

# SBC of Virginia



**SO THAT ALL... HEARD THE  
WORD OF THE LORD.**  
Acts 19:10



**PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS  
THROUGH EVANGELISM**

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MATURING  
MOBILIZING

## VIEWPOINT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Forest Baptist Church, Forest

NOV 8

Virginia Beach Beacon Baptist Church  
Virginia Beach

NOV 8 – 10

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NOV 11 & 12

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Rapid City, SD

NOV 15

Parkway Baptist Church  
Moseley

NOV 22

Christian Life Fellowship  
Jonesville

NOV 29

LifeSong Baptist Church  
Harrisonburg

DEC 6

Boones Mill Baptist Church  
Boones Mill

DEC 13

London Bridge Baptist Church  
Virginia Beach

DEC 20

Mountain View Baptist Church  
Independence

DEC 27

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church  
Colonial Heights

# Be a Night-light

While in Louisville for the SBC this past June, I noticed that our hotel room had a night-light near the sink. Those little lights have saved many a big toe, so I was glad to see it. There was one small problem—I couldn't figure out how to turn it on! There was no switch on the wall. I thought that perhaps I could turn it on by pressing the cover lens of the light. Nothing. As I fiddled with it, I noticed a faint glow as my hand hovered near it. Then it dawned on me—no switch was needed. The light was designed so that it automatically brightens as its surroundings dim.

Isn't that the way our Lord is to shine through us? There is to be no switch that we flip so that one moment we shine and the next we don't. His glory is to shine through us consistently and all the more vividly in the darkness of this present age. A case could be made that we are night-lights.

This edition of the Proclaimer has as its theme, "Pushing Back the Darkness through

Evangelism." That is also the theme for this coming year, which we launch with our Annual Homecoming. We never shine more brightly than when we hold forth the Word of truth—the Gospel. That is the very reason the SBCV network exists.

In this issue, you will thrill to see the many ways that churches just like yours are shining brightly. In the process, we are pushing back the darkness. Let your light shine in this night "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19).

Yours in Christ,



Jeff Ginn



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## SBC of Virginia CALENDAR

### 2009

#### ● November

Annual Homecoming ..... 8-10

#### ● December

Week of Prayer for International  
Missions ..... Nov 29-Dec 6

### 2010

#### ● January

Mission Ops, Virginia Soldiers R&R Kits  
..... Jan1-Feb28

Studentz YEC (Youth Evangelism  
Conference) ..... 15-16

#### ● February

Mission Ops, Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering ..... Feb1-Mar7

Mission Ops, BGR In-Home  
Care Kits ..... Feb1-Mar31

Pastors, Staff, & Wives Retreat ..... Feb19-20

Student Pastor Retreat ..... Feb19-20

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## One Church, Three Languages

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EVERY PERSON HEARING



**STUDENT PASTOR  
RETREAT 2010**  
FEATURING DR. ALLEN JACKSON

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT  
GREAT WOLF LODGE  
WILLIAMSBURG  
[WWW.SBCV.ORG/STUDENTZ/SPRETREAT](http://WWW.SBCV.ORG/STUDENTZ/SPRETREAT)





by Chris Gill, Associate Church Planting Strategist, Southeast Region

## missions track

What happens when you cross 272 students and leaders with 3 church plants? Such a dynamic combination occurred at SBCV Studentz Camp in Lynchburg this July. Youth groups were given the opportunity to participate in a service-oriented Missions Track to assist three local church plants. A team of students and leaders was assigned to each plant to serve in whatever way would benefit the church and community the most. For a church planter, having dozens of volunteers at his disposal is a dream come true!

Pastors Jonge Tate and Chris Dowd of Bedrock Community Church believed their volunteers could best be used in service projects around the church's local community of Bedford. The pastors headed to the city and asked how the teams could serve. At first, the city officials thought they were kidding, but they soon realized that 100-plus students would be coming, ready to engage in service. The students made repairs around a key city park, painted a fence at the local country club, and cleaned up the dump, among other service projects. By the end of the week, the once-doubtful city officials made a point to visit and thank each team of students for their hard work.

Pastors Bubba Rose and Brad Mullinax of Oasis Church in Amherst had planned to use their volunteer team to survey the community and

host the Amherst Olympics. God, however, had a different plan, and Oasis switched to community service projects at the last minute. These projects allowed the students to share God's love in practical ways. In addition to several other projects, the teams landscaped the Christian Aide Cemetery on Main Street, the Amherst County High School, and the Amherst Rescue Squad.

As a full-time nurse, Pastor Mike Smith of Bethel Baptist Church in Evinston didn't think he'd have time to coordinate or use a team until he discovered the opportunity for Backyard Bible Clubs. Two teams of students set up shop in a trailer park, and Pastor Mike's front yard attracted over thirty kids each afternoon. The children engaged in relevant Bible stories, crafts, and their favorite activity—water sports.

While the three church plants benefited from the Missions Track volunteers, the students also benefited from the experience. They returned from their daily mission trip each afternoon exhausted but excited to experience God working through their lives.

So what do you get when you cross 272 students and leaders with 3 church plants? ... maximum momentum in three church plants, ultimate impact on three communities, transformed lives, and a God who was blessed beyond measure.



1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

STUDENTZ  
MINISTRY







# Sturgis Giveaway

## 3 minutes to a new bike or new life

by Mark Gauthier, Director of Mobilizing Churches



*Jim Hamilton, executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention, talks with four volunteer chaplains in Sturgis, SD.*

*Photo courtesy of Baptist Press; photographer, Randy Hughes*



### RESOURCE

#### ■ Websites:

[www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org)  
[www.sturgisbikegiveaway.com](http://www.sturgisbikegiveaway.com)

#### ■ SBCV Contact:

Call 888-234-7716 for details  
from your region's missionary.

#### ■ Consider:

If you like motorcycles and missions consider: how can God use you as a volunteer?



This August, for the fourth consecutive year, the Dakota Baptist Convention sponsored a Sturgis Motorcycle Giveaway. To register to win a new Harley-Davidson, hopefuls needed only agree to listen to a three-minute Gospel presentation. This year, over 200 volunteers stood ready to share the Gospel through their personal testimonies. By the end of the week, 835 people had given their lives to Christ.

Each year, during the one-week Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the Black Hills of South Dakota are filled with more than 500,000 bikers from across the nation and around the world. The atmosphere promotes parties and sinful living, but God's light shines in the darkness through the volunteers who share what Christ has done for them.

One of the volunteers, Pastor Jackie Carver of Palestine Baptist Church in Huddleston, shared:

"The Sturgis trip was the ultimate in missions. My philosophy is to do what you're supposed to do while doing what you like to do. I love motorcycles, and I love to share the Gospel." The Sturgis Motorcycle Giveaway was a perfect chance for Pastor Jackie to blend both passions and be on mission with God. "Just like everyone else," he said, "I'm a bit

intimidated when trying to break a conversation into a Gospel presentation. At Sturgis, we had the perfect tool—a free Harley-Davidson."

As Pastor Jackie shared his testimony with a couple and their 25-year-old daughter, the mother and daughter said they had already been saved. The dad then stated, "I guess I've done that," to which his wife replied, "No you haven't!" Pastor Jackie then shared Ephesians 5, and the dad prayed to receive Christ. As they were leaving, the mother turned and said, "Well, we are actually divorced." Her former husband looked at her with tears in his eyes and said, "But we are going to work on that."

Dallas Mills, who led the SBCV team to Sturgis, logged 4,010 miles on his motorcycle. The team traveled through a windstorm one day—another day, a thunderstorm. Dallas asserted, "You've not lived until you've ridden out a South Dakota windstorm on a motorcycle." All who participated agree it was an exhausting but very rewarding trip that could not have been accomplished without the prayers of those who supported the team.

People all over the world are in need of the Gospel. Where will you go to share the love of God with them?





# HOW TO GO ON MISSION TO RiodelaPlata

by Tony Inmon, International Mission Board  
(IMB) Missionary to Uruguay

The Rio de la Plata Partnership focuses on the country of Uruguay. Uruguay is the least evangelized country in South America and is often described as the most secular country in the Americas, with many pockets of the country being less than 1% evangelized.

We need SBCV churches to send mission teams to Uruguay. Through the Rio de la Plata Partnership strategy called GAP (Gospel Advancement Project), a team from your church can easily plan a mission trip to Uruguay. Upon your request, the on-field missionary will send you a volunteer missions packet with all the information you need to plan and prepare for a trip. To make it even simpler, once you purchase your plane tickets, you'll just pay one price per person directly to the missionary. That price takes care of your lodging, ground transportation, meals, translators, and supplies while in country.

When your team arrives at the airport, you'll meet the missionary and head to the barrio (neighborhood) where you'll be working and living. You'll start the week preparing the soil through prayer walks and Gospel distribution, seeking to put a Gospel of John in every house in the barrio. During the week, your team will interact with the people in the barrio through servant evangelism, community surveys, and relationship building.

Toward the end of the week, your team will invite everyone in the barrio to a central location (usually a neighborhood park) for an evangelistic outreach event. The event can be as creative as you want it to be. One team included some artists, so the team chose to hold an art show, an art demonstration, and a giveaway drawing for some art pieces. Another team did a North American tasting buffet where they cooked all kinds of North American foods and let people try the flavors of the U.S. These evangelistic events serve a two-fold purpose: to draw people out of their homes to interact with the team sharing the Gospel and to identify a person of peace in the barrio. The person of peace is someone who would be willing

to open up his/her home for a Bible study that will, in time, turn into a church.

After your team leaves, the on-field missionaries follow up with the prospects. If your team decides to return the following year, you'll have the option of going back to the same barrio where, hopefully, a new church will have started. You may also choose to go to another barrio to do the same thing.

To get started, contact Michael Browning, the on-field missionary, at mbrowning@samregion.com or 256-614-3897. He will work with you to set a date and will send you the volunteer mission team packet. Why not call him today?

## RESOURCE

### Website:

[www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org)

### SBCV Contacts:

- (1) Call Michael Browning at 256-614-3897 or email him at mbrowning@samregion.com to get details or set a date for your volunteer mission team.
- (2) Call 888-234-7716 to get details from the missionary in your area.

### Prayer Focus:

Pray for SBCV churches to send mission teams to Uruguay.



The Inmons: Tony, Denita, and Taylor



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# Rethinking Revival

by Darrell Webb, Church Health Strategist, North Region



**W**hen was the last time your church had five weeks of revival or a season of jubilee? When was the last time your church experienced a movement of the Holy Ghost where sinners were set free from the captivity of sin, unity swept over the congregation, and amazing life changes took place? God has done such a work in the life of Zion Baptist Church (ZBC) in Orange and has pushed back the darkness through the power of both prayer and evangelism.

In 2006, when the Lord led Dr. Daryl Harbin to ZBC, Pastor Daryl quickly realized that nothing of eternal value would occur in the church without a new celebration of Jesus Christ. He explained, "If our church fellowship encountered a real Spirit movement of God, then our church would be moved by the same Spirit to reach out for Christ in other ministries. Jubilees are catalyst movement[s] of the Holy Spirit." The Spirit of God led him to rethink the way Zion had always done revivals. Rather than a routine one-week meeting, ZBC now experiences revival for over a month—four weeks of prayer and fasting and a week-long Jubilee.

Preparations for the Jubilee take place year-round. ZBC invites a different speaker, music group/praise team, and church choir for each of the five nights. The church plans a special Kids' Jubilee for the same week (the equivalent of a mini-Vacation Bible School), and the hospitality team provides fellowship dinners each night. Zion makes the Jubilee a priority in its budget of major expenses. Pastor Harbin testifies that, for each of the three years ZBC has hosted a Jubilee, God has met the massive financial needs before the week even began.

Pastor Daryl and the church family understand that preparations for the Jubilee involve more than the coordination of details. Weeks before the Jubilee ever begins, Pastor Daryl challenges the people to a Prayer Conference—thirty days of prayer and fasting for the church and the upcoming week of Jubilee. Families are asked to write their names on a sign-up sheet, openly committing to prayer and a day of fasting on behalf of the church and the Jubilee. Interestingly enough, the church has seen more people come to Christ during the Prayer Conference than the week of Jubilee. This year, fourteen people trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior during the thirty days of prayer and fasting.

Church members shared:

*"Prayer Conference was an awesome experience during the month leading up to the Jubilee. The spirit of unity grew stronger and stronger. Just to know that every day leading up to the Jubilee someone was praying for our church was a blessing."*

*"I have been a member of Zion Baptist for over 30 years, and when we started the month of prayer and church-wide fast, I was amazed. People were coming to the altar more than ever before. More people were getting saved. Sunday School teachers and deacons were coming to the altar and confessing sin. The song service was even better. Our church offering increased. A real spirit of unity was being felt. It is the best time of the year at our church."*

After a life-changing month of prayer and fasting, the Lord did great things during the Jubilee. Parking spaces and buildings overflowed with crowds of people. Many came early for the fellowship dinners to get to know their neighbors and stayed late to worship and be transformed by the power of God through His Word. During the Jubilee, ten more precious souls came to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

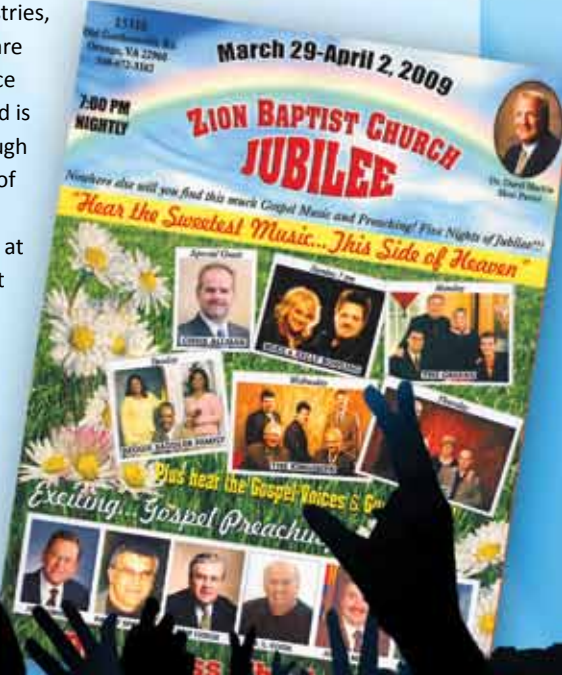
Over the past three years, seventy-five people have been drawn to Christ and into the membership of Zion Baptist Church because of the yearly Prayer Conference and Jubilee. Through these special times of revival, ZBC has experienced a growth in unity, maturity, and a passion to reach the lost for Christ. The church is now reaching out to its community through other ministries, and many are taking notice of what God is doing through the power of prayer and evangelism at Zion Baptist Church.

## RESOURCE

**Website:**  
www.sbcv.org

**SBCV Contact:**  
Contact Dr. Daryl Harbin at  
dcharbin@verizon.net

**Consider:**  
How can your church  
experience a revival and  
renewed spiritual growth?





WE TALK OF THE SECOND COMING;  
HALF THE WORLD HAS  
**NEVER HEARD OF THE FIRST.**

Oswald J. Smith

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# 2009 ANNUAL HOMECOMING

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONSERVATIVES OF VIRGINIA

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# 2009 ANNUAL HOMECOMING

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONSERVATIVES OF VIRGINIA

## SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY EVENING

#### Session 1

**EVERY BELIEVER SHARING,  
EVERY PERSON HEARING**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Introduction of Theme: Dr. Seong Soo Kim

**Message: Dr. Danny Akin**

8:45 PM

Great Commission Resurgence Q&A with Dr. Akin

### MONDAY MORNING

#### Session 2

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Two Breakout Seminars:

*The following breakout seminars will be repeated.*

- Evangelism for the 21st Century:  
Dr. B. Gray Allison
- Every Church an Acts 1:8 Church:  
Panel Discussion with Rev. Jerry Daniel,  
Mr. Chip Hewette, Rev. Craig  
Clayton, Rev. Neal Hawks
- Exploring Multi-site Churches:  
Panel Discussion with Rev. Jimmie Davidson  
and Rev. Jonathan Falwell

- Revitalizing Your Church:  
Panel Discussion with Rev. Rusty Small,  
Rev. Stewart McCarter, and Rev. Greg Pulling

- Who runs the church? A calm look  
at a hot topic: Dr. Ken Keathley  
*Heart Language Worship (below)*  
will span both seminar times:

- Fiesta de Alabanza (Fiesta  
of Praise) for Hispanics

### MONDAY AFTERNOON

#### Session 3

**EVERY BELIEVER Sharing,  
Every Person Hearing**

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Introduction of Business

Executive Director/Treasurer's Report

Presentation of *The Macedonia Awards*

Executive Board Recommendations

- Affiliation Requests
- 2010 Ministry Investment Plan
- Nominating Committee Report

Seminary Recognitions

Theme Challenge, **EVERY BELIEVER:**  
Rev. Jason Barber

**Message: Dr. B. Gray Allison**

### MONDAY EVENING

#### Session 4

**Every Believer SHARING,  
Every Person Hearing**

6:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Theme Challenge, **SHARING:** Rev. Daniel Floyd

State Ministry Report 1:

**Multiplying Churches**



Recognition of *Eagle Awards*

**Message: Dr. Tom Elliff**

### TUESDAY MORNING

#### Session 5

**Every Believer Sharing, EVERY  
PERSON Hearing**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Executive Board Reports

Resolutions Committee Report

Theme Challenge, **EVERY PERSON:**

Dr. Drew Landry

SBCV Partner Reports



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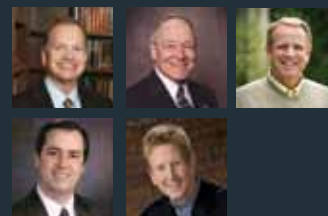
SUNDAY EVENING THROUGH TUESDAY AFTERNOON

**NOVEMBER 8-10**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NORFOLK**

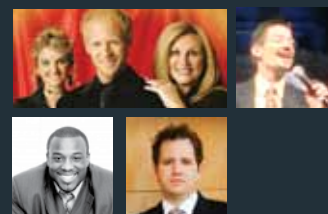
FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

**DANNY AKIN**  
**GRAY ALLISON**  
**TOM ELLIFF**  
**TIM HIGHT**  
**JAY DENNIS**



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**MARC IVEY**



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**ACTS 19:10**

## EVERYONE WELCOME

Two different groups, **MESSENGERS AND GUESTS**, attend the Annual Homecoming of the SBC of Virginia.

**MESSENGERS** are selected by SBCV churches to represent their churches at the Annual Homecoming. They can vote, make motions, speak to motions, make resolutions, and hold office within the SBC of Virginia. Each church affiliated with the SBCV can send at least two messengers. A church can send up to fifteen messengers, based on the amount of Cooperative Program giving in the most recent twelve-month period. Each messenger must be a member in good standing with his/her church.

**GUESTS** are also welcome to attend the Annual Homecoming of the SBC of Virginia. They can attend the general sessions, participate in worship, attend luncheons, and enjoy the display area. Guests are welcome to stay during all business sessions, but they cannot vote, make motions, speak to motions, make resolutions, or be nominated for office. If space is limited, messengers will be given seating priority over guests, but otherwise, there is no limit to how many guests may attend. All interested parties are welcome!

## FELLOWSHIP MEALS SCHEDULE

Register for fellowship meals at [www.sbcv.org/annualhomecoming](http://www.sbcv.org/annualhomecoming)

**Monday:** 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Seminary Luncheons (off site)

**Monday:** 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

(Dinner Cost: \$12.00 per person)

Church Planting Dinner

God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) Dinner

Minister of Music & Worship Dinner

Minister of Education Dinner

Student Minister Dinner

Women's Ministry Dinner with Mrs. Jeannie Elliff

**Tuesday:** 12:00 PM

Missions Fair and Food Court Lunch (Cost: \$5)

EVERY BELIEVER SHARING

EVERY PERSON HEARING



State Ministry Report 2:



**Mobilizing Churches**

**President's Message: Dr. Tim Hight**

Missions Fair and Food Court Lunch (Cost: \$5)

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

### Session 6

**Every Believer Sharing, Every Person HEARING**

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Presentation of *The Nehemiah Awards*

& *The Pentecost Awards*

Miscellaneous Business

Election of Officers

Theme Challenge, **HEARING:** Dr. Jim Booth

State Ministry Report 3:



**Maturing Churches**

**Message: Dr. Jay Dennis**

Introduction of Officers

For information or to register:

[www.sbcv.org/annualhomecoming](http://www.sbcv.org/annualhomecoming)







# EAGLE AWARDS

## SPONSORING NEW CHURCHES

2009 has been yet another year in which the churches of the SBC of Virginia have continued to push back the darkness through the sponsoring of new churches. This year, 30 churches have given above their Cooperative Program gifts to support the start of 21 new churches in Virginia and Greater Washington, DC. Because of their faithfulness and the efforts of their church plants, many thousands more Virginians will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each of these churches has received an **EAGLE AWARD for new church sponsorship in 2009** and will be recognized at the SBCV Annual Homecoming. May God grant us continued favor in pushing back the darkness through church planting. Please join us in praying to the Lord of the harvest for even more workers in the field. For information on how your church can begin a journey of church planting, contact your regional church planting strategist.



### EAGLE AWARDS October 2008 — July 2009

| Sponsor Church  | Church Plant   |
|---|--|
| <b>Va Beach Beacon BC</b> , Virginia Beach<br>Pastor Gordon Ellsworth   | Aletheia—ODU, Norfolk<br>Church Planter Jamie Limato                             |
| <b>Upperville BC</b> , Upperville<br>Pastor Bill Wennersten   | Brambleton Community Church, Ashburn<br>Church Planter Jason Walker              |
| <b>Rosedale BC</b> , Abingdon<br>Pastor Don Paxton  | Bridge of Hope, Abingdon<br>Church Planter Danny Thompson                        |
| <b>Rosedale BC</b> , Abingdon<br>Pastor Don Paxton  | Crossroads Community Church, Abingdon<br>Church Planter John Stapleton           |
| <b>Upperville BC</b> , Upperville<br>Pastor Bill Wennersten   | DC Urban New Work,<br>Greater Washington, DC<br>Church Planter Chris Pablo       |
| <b>Parkway BC</b> , Moseley<br>Pastor Brian Autry   | Fellowship BC, Richmond<br>Pastor Richard Lee                                    |
| <b>First BC</b> , Pound<br>Pastor Jerry Lusk  | Grace Fellowship, Haysi<br>Church Planter Jeremiah Sluss                         |
| <b>Kingsland BC</b> , Richmond<br>Pastor Pat Fiordlise<br><b>El Refugio</b> , Richmond<br>Pastor Jason Carlisle<br><b>El Camino</b> , Richmond<br>Pastor Clovis Pause | Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza, Richmond<br>Church Planter Fernando Mangiere   |
| <b>Colonial Heights BC</b> , Colonial Heights<br>Pastor Randy Hahn<br><b>Victory BC</b> , Stafford<br>Pastor John Hodgen  | Living Water Church,<br>Anacostia, Washington, DC<br>Church Planter Art Thompson |
| <b>First BC</b> , Norfolk<br>Pastor Eric Thomas   | Mosaic Hampton Roads, Hampton Roads<br>Church Planter Steve Byrum                |
| <b>Beulah BC</b> , Lynchburg<br>Pastor Maurice McCarthy<br><b>Midway BC</b> , Phenix<br>Pastor Joey Anthony   | Movement Church, Richmond<br>Church Planter Cliff Jordan                         |

| Sponsor Church  | Church Plant   |
|---|--|
| <b>Southside BC</b> , Suffolk<br>Pastor Stewart McCarter<br><b>Tucker Swamp BC</b> , Zuni<br>Pastor Rob Edwards   | North Suffolk Baptist Mission, Suffolk<br>Church Planter Steven Hills        |
| <b>Hyland Heights BC</b> , Lynchburg<br>Pastor Carl Weiser  | Oasis Church, Lynchburg<br>Church Planter George Rose                        |
| <b>Upperville BC</b> , Upperville<br>Pastor Bill Wennersten   | Reformation Alive, Temple Hills, MD<br>Church Planter Eric Redmond           |
| <b>Mount Pleasant BC</b> , Colonial Heights<br>Pastor Curtis Barnes   | Remnant Church, Richmond<br>Church Planter Ryan Kidd                         |
| <b>Green Ridge BC</b> , Roanoke<br>Pastor Mike Palmer   | Restoration Church, NW Washington, DC<br>Church Planter Nathan Knight        |
| <b>Staples Mill Road BC</b> , Glen Allen<br>Pastor Jim Booth<br><b>Reservoir Community</b> , Newport News<br>Pastor Chris Gill<br><b>Grace Community BC</b> , Richmond<br>Pastor Guy Holloway | Swagath South Asia, Richmond/<br>Newport News<br>Church Planter Anant Shinde |
| <b>Smyrna BC</b> , Dinwiddie<br>Pastor Robert Rowland   | The Opposite Way, Richmond<br>Church planter to be determined                |
| <b>New Life Community</b> , Louisa<br>Pastor Josh Turner<br><b>Pleasant View BC</b> , Lynchburg<br>Pastor Rick Ewing  | The Point Church, Charlottesville Pantop<br>Church Planter Gabriel Turner    |
| <b>Parkway BC</b> , Moseley<br>Pastor Brian Autry   | The Quest, Richmond<br>Church Planter Richie Underhill                       |
| <b>Tsena Commocko BC</b> ,<br>Providence Forge<br><i>No Pastor</i>  | Three Rivers Community, West Point<br>Church Planter John Koch               |
| <b>Va Beach Beacon BC</b> , Va Beach<br>Pastor Gordon Ellsworth   | True Course Community, Va Beach<br>Church Planter Bert Kirk                  |
| <b>Grove Avenue BC</b> , Richmond<br>Pastor Mark Becton<br><b>Parkway BC</b> , Moseley<br>Pastor Brian Autry  | Village Church, Midlothian<br>Church Planter Steve Gentry                    |

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# COLONIAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST: RELOCATING TO IMPACT MORE

by Steve Bradshaw, Church Health Strategist,  
Central-East Region

While the phrase, “if you build it, they will come,” from *Field of Dreams* might work in the movies or for some new sports arena, it is not a guarantee for a local church that has become regional in its vision and reach. Colonial Heights Baptist Church (CHBC) took a huge risk when it decided to relocate further north on Route 1, just outside Colonial Heights, to reach more people for Christ. On April 19, 2008, the new 1,400-seat auditorium/multi-purpose room and two education wings for preschool, children, adults, youth, and church offices stood ready to welcome the community. Would they come?

At the previous location, CHBC averaged 1,500 in attendance. On the first Sunday in the new building, 2,900 people entered the doors and, on Easter Sunday, attendees topped 3,800. Associate Pastor Ronnie West marvels, “The relocation has been absolutely incredible!” After the initial opening, the average worship attendance has remained at least 600 greater than at the former location. Pastor Ronnie adds, “Our Bible Fellowship [Sunday School small groups] has mirrored the same growth...we are averaging over 1,200 in 2009. We have already outgrown the education space and have added four large modular classrooms.” Not only has attendance risen; the Lord is reaping a bountiful harvest of salvations! “The most exciting statistic to-date,” shares Pastor Ronnie, “is that we have baptized 135, and we are expecting

that number to rise above 150 by the end of the church calendar year [September].”

Under the able leadership of Senior Pastor Randy Hahn, ministry staff, lay leaders, and volunteers, the church has expanded its outreach strategies through multiple facets. Traditional outreach opportunities like the Christmas pageant, Friend Day, children’s musicals, and weekly FAITH evangelism training remain. In addition to these tried-and-true evangelism methods, there are two new outreach avenues that have been instrumental in CHBC’s growth. The first is the Go Fish strategy, in which CHBC seeks to visit every home in its community and invite the families to church. Pastor Ronnie shares, “We have completed a 5-mile radius around our church, which means that over 10,000 homes have been reached.” The second new method of reaching the lost is Chrestos, in which specific days are set aside to provide acts of kindness throughout the community. These servant-evangelism days have included cleaning up the city’s main street, taking gifts to school teachers, offering gas buy-downs during economic crises, and feeding city workers and firemen at the local stations. Pastor Ronnie rejoices, “It *really* works! [Service days] show our community that we really care about them, and it teaches our church family that we have



Baptism by  
Pastor Randy Hahn

been saved to serve. These are practical ways to get more of our people involved in ministry.”

While it is not the building that reaches people for Christ, the relocation of Colonial Heights Baptist Church and its facilities has made it possible to equip the saints and mobilize them into a broader territory. The result: more people have been impacted for Jesus Christ!

## RESOURCE

### ■ Websites:

[www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org)  
[www.chbaptist.com](http://www.chbaptist.com)

### ■ SBCV Contact:

Call 888-234-7716 to get information from the missionary in your region.

### ■ Consider:

Are you making room to impact others for Jesus Christ?



## TOP 5 TopFiveCHURCHES

Baptisms based on 2008 ACP data

| 1                          | 2                      | 3                              | 4                  | 5                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Thomas Road Baptist Church | Liberty Baptist Church | Highlands Christian Fellowship | Waters Edge Church | London Bridge Baptist Church |
| Lynchburg                  | Hampton                | Abingdon                       | Yorktown           | Va. Beach                    |
| 487                        | 359                    | 280                            | 136                | 119                          |

## Top CHURCHES BAPTISMS per capita

based on 2008 ACP data

|   | Total Baptisms | AVG Sunday AM Worship Attendance | Per Capita Ratio |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Monumental Baptist Church<br>Petersburg             | 55             | 175                              | 3:1              |
| Faith Christian Fellowship Church<br>Fredericksburg | 24             | 80                               | 3:1              |
| Keeling Baptist Church<br>Keeling                   | 9              | 30                               | 3:1              |
| Knotts Island Baptist Church<br>Knotts Island, NC   | 21             | 80                               | 4:1              |
| Hopewell Baptist Church<br>New Kent                 | 52             | 200                              | 4:1              |
| Kerr's Creek Baptist Church<br>Lexington            | 26             | 100                              | 4:1              |





# 13 Languages

Gwynn Turner, founder  
of Hillcrest Baptist's  
Deaf Ministry



by Jack Noble, Church Health Strategist,  
Central-West Region

## RESOURCE

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### Consider:

Among your church body, is  
there a heart language someone  
is willing to share so that others  
may hear the Word of God?



Missiologists tell us that people are most open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ when they hear the message in their heart language—their native tongue. Certainly a church nestled in the foothills of Henry County, VA, should be safe as long as its language is English with a certain southside softness. Hillcrest Baptist Church, however, found the opposite to be true. Neither Hispanics nor the deaf had the opportunity to “hear” God’s Word consistently in their heart languages. Now, in addition to soft, southside English, two other languages can be “heard” at Hillcrest.

Five years ago, Hillcrest began a deaf language ministry under the capable hands of Gwynn Turner. When Gwynn’s family moved to Charlotte, NC, many feared the ministry would end—she had been the only interpreter for the deaf. The church experimented with live feeds from Charlotte as Gwynn translated the service in real time. When church members Karla Gammons and Julie Waddell expressed their desire to learn a new language, the church quickly encouraged them to learn sign language. These dedicated ladies attended seminars at Virginia Western, were coached by Gwynn, and jumped in the deep end to provide sign language interpretation for the deaf of their community. At this point in their bilingual ministry, their common vision is just to make it through each service so the deaf can “hear” in their heart language. Pastor Doug Ramsey gives the praise, “God has blessed us

at Hillcrest with those who have a burden to reach people who are unable to hear the spoken Word.... Now the deaf are able to participate fully in our services. It is exciting to see them sign hymns and choruses.”

While the deaf were being reached, Hispanics at Hillcrest still could not hear the Word of God spoken in their heart language. But God had a plan. He took church member Tim Harville on mission to Seville, Spain. While there, Tim’s team used the platform of ESL (English as a Second Language) as an entry point into the lives of high school students. During an ESL class in Seville, the Lord broke Tim’s heart for Spanish speakers. Now, almost two years later, Tim dreams in Spanish and has been instrumental in planting Iglesia Bautista Hillcrest. Bringing Hillcrest’s language total to three, this Spanish-speaking congregation meets every Sunday morning at 11:00 in an assembly room at the church. Tim sees his role as mobilizing the Spanish speakers at Iglesia Bautista, discipling them and teaching them the skills necessary to share the Gospel when they return to their homelands. International missions provoked local missions that can spawn international missions.

To reach the lost, God has made a way for Hillcrest Baptist to be one church, three languages. It’s a place where three different groups can worship the Lord and “hear” His Word in their heart languages.







# Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church

by Mark Custalow, Church Planting Strategist, Southeast Region

Like all other SBCV church plants, Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church was planted for the purpose of reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Eight years after its birth, evangelistic passion remains strong at Harvest. Evidences of evangelism can be found throughout the young church, which is currently averaging 345 in weekly worship attendance.

The first such evangelistic evidence is seen in recurring FAITH evangelism training and visitation teams. Through this ministry, a relatively large number of members and regular attendees have been equipped to share their faith. They go out in teams on a regular basis to follow up with first-time visitors and other prospects discovered through one of the church's planned outreach activities. The spring semester registered a total of 29 who participated in FAITH.

Three particular outreach activities occur each year at Harvest Fellowship: Vacation Bible School and two community block parties in the city park called Family Fun Days. Not only do these community events lead to professions of faith and the discovery of new prospects; they also provide the opportunity for large numbers of church members to engage in personal evangelism.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul taught that it is ultimately God who draws people to Himself. Harvest Fellowship is seeing this take place. One Sunday in March, Pastor Randy Green extended an evangelistic invitation, as is his custom. That particular morning had been fraught with difficulties as the leadership and setup teams experienced unique challenges preparing for the service. God was getting ready to do something big. As the praise team began to play during the invitation, people started coming forward—15 in all. Four came for membership, four renewed their commitment to Christ, and seven gave their hearts to Him. Two months later, Harvest held a church-wide baptism service and

fellowship at the YMCA, where 24 were baptized.

Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church is one of many churches in the SBCV that is pushing back the darkness in Virginia through evangelism—one life at a time.

Pastor Randy Green



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# A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

## PINECREST BAPTIST IN PORTSMOUTH

by Don Cokes, Church Health  
Strategist, Southeast Region

**I**t is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. The eternal impact of the baptism pictured here is evident, but there is much more behind the scenes of the story.

Pastor Tom Potter of Pinecrest Baptist in Portsmouth has served as the chaplain for the Langley Raceway in Poquoson for more than a dozen years. His passion for missions and evangelism has spurred his church to get involved in this ministry too. Pastor Tom and members of Pinecrest have been able to share the Gospel with dozens of drivers. Many of them have come to Christ and joined the church family.

The man being baptized in this picture is Buster Tittle, who, until a year ago, was a driver at the racetrack. A terrible race-related accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. His is a testimony of God's transforming grace. Many other raceway drivers have also experienced God's grace through the ministry of the church. As these new believers have grown in Christ, they've become leaders mobilized to make a difference.

In fact, one of the two men assisting Pastor Tom with the baptism is a race car driver and a deacon at Pinecrest.

The part of the picture you can't see is the entire congregation standing in support of Buster. When he was carried down the steps into the baptistery, all in attendance spontaneously stood. It was an electric moment of celebration.

There have been many other moments of celebration at Pinecrest this year.

At the time of this article, the church had already seen 30 baptisms and 25 new members since January 1. God is at work at Pinecrest through members mobilizing to take the Gospel by every available means to every person.

What can your church do to mobilize and reach people like Buster in your community? How can your church get its members out of the door and onto the mission field?

### RESOURCE

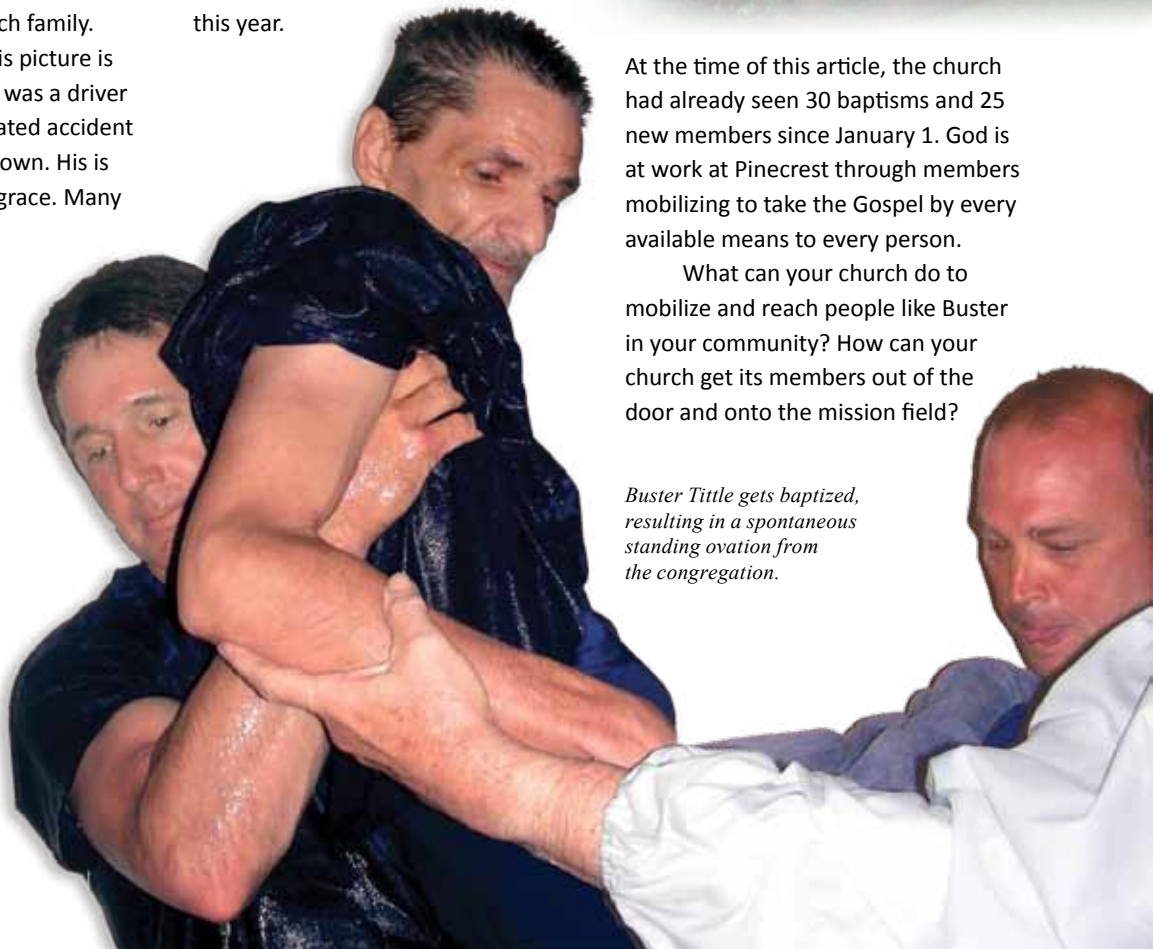
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*Buster Tittle gets baptized, resulting in a spontaneous standing ovation from the congregation.*







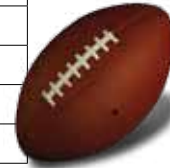
# GAME DAY **update**

by Jack Noble, Church Health Strategist, Central-West Region

## Fincastle Ministers to High School Athletes

### GAME DAY SCHEDULE

| TIME    | ACTION  |
|---------|---|
| 7:00 AM | Roll out of bed and wander into the bathroom for a quick shower and shave               |
| 7:45 AM | Arrive at Hardee's and pick up biscuits, hash browns, juice, and milk for football team |
| 8:30 AM | Football team arrives for game day breakfast  |
| 8:50 AM | Challenging sports story and application  |
| 9:00 AM | Team goes to class but can only think of the game                                       |
| 4:30 PM | Pre-game meal with team   |



### GAME DAY ROSTER

| TEAM                        |
|-----------------------------|
| Lord Botetourt High School  |
| James River High School     |
| Central Academy             |
| Reed Mountain Middle School |
| Fincastle Baptist Church    |

### THIS WEEK'S GAME PLAN



**Lord Botetourt High School** | The team plans on blocking, running, passing, scoring, and winning the game.



**James River High School** | The team plans on blocking, running, passing, scoring, and winning the game.



**Central Academy** | The team plans on blocking, running, passing, scoring, and winning the game.



**Reed Mountain Middle School** | The team plans on blocking, running, scoring, and winning the game.



**Fincastle Baptist Church** | The team, led by Senior Pastor Kevin Cummings and Student Pastor Shane Carr, will use the role of chaplaincy to encourage, model character, and demonstrate integrity to the area high school and middle school football teams.

### PREVIOUS YEAR'S RECORD

| TEAM              | WINS | LOSSES |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Lord Botetourt HS | 3    | 8      |
| James River HS    | 5    | 5      |
| Central Academy   | 5    | 3      |
| Reed Mountain MS  | 7    | 1      |

new to the line-up

#### Fincastle BC

Over the past eight seasons, the church has invested between three and four thousand dollars a year feeding the team physically. Fincastle has also fed the team spiritually by sharing Christ. Two coaches have come to Christ and followed the Lord in baptism. Toby Perre, head coach at James River, left the area, only to return as a football coach at William Fleming High School. Toby made a profession of faith, was baptized, and now assists Fincastle with a summer football camp. Another coach, Tony Lewis from Central Academy, accepted Christ in the spring of 2009, sensed a call to serve as a youth pastor, and has now enrolled in Liberty University Online.

### PREDICTIONS FOR 2010

| Team              | Prediction          |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Lord Botetourt HS | will win more games |
| James River HS    | will win more games |
| Central Academy   | will win more games |
| Reed Mountain MS  | will win more games |

#### Fincastle BC

Pastors Kevin Cummings and Shane Carr will continue to divide chaplaincy responsibilities between the four schools, with Kevin taking the lead at the high schools and Shane the lead at the middle schools. Using their passion for sports and the open door of football, these pastors will continue to have a voice and an impact for Christ in the schools around Fincastle, VA.



**How is your church reaching your community for Christ?**







# Get to Know Your GPS

by Jeff Ginn, Executive Director

New-fangled gadgets can be intimidating. I have a sneaking suspicion that many of the technologies at our disposal go underutilized simply because we haven't invested in getting to know all that they offer. It's wonderful to have a GPS in your dashboard, but it will profit little if you don't understand and implement

it! Similarly, there are ministry initiatives that hold much promise if we will grasp them.

## **GPS—God's Plan for**

**Sharing**—is just such an opportunity. This is the national evangelism initiative, which calls and equips Southern Baptists to reach North America for Christ by the year 2020. Specifically, the SBCV is poised to help our churches reach across Virginia and DC through every believer sharing and every person hearing the Good News of Jesus. For the next decade, you will hear much about this

## RESOURCE

### ■ Websites:

[www.gps2020.net](http://www.gps2020.net)  
[www.findithere.com](http://www.findithere.com) (a sample commercial that will be aired)  
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### ■ Prayer Focus:

Pray for every believer to share and every person to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.



cooperative effort. It gets underway in earnest this coming spring with its first major outreach, which will be tied to Easter 2010.

## HERE ARE THE COMPONENTS:

### PRAYER

Churches will blanket their communities in prayer.

### BROAD MEDIA BLITZ

Southern Baptists will conduct a national media campaign tagged "FinditHere.com," utilizing TV, billboards, yard signs, etc.

### LOCAL GOSPEL SATURATION

Individual congregations will cover their vicinities with door-hanging bags of themed information, including an invitation to Easter celebrations and a Gospel tract.

### EASTER HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

The Good News of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection will be proclaimed.

### FOLLOW-UP

In the succeeding weeks, local churches will continue to nurture the seed that has been sown and bring in the harvest.

Your gifts to the Cooperative Program are making possible much of this national initiative. We must now add to that the personal equity of door-to-door and person-to-person outreach. The fulfillment of our prayer to see a "Great Commission Resurgence" may very well begin with this spring's implementation of GPS. I lovingly challenge you to join me in this effort.



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