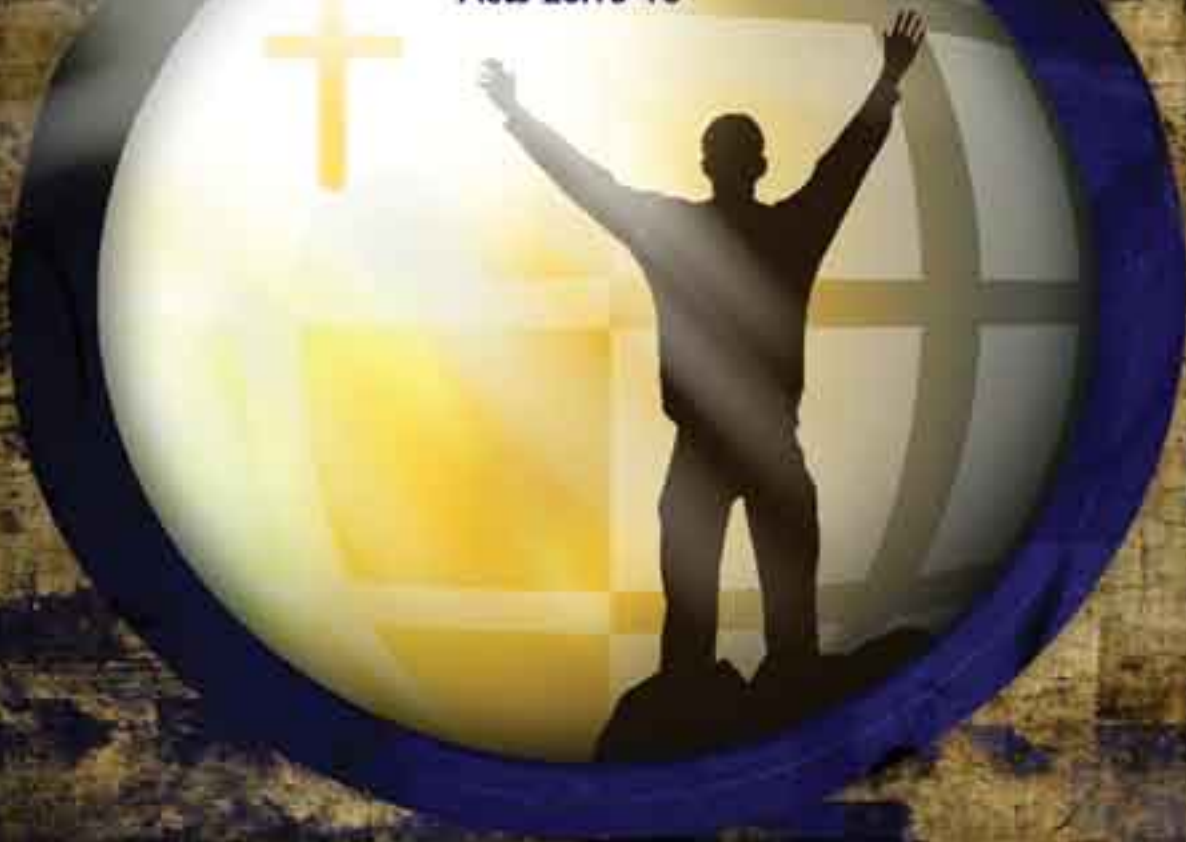


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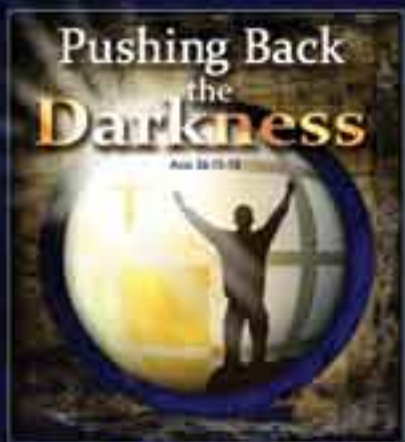


Looking Ahead!

From the Executive Director



Doyle Chauncey



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Christian philosopher Francis Schaffer predicted that someday we would wake up and discover the America we once knew was gone. Those prophetic words may soon come to pass if they have not already. Church-growth expert and President of LifeWay Christian Resources, Thom Rainer, brings into focus the clear decline of Christianity's influence throughout the past four generations:

- Builders (born 1927-1945): 65% Bible-based believers
- Boomers (born 1946-1964): 35% Bible-based believers
- Busters (born 1965-1983): 6% Bible-based believers
- Millennials (born 1984 or later): 4% Bible-based believers

Youth specialist Ron Luce is right on when he says, "We have a short window of five to seven years before most of the seventy-one million Millennials (33 million now in their teens) will be in their 20's setting the pace for American culture. Our nation is truly at a crossroad. What we do in the next five years could affect the next 50 to 100 years of American history."

I could cite one authority after another to document the pressing need of the hour is to immediately return to the biblical base of moral absolutes. My own generation and Baby Boomers after me still control the corporate, political, and religious landscape of America. On our watch we have witnessed the erosion of traditional values in American culture. And when Bible-based Christianity falls, the enemies of righteousness come out of darkness and begin to assert themselves.

Some say it is too late to counter the encroaching darkness, but it is not time to call a retreat or surrender. The stakes are too high to throw in the towel. Our nation's destiny hangs in the balance, but more importantly, lost souls remain in darkness. The theme for the 2007 Homecoming, "Pushing Back the Darkness", is our challenge for churches to make it their theme, develop an action plan for 2008, and together we can impact our own generation and generations that follow.

TELL ME!
The story of Jesus

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GIVE, SO THEY CAN HEAR

**Dec. 2-9, 2007
Week of Prayer for
International Missions**

**NATIONAL GOAL
\$165 MILLION**

DATES to Remember

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	4	MY FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION
	12-13	SBCV ANNUAL HOMECOMING — Liberty Baptist, Hampton
DEC	2-9	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
2008		
JAN	19	TRAIN THE TRAINER — SBCV, Glen Allen
	24	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN), Statewide
FEB	15-16	SWAT Weekend Connection — Williamsburg
	22-23	SWAT Weekend Connection — Staunton
	29-3/1	STUDENT PASTOR RETREAT — Williamsburg
MAR	2-9	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS
	10-11	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE — 4 locations
	14-15	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING, Midwest & Central East
	21-22	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING, Southeast
	27	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN), Statewide
	28-29	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING, Northern/DC & Southwest
APR	4-5	VBS CLINIC
	11-12	VBS CLINIC
	18-19	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE — Richmond
	25-26	VBS CLINIC
MAY	2-3	DISASTER RELIEF ROUND-UP
	5-6	DC VISION TOUR
	22	MINISTERS OF EDUCATION TRAINING — SBCV, Glen Allen
	22	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN), Statewide
JUNE	1	BIBLE DRILL (tentative)
	5-6	BASIC TRAINING (Spanish)
	16-17	STUDENT CHURCH PLANTING
JULY	7-11	SBCV STUDENTZ CAMP
AUG	7-8	SBCV YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (YEC)
	21	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN), Statewide
SEP	5-6	SBCV CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
	7-14	SBCV STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
	27	SBCV CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Southwest
OCT	3-4	PASTOR, STAFF, AND WIVES RETREAT
	6-10	BASIC TRAINING I
	23	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK (CPN), Statewide
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November 4, 2007



Bridging the Gap

Find out how you can "Bridge the Gap" by contacting your area missionary at www.sbcv.org/ministry_areas



Shawn Ames served in a traditional role as Youth Minister for 11 years at Hyland Heights Baptist Church outside of Lynchburg.

The native Alaskan met his Floridian wife, Wendy, while in college at Liberty University. Searching for their first church, they discovered a thriving congregation about six miles from the college campus. Immediately, they began to serve the Lord there and soon Shawn was asked to become part of the ministerial staff. Ames says, "We are the typical Southern Baptist Church that provides youth Sunday School and Sunday evening and Wednesday evening activities. We attend Camp and Youth Evangelism Conferences and participate in mission trips."

As the youth ministry grew, new programs, strategies, incentives, and schedules were implemented in an effort to stay on the cutting edge of reaching the next generation. In addition to Sunday School class space, they have utilized an entire modular unit for a youth gathering place and more recently, they purchased a car dealership storefront and transformed it into a youth worship and activity center. With a growing youth ministry and the addition of a state-of-the-art facility, Ames realized something was still missing. Even though they had

knocked on doors, provided van and bus transportation, they were missing the children and youth from the trailer park and neighborhood next door.

While sharing a discipleship study, the Ames' felt the Lord leading them to bridge the gap between their church and community. The conviction was so strong, Shawn felt the only way to accomplish it was to resign from his position as Minister of Youth. He said, "There is a gap between the needs of the community and the resources of the church. We, the church, have always invited and expected them to come to us. We have tried to bridge the gap from the church to the community and now we sense God saying bridge the community to the church."

As director of a new ministry, Hyland Community Outreach, Shawn is willing to be where they are in the trailer park, providing Bible Studies and after school programs, and playing where they are — in order to reach these children, youth, and their families for Christ. It is a different approach. Instead of building a playground and skate park for the church, we will provide one in that community. "We will build a trust relationship with them, help them cultivate their faith and then lead them to see the advantages of being a part of a local body of believers — thus bridging the gap."



*Is God impressing a need on your heart?
Is He asking you to build a bridge?*

Find out more by contacting your area missionary at www.sbcv.org/ministry_areas



High Yield Investments

Is your church
interested in
high yield
investments?



Reggie Hester

If your church is committed to sharing Christ

beyond its own four walls, then
the benefits have begun.

This has been the
experience of Bethel Baptist in
Chesapeake. Since the 1990s,
when Chip Roberson was the
pastor, they have been
involved in starting (planting)
eight churches. Current
pastor, Reggie Hester, credits
his predecessor at Bethel for

creating this climate, "Chip was
instrumental in helping the church get
involved in church planting and the church
remains grateful for this legacy." Roberson
currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Cave
Spring Baptist in Salem.

When the church began its adventure in
church planting, the average attendance was
around 250. By July 2007, the cumulative
attendance of all its church plants totaled over 1,550. Pastor
Hester attributes this growth to a way of thinking. "We have
become a church with a kingdom mindset," says Hester.
Church members have invested in personal spiritual growth as
well as reaching out to others. Many have learned how to
share their faith and have participated on mission trips. This
"kingdom mindset" has shown itself over and over again in
the "birthing" of new churches.

Your church can experience a high yield investment in
church planting by contacting your local church planting
strategist to seek opportunities. There are a range of church
planting activities in which your congregation can become
engaged. Involvement in church planting transformed Bethel
Baptist in Chesapeake. Heaven only knows the number of lives
eternally changed through this investment.



Chip Roberson

To learn about how your church
can capitalize, go to:
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"Excellent conference!"

"Very beneficial... left me fired up."

*"Tommy Teague was
powerful!"*

Positive comments were received from participants at
this year's Statewide Church Leadership
Conference held at Mount Pleasant Baptist
Church in Colonial Heights. Dr. Tommy
Teague, senior pastor at North Richland Hills
Baptist Church in North Richland Hills, TX,
was the keynote speaker. He offered practical
insights and charged church leaders to raise
the bar, expect more, and give their all for
the cause of the cross.

Representing 117 churches from across
central and eastern Virginia, more than 700
attendees worshipped, prayed, and learned
together. The variety of break-out sessions,
45 in all, ensured there was something for
everyone. Women's ministry seminars,
leadership conferences, and Sunday School
sessions appeared to be the focus of most,
while others took advantage of the Church
Ministry, Music & Worship, Missions, and
Technology sessions.

"Overcoming Spiritual Dryness was terrific!"

"Shelia West (women's ministry) was a great speaker..."

"Best \$10 spent each year, wouldn't miss it."

Whether one came for encouragement, spiritual
growth or fellowship, no one left disappointed.
Register early for next year's SBCV
Church Leadership Conference
(Sep. 5 & 6) where we
strive to make your
impact even greater.





A CHANCE MEETING

* Names changed to protect identity



We never know when a chance meeting is actually a divine appointment, one that will have a far reaching impact. Nasser*, a SBCV Church Planting Missionary among Muslims, had such an encounter while doing outreach and networking at a major university in Washington, DC.

Recently, Nasser and his new found friend, Yelmah, an Ethiopian and professor at the university, were visiting together when Yelmah asked Nasser if he could give another professor from the university a ride home. This professor, Abdullah*, was from an Islamic country. He had taught at the university in his country's capital city and was now on the faculty of the university in DC. During the ride home they passed several churches and Abdullah began to ask about the different churches and what they believed. The discussion soon turned to sacrifice, atonement, and the difference between the Christian and Muslim beliefs. When they arrived at Abdullah's home they agreed to meet again to continue their discussion.

Over a period of months, that chance meeting developed into a friendship. A study and critical analysis of Islam's teachings comparing them to the teachings of Jesus led Abdullah to announce to Nasser that he saw Islam as a "dead end."

Abdullah saw himself as a sinner in need of a savior and that good deeds would never be enough. Nasser presented the Good News of Christ to Abdullah and Abdullah understood. He repented of his sin and took Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Abdullah grew in the faith with Nasser's guidance and decided to return to his home country where he could share his new life in Christ with family and friends. He has an influential circle of family, friends, and students in his country with whom he is now sharing the light of Christ. Abdullah has also connected with Christian workers in his country, opening closed doors for their work. Abdullah is living the Great Commission and being used to push back the darkness.

South American Partnership

IMAGINE being part of a God-movement that could influence a nation. For several years SBCV churches have had a fruitful partnership with International Mission Board (IMB) projects across the world. We rejoice in the number of Bibles entering mainland China through the Southern Cross project and praise God for the reports of specific people groups in Africa being impacted by the Gospel and churches being started. Now we have the opportunity to form a partnership with our South American neighbors.

In the New Testament Book of Acts we see that God strategically placed Paul in the city of Ephesus and his work there impacted the entire region of Asia. Likewise, we can impact the countries of Argentina and Uruguay with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. Like many countries of South America, the largest population segments are found in the capital cities.

Approximately one-third of Argentina's population lives in the city of Buenos Aires making it South America's largest Spanish-speaking city. While the majority of Buenos Aires' 13.3 million residents claim ties with the Roman Catholic Church, studies indicate that three-fourths practice no religion at all. Many are enslaved by materialistic lifestyles and post-modern philosophies that reject the concept of absolute truth and personal responsibility before God.

Uruguay is a smaller country, about the size of Oklahoma. Half of its 3.4 million people live in the capital city of Montevideo. Uruguay is considered the most secular society in Latin America.

Please begin to pray for the people of Argentina and Uruguay and ask how you can get involved. Let's partner with God to reach these nations with the Gospel.





Open Your Door for One More!

A church planting friend of mine jokingly mentioned, "Open your door for one more," as we talked about the need to birth more churches. The truth is there are many under-reached people groups within the shadows of any church, every church. Providing meeting space for a new church plant within an existing church facility may just be the key to reaching these people groups with the Gospel.

This is exactly what is taking place in Newport News at Ivy Farms Baptist Church. Ivy Farms was birthed around 1960. God blessed them with seven acres of land and a beautiful facility located just a mile off a major thoroughfare in the midst of multiple housing developments. In their strongest years, several hundred people were active at the church.

Although many members have moved away from Ivy Farms, the passion

to reach their community still resides in the hearts of the pastor and the members that remain. It was this passion that led Pastor Marshall Mason to contact the area church planting strategist a year ago to express his desire to see a church planter come to the area to reach the multi-ethnic population there with the Gospel.

One year later, the Lord of the harvest has answered those prayers. SBCV church planters, Floyd and Gwynn Whitfield, are just beginning the work of planting Path of Light Community Church using the facility at Ivy Farms as a base of operations. When a core group is developed, they will worship in the sanctuary at an alternate time to when the host church meets for worship.

The Whitfield's have been welcomed with open arms by the body at Ivy Farms. God is using their missionary heart to bring the Gospel to an entire community

in need of hope. What under-reached people groups are in the shadow of your church? Contact your area church planting strategist about exploring church planting needs and opportunities you could make possible by opening your door to one more new church.



save the date!

Richmond, Abingdon

MARCH 10th
MARCH 11th

Newport News, Roanoke

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Ed Stetzer, Richard Harris,
Ken Weathersby, Dave Earley
David Wheeler, Scott Smith

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'Rise and stand...'

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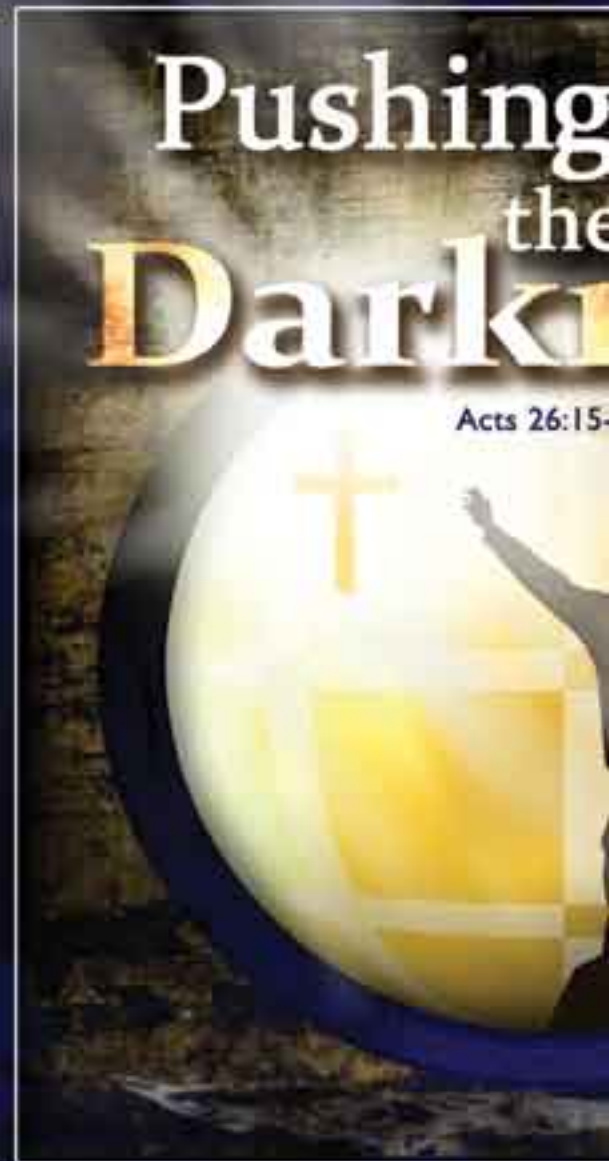
'I have appeared to you...'

COMPELLED

'open their eyes...'

ACTS 26: 15-18

¹⁵So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, '**I am Jesus**, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶But **rise and stand** on your feet; for **I have appeared to you** for this purpose to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸to **open their eyes**, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'



Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

11:00 a.m., Registration

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

AFTERNOON: SESSION 1

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of Theme "Pushing Back the Darkness"

Ministering to the Military and their Families

Remembering April 16 - Virginia Tech

Introduction of Business

Executive Board Report 1 with Affiliation Requests

Executive Director / Treasurer's Report

Around the Ministry Report 1

Presentation of Nehemiah Award

Afternoon Message: O.S. Hawkins

EVENING: SESSION 2

6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Theme Interpretation: CHRIST ALONE

Around the Ministry Report 2

Presentation of Eagle Awards

Remembering a Legacy

Evening Message: Ergun Caner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 a.m., Registration

MORNING: SESSION 3

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Board Report 2 with 2016

Investment Plan and Resolutions

Theme Interpretation: COMMA

Around the Ministry Report 3

Missions Mobilization Recognition

State of the Convention Presenta

AFTERNOON: SESSION 4

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Speakers



Mac Brunson



O.S. Hawkins



Tom Elliff



Ergun Caner

Worship



Calling Levi



Damaris Carbaugh

Making Your Impact Even Greater!

ER 13

Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
Afternoon Message: Mac Brunson

EVENING: SESSION 5 **6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.**

Presentation of Nehemiah Award
Theme Interpretation: COMPELLED
Around the Ministry Report 5
Presentation of Eagle Awards
Evening Message: Tom Elliff
Introduction of Officers
Dispelling the Darkness

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

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MONDAY, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Messengers and Guest Fellowship Luncheon

MONDAY, 5:15 p.m.
Ministers of Education Dinner
Ministers of Music/Worship Dinner

MONDAY, 9:30 p.m.
Liberty University/Seminary Reception
Ministers of Youth Reception
New Orleans Seminary Reception

TUESDAY, 11:45 a.m.
Women's Luncheon
Southwestern Seminary Luncheon
Southeastern Seminary Luncheon

TUESDAY, 5:15 p.m.
SBCV Church Planter Dinner

Left: Larry Pumpelly, Paul Frances, Elaine Meador,
Eleanor Witcher, Frances Haymes, Jim Booth.



Taking the Gospel to the South Asians

How many times have you heard it said, "The world is coming to America." Well, if you haven't noticed, the world has arrived and a group of Christians in Richmond have decided it's time to do something about it. They are reaching out with a Christian witness to South Asians who have settled in the greater Richmond area. This group of believers includes International Mission Board (IMB) personnel, local pastors, church members and some resident Asian Christians. For several months, they have been meeting to intercede

for immigrants from throughout Southern Asia and to develop ways of sharing the Good News to approximately 15,000 Hindu, Sikh, and Muslims.

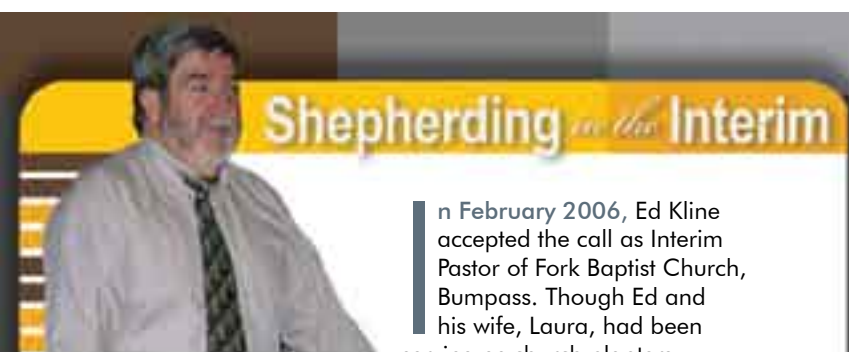
Coming from such far away places as India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka the group has realized the



need to conduct a survey. Gathering vital information will aid them in ministering to the needs of people who are far from home. In an effort to introduce the love of Christ, members of this ministry group started attending Asian festivals; cultural events, like the annual Richmond Indian Festival; interacting with Asians; and looking for openness to the Gospel. One critical aspect of ministering to internationals is understanding the worldview of those you seek to reach. Thus, the believers have started teaching seminars on South Asian culture and religion and helping others to know how they may share God's Good News.

Why you ask? Why would a group of pastors, church members, and others add ministry to South Asians to an already full schedule? Because, without Christ these immigrants will face eternity separated from God. Christ alone is the answer to their needs, yet most have never heard of Him, or seriously considered His gift of salvation. If they, pastors, church members, and others, do not go, who will? Will you?

To learn more about this ministry effort and become involved, contact Jim Booth, pastor at Staples Mill Road Baptist Church (Central East Ministry Area) or Elaine Meador at emeador@imb.org.



Interim Pastor, Ed Kline

In February 2006, Ed Kline accepted the call as Interim Pastor of Fork Baptist Church, Bumpass. Though Ed and his wife, Laura, had been serving as church planters, they sensed God leading them to this interim position.

Fork Baptist, with an average attendance of 48, serves the rural community just south of Lake Anna. Due to finances, the church felt it needed someone that was bi-vocational to assist them in the interim period. The Kline's met this criteria. In addition, they offered the church a heart for ministry and a love for its aging members. Pastor Kline shared, "It has allowed me the opportunity to preach on a regular basis, utilize the gift of shepherding, and privilege of seeing God at work."

Serving as an interim pastor has its challenges as well as rewards. Kline remarked, "The primary challenge is to realize our ministry at this church will be short-term. Sometimes you realize that you are a visitor and not a member. When you come to the church some are glad and some are sad. Some are having a hard time with the loss of the previous pastor. They feel they have lost a family member and the new pastor has come to take his place. My job is to get the process going again and try to re-establish a vision for the church."

"The greatest joy I have as an interim pastor is to see healing, to see people learn to wait on God, and to learn to deal with issues affecting the health of the church. Is it risky? Yes. The greatest risk is not being accepted and not making a difference. Is it worth it? Yes!"

If your church is in need of an Interim Pastor, contact the Church Enrichment Missionary in your area, www.sbcv.org/ministry_areas.

A SOLDIER'S STORY

Activated in May, 2006, SGT Gary Dustin's journey began in Bluefield, West Virginia where he was quickly transferred to the 324th Battalion stationed in Pennsylvania. In September, just before his deployment to Iraq, he was allowed a brief trip home to be with his wife and 3-year-old daughter.

Knowing what he had to face, this four-day furlough allowed for little more than sad good byes.

His church family, however, began to pray, putting him in God's hands and trusting all would be okay. After discovering she was pregnant with their second child, his wife moved to Bristol where she could be close to family. They were now expecting another girl to be born in March. Prayers intensified for their loved one serving his country half way around the world.

Christmas time arrived in Iraq and so too the many boxes of goodies and helpful items prepared by the Dustin's church. Gary, along with his fellow soldiers, celebrated God's provision and thanked the church for the care package. Such encouragement from back home while they fight for freedom in a foreign land was a huge blessing.

February rolled around and Gary was awarded a two-week leave to return home. God blessed him with the arrival of his second daughter while

there, an incredible gift from our Lord to him and his family. Leksia Aleah was but a few days

SGT. Gary Dustin
Wife and two daughters
Bradley Street Baptist Church,
Bristol, VA

old when he had to board a plane and head back to Iraq. He commented, the first good-bye was hard enough but this one was especially hard for he and his wife, so soon after giving birth.

Once again God provided with support from their church, something she continues to give thanks, both to the Lord and to the many families that have cared for them during this time. Felt prayers are being lifted up for them and his safe return. Being in the military can be tough. Being a military spouse while they are deployed is even tougher. They need our prayers and support. Thanks for the faithfulness of a loving church that continues to reach out.

This story is about one soldier serving his country. Please remember to pray for the thousands serving away from their families and churches. May the Lord grant each one peace in the midst of the storm.

WEEKEND CONNECTIONS

SWAT

2008

Guest Speaker:
Yvonne Burrage



FEB 15-16

FEB 22-23

Williamsburg

Staunton

Woodlands
Hotel

Stonewall Jackson
Hotel

for more information: www.sbcv.org/swatinfo

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VIRGINIA SOLDIER R&R

Take advantage of this opportunity to give back to the men and women in uniform who are sacrificing daily for us by defending our land. Prepare these Rest & Relaxation Kits to go from Virginia churches to Virginia soldiers serving in Iraq.

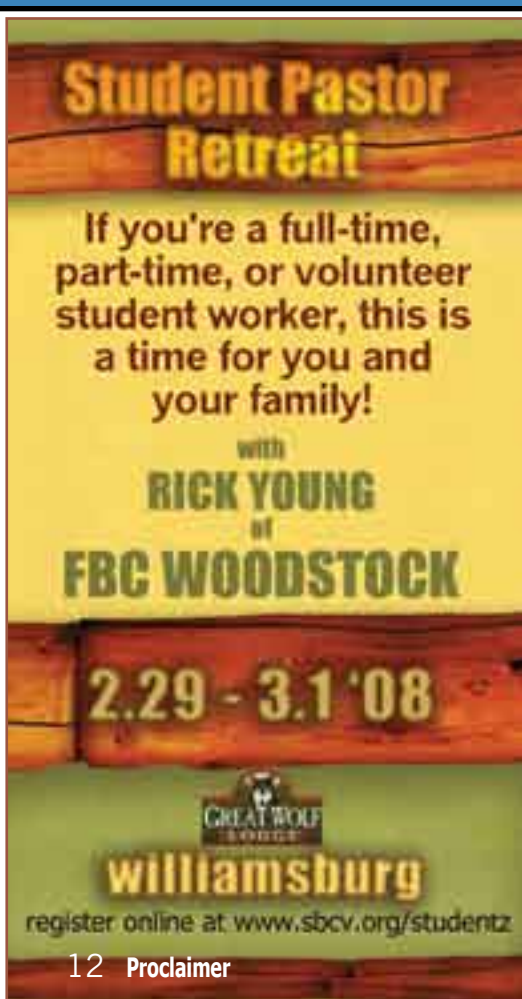
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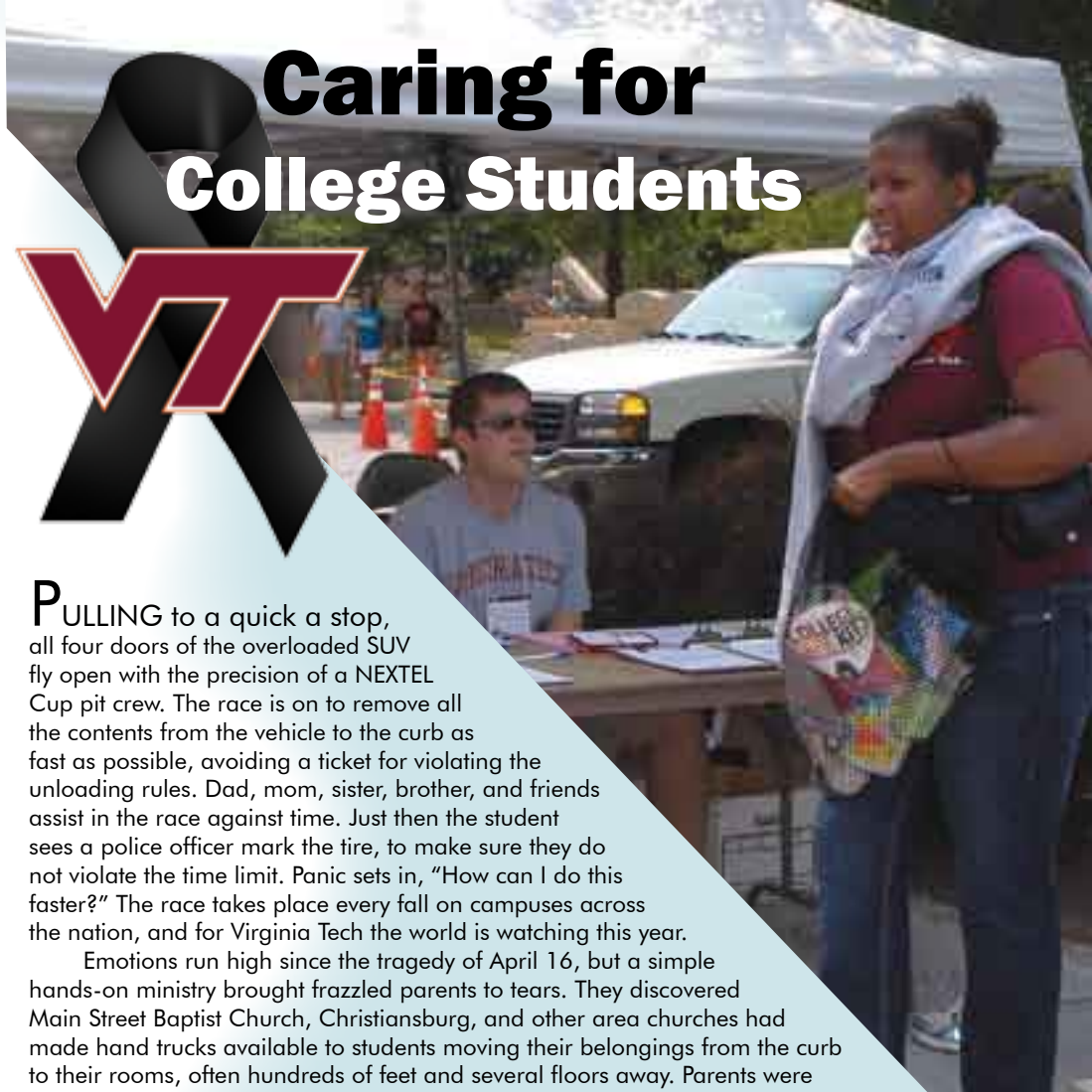
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Caring for College Students



PULLING to a quick a stop, all four doors of the overloaded SUV fly open with the precision of a NEXTEL Cup pit crew. The race is on to remove all the contents from the vehicle to the curb as fast as possible, avoiding a ticket for violating the unloading rules. Dad, mom, sister, brother, and friends assist in the race against time. Just then the student sees a police officer mark the tire, to make sure they do not violate the time limit. Panic sets in, "How can I do this faster?" The race takes place every fall on campuses across the nation, and for Virginia Tech the world is watching this year.

Emotions run high since the tragedy of April 16, but a simple hands-on ministry brought frazzled parents to tears. They discovered Main Street Baptist Church, Christiansburg, and other area churches had made hand trucks available to students moving their belongings from the curb to their rooms, often hundreds of feet and several floors away. Parents were moved as they learned that Southern Baptists from around the Commonwealth had prayed for their students all summer, wanted them to know they were loved by Christ, and had prayed over each room on campus. The tearful parents shared, "Thank you for knowing our needs and taking the time to meet them."

In addition to the Hand Truck Ministry, SBC of Virginia churches collected College Care Kits. Mesh laundry bags were filled with laundry detergent, soap, pens, popcorn, New Testaments, Evangelistic CDs, junk food, and contacts to local churches. One thousand, one hundred and sixty three (1,163) Care Kits were distributed during four days in August.

According to Jon Couch, Project Coordinator, "The vision of sharing hand trucks and distributing the Kits were to express Southern Baptist's obligation and desire to help students know that God cares for them and He longs to bring peace to their lives." The world focused on Virginia Tech but SBC of Virginia churches took time to focus on the students.

The last bag is pulled from the vehicle as the police reappear, reminding them their time is up. Dad breathes a sigh of relief, thankful for the simple sharing of a hand truck in Jesus' name.

Care Kits are just one way you can get involved.

For ways you, your family, and your church can participate, check out our 2008 Missions Opportunities on Page 14 or go to www.sbcv.org.



A BLANK CHECK to Share the Gospel

What would you do with a signed blank check? A small church in Deerfield, Virginia is using a very special type of blank check to share the Gospel and change the world.

It all started in the spring of 2005 when the SBCV formed a partnership with the Baptist Mission of Zambia. Mike Smith, pastor of Deerfield Baptist Church and four other pastors were part of the vision team sent out by SBCV.

On Smith's second trip to Zambia, God placed in his path a small people group of 70,000 called the Nkoya. He discovered that 60 years had passed since any missionary had visited or lived among the Nkoya people. Almost an entire generation had been born, lived and died without hearing the Gospel. Back in Deerfield, Pastor Smith shared a God-size vision with his small congregation. The church unanimously accepted the challenge to become a Strategy Coordinating Church (SCC) with the International Mission Board (IMB) for the Nkoya people in the Western Province of Zambia. As strategy coordinators, the believers at Deerfield accepted responsibility to develop and implement ways of planting churches among the people so

that evangelism and discipleship would continue. Deerfield Baptist Church also voted to allow

their pastor to be in Zambia at least two months each year as a missionary working with the Nkoya people.

Two other churches, Calvary Baptist in Staunton and Westwood Baptist in Waynesboro, have since partnered with Deerfield in the effort to reach the Nkoya people. The primary purpose of Smith's third trip was to gain permission to work among this people group. With a gift in hand, he bowed before the Nkoya king, Mwene Mutondo, and requested permission to enter into the village and work among his people. Not only did God move the king to grant his permission to the team but this leader asked the pastor to close the meeting in prayer. The king was the first to bow his knee. Smith remembers, "It was a moving day that I will never forget. I could hear him weeping as I prayed."

A copy of Chief Mwene Mutondo's royal letterhead, which symbolizes his permission, was presented to the team to carry with them as they entered Nkoya villages. With this type of blank check, the team now has the freedom to go into every Nkoya village to share the Gospel.

How can you play a role in reaching Nkoya peoples? You can Pray. Pray for wisdom in the coordination of this project and pray for the witness of the Gospel to go forth to the Nkoya. You can Give. The Testamenta ya Yipya (Nkoya New Testament) is not in print. However it has been translated and is simply awaiting funds for printing.



You Can Go.

Pastor Smith has trips planned for February and June of 2008. The partnership desires to send a minimum of five volunteer teams each year to the Kaoma District of Zambia to work among the Nkoya people. You may contact Pastor Mike Smith at teamsmith@mgwnet.com



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Pioneer Baptist Church in Max Meadows, between Pulaski and Wytheville — Southwest Ministry Area

JESUS IN THE Park



On May 26, 2007 Pioneer Baptist Church in Max Meadows, between Pulaski and Wytheville, conducted their third annual Park Day in the city park. The church provided food and entertainment while ministering and witnessing to visitors from their community. For the children, there was a Moon Walk, Rock Wall, Whopper Hopper, and other traditional games. For the adults, there was a Car Show, Harley Show,



and Flea Market. For everyone, there were free hot dogs, chips, desserts and drinks. Also, there was music ranging from contemporary to bluegrass. Pastor Neal Hawks commented, "It gives us a beautiful picture of what the church looks like in the world." Members from Pioneer wore blue shirts with the church logo so they were easy to

recognize in the crowd. Hawks added, "We served over 600 meals and people were amazed that everything was free. It was an exciting hands-on-mission event."

Keith and Sabrina Terry came to the park because of an invitation from a church member, Pam Vile. As they entered the park their automobile ran out of gas. Church members gave them a free gas card and gas to get them to a station. The Terry's agreed, "It was one thing to know that all the food and events were free, but to see the generosity and feel the true love of this church made us realize this is the church for us." They have been attending Pioneer ever since. Pastor Hawks added, "We saw six others come to faith in Christ that day and registered 25 children in Vacation Bible School. We believe this event will have a lasting impact on our community and will strengthen our Gospel witness as we represent Jesus in the Park."

Interested in hosting a similar event at your church? Contact your Area Missionary at www.sbcv.org/ministry_areas

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H. Doyle Chauncey, Executive Director

Executive Director – Treasurer Search Team Selection Process

Doyle Chauncey, Executive Director-Treasurer, announced his retirement plans in the regular meeting of the Executive Board on May 15, 2007 to become effective on a date yet to be determined. He recommended that the Board elect a seven-member committee as soon as possible to begin the search for a person to be employed as Executive Director-Treasurer Elect.

The Executive Board approved the Executive Director's recommendation, and asked the Executive Committee of the Board to meet at a later date, nominate seven persons to serve on search committee, and bring back a recommendation to the Executive Board for their consideration.

Article I.B. of the SBCV Bylaws describes the procedure:

"The Executive Director shall be elected by the Executive Board and confirmed at a called or next annual meeting of the Convention, to serve until termination either by resignation, retirement, or by decision of the Executive Board. The Executive Director shall serve as Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. In the event there is a vacancy in the position of Executive Director-Treasurer, the Executive Board shall elect an individual to fill the temporary position of Interim Executive-Director-Treasurer until such time as the position of Executive-Director-Treasurer is filled."

The Executive Committee asked the state convention President to suggest seven persons and two alternates to serve on the search committee. The Executive Committee met on June 21, 2007 and voted unanimously to recommend the search committee suggested by the President to the Executive Board.

The Executive Committee mailed a letter, which served as a ballot, to members of the Executive Board for their approval. Every Executive Board member signed and returned the letter, unanimously approving the Executive Director-Treasurer Elect Search Committee. Representatives from all seven ministry areas are on the Executive Board.

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