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**MAKING YOUR IMPACT EVEN GREATER**

SBC of Virginia  
Celebrates an  
Achievement



Doyle  
Chauncey

## No Comdemnation

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3:17-18 (NIV)



We are familiar with the words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3:16 that explain why Jesus came into the world. In verse 17, Jesus makes it clear why He did not come into the world. The Pharisees incorrectly believed that Jesus had come for two reasons: to save and to judge. Jesus did not come to condemn sinners because they are condemned already. They will remain in darkness without any hope until they come to the light of His marvelous grace.

Later on Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life," John 8:12 (NIV). In the preceding 11 verses, He draws a picture for all of us to see that self-righteousness and critical spirits are hindrances to the spread of the gospel. Even the Pharisees get the message and do not condemn the adulterous woman. Then, as only Jesus can forgive, He said to her, "...neither do I condemn you...go now and leave your sin." (v.11)

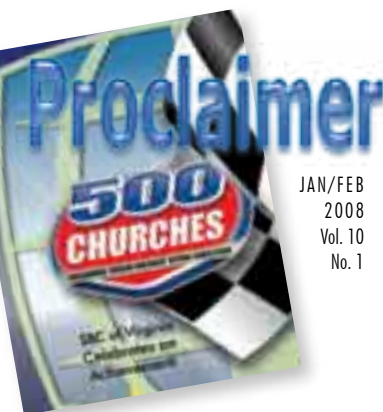
"Pushing Back the Darkness" is our convention theme for the New Year. But, it is

crucial that we all understand we are incapable of "pushing back the darkness" in our own power. In fact, too often we have been found guilty of being a barrier or standing in the way. So since we are sinners, but sinners saved by His grace, we need to make sure that we get self out of the way so that another sinner can come to The True Light.

May I leave you with three suggestions for the coming year:

1. Exercise discernment and discretion to establish an atmosphere for openness to the gospel;
2. Prepare the way for the truth in humble acts of kindness and service; and,
3. Be salt that adds flavor and light that illuminates so others may come to Jesus to experience the wonder and beauty of His grace.

*#Doyle Chauncey*



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### february

- 15-16 **SWAT Weekend Connection** — Williamsburg
- 22-23 **SWAT Weekend Connection** — Staunton
- 29-3/1 **Student Pastor Retreat** — Williamsburg

### march

- 2-9 **Week of Prayer for Home Missions**
- 7-8 **Basic Training I** — Glen Allen
- 10 **Evangelism Conference** — 4 locations:  
Staples Mill Road Baptist, Glen Allen  
Highlands Fellowship, Abingdon  
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Green Ridge Baptist, Roanoke
- 14-15 **Disaster Relief Training** (MW & CE) — First Baptist, Roanoke; Old Powhatan Baptist, Powhatan
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### april

- 4 **VBS Clinic** — Monumental Baptist, Petersburg
- 5 **VBS Clinic** — Calvary Baptist, Charlottesville  
— Spotswood Baptist, Fredericksburg  
— Rosedale Baptist, Abingdon
- 11 **VBS Clinic** — The Tabernacle, Danville
- 12 **VBS Clinic** — Liberty Baptist, Hampton  
— Woodlawn Baptist, Alexandria  
— Cave Spring Baptist, Roanoke
- 18-19 **Women's Conference** — Richmond
- Disaster Relief Training** (CW) — Woodlawn Baptist, Danville
- 25-26 **Disaster Relief Training** (SE) — Southside Baptist, Suffolk
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— Onancock Baptist, Onancock  
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### may

- 2-3 **Disaster Relief Round-Up** — Statewide
- 5-6 **DC Vision Tour**
- 17 **Bible Drill**
- 22 **Ministers of Education Training** — Glen Allen
- 22 **Church Planter Network (CPN)** — Statewide

### june

- 2 **Studentz Summer Intern Orientation** — Glen Allen
- 5-8 **Basic Training I** (Spanish) — Glen Allen
- 6-7 **Disaster Relief Training** (CW) — Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg
- 16-20 **Studentz Church Planting**



# Collectively We Are Making An Impact



**S**INCE ITS INCEPTION God has richly blessed the SBC of Virginia. Scores of churches have been planted, thousands of people have trusted in Jesus Christ, groups have traveled near and far on mission trips, and laypersons of all ages have been equipped for His service. But the story doesn't stop there. Starting with a mere 31 participating churches, the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia now has more than five hundred local congregations partnering together.

While our history may be brief, our heritage dates back to when the world's greatest leader, the Lord Jesus Christ said, "Go." As our purpose statement reflects, the intent of the SBCV is to assist local congregations in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission. The individual in the local body is the vessel who God uses in bringing the lost to Him. Therefore, strong local churches are imperative to the

success of the gospel throughout Virginia and, as such, are an emphasis of the SBCV. As a result, each year more and more existing churches join our ranks.

At our 2007 Annual Homecoming, we celebrated God's goodness as we reached, and exceeded, the benchmark of 500 churches aligned with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. The combination of existing churches, plus the 21 newly affiliated churches, and 28 church starts brought the total to 511. Our Lord is worthy of our praise for the great and mighty things He continues to do in our midst. While the number has no eternal significance, it does reflect what God wants to do here in Virginia and collectively we are able to make a greater impact as a result of our cooperation.



## The Joy of Partnership



**"I know the Lord Jesus is honoring our commitment to give generously to the Cooperative Program and to partner with the SBCV. We are expecting a continued increase in giving, because the church is confident our offerings will be used more effectively than ever for building the kingdom."**

So says Mount Calvary Baptist's pastor, Wayne Lowe.

**"Church members are excited about the new partnership! We have received great encouragement from SBCV leaders,**

offerings have increased significantly. Sunday School has grown from the mid 40's into the 60's, and our morning worship attendance has increased by 20, even with summer vacations. We are continuing to experience revival! We were blessed to participate in the Evangelism Conference, Deacons Retreat, YEC, and the Church Leadership Conference. The opportunities for training and enrichment have made a lasting impact on our church."

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, located in Petersburg, is one of our newest churches in the convention and one of the strongest cheerleaders. Pastor Lowe and his leadership worked vigilantly to lead the church into the convention and become a committed partner. Truly God's hand is on this church as they grow in their commitment with SBCV partner churches and work together to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"We are excited to be recognized as an official SBCV church. Praise the Lord for He has done great things at Mount Calvary Baptist Church! We thank Him for blessing us through the SBCV, and we want to be a blessing to the SBCV. We are excited about the impact our church can make in our community, our state, and our world. We are expecting great things in the future!"

missionaries, and conferences."

Since making the commitment to uniquely align with the SBC of Virginia, some amazing things have happened in the life of the church.

Lowe shares, "Ever since our church unanimously voted to join the SBCV, the Lord has showered blessings on us. The very next day after the church's decision, we began Vacation Bible School. The Lord brought 54 children and provided 21 adult workers, resulting in two young girls receiving Jesus as their Savior. This summer we witnessed seven baptisms in our church, and budget



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Charlottesville - Calvary Baptist

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

Danville - The Tabernacle

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Hampton - Liberty Baptist

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Roanoke - Cave Spring Baptist

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

Independence - Mountain View Baptist

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

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# 2007 SBCV Annual Homecoming



## Keynote Speakers

### Theme Interpretations

#### "Christ Alone"



*Josh Turner*

#### "Commanded"



*Bob Jones*

#### "Commissioned"



*Tyler Scarlett*

#### "Compelled"



*Jumaine Jones*

**T**HIS YEAR'S ANNUAL HOMECOMING was held November 12-13, at Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton where 1,220 gathered to celebrate the achievement of 500 churches aligned with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. The convention theme, "Pushing Back the Darkness" was woven throughout all the messages and stories. On Monday afternoon, lunch was served by Disaster Relief volunteers, prepared from their trailers, followed by the opening session where messengers and guests heard the story of what God is doing throughout the Commonwealth.

Keynote speakers included O.S. Hawkins, Mac Brunson, Ergun Caner, and Tom Elliff. Special music was provided by Calling Levi, Damaris Carbaugh, a praise team led by Paul Randlett, and a regional choir led by Phil Martin, as well as a mini-concert by the Liberty Baptist Church choir. Each session consisted of a time in the Word of God led by Godly men, passionate about reaching our world with the gospel message. It was a worship experience. Everyone always says our annual meetings are more like revivals and this year was no exception.

There were 21 new churches approved for affiliation during the annual business meeting. While in session messengers elected by acclamation a new president, Tim Hight, pastor of Main Street Baptist in Christiansburg. Other officers voted in by acclamation were First Vice President, Mike Palmer, pastor of Green Ridge Baptist Church in Roanoke; Second Vice President, Rick Caldwell, pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Concord; and Secretary, Alan McCullough, pastor of Rileyville Baptist Church in Rileyville.

Tuesday saw an early start to the day filled with theme interpretations and heart warming music. Nestled between some great preaching was the occasional business meeting. The day concluded with a powerful message from guest speaker Tom Elliff. A moving video compelled participants to go into the world, and glow-sticks being held high marked the occasion.

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**Christ Alone • Commanded •**





O.S. Hawkins



Mac Brunson



Ergun Caner



Tom Elliff



Newly elected 2008 SBCV officers: (l-r) Secretary, Alan McCullough; 2nd Vice Pres., Rick Caldwell; 1st Vice Pres., Mike Palmer; and President, Tim Hight.



Phil Martin leads the Regional Choir.



Worship leader Paul Randlett (center) leads the Annual Homecoming Praise Team.



Damaris Carbaugh shares her love of God and joy of singing.



Many are compelled to the altar to kneel before God in prayer.



Messengers and guests enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Disaster Relief volunteers.



A show of commitment for Pushing Back the Darkness.



Calling Levi blesses the convention with rich vocals and inspiring songs.



# show them How Much You Care

strengthening churches



Since graduating from Liberty University, Gerald Smith has served as minister to the inner city of Chicago. He recently moved his family to Richmond without a place to live, guided only by a passion to reach the lost. Smith is on a mission to push back spiritual darkness in Richmond's eastside.

He hit the streets of the Highland Springs community searching for persons of peace, gatekeepers that could open doors to the lost. God led him to an apartment manager and a school administrator. Both care deeply about the spiritual and social needs of this community. Friendships have

blossomed, partnerships formed and God is at work.

Smith, calling on his experience in Chicago, organized a community outreach event using a simple strategy; a three on three basketball tournament. SBCV's Liberty Link and Block Party Trailer ministries joined in for an event that would gather more than 200 students and adults on an area public school parking lot. Paul McDaniel, Smith's sponsoring church pastor, along with area missionaries, assisted.

Ultimately, the results of this first time event meant identifying

core group leaders in the harvest and more than 75 prospects. This seemingly simple event and the community's response validated the saying, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!" God continues to lead Gerald Smith and his family in ministry, advancing the gospel and touching lives of the unchurched.



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## LARRY BLACK

Church Planting Strategist

Central East and  
West Areas



### The Man

Born in Fargo, ND.  
Saved in 1974 while at  
Camp Pickett, Virginia.  
Larry and his wife,  
Margaret, have two  
daughters and several  
grandchildren.

### Verse of Importance

II Corinthians 1:3b-4  
"The Father of all  
compassion and the God of  
all comfort who comforts us  
in all our troubles, so that  
we can comfort those in  
any trouble with the comfort  
we ourselves have received  
from God."

Larry says, "In my journey  
the Father has been my  
comforter through turbulent  
times. He enables me to  
minister the same grace I  
have received to others in  
similar situations."

### His Ministry

Church Planting Strategist  
— is a call to equip and  
empower servants for  
the work of the kingdom.  
Larry's passion is helping  
others be successful to  
win the lost and start new  
churches. He is grateful to  
serve SBCV with like-minded  
brethren.

"It's Not What You Ride, It's Who You Serve"

# Bikers Plus Faith Equals a New Outreach Ministry

*"Each time I take my bike on the road, it provides another opportunity to witness," says Dallas Mills, director of Virginia Faith Riders (VFR). "I will stop at a store or rest area and somebody will ask me about my bike. This provides an open door to be a witness for Jesus Christ."*

**M**ills, a retired command sergeant major and pastor, is excited about guiding Virginia Faith Riders (VFR), a new evangelistic motorcycle ministry. Over 130,000 Virginians are registered motorcycle owners. Today, motorcycle owners cover the entire spectrum of our society from blue-collar wage earners to corporate executives. They also represent many beliefs. Within the subculture are thousands of unchurched riders that can be reached with the Gospel by fellow bikers like Mills. This ministry will give the local church another tool

to reach a group that is often overlooked by many churches.

For over 20 years, the bike ministry has been a passion for Mills. What makes this ministry different from other bike ministries is the connection to a local church. "Most, if not all motorcycle ministries, are para-church organizations that have no ties to a church or denomination and are governed by an ecumenical board with no loyalty to one church," Mills says. "VFR will bring these bikers into a local church for teaching and

discipleship."

Each chapter of VFR will work within the local church partnering to provide activities such as fellowships and Bible studies. People are drawn to motorcycles, whether they ride them or not. VFR is very effective in reaching many for Christ and connecting them to a local church.

**To find out how your church can partner with VFR contact us at [www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org)**



# With a Vision the People Flourish

**T**heir faces communicated an excitement normally reserved for football games and the songs they sang were less than the trained ear could stand. It was like this congregation of 101 had never sung together. In fact, they had not. With over 70 first time guests, the number overwhelmed the Brambleton Baptist Church's 30 regular attendees. Their voices were full of joy!

Scores of churches across Virginia cast a vision to make November 4, 2007, "My Friendship Connection Day." They had spent the previous five weeks preaching sermons, teaching Sunday School lessons, completing commitment cards, praying and inviting their unchurched friends to church. One pastor stated, "With 86% of those in church today being

invited by a friend or relative, it just made sense to cast that vision for those within the church to invite their friends and relatives."

Brambleton Baptist Church's new pastor, Tim Spear, introduced the church to the idea of having a Friend Day. With a previous high attendance of 68 in their 28-year history, the church's excitement went over the top when they experienced 101 in attendance and four salvation decisions.

The story does not stop with Brambleton because scores of other churches across Virginia cast the friendship vision and had similar results. Pathway Baptist Church in Galax, which normally averages 30, had 95 in attendance. Fair Havens Baptist Church in Chesterfield went from 50 on October 21st to 150 on November 4th,

with a couple accepting Christ and following in baptism.

The excitement presented itself in a rather unique way at the 8:30 a.m. service of Green Ridge Baptist Church in Roanoke. With all the cars parked in the grass, the entire parking lot was left available for their invited guests. With their normal average of 375 in attendance, they made the 100-plus visitors feel valuable as they had their choice of every space in the parking lot.

Changed lives with scores of decisions have been recorded around the Commonwealth from this special day. The principle is simple and straight forward: invite your lost and unchurched friends and family to church. You don't have to wait for a special day to do it, either. With a vision the people flourish.







The Pink Ladies

# Women's Conference

The women of Colonial Heights Baptist Church, fondly referred to as "The Pink Ladies," were waiting with smiles on their faces as the doors of the church opened on Friday evening. They showered women with love and warmth as they gathered for the SBCV 2007 Women's Conference, "When Wallflowers Dance." With approximately 840 women of all ages filling the worship center, there was an air of anticipation for what the weekend would bring. One lady said, "I came thinking I would not get anything out of this conference. I was wrong! Thanks for the chance of a lifetime." Guest speaker, Angela Thomas, is herself a busy woman; as a mother, author, speaker, and Bible study teacher, she has gone through the trials and tribulations of life. Women quickly connected with her. She

had them laughing one moment and in deep contemplation the next. Another lady said, "Angela was a specific answer to prayer and so practical. It was amazing! I am in awe that it was precisely, specifically, exactly what I had prayed for this week. I prayed and asked God to give me the "how to" of living for Him! He did it through Angela's messages." Angela herself mentioned, "God's presence was in this place. Not only was it so very well organized and ran so smoothly, but it was evident that every aspect of this event has been prayed over... Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in meeting us here."

Praise and worship was led by the Praise Team from Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian and they beautifully led us to the throne of God through music. Sue Sawyer,



Angela Thomas

## When wallflowers dance

SBCV Associate Missionary for Women's Ministry said, "God truly put together an incredible weekend as He spoke to us through His Word, through music, and through the beautiful servant's hearts of the "pink ladies" of Colonial Heights Baptist Church. Their hospitality went far beyond measure." One lady's evaluation summed up what we prayed would happen this weekend as she wrote, "I only came on the weekend trip to

celebrate my birthday. I entered feeling bitter, exhausted, and used up. I leave feeling loved by God and equipped to change. May God richly pour His blessings on you for your efforts and your hearts." She signed her evaluation: Renewed in Virginia! Our prayer is that there are 840 women across Virginia who will never again be "wallflowers" in God's Kingdom.



### "OUR FIRST

SBCV Statewide Men's Conference was held in partnership with Thomas Road Baptist in Lynchburg with some 2,300 in attendance. The IMPACT Conference theme was "Call to Lead" with Steve Farrar. He told the men in attendance, "God has a work for you to do, God is at work in your life, and the work is not complete until God calls you home". In addition, the breakout sessions challenged men to be Godly leaders in the home, the church, and the workplace. Without a doubt men left the two-day event impacted spiritually and challenged to serve."





## DON MATTHEWS

Church Enrichment  
Missionary  
Central East Area

### The Man

Born in Rocky Mount, NC  
Saved in 1961 while  
watching a Billy Graham  
Crusade on television.

Don and Mary Ann, his  
wife, have a daughter,  
and son and several  
grandchildren.

### Verse of Importance

II Timothy 2:2 "And the  
things that you have heard  
from me among many  
witnesses, commit these to  
faithful men who will be  
able to teach others also."  
"My life's calling is to be  
a Jethro and a mentor  
to pastors. What I leave  
behind in the lives of  
those around me is more  
important than who I am,"  
explains Don.

### His Ministry

Church Enrichment  
Missionary – can best be  
defined as a supporter  
or mentor aiding in the  
equipping for ministry.  
My passion to see the lost  
come to Christ through  
personal and corporate  
evangelism help motivate  
me to be a servant to the  
churches where I serve.  
God called me to the core  
values and the cause for  
which the SBC of Virginia  
was started and continues.



C.I.S.M., I.C., M.R.E., V.N.G.,  
E.M.S., S.B.C.V., D.R., M.E., V.S.P.,  
V.D.E.M., VAWG, F.E.M.A., A.R.C.,  
S.A. and the list goes on and  
on. Add to this alphabet soup a

new one, **N.C.E.R.T.**  
Neighborhood Clergy  
Emergency Response  
Team. NCERT exists to  
provide neighborhood  
clergy in times of disaster  
who have a familiarity with  
the Medical Examiners Office,  
Virginia National Guard, Police,  
Emergency Management, Incident  
Command, First Aid and Crisis  
Response. The laundry list of  
acronyms is just one of the hurdles  
that a Disaster Relief Chaplain  
must face, as David Timma,  
pastor of Quaker Baptist Church  
discovered. Pastor Timma voiced,

"Our first desire is to reach people  
for Christ — but often in those  
circumstances we forget that how  
we do it is often fundamental to  
whether we honor God or simply



make things  
more  
difficult  
for

those we try  
to reach."

SBC of Virginia joined this  
partnership by providing pastors  
the opportunity to attend the first  
ever training event over Labor Day  
weekend at Fort Pickett Army Base,  
outside Blackstone, Virginia. The

initial class consisted of Chaplains  
and Pastors from the Virginia  
National Guard, the Virginia Air  
Wing, Virginia Defense Force and  
ten SBC of Virginia Churches.

J. D. Moore, State Virginia  
National Guard Chaplain, stated,  
"NCERT, to me, is having reliable  
help in times of trouble and that  
spells relief! Having the benefit and  
ability to partner with folks who  
have the mind set of a servant is an  
automatic encouragement when I  
think of facing terrible situations."  
Chaplain Moore also says, "Facing  
disasters, hurting people and  
chaos is never good but when I  
know someone has training (like  
NCERT) they are prepared, to  
some degree, to commit and help  
carry out my duties as a Virginia  
National Guard Chaplain.

Chaplain Moore commented,  
"As we birth NCERT into existence  
we are creating a partnership  
between neighborhood  
(community) clergy, layman, and  
military and police chaplains that  
could lead to a future of productive  
ministry for years to come." Paul  
said it best when he penned the  
words, "I have become all things to  
all people that I might by all means  
save some." 1 Corinthians 9:22  
(NKJV).



## TRAINING DATES

[www.sbcv.org/disaster\\_relief](http://www.sbcv.org/disaster_relief)

Training begins 6:30 p.m. Friday  
evening and resumes Saturday  
morning at 8:30 a.m. Cost is  
\$30.00, includes t-shirt, hat, ID,  
course materials and lunch.

### MAR 14-15:

First BC, Roanoke  
Old Powhatan BC, Powhatan

### MAR 28-29:

Kingsway BC, Bristol  
Grove Baptist Church, Goldvein

### APR 18-19:

Woodlawn BC, Danville

### APR 25-26:

Southside BC, Suffolk

### May 2-3

Statewide Round Up in the  
Williamsburg/Newport News Area

### JUN 6-7:

Thomas Road BC, Lynchburg





# Basic Training 2

## Basic Training is Totally Awesome!



Los días 5 y 6 de octubre, iniciadores de iglesias hispanas de toda la SBCV se reunieron en Glen Allen con miembros de sus equipos de liderazgo para 24 horas intensas de Entrenamiento Básico 2. Casi todos los plantadores habían desarrollado un plan estratégico durante el Entrenamiento Básico 1, hace 15 meses antes. Ahora, en Entrenamiento Básico 2, ellos tuvieron que hacerse algunas preguntas difíciles sobre cómo están progresando en términos de sus declaraciones de la visión, la misión y los valores de sus congregaciones.

On October 5-6, Hispanic church planters from across the SBCV met at the Glen Allen mission center with members of their leadership teams for an intense 24 hours of Basic Training part 2 (BT2). Nearly all arrived with a well developed strategic plan for their churches. BT2, as it is referred, is where they are asked the hard questions about how they are progressing in terms of their stated vision, mission and values.

Manuel Chacón dijo: "para nosotros fue de mucha bendición, poder reenfocarnos en cuanto a dónde estamos y hacia dónde vamos como iglesia, y me ayudo también a tomar decisiones." Carlos Payán notó, "Tuvimos que reconocer que ha fallado y que a resultado. Ahora reenfoamos la visión e hicimos nuevos planeamientos sobre evangelismo, discipulado mayordomía y lanzarnos para abrir una nueva iglesia."

Manuel Chacón said, "For us, BT2 was a great blessing to be able to refocus in terms of where we are and where we need to be headed as a church. It also helped me to make some decisions." Carlos Payán noted, "We had to recognize what had failed and what had worked. Now we are refocusing the vision and we made new plans for evangelism, discipleship, stewardship and we are diving into starting a new church."



**How** can Basic Training ever be totally awesome? For most, their days in Basic Training were anything but awesome! Their initial days of military service were difficult, full of hardship, extremely humbling, and less than enjoyable. But the Basic Training referred to here is the SBCV's four days of focused preparation that every new church planter is required to attend. The last Basic Training was held October 1-4, 2007 in Glen Allen.

What was so awesome about it? First, is the unique people who attend. Although, just ordinary folks, what makes them unique is that they come from diverse backgrounds and from all over the world, as far as the Philippines and Romania. Second, is the unifying purpose that brings them together; Christ alone has commanded, compelled, and commissioned them. They have heard His voice saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:19-20)

They have been commissioned to share His Good News in places such as Blacksburg, Roanoke, and Richmond by investing their lives in winning men, women, boys, and girls to the Lord Jesus Christ. They consider this to be an unparalleled privilege as they respond to the call to plant churches and impact all of eternity by "Pushing Back the Darkness." Some might refer to these new church planting recruits as "super Christians," or heroes, but they consider themselves as nothing more than soldiers.

**What about you?** Are you a faithful soldier, fulfilling God's call on your life? Who knows, one of these days you might just find yourself participating in an **awesome basic training!**

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# Making a Difference

"It shows  
our people  
that hard  
work pays  
eternal  
dividends..."

Sky View Baptist Church in Fancy Gap and Pathway Baptist Church in Galax teamed up to host the 2007 Area Wide Crusade. Ken Freeman, the guest evangelist, preached. Each evening the focus was different and the music reflected it with Bluegrass groups such as *Fescue* and *No Speed Limit* one night, and Christian rock group, *Decemberradio*, another.

Seventy-four lives were changed for eternity during the three day event and over 700 attended. Caleb Hill made a decision to follow Christ on Sunday night



and his grandfather, Larry Picket, a long time member of Sky View Baptist, had the privilege of baptizing him.

Sandra Marshal was working back stage preparing the counseling room for those who would respond to the invitation. After the invitation ended and people came into to the counseling room, Sandra saw her 23-year-old son Aaron with his wife Shay enter. The young couple prayed to receive Christ and was baptized. On Mother's Day, Sandram along with her husband Zane and their other son Adamm watched as Aaron and Shay joined Sky View Baptist. "I wanted that weekend to last forever," Sandra said, and in reality the results will last for all of eternity.

Wendell Horton, pastor of Sky View, said, "It shows our people that hard work pays eternal dividends and we have not seen the final results yet." God is at work. Your prayers make a difference, just ask Sandra Marshal.

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## Southwest Church Leadership Conference 2007



Plans are already underway for next year's Southwest Church Leadership Conference, scheduled for Sep. 27, 2008.

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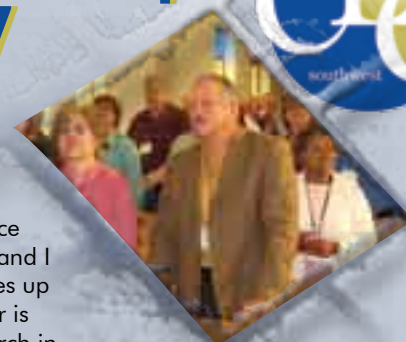
Southwest Church Leadership Conference held at Euclid Ave. Baptist Church in

Bristol was once again a tremendous success. Dr. Bryan Smith, pastor of First Baptist, Roanoke, and keynote speaker, challenged participants with powerful preaching. Smith also led seminars on the subject of preaching and sermon preparation. The Pioneer Baptist Church Praise Team led in worship during the rally with a style that appealed to all.

Thirty-six churches were represented by 170 participants who attended 44 different seminars covering every aspect of

church ministry. Seminars were taught by some of the finest state leaders, pastors and SBCV staff. Allen Collier says, "This conference gets better and better each year, and I can't wait to see what SBCV comes up with for next year's event." Collier is pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap, which had several of its members present at the conference.

"My favorite seminar was Creating an Unforgettable Learning Environment," said Kim Cress. She added, "The training was awesome and Susan Thompson, Director of Preschool and Children's Minister at Euclid, did an outstanding job." Cress is a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Woodway. Ron Leech, Pastor of Calvary Baptist in Stonega said, "I don't know anywhere else in our area where you can get this level of training. To my knowledge, there has never been an event quite like this before."





# How Can They Hear Without a Preacher?

*Story of Deaf Pastor, John Wyble*

*"But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher?"*

*Romans 10:14*

**T**his passage has special meaning for John and Denise Wyble.

John accepted Christ as a young child, even though he had been born deaf. As a young man, he began to sense God's call on his life to preach. However, he didn't act on that call. After attending Liberty University, God moved in his heart to join Living Word Baptist Church where he became the deaf director. The ministry was not a church for the deaf; rather the hearing impaired were simply part

of the hearing church with an interpreter.

John always had a heart for the deaf and a desire for a place to worship in their own language. With the pastor's encouragement and support, he started Living Word Deaf Church in Forest for the deaf and hearing impaired. He has been pastor there for 10 years. Recently God has begun to burden his heart for the Roanoke area. With almost 3000 deaf and hearing impaired in the Roanoke Valley, there is a great need for a new church to minister to the deaf community.

John, with the help of many others in his church, has been compelled to start a new church in Roanoke, where the deaf community can have the Bible taught and shared with them in their own language. John is a Catalytic Church Planter, hoping to start several deaf churches throughout Virginia. Having been uniquely shaped for ministry, Romans 10:14 takes on special meaning for church planter and pastor John Wyble. Who has God uniquely shaped you to reach for His kingdom?

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