recent church planter network meeting, each of the church



L to R:
Tom Phelps and Jeremy Hendricks.

thereafter, there would be as many as sixty church planters trained and ready to start a new church.

David and Aaron Proffitt started Aletheia Church, one of SBCV's first collegiate churches in Harrisonburg. After three years, Aletheia Church has sent David out to start a much needed church at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Both church plants have surrounded themselves with a number of church planter apprentices and are readying to establish new churches in

university settings. This team of leaders has a vision to plant a church in every major university setting in Virginia.



planters was asked if they had someone they were mentoring as an apprentice. More than half of the church planters said yes. If this ratio continues with all new church starts, in four years and every year

SBCV Multi-Cultural Churches...More to Come!

For one SBCV church planter, the future means seeing more multi-racial/cultural churches planted in North America. "I've always been passionate about diversity... as far back as I can remember," says Darren Plummer, a young African-American who grew up just outside of our Nation's capitol. "I have always had friends who were not of the same race as me. So, when God called me into ministry, reaching a diversity of people was something that I naturally felt a burden and a passion for."

Plummer, and his wife Marquita, are planting Mosaic Church in College Park, MD, home to the University of Maryland, located just a few miles outside of Washington, DC. He says, "I hope that this SBCV church plant will be an exciting church that will be intentionally multi-racial, relevant in reaching the unchurched culture around us, and uncompromising in teaching the Word of God." Plummer dreams of a day that students of various races and cultures will be so impacted by the ministry at Mosaic Church that they will literally change their world for Christ.

Mosaic Church is not the only multi-cultural church that has recently been started through the church planting efforts of SBCV churches. New church plants that focus on reaching Asian, Indian, Middle

Eastern, Western and Eastern European, and African people groups for Christ have recently been started in other ministry areas.



Editor's Note: For more information on how your church can get involved in starting a new multi-cultural church or assisting an existing one, please visit www.sbcv.org or contact your area church planting strategist.





“After much prayer, God spoke and our congregation began a mission of relocation.”



Church Relocation Provides a Means of Refocus

“I just felt like this was the church for us.”

This is the comment offered by a man who recently joined Alexander Baptist Church in Chesapeake and was baptized. It is a comment that the church is working hard to have repeated many times since opening its new church home.

Five years ago, the Alexander Church family started praying about its future. “After much prayer, God spoke and our congregation began a mission of relocation,” explains Pastor Chip Corbin. This included a unique partnership with another SBCV church, Bethany Baptist in Portsmouth. The two churches shared office space and worshiped jointly for close to three years at Bethany’s location while Alexander completed preparation for its new home.

Since moving to its prime new location off I-664 in Chesapeake, they have started several strategies for impacting

their new neighborhood including community block parties, service events, mail outs, door to door visitation, and a potential daytime preschool program. Another ministry with a specific focus on outreach meets on Wednesday nights...

LIFE. LIFE stands for “Life Institute for Faithful Equipping” and is composed of several Biblically-based classes designed to appeal to un-churched people in the area.

Current courses include, “How to manage money before it manages you,” “Leadership skills for every profession,” and “Growing kid’s God’s way.”

During a recent home visit, the pastor

saw first hand the fruit of the church’s efforts. The person visited told the pastor, “The people had a loving spirit and did everything right in reaching out. We got a call from a deacon, a letter in the mail and now a visit from the pastor,” Pastor



Corbin says it is the intention of Alexander to continue to be a church that shows the love of Christ to the community.

MORE



EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

March 12, 2007

TWO LOCATIONS:

For information
please contact
www.sbcv.org

WEST
Evangelism
Conference

Alvin Reed
Mike Licon
James Merritt

EAST
Evangelism
Conference

David Wheeler
Roy Fish
Vance Pitman

More Beyond 50 Years



Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg is celebrating 50 years of ministry. To commemorate the historical milestone, the church moved into the future when it occupied its new facility on Liberty Mountain. While many churches would bask in what God has done, Pastor Jerry Falwell continuously casts the vision that God

Bible Communities. The traditional Discipleship ministry on Wednesday nights, *Equip U*, has expanded to include some 51 Community Interest Groups (including photography, quilting, computers, etc.). The purpose of this new ministry is to connect the knowledge, skills and resources of the church to the community and provide services to central Virginia at no charge. It energizes and challenges members to serve others. Dr. Jerry Falwell, senior pastor says, "This is our love-ministry to our community."

Thomas Road has always been known for annual conferences such as *Super Conference* and *Extraordinary Women Conference* as well as special celebrations like July 4th and *The Living Christmas Tree*. This year, a new IMPACT Conference will target men and their needs. *Super Sunday Night Celebrations*, featuring special guest speakers and concerts, will continue for 40 consecutive weeks.

This monumental year, designated as *The Year of Jubilee*, is not just a celebration of the past 50 years, but an exciting anticipation that God has **More Beyond** for the next 50 years.

Hope for the Future

"Our future is bright," Pastor Alan Collier says. "Thanks to SBCV, God has enlarged our vision and opportunity for ministry and missions."

Collier, a 43-year-old pastor in Southwest Virginia, was born in Keokee, a coal camp in the mountains of Lee County. He graduated from Keokee High School in 1981 and married his high school sweetheart, Ronda. They later had two sons: Aaron and Joe. In 1982, Collier enlisted in the US Army and while stationed at Cerlick Air Base in Adana, Turkey in 1986, God called him to preach. After serving his country for



has **More** in store.

When the facilities were unveiled, **More** is what the congregation and community received... an inviting mall entrance and foyer, a café open seven days a week, an indoor playland and a theatre style main auditorium which seats 6,000. Co-Pastor Jonathan Falwell said, "The Main Street and the indoor playland attract over 800 people each Sunday to enjoy time with their family at church." All of this connects to the new Pate Chapel, the church's educational space, Liberty Christian Academy, Liberty University's Law School and the Student Center.

More facilities have translated into **More** ministry opportunities. Thomas Road has expanded its Sunday School to include 42 Adult

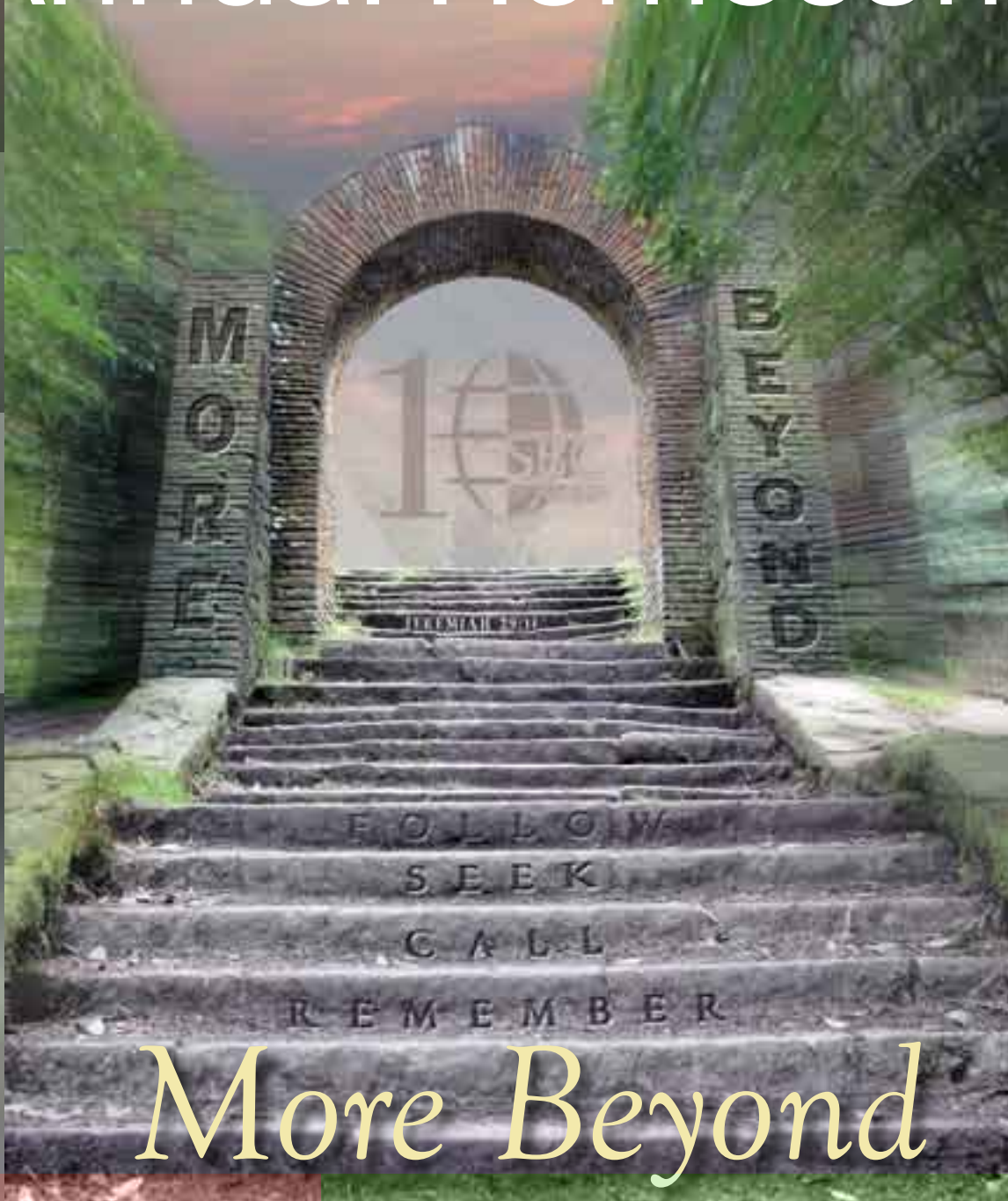


ten years, Collier left the military and enrolled in Clear Creek Bible College in Pineville, Kentucky, and later transferred to Liberty University.

In August 1995, he was called to pastor Oak Grove Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap where he still ministers today. In 2005, the church affiliated with the SBCV. Since that time, Oak Grove has adopted their first budget and committed 5% to the Cooperative Program with plans to increase to 10% over the next five years. "We are able to see the big picture and understand that through the Cooperative Program the entire church is involved in missions," Collier says. During the 2006 SBCV Studentz Camp, Collier's son, Aaron, confirmed his call to Student Ministry and is now on the student leadership team in his church. "We have so much to be thankful for personally and as a church. Since affiliating with SBCV and the Cooperative Program, all the pieces of the missions puzzle are in place and we will reach more people with the Gospel tomorrow than we did yesterday."



Annual Homecoming



More Beyond

FOLLOW

SEEK

CALL

REMEMBER

Jeremiah 29:11 >>> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:13 >>> You will Seek me and find me when you Seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12 >>> Then you will Call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 >>> We continually Remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Morris

Celebration

November 13–14, 2006

@ First Baptist Church of Roanoke

Speakers:



Chapman



Paige Patterson



Johnny Hunt

Special Music by:

Marvin Matthews & LordSong



Fellowship Meals (please register for SBCV meals online at www.sbcv.org)

MINISTERS OF EDUCATION DINNER: Monday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., \$10
Speaker: Dr. David Parks, Mount Pleasant Baptist

MINISTERS OF MUSIC/WORSHIP DINNER: Monday, 4:30 – 6:15 p.m., \$10
Speaker: Dr. Vernon Whaley, Liberty University

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., \$10 (after Nov. 7, \$13)
Speaker: Dr. Dorothy Patterson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, 12:00 noon. Please check the Southwestern website for more information.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, 12:00 noon. Please check the Southeastern website for more information.

Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:00 a.m. **Registration**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Complimentary Hot Lunch, provided for all messengers and guests, served by SBCV Disaster Relief

AFTERNOON: SESSION 1

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Remembering the 10 Years
Introduction of Business
Executive Director/Treasurer's Report
Affiliation Requests
Report of Committee on Nominations
Nehemiah Award for Lay Person
Around the Ministry Report 1
Message

EVENING: SESSION 2

6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Eagle Presentation for Sponsoring Churches
Around the Ministry Report 2
Message: Morris Chapman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

MORNING: SESSION 3

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Board Report 2
Resolutions Committee Report
Around the Ministry Report 3
Disaster Relief Workers and Baptist Builders Recognition
President's Address: Carl Weiser

AFTERNOON: SESSION 4

1:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Partner Reports
Election and Introduction of Convention Officers
Around the Ministry Report 4
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
Message: Paige Patterson

EVENING: SESSION 5

6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Eagle Awards
Nehemiah Award for Pastor
Around the Ministry Report 5
Message: Johnny Hunt
Introduction of New Officers



years
in the making...

More Beyond... COLLEGE

Aletheia Church, an SBCV church plant in Harrisonburg, invests in the lives of students. However because of the nature of college, many times they only get four years to minister and disciple any individual student. But Rob Connelly, an Aletheia ministry assistant says, "If we can influence these young adults for Christ while they are in college, then they have the potential to be missionaries across Virginia, the United States and even abroad."

Matthew Eiban is living that out right now. Eiban is a member and college ministry assistant at Worsham Baptist Church outside of Farmville. "It was at Aletheia that I experienced an inviting atmosphere of worship and a hunger for in-depth Bible study." He adds, "I realized there was more beyond myself and learned the importance of putting others first."

Aletheia's mission emphasis of featuring a "country of the week" caused Eiban to develop a heart for Africa. When his undergraduate studies were over, the Lord opened a door for him to serve as a short term missionary in Malawi and Mozambique Africa. There, Eiban was instrumental in the distribution of physical



food which afforded him the opportunity to share the spiritual food of the Gospel. The experience had such a profound

Short-term Missions LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Tucker Swamp Baptist in Southampton County has learned that a ten-day mission trip can change the heart and future of a local church. "Our focus as a church is changing. We don't want to just be a community church to reach Zuni, but a global church to reach the world," said Pastor Rob Edwards, speaking on the impact of taking a team of 16 to Zambia recently.

Edwards was part of the first SBCV mission team to Zambia in September 2005. SBCV is partnering with IMB missionary teams to do personal evangelism through Chronological Bible Storying, all with the goal of planting churches. Edwards' team included Dennis Hollandsworth of Petsworth Baptist, Mike Smith of Deerfield Baptist, and Allen Cherry of Pine Grove Baptist. Each of these pastors say they were impacted by this trip and are committed to returning to Zambia with another team from their own church in 2006.

For Tucker Swamp and Rob Edwards, the return trip became a church-wide mission's effort. The response was overwhelming! Many people wanted to be a part of his return trip to Zambia. The church launched a prayer emphasis while the Zambia team was away. Church

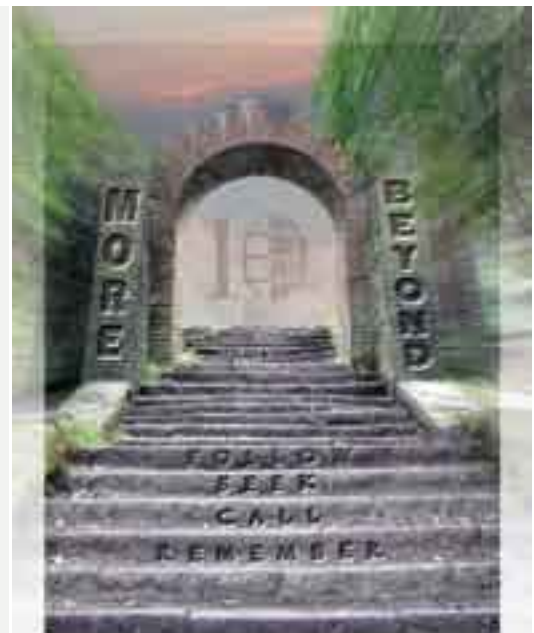
members wore prayer bracelets to remember to pray and a prayer room was set up in the church. Since the team's return, even



more members have expressed interest in going on future trips. Tucker Swamp Baptist is planning to increase its Cooperative Program giving over the next few years. Pastor Edwards sees this as a tangible result of their increasing passion for missions. The zeal of those returning has become contagious. Edwards said, "This trip has truly impacted the future of our church."

impact on Eiban's life, that now, as a Master's Degree student at Longwood University, he feels a real calling to the mission field in order to reach other cultures for Christ. "There is more important work to be done with my Speech Pathology degree," he said. "It's not just about teaching others to speak clearly – it's so important for them to hear and receive clearly what matters most, and that's the Gospel."

The seed was planted through Aletheia. The investment was made and now the Lord is reaping the return through a lifetime commitment of service to Him wherever He leads Matthew Eiban; proof that there is more beyond college.



SBCV HANDS-ON MISSIONS 2007

DC Unwed Mothers/Babies Packs

The statistics of the number of unwed mothers in the Washington, DC area is overwhelming. God has opened wide the door for SBCV to minister in the Greater DC area and we have numerous new church plants there. One great way that we can all be a part of what God is doing in the District is by preparing Unwed Mothers/Babies Packs for our church plants to use to reach the neighborhoods. Items to be collected are:

- Disposable Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Pacifier
- Baby Gowns
- Baby Booties
- Baby Shampoo
- Lotion
- Receiving Blanket
- Baby Hairbrush
- include a New Testament (or Bible) in a modern translation and other materials for a new mother.

Collection Date: February 28th

Hikers Evangelism Packets

Several of the SBCV churches in the Southwestern Ministry Area are located along the Appalachian Trail. They have very unique opportunities to minister to individuals from all over the USA as they come to hike that trail. Some of our churches have bunkhouses, shower houses, washers and dryers, and other means of accommodating these individuals with the hope of being able to share the Gospel with them. Once again, we can help by preparing packets of items that are greatly needed by the hikers so our churches can give them as they minister to their needs. Since the hikers will be carrying these items in their backpack, we need to think light – light – light and flat – flat – flat. Put all items in a large zip lock bag. Some of the items you can include are (you do not have to have all these items in every bag):

- Textured Vegetable Protein (TVP's) packets
- Dental Floss
- Moist Hand Wipes
- Stamped Postcards
- Band-aids
- Foot Powder
- Lipton Sides
- Moleskin
- Peroxide packets
- Alcohol packets
- Gospel of John
- Contemporary Tracts
- Carbohydrate Gel packets

Collection Date: March 31st

10 years
in the making...

Prepared for Disaster

WHERE DO THOSE TRAILERS COME FROM?

Whenever people see SBCV Disaster Relief trailers, their interest peaks as to what is inside and where it has been? When you tell them that this one has six showers, that one can produce 10,000 meals a day, and still another one sleeps 16, the next question is, "Where did you buy it?" The short answer is... we didn't buy it, we built it!

Volunteers across the state build SBCV Disaster Relief units. Scores of volunteers make these units available at less than half the cost of commercially manufactured units. Mark Gore, a member of North Main Baptist Church in Danville, has led the building effort for the last few years. Mark also teaches a fourth and fifth grade boys Sunday School class and chairs the Audio Visual Committee. He finds great satisfaction in working with his hands. Mark sees his desire to fabricate as a talent and skill from the Lord.

But Gore's efforts do not just stop when the trailer is finished... his work has a warranty. Last year during the SBCV's seventy days of response, Gore, along with Terry Furr, also from Danville, led the way in number of volunteer days given. Gore not only builds the units, he also maintains them. He clearly sees that building and outfitting Disaster Relief trailers is one way to enhance and grow this ministry well beyond anything that we could have asked or imagined.

Gore is just one example of all the many volunteers who make our Disaster Relief efforts valuable.

Mark Gore
second from left.



Plus Ultra — More Beyond

JOSHUA 14:1-15, 15:13-14

Editor's Introduction:

Praise the Lord for 10 tremendous years of ministry the Lord has given to SBCV. But if all we do is look back, we may miss the greatest blessing of all — what He has for our future. We have faith that there is much more beyond, not just for the convention but for each and every local church we have the privilege to fellowship with. David Johnson, Chairman of the SBCV Executive Board, touches on that theme, *More Beyond*, in a devotional he recently gave to church planters at a monthly Church Planting Network. Here is a summary of his message.



Before 1492 the motto of the Spanish Empire was

Ne plus Ultra — no more beyond.

It was assumed that the limits of the earth had already been determined. Then Columbus discovered the "New World" and so the motto had to be changed to

Plus Ultra — More Beyond.

We need to remind ourselves, as we celebrate our tenth anniversary, that we are not there yet!

It is amazing how Caleb speaks to us regarding the thought of more beyond, at 85 years of age. We might say look at our current budget, or look how many churches and baptisms. Surely there is "no more beyond." But Caleb says, "Give me

this mountain." Dr. Stephen Olford said that Caleb "was a footman who became a feat man" — a man of vision, a man who saw beyond, a man who recognized that he was not through yet.

In coming to this place we see a number of things about Caleb:

① **He carried out a purpose.** Joshua 14:8-14, Numbers 14:25

- ⓐ The affirmation of his purpose verse 8.
- ⓑ The attestation of his purpose verse 9.
- ⓒ The acknowledgement of his purpose verse 14.
- ⓓ The acclamation of his purpose, Numbers 14:25.

② **He claimed a promise.** Joshua 14:2, how we need to take hold of the promises of God; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Psalm 119:49, "Remember the word to your servant upon which you have caused me to hope."

③ **He counted on a Presence.** Joshua 14:12, Hebrews 13:5, 1 John 4:4, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

④ **He Conquered a position.** Joshua 15:13-14

- ⓐ He was involved in the fight — drove out the giants.
- ⓑ He came to the place of fellowship — 'Hebron' = fellowship.
- ⓒ He came to the place of fulfillment.

Let each of us this next year — 2007 — recognize that there is

More Beyond.

The question is, do we have the faith to believe that and the determination to realize it?

College Care Kits

God used a new 2006 mission project to bless thousands of students around Virginia. In August, college freshmen arrived at their university's campus to find SBCV gifts awaiting them. Inside College Care Kits, students discovered a variety of the major necessities for dorm and college life. Pencils, popcorn, mesh laundry bags and such, were all accompanied by a Bible and a Good News tract. These kits helped ease the transition for those on a college campus for the first time with a reminder that Jesus is the King and can take care of their every need.

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is in the heart of the state capital and is home to 29,000 students this year. During the students' first week back, they found Aletheia Church planter, David Proffitt, and the Aletheia-VCU crew handing out College Care Kits. "We

were out in Monroe Park for hours. Our table...was so popular that VCU's official school agency moved their tables closer to ours, to feed off the attention we were getting." Proffitt says these Care Kits were instrumental in getting to know new prospects, many of whom have already visited Aletheia. "We met so many incoming freshman and other students... as well as their parents! We received dozens of email addresses and contact information."

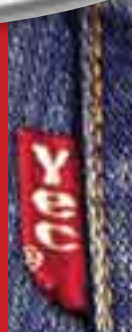
Those who hand out these College Care Kits say it plays a large role in reminding the students of their importance in God's eyes. Their futures are largely determined by the decisions they make in college and the College Care Kits are one way to help steer their path towards God. SBCV college ministries around Virginia send a big thank you to everyone who was involved! Please pray about how you can contribute to next year's College Care Kit drive.





YEC

makes the **_SHIFT**



The doors of Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton, swung open at 1 p.m. on August 8 to welcome 1500-plus eager middle and high school students and staff for the 2006 SBCV Youth Evangelism Conference.

The students all received burgundy colored T-shirts screened with the conference logo on the front which read "SHIFT_my passion" and the open-ended question "ready

to make the SHIFT?" screened on the back. Throughout the conference, the students were challenged to have a passion for sharing the Gospel with those around them every day.

Christian music recording artist, Todd Agnew, opened up each of the large group sessions with a call to everyone present to participate in worship. The Skit Guys returned again this year to entertain and challenge through live drama. The featured

speaker for the conference was Greg Stier of Dare to Share Ministries. Citing Mark 8:35, he challenged the students to be a "loser" for Christ and the Gospel by committing to share the Gospel with at least two people within 48 hours of the conference. Students and leaders across the auditorium rose to their feet indicating their commitment to take his challenge.

The students were further challenged and equipped to be salt and light through the breakout sessions taught by local and national leaders. Students were equipped to SHIFT their school, youth group, conversation, defense

(apologetics), discipleship, mission, leadership, and witness.

Immediately following the conference, many youth groups took advantage of reduced price tickets to either Kings Dominion or Water Country as a means of following through on their commitment to share their faith. Students spread throughout the parks, each one clad in their conference t-shirts, looking for opportunities to witness while standing in line for the next roller coaster ride or at the concession stand.

Only eternity will measure the impact of hundreds of students equipped and energized to share their faith as they are back at school this year!



sonic flood



11-11-06
SATURDAY
6 PM



Nov. 11, 2006
@ 6 p.m.

GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST
8701 Ridge Road, Richmond

sponsored by:
Grove Avenue Baptist / IMB / SBCV

11-11-06
SATURDAY
6 PM

for more details
go to:

www.sonicflood.com

Powerful Impact through

POWER PLANT

Josh Lazar had a vision for the youth ministry of Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian to impact Richmond... Virginia... and the world. The plan for 2006 was to take a team of students to Greece, but God had other plans. The church was approached by leaders with SBCV and the North American Mission Board to use the church's facilities for Power Plant—a national ministry that brings youth groups from around the country to invest in church plants in metropolitan cities of America and Canada. Swift Creek leadership enthusiastically agreed to provide their facilities to house the 157 students and leaders that

would come and serve seven SBCV church plants in the greater Richmond area.

Lazar was excited to lead his student ministry in this local missions endeavor. He said, "It is one thing to go outside the country and tell people 'Jesus loves you' and then say good by. But another to serve at home and be able to have a continuing witness." Swift Creek Baptist Church was teamed up with Family Life Baptist Church (Mechanicsville) and Paul McDaniel, church plant pastor. It is the commitment of Josh's student ministry, called Crossfire Student Ministries, to continue to serve Family Life throughout this next year as an ongoing mission project.

Lazar's commitment to growing students to be world class Christians has resulted in some major decisions. Sixteen of his students and one of

his youth leaders are now committed to vocational ministry—five made the commitment during Power Plant! Many of his students witnessed for the first time.

Lazar said, "What would it look like if every student were passionate about sharing their faith? They would be unstoppable." Power Plant has provided the momentum and conviction for many of his students to step up and be this unstoppable force.

Editor's Note:

157 youth and leaders representing eight churches, made 4,520 contacts identifying 533 prospects. Twenty embraced Christ as Savior and Lord.



DC Area Church Planter Wins the Lottery

Northern Virginia Church Planter John Koch and his wife Kay won big in a northern Virginia drawing. It wasn't the Pick 3, Pick 4, or even the Mega Millions. John and Kay won an opportunity to purchase a home in Old Town Alexandria.

You may be asking yourself, "Why is this such a big deal?" Well, the Koch's have been looking for a home for the past year but couldn't afford one because of the sky-high cost of real estate in Alexandria. Koch said, "Even with assistance programs, such as low interest loans and no down payment, the cost was too high. The average assessed value of homes in the area is \$526,000. So, needless to say, the opportunity for a church planter to purchase a home is slim outside of a miracle." What they did not know was that a miracle is exactly what God had in mind!

While John and Kay continued to pray, someone informed him of a home buyers assistance program where they could enter a drawing for homes that contractors offered at about 60% of the cost. "I didn't really think our name would be picked because this was



only the second drawing this year and there were a number of other people wanting a home as well," Koch recalls.

However, much to his surprise and excitement, he received the call telling him that he and Kay had been chosen. "It was a specific answer to a specific prayer. We will be in Old Town Alexandria which will allow us to minister among the people we want to reach." Koch also said, "This miracle lets the people of Del Ray Baptist Church know that God is alive and well. It's a testimony to our church and our community that we are here to stay."

Editors note:

Please pray that miracle provisions like this will occur in the lives of our church planters all across our state.

10 years in the making...

Recognizing and celebrating significant milestones is always a pivotal time in the history of any organization. It is especially true in the life of a church or a convention of churches. We must first recognize that milestones can become stumbling stones instead of stepping stones. Some will be tempted to shift into "neutral" choosing to drift along on past accomplishments and previous practices. Others will look back, lose their focus, and drift away from the vision and core values that have propelled them.

The 10th Anniversary Homecoming or reaching any significant milestone can be considered a "rite of passage". A "rite" moves one from one state of awareness to another; a transition from one stage to another. The term is used most often in describing growth stages from infancy into adulthood.

"Rites of passage" are invitations for "more beyond," but require openness for change. Change requires action and is always difficult. But it is absolutely necessary in order to claim the promise of "a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11). The challenge is not to just accept change, but to welcome and manage it. Hold

to biblical truth and proven traditions, but always welcome change.

Many old historic cities, including those in Virginia, are steeped in traditions from previous centuries. On one website, a city offers this invitation, "Where the past lives on in the present and change has long been seen an unwelcome sight, is culminating in an infusion of youth and the culture of the new." The Church faces the same challenge. Great discernment is required in choosing how to effectively impact the "culture of the new" with the unchanging gospel of Christ.

From the
Executive Director



Doyle Chauncey

Here are some suggestions to help us to
step into the future more confidently:

- 1 Recapture our vision, purpose and biblical core values.
- 2 Re-examine strategic goals and objectives.
- 3 Re-engineer models and methods, if necessary.
- 4 Reorder our priorities and willingly surrender personal preferences for the cause of Christ.
- 5 Rally around each other for energy, encouragement, and enthusiasm.
- 6 Remember to tell others that it was God that brought us to this point.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2006

WOMEN

Speaker:
Dorothy Patterson
Tuesday Afternoon



MUSIC

Speaker:
Vernon Whaley
Monday Evening

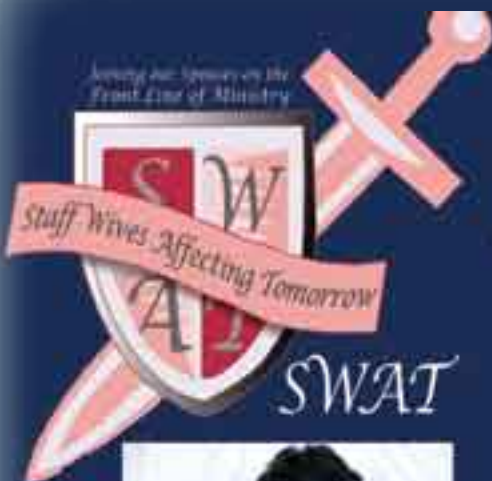


EDUCATION MINISTERS

Speaker:
David Parks
Monday Evening

For cost
and registration
details visit
www.sbcv.org





February 23rd-24th

For the *FIRST* Time 2007

A Combined SWAT Weekend Connection

ONE Incredible Weekend!



Special Guest:
The renowned
**Babbie
Mason**

Space is limited!
Sign up early
to secure
your place.

at **The Jefferson**
AN AMERICAN LANDMARK
SINCE 1895
Limited number
of hotel rooms.

More details online: www.sbcv.org
THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONSERVATIVES OF VIRGINIA



To receive the **Proclaimer** or to correct your mailing address information, complete this form and return it to:
Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, **Proclaimer**, 4101 Cox Road, Suite 100, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

☐ New Subscription ☐ Correct my mailing address ☐ Dr. ☐ Rev. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss

Name _____ ☐ Sr Pastor ☐ Church Staff ☐ Layperson

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Church and City _____



Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia
4101 Cox Road, Suite 100
Glen Allen, VA 23060
888.234.7716 | 804.270.1848
fax: 804.270.1834
website: www.sbcv.org
email: proclaimer@sbcv.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Waynesboro, VA
Permit No. 129