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Romans 12:1-2 (HCSB)

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viewpoint

from the Executive Director

Transformed Lives

by Jeff Ginn, Executive Director

Let me tell you about my friend, Angel. Our lives first intersected because of a common interest—golf.

Though complete strangers to one another, we found ourselves paired together one day on the course. In wonderful ways, God began that day to build a friendship. Angel and his family are originally from the Dominican Republic. They are fluent in Spanish. Having been a missionary in Latin America, I, too, can speak Spanish. That was a great connection point. Come to find out, we were neighbors. He and Carol lived just three doors down the street in our new neighborhood.

Our church organized a golf retreat, and I invited Angel to go as my guest. He accepted. During the course of those days, I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with him. Though he said that he was not ready at that time to respond to the Gospel, he did begin to attend our fellowship and hear the Bible taught regularly.

Several months later, he was diagnosed with a form of pancreatic cancer. He began to lose weight and became very frail. The day before serious surgery, our families shared a meal. Afterwards, I asked Angel

if he was now ready to respond to Christ's offer of free and full salvation. He readily bowed his head and called upon the name of the Lord.

After surgery and some recuperation, he made his profession of faith publicly. His whole family came to join our church. What a celebration! And the story does not end there. Doctors say that, as far as they can tell, he is cancer free today. I still play golf with my friend!

Angel's life has been transformed by the grace of God. It has touched all spheres of his life. His story, while in some aspects more dramatic, is not that distinct from my own. God's grace is continuing to transform me into the likeness of His dear Son.

The ministries of the SBCV have "transforming lives" as their goal. This edition of the *Proclaimer* unveils *Transforming Lives* as the theme of our 2010 Annual Homecoming and the year to follow. Read on to discover more stories of transformed lives!

Transformed by His touch,



Jeff Ginn



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Grace Southern Baptist Church,
Virgilina

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Calvary Cross, Harrisonburg

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Prince George

DEC 12
Blackwater Baptist Church,
Virginia Beach



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Distribution**

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DC Children**

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Hygiene Kits for ARM

September – October
**Vision Virginia
State Missions Offering**

October – November
Eyeglasses for Uruguay

November – December
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thoughts



What people are saying about the Proclaimer

“By getting “Gazelle Intense” in 2006 I was able to survive the 10% pay cut and maintain my tithe and giving.”

Gazelle Intense!

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WOW! Great article and testimonies! I took Financial Peace University with my son in 2003 in a neighboring church. What an eye opener! In Nov 2006 I was listening to Dave (Ramsey) on the radio. He challenged me to write goals: spiritual, family, personal, work. He so got in my face, that I did. In 2 yrs, I paid off my 2nd mortgage after building an initial emergency fund. In 2008 the economy dropped. In 2009 our company directed that we take five (5) weeks off without pay. By getting “Gazelle Intense” in 2006 I was able to survive the 10% pay cut and maintain my tithing and giving.

Thank you for writing and printing the article. I will be praying for other churches to become “Gazelle Intense” and honor the Lord with their new freedom to provide for their families and give more.

David Guy Sr., Christiansburg, VA, New River Valley

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Grace Fellowship BC Impacting Its Community

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“... Because of the article in the Proclaimer we had a couple of churches want to partner with us for school supplies. One church in Richmond just brought us 140 backpacks that we needed because of the waiting list from the previous week. We are giving them out now to the community. Also, Bermuda Baptist Church sent us two boxes full of school supplies that we can add to this and give out.”

Jeremiah Sluss, Haysi, VA, Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Week of Prayer for International Missions and International Mission Study
November 28 – December 5

SBC Goal: \$3.5 million

2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
National Goal: \$175 Million

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Transformed to Go to the Cutting Edge

by Darrell Webb, Church Health Strategist, North Region

MOBILIZING



At the age of eighteen, Brandon Hembree served as a student pastor for the very first time. However, after graduating from college with a political science major, he wanted to pursue his passion for politics and enrolled in law school. Hembree realized that the cross was calling him for something greater. During the first year of law school in his home state of Mississippi, Hembree dropped out and enrolled in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Still without full surrender, he asked, "God, do you want me to do ministry for the rest of my life?" With an overwhelming peace, he knew the answer. In May of 2009, Hembree put prayers and words into action as he moved to Northern Virginia to serve as student pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (EBC) in Manassas. Hembree shares, "This was the moment my life was transformed from my selfish sacrifices to counting the costs and following anyway."

Transformation can be defined as "a change in form, appearance, nature, or character," all of which express the reshaping of the youth ministry at EBC. "When I came to EBC, I came not to build their youth program, but to build the Kingdom of God. I told our staff they would not measure the success of the ministry by how many students walked into our doors but by how many students walked out of our doors disciplined and eager to disciple others. The church staff was supportive of me leaving the walls of our church to go find the lost and the hurting," explains Hembree.

Hembree believes that if a revival breaks out in Northern Virginia and around the DC area, it could change the entire world. It would affect the people of the nations who live there and some of the most powerful leaders in the world. There are about 12,000 unchurched students within a 10-mile radius of his church. He began wondering how he could reach these thousands of students; who could, in turn, reach the Greater DC area for Christ. It would have been easy for Hembree and EBC to focus on reaching their own ministry of 100 plus high school students that attend Emmanuel Christian School. Instead, they chose to focus their attention on the mission field of their local public schools.

Cutting EDGE Ministries, a non-profit organization, already had a presence in several middle and high schools throughout the Northern Virginia region. It was the tool that God had ordained for Pastor Hembree and EBC to reach students in area public schools. The goal of EDGE Clubs is to connect students to God and then the local church. This evangelistic and discipleship after-school club is led by students from area youth groups, student pastors and other adult volunteers.

Once the clubs began, Christian youth group kids were disciplined and trained to reach their schools for Christ. Hembree stated, "At first,



Brandon Hembree
teaching youth.

it took a while for the clubs to get off the ground. All of the clubs I oversee at Manassas Park, Osbourn Park and Stonewall Jackson High Schools started with no more than 2-3 students that were in my youth group. By Christmas, we saw almost 200 students that were members of EDGE Club. Numerous students

accepted Christ throughout the year. That's literally how the clubs grew during the first four months! Students brought in a friend, they would hear the Gospel, God would save them, and then they would become a member of EDGE Club."

Hembree testifies that, with the seeds planted at the club, the harvest was great near the end of the school year. He tells us that out of the three high schools he worked with, 42 students gave their lives to God this year.

EBC began to see these students from various races, genders and ethnic backgrounds take over their youth group as they hungered to be disciplined and get involved in their local church. Hembree states, "On several occasions, they began bringing in their whole family." These kids have become empowered by their church to be missionaries in their schools. God has united the hearts of public school and Emmanuel Christian School kids as they pray for one another to be a witness on their campuses. Amazingly, God has done this work amidst a church that is presently in a state of transition without a senior pastor.

What would it take to see God do such a work in similar harvest fields throughout North America? Pastor Hembree exclaims, "First, you need to get sold out for Christ and the mission He gave us to bring the Gospel to the lost and hurting. Second, realize that God has a calling on you; regardless of whether or not you are a pastor or have a pastor at your church. God is looking for people with a heart to reach students with the Gospel. If that's you, you can volunteer at EDGE Club and reach students in the public schools in your area."

RESOURCE

■ **Website:** www.edgeclub.org

■ **Contact:**
Call Brandon Hembree at 703-368-9206 or email him at bhembree@ebcnva.org

■ **Consider:**
How can you empower the youth in your church?



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Unpacking the Future

Editor's Note:

At the 2009 Annual Homecoming, the SBCV unanimously approved the Vision 20/20 Report. It outlines a course of action for the next 10 years leading to the year 2020. This series of articles unpacks one by one the six major proposals of the report. For the entire report, refer to www.sbcv.org/aboutus/vision2020.

The SBCV is a Contextualized Missional Network

by Jeff Ginn, Executive Director

THE GOAL

The sixth goal of the Vision 20/20 Report is that the SBCV function as a contextualized missional network. This principle calls for the faithful and effective communication and incarnation of the timeless principles of God's Word in the ever-changing culture in which we live.

THE BIBLICAL PRECEDENT

The Apostle Paul was a fearless and faithful communicator of God's message. At the same time he was cognizant of his ministry context and utilized this knowledge in such a way as to drive home the Gospel in the most effective manner possible. Of course, in this practice he simply followed the example of Him who "became flesh and dwelt among us." We are called simultaneously to unflinching faithfulness and sagacious interaction with those who surround us who have yet to come to Christ.

THE FUTURE

This means that, while we will continue to stand firm by the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), we will tailor our ministry so that it has a maximum impact in our context. An example is the launch of contextualized leadership development centers. Three such centers are on the drawing board to train Hispanics, African-Americans in urban settings, and Appalachian leaders respectively. As we combine biblical fidelity with customized ministry, much lasting fruit will result.



J.D. Moore

Transforming Lives in **All Walks of Life**

by Sue Sawyer, Associate Church
Mobilization Strategist, Projects

Major, chaplain, pastor—no matter what title you use to refer to J. D. Moore, you are looking at a man who has a heart's desire to see lives transformed for Christ. You may find him talking to his congregation, to soldiers under his command, to soldiers getting ready to deploy, or to soldiers' families who have lost a loved one or received news of one who has been injured. Wherever J. D. goes, his first thought is to display the love of Christ.



1-116TH Infantry, recipients of VA Soldier R & R Kits, in prayer

God placed on J. D.'s heart a way to help previously deployed, married soldiers transition back into their family lifestyle here in the States. He provided several overnight marriage enrichment retreats in Williamsburg where the couples could get away, enjoy some pampering time together, and receive training on how to strengthen their marriages. Thanks to your Cooperative Program gifts, SBCV churches were able to provide funds to

purchase a large basket for each couple. Each basket contained goodies and fruit, a Gospel tract, a New Testament, and a welcome-home DVD from Dr. Ginn. The basket also contained a brochure listing SBCV churches that have a military ministry or participated in the VA Soldier R & R Kits project. The brochure offered an invitation for the soldiers and their families to visit a church or call upon it in a time of need. We received many thanks for helping provide these baskets.

Through J. D.'s efforts, marriages were strengthened and couples were better equipped for this transition time in their lives.

J. D. Moore is sold out to transforming lives in all walks of life. No matter what hat he is wearing, you will find him diligently set about that task.

RESOURCE

- **Website:**
www.sbcv.org/mission_opportunities
- **Contact:**
Call 888-234-7716 for details from your region's missionary.
- **Consider:**
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Why not attend one of the **Church Health Workshops** coming to your region in January and February of 2011? Pastors, staff, and lay leaders are all invited.



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For more information on dates, times, locations and to register, contact your regional Church Health Strategist and visit the Maturing Churches webpage at www.sbcv.org/maturing.

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Families Transforming a Community

by Eddie Urbine, Associate Church
Mobilization Strategist, Partnerships

"It was the best vacation we've had as a family!" "It was a life-changing experience for all of us!" These were just a few of the reactions from the 97 mission volunteers who gathered in the town of Big Stone Gap from June 13-18. The western Virginia mountain town saw the volunteer families serve for six days, as they became closer-knit and ministered in Jesus' name. *Families on Mission*, a joint ministry of the North American Mission Board and the SBCV, made an impact on the town for a second year. Oak Grove Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap served as their gathering point.

Charlie and Ann Baker are lay volunteer leaders of the SBCV ministry and residents of Big Stone Gap. They are dedicated to see their community transformed for Christ and parents and their young children become passionate for missions.

The typical day for a family at *Families on Mission* began at 8:00 AM with "jump start" (family devotions and evangelism training), followed by ministry work until 4:00 PM. During the ministry work time, families served in many different ways: painting houses, building wheelchair ramps, cutting grass, conducting sports camps and backyard VBS, and working in food banks. At 5:30 PM, the volunteers gathered for dinner, worship, and family huddle. The family huddle time was used to discuss the impact of the day on family members, both individually and as a family. Everyone worked with the goal of having an opportunity to share their faith with those who did not know Christ.

Mrs. Nanna Swecker said, "I cannot believe that these children and their parents would come to paint my house. They are a Godsend." The families also washed her windows, trimmed her bushes and went across the street to a neighbor and cut his



Workers at Mrs. Nanna Swecker's house

lawn. All of this was done as a witness for Christ.

By actively participating together in missions, parents and grandparents can instill a legacy of missions in their children and grandchildren. This is the heart of *Families on Mission*.

RESOURCE

Websites:
www.sbcv.org/mobilizing
www.namb.net/fom

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

Next Year:
Big Stone Gap, June 26-July 1, 2011
Register at: www.namb.net/fom
Cost: \$300, per person

Videos:
Mobilization's YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/user/SBCVMob

Baptisms — Top Five Churches

based on 1009 ACP data

Top Five Churches, overall

Church	City	Baptisms
1. Highlands Christian Fellowship	Abingdon	300
2. Thomas Road BC	Lynchburg	346
3. Liberty BC	Hampton	309
4. Lifepoint Church	Fredericksburg	234
5. Colonial Heights BC	Colonial Heights	153

Top Five Churches, per capita

Church	City	Baptisms	Members
1. Lively Stones	Pelham, NC	27	275
2. Discipleship	Buena Vista	8	13
3. Light of the World	Chesterfield	15	20
4. Valley View		13	56
5. Korean American	Alexandria	7	33



Discovering the One Important Issue during a Lifetime of Pain

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

I thought I had most of the facts I needed for this story even before I arrived for the interview. I have known Teresa Sours for several years and understood that her six-year-old son, Nathan, had died after multiple surgeries both in and out of the womb. His death had been a turning point in her life which resulted in her full-time ministry of assisting people who are dealing with sexual abuse, marital issues, addictions, divorce, parenting and depression. I also knew that this turning point allowed her to have incredible peace during a recent bout with breast cancer.

During the interview, Teresa testified of her salvation, "Hell Insurance", but stated she did not know that God's hand was on her life. She was the victim of abuse at a young age but had buried the memories and in its place gave off an air of confidence and direction. She was a woman on her own mission and did not have a fondness for people.

Within a year of marrying Dave, the love of her life, Teresa's 42-year-old mother was in a fatal car accident on the way to Teresa's house. Teresa blamed herself for the accident because she had been too busy to go visit her mother. This became a time of radical questioning about who she was and what was important in life.

Being the oldest of four children, with the youngest being twelve years old, Teresa's focus had to become family after her mother's death. Out of these events arose a desire for Teresa and Dave to start their own family. She became pregnant but miscarried during her 14th week. The death of this baby highlighted accumulating issues in her life that were not dealt with. She then became pregnant and birthed her daughter, Ashley. It seemed life was good. Later, Teresa found herself pregnant again but this baby died in the womb adding to the list of unprocessed events.

Next in Teresa's life was the conception of Nathan, whom doctors discovered had some abnormalities. Teresa and Dave were confronted with the choice between an abortion or caring for a handicapped child: they chose life. Teresa, Dave, and Ashley spent the next six years medically involved with Nathan. In 1998, Dave donated his kidney to Nathan on a Thursday, but Nathan developed complications and died on the following Saturday. Teresa was at a point where she did not want to live. She had poured six years into a son that was full of life and smiles only for him to be taken away. She became an emotional, spiritual and physical wreck.

Teresa knew nothing of intimacy with God, her husband, daughter, or any other person. At this point, she described herself as "her own creation: an independent, controlling, and full of self person who did not need anybody." It became obvious that the tragic events of her life were not the issues but that God was drawing her closer to Himself and wanted her life built on an intimate relationship with Him. Teresa puts it this way, "Nathan's death was a breaking point for me;



Nathan



Teresa Sours

I came to the end of myself. Everything I had come to believe about God was in question and

I realized I was very angry with God—for all we had been through and then allowing Nathan to die. I started being honest with God: wrestling with Him just like Jacob until He blessed me, pouring out my heart to Him in prayer and journaling like David did in the Psalms, and crying out like

Job did asking the hard questions of Him. It wasn't easy to come to realize the God I thought I knew really wasn't who God was at all or maybe not who I wanted Him to be anyway. I had to face the harsh reality that in this life children die, moms get killed in auto accidents, little girls get abused and I can get cancer. But God is still God and He is still good and He still loves me—always has and always will."

Teresa began a spiritual journey that required her to dig into God's Word, search out the real truths about God, and outgrow the childhood misconception of Him. She had to learn about spiritual warfare which forced her to seek out others as God began her transformation. She approached her church, Wayne Hills Baptist Church in Waynesboro, where she began to assist in grief counseling. It was through this ministry that God confirmed a call in Teresa's life as a counselor, as well as numerous other ministries.

Teresa has learned to follow God's direction rather than her own and she enjoys a close relationship with Dave, their 21-year-old daughter, Ashley, and son-in-law while ministering to others. What I thought was a rather straightforward story turned out to be a lifetime of events that demonstrated God drawing Teresa to Him.

Teresa Sours provides lay discipleship counseling (non-professional) with the goal of helping people find healing, wholeness, and freedom from the grief and traumas in life through Christ. Teresa also oversees the Women's Ministries and Titus Women at Wayne Hills Baptist Church and serves on the Executive Board of SBC of Virginia.

RESOURCE

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■ **Contact:**
Email Teresa Sours at teresa.sours@whbc.net or call the SBCV at 888-234-7716 for details from your region's missionary.

■ **Pray:**
Lift up in prayer those who may be going through an abusive or painful time.

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For information or to register

EVERYONE WELCOMED

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

MESSENGERS are selected by SBCV affiliated churches to represent their churches at the Annual Homecoming. They may vote, make motions, speak to motions, propose/ make resolutions, and hold office within the SBC of Virginia. Each church affiliated with the SBCV may send at least two messengers. A church may 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 may 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

Special fellowship and affinity meals will be offered over the course of Annual Homecoming.

Monday: 11:45 AM — Seminary Luncheons (off-site)

Monday: 4:30 PM — Affinity Dinners (on-site)

Women's Ministry Dinner with Cheryl McGuinness

God's Plan for Sharing (GPS)

Ministers of Music, Worship, & Media

Minister of Education

Student Ministry

Preschool and Children's Ministry

Missions Leaders

Tuesday: 12:00 PM

Missions Luncheon (on-site)

Church Planting Luncheon (by invitation)

ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Hyland Heights Baptist Church

Lynchburg

Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (HCSB)

PASSPORT TO MISSIONS

DRAWING FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUR NEXT MISSION

TRIP — within your registration packet is a “Passport to Missions” card. Have your “passport” stamped in the appropriate space, after you visit each Mobilizing Churches booth. After all the spaces have been stamped, complete the contact information on the back and drop it off at the Acts 1:8 booth. You will be entered to win one of two mission trip scholarships: \$1,000 for an IMB international trip, and \$500 for a NAMB North American trip. The drawing will be held during the final Tuesday afternoon session.

MISSIONS FAIR LUNCH

Join us Tuesday at Noon for a scrumptious lunch provided and served by our own Disaster Relief volunteers!

PEAKERS

mark BECTON



JEFF CROOK



J. D. GREER



BOBBY WELCH



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CHARLES BILLINGSLEY

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SCHEDULE

Sunday Evening, Nov. 7

SESSION 1, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Registration open from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- 6:30 PM Praise & Worship / Host Church Choir
Welcome: DR. MARK BECTON
Greeting & Prayer: REV. CARL WEISER
- 7:30 PM President's Message: DR. MARK BECTON
- 8:45 PM Bonus Session: Q&A with
DR. JEFF GINN on Current SBC Trends

Monday Morning, Nov. 8

SESSION 2, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Registration opens at 8:30 AM

- 9:00 AM Praise & Worship
Welcome: DR. MARK BECTON
- 9:15 AM Breakout Seminar One
- 10:30 AM Breakout Seminar Two
- 11:45 AM Seminary Luncheons (off-site)

Monday Afternoon, Nov. 8

SESSION 3, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

- 1:30 PM Praise & Worship: REV. PAUL RANDLETT,
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR
WORSHIP CHOIR (with Charles Billingsley)

- 2:15 PM Introduction of Business & Reports

- Executive Director/Treasurer's Report
- Presentation: Macedonia Awards
- Executive Board Recommendations
- 1. Vision 20/20 Steering Team Report
- 2. Affiliation Requests
- 3. 2011 Ministry Investment Plan
- 4. Nominating Committee Report

- 3:15 PM Seminary Recognitions

- 3:30 PM Special Music: DR. LEO DAY

- 4:00 PM Message: REV. JEFF CROOK

- 4:30 PM Fellowship Dinners (on-site)

Monday Evening, Nov. 8

SESSION 4, 6:30 PM – 8:45 PM

- 6:45 PM Special Music: DR. LEO DAY
- 7:20 PM **State Ministry Report 1: Maturing Churches**
- 7:30 PM Presentation: Pentecost Awards
- 8:00 PM Message: DR. J. D. GREER

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 9

SESSION 5, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration opens at 8:30 AM

- 9:00 AM Praise & Worship

- 9:25 AM Executive Board Report

- Resolutions Committee Report

- 10:30 AM SBCV Partner Reports 1

- 10:45 AM **State Ministry Report 2:**
Mobilizing Churches

- 10:55 AM SBCV Partner Reports 2

- 11:20 AM Message: DR. BOBBY WELCH

- 12:00 PM Missions Fair Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 9

SESSION 6, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

- 1:30 PM Praise & Worship
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY PRAISE

- Presentation: Nehemiah Awards

- 2:00 PM Unfinished Business

- Election of Officers

- 2:45 PM **State Ministry Report 3:**
Multiplying Churches

- Presentation: Eagle Awards for Church Planting

- 3:20 PM Message: REV. VANCE PITMAN

- 4:05 PM Introduction of 2011 Officers:
DR. MARK BECTON



Thanks from Afghanistan for R & R Kits

by Sue Sawyer, Associate Church Mobilization Strategist, Projects

From:

Reese D. Bintz
SGT, Paralega NCO
HHC, 1-116th IN BN

Greetings from COB Adder, Iraq!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the SBCV, and caring families throughout the state of Virginia, may blessings and peace be upon you through Jesus Christ our Lord. I am the humble recipient of one of your care packages sent to 1-116th IN BN. I don't have a lot of time to write but I wanted to thank you all for the love, time, money, and energy that went into putting all these care packages together. Nothing brightens our day more than a reminder from home that we are not forgotten and that people from our own home state still care for us...even people we have never met. There were also a lot of notes in the care packages that were very encouraging.

So for those who care and those who share, from the sands of wilderness in the land of Ur, a big "Thank you" out to you all and to all my brothers and sisters in Christ. May the love, peace, and joy that can only be found in the one true God of the Ages be abundant in your lives today and in the days to come!

Your brother in Christ, **Reese D. Bintz, SGT, Paralegal NCO, HHC, 1-116th IN BN**



From:

E. Scott Smith
CDR, 1-116th Infantry

I want to send my heartfelt thanks for your incredible work and thoughtfulness. I do not exaggerate when I tell you those R & R kits were the coolest and best received care packages we have seen since we've been deployed—and we've received quite a bit.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Your countless hours of hard work paid off if it is measured by the soldiers' happiness. The video in each package was particularly well done. I confess I personally accepted your gifts and truly enjoyed the movie "The Sandlot" and look forward to watching it with my son, Chase, when I get home.

Our soldiers are doing incredible work here traveling hundreds of miles daily to deliver supplies for other units conducting operations across the Theater of Iraq. Their missions last between 5–12 hours one way and the next day they turn around and come back. Their convoys stretch 2–3 miles, it is hard to imagine without seeing it yourself. I've attached a picture of one of the convoys that puts it all in perspective.

On behalf of the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry, please accept my sincere thanks. You and the folks of SBCV churches are to be commended and will not soon be forgotten by the men of Task Force Overlord.

Respectfully, **E. Scott Smith, CDR, 1-116th Infantry**



Transforming Lives In a Military Mission Field

by Joe Hernandez, Church Planting Consultant, North Region

MOBILIZING



While driving in Virginia you may spot the quite visible Pentagon in the Northeast or the spectacular ships of the Norfolk Naval Station in the Southeast. In all, there are about 20 military bases and installations in Virginia. Within this group, there are about 40,000 reserve and 80,000 active military personnel, eight percent of which live in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Many of our churches have military personnel and families as members who transferred in or came as a result of a ministry/evangelism outreach. One of our SBCV church plants, Pillar Church in Dumfries with church planter Pastor Clint Clifton, reflects the transformation of military personnel and families coming to know Jesus as Savior as a result of outreach and discipleship. He sees them as not only being witnesses in the communities where they live but also back in their military installations, here and beyond. Pillar Church continues ongoing discipleship that leads military personnel to serve in leadership/ministry roles in the church. They also provide intentional mentoring for military personnel who desire to serve in church planting and pastoral ministry after transitioning out of their military service.

The following are just a few examples to illustrate the transformation that is occurring at Pillar Church:

Sensing God's leadership in reaching other military personnel and families, Sgt. Roy Garza is in the transition of becoming a church planter in the Quantico area. As part of that transition, Roy is learning the church planting and ministry ropes from Clint.

Members like Major Stuart Fugler are gaining experience serving in key leadership positions in the church that help them minister to current military personnel as they follow God's direction in their life. This experience will be invaluable should God call them into full time ministry after their military service is fulfilled.

Yet others, like Lt. Col. Alex Chatman along with his wife, serve within the fellowship of Pillar Church. Alex consistently ministers and witnesses to other military personnel.

Working within the children and mission outreach ministries of Pillar Church, Maj. Erin Benjamin has the opportunity to continue in her own personal growth as she serves with a mission team in Indonesia in which she works among children.

There is a movement of military men and women, along with their families, which brings people from all over the USA to Virginia. As

that movement continues, it takes them all over the world. When we think of transformation in the lives of people, we as SBCV churches have the opportunity not only to minister to the needs of those in the military but also guide them to the spiritual transformation that only Christ can do. While we

USMC Major Erin Benjamin on a mission trip in South Asia



Major Stuart Fugler of the USMC leading a worship service



evangelize and disciple those within this mission field, we extend our reach as they go as witnesses to other military installations in the USA and beyond our borders, consequently, participating in the Christ transformation of others.

As you drive by a military installation, look at it again as a mission field that has been brought here to us. Pray and ask how God can use you to touch a life.



Lt. Col. Alex Chatman and his wife Kate are Student Ministry Leaders

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How can God use you to touch a life?

Recent lake baptism, where Pillar Church baptized two marines, their wives, and a Naval Academy student





CP Mentoring Mtg at Grove Avenue

It's a "Win-Win" Situation!

by Ron Kidd, Church Planting Strategist, Central-East Region

It clearly is a "win-win" situation! A senior pastor and a pastoral staff member chose to invest in the lives of some of Richmond's newest church planters. They wanted to do more than just financially sponsor these young men. Their desire was to mentor, encourage, and help them as they launch new churches. What they didn't expect and what has occurred is that while ministering in this way, they too have reciprocally received great blessing and encouragement. Clearly this is an example of Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:38 (ESV) "Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." This principle applies not only to our giving of money but also to the giving of ourselves to others in ministry.

Recently, I sat down with the senior pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Mark Becton, and their minister of spiritual growth, Rev. Jerry Daniel. Here is their incredible story:

Q In 2009, you started hosting a monthly fellowship/mentoring luncheon with a couple of our SBCV church planters that you sponsor: Steve Gentry, planter of Village Church of Midlothian, and Cliff Jordan, planter of Movement Church. I understand that you now average around ten planters, along with some of their team members that attend these monthly meetings. During your time together, do you have an agenda that you follow?

answer

Jerry: No, the guys expressed that they like meeting without an agenda, so that they can just share together and dialogue about what is going on in their life. They have other church planting meetings [e.g. SBCV Regional and Statewide Church Planting Network] that provide training. This also provides an opportunity for Dr. Becton to pour into their lives and encourage them. Many have expressed how appreciative they are to have a senior pastor who knows them, prays with them, and will give them advice and counsel.

Q

Mark, as a husband, father, pastor of a large church, and president of the SBCV, how do you find time to add this monthly meeting to your calendar?

answer

Mark: Do I need to add anything else to my schedule? Of course not, but it's so beneficial and refreshing that I really look forward to it. You must schedule according to your priorities. How do I decide my priorities? Those things that God uses in one's life to bless the most people. You've got to give your time to those.

Q

Mark, how has networking with church planters benefitted you personally?

answer

Mark: First, as church planters by nature, they delve into the demographics in our community. Hearing what they have gleaned has been extremely valuable. Second, related to spiritual warfare. As we encounter spiritual warfare in our ministries in the Richmond area, we need a band of brothers to stand together to reach our city. No one church is going to be able to do it alone. Third, I need that time with them to be encouraged myself, to be affirmed, and even to be held accountable. We need that from each other. It's paramount that we get together. I probably benefit from it more than they do. It's reviving to me to be around a group of guys that really believe that God can do anything in and through His Spirit. Fourth, in today's church planters it's not about formality or tradition; it's all about being authentic. It's about being who you are in Christ and letting the Church be who they are in Christ, with the purpose of reaching people for Christ.

Q

Would you recommend to other pastors to establish a similar type of monthly breakfast or luncheon, a time to get together with the church planters that they sponsor, along with any others in their area?

answer

Mark: Absolutely, in a heartbeat!

As a pastor, would you consider investing in church planters through a mentoring relationship and/or by leading your church to become a financial sponsor? Church planter, Steve Gentry expressed, "What is invaluable in this mentorship is that we're able to gain from men who have been in the ministry for an extended period of time and have been living the mission and journey that we're presently undertaking as church planters." God has blessed the SBCV and entrusted us with some of His finest church planters. May we be found faithful in our support and enablement of their Kingdom ministry.



PowerPlay

To become a mentoring or financial partner of an SBCV church planter contact the Church Planting Strategist in your area by calling 888-234-7716.

Transforming Lives in **The Midst of Life's Storm**

MATURING



by Larry Black, Church Planting Strategist, Central-West Region

Theresa Maner lived the “American Dream”. At a young age, she married Gerald Maner (“J. J.” to his friends) who became a building contractor. J. J. worked hard at what he had always enjoyed—working outside and providing well for his family. Theresa and J. J. enjoyed life with their four boys; Dustin, Devin, Dillon, and Damon. The boys loved sports, J. J. loved his work, and Theresa loved her family. Together they lived very caring and connected lives with their friends and neighbors.

This sounded like the “American Dream” family, until two and half years ago. Theresa discovered she had cancer and would endure a single mastectomy and chemotherapy. Remission was an encouraging word but would last less than a year. She returned for tests after back pain over the Christmas holiday and discovered that the cancer had returned and would be inoperable. She was told that she had two years to live.

The following is the result of one seeking answers, but not for herself. Theresa did ask the “why” question but would tell Pastor Rick Ewing at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Lynchburg that she was able to “trust God in the midst of the why without answers.” The final year and half journey started with Theresa seeking spiritual peace for her family. You see, she didn’t want “her five boys to have to face life alone.” She told Pastor Rick that she wanted to be baptized with all of her sons. Pastor Rick confirmed her relationship with Christ and then explained why he would need to do the same with each son. She understood and led the way by being baptized first.

Pastor Rick worked with Theresa on a plan to get the Gospel to the boys through something they loved...sports. Remember, they loved sports. The three youngest heard the Gospel, but the youngest, Damon, received Christ first. God had his heart ready. Shortly after, the middle two boys followed as a result of



The Maner family

the middle school ministry of the church. Then Dustin, the oldest son, surrendered at his home but not without Dad praying for salvation also and saying that he needed to be baptized with the boys. Momma had been crying out to God for their souls—now they wouldn’t have to face life alone. Pastor Rick presented Theresa’s “five boys” to the church the following Sunday... excitedly ready to be baptised. This took place just a few

short months before Theresa’s homegoing.

While lying in the hospital bed on one of her last good days, she told Pastor Rick and J. J., “In the midst of this whole thing, God has been so precious to me.” She then turned the conversation and told them that she wanted to plan her own funeral. Because the church wouldn’t hold all of their friends, she asked for the

funeral to be in the gym of the church and she wanted Pastor Rick to preach on Jesus. He did so in a gym that was overflowing with family, friends, and neighbors. More than fifty people gave their lives to Jesus that day, one of which was J. J.’s dad.

Weeks later, Theresa’s friend called Pastor Rick and said she needed to talk. Her life was a mess, but she had watched Theresa in the midst of the storm and saw a difference. She said, “I need what Theresa had.” God uses our storms to transform our life and others. How is He using your storm?

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From Nashville to Christiansburg

by Gary Horton, Church Health Strategist, Southwest Region

John Ferguson had a dream that many young musicians have... move to Nashville and make it big. Music had been one of John's passions for years. He had been in a band, playing and writing music, since he was 17 years old. Now, finally in Nashville, John began to play in bars and clubs and started drinking and smoking. Soon,

he met a producer who worked for a large country music group. The producer was impressed with John's talent and promised that a deal was just around the corner. But John says, "Just as quickly as things started happening, they went away." So John decided to give up on his Nashville music career and move back to Christiansburg where he met and married his wife, Anita.

Three years ago John, Anita, and their family attended an Easter service at Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Christiansburg. During that service, Anita gave her life to Christ and a short time later John rededicated his life to the Lord. They were both baptized a few weeks afterwards. John told me he had been saved some years earlier, however, he had moved far away from the Lord; money and others material things



John singing during worship service

had taken priority in his life. Now John "only wants to make enough to pay his obligations and take care of his family." God transformed their lives and they are totally focused on serving Him.

John and Anita both teach K-2nd grade Sunday School and John is using his musical talents to serve on the praise team. Pastor Matthew Kirkland told me he was "so thankful to have John in their church" and that "John truly loves the Lord and it has been a blessing to see how far the Lord has brought them." Pastor Matthew wears several hats at the church: he not only preaches but also leads in worship as well. That might have worked well in the beginning but Good Shepherd is now bursting at the seams. Because of this growth there are more demands on Pastor Matthew's time; he asked John to take a more active role of leading in worship. At first, John did not jump at the chance. However, as Pastor Matthew talked with him about his musical talent, he realized that he needed to use those God-given abilities. John is now preparing to lead in worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

You see, God transforms lives everyday.

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Transforming Lives

Out from Despair to New Life

by Chris Gill, Pastor of Reservoir Community Church, Yorktown
and Associate Church Planting Strategist, Southeast Region

Paul writes in Romans 12:2 that we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. This process will play out differently in every individual based on his/her talents, gifts, and the purpose God has called him/her to accomplish. This process is exciting to watch as a person who was once desperately hopeless becomes genuinely and passionately in love with Jesus. Jody is one such person.

Approximately four years ago, Jody was desperately hopeless when she encountered the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Since that time her life has never been the same. I would love to tell you her life circumstances improved but the fact is her life seemed to unravel. The details are not important but let me simply say, most new Christians would have denied their faith and walked away from Jesus—she did not.

Jody continued to trust in Jesus and allow Him to slowly transform her mind and, therefore, her actions. She led her first person to Christ within the first two years of her new life in Christ. Knowing enough about the necessity of having a church family, she ensured this new believer found a church home and remains in touch with her to this day. This opportunity was due to her constant and consistent walk before those around her.

Not long after leading this person to Christ, God provided Jody with a new job in a correctional facility, a place filled with desperately hopeless people. Her first encounter was with a man who will never see the light of day because he murdered his family. Jody was able to use the stories of Moses, David, and Paul bringing hope to the hopeless. She relayed how God redeemed these three murderers and transformed them into key leaders in the story of His beloved people. This prisoner found hope and immediately shared it with another murderer who, also, found hope in Jesus. Jody began a Bible study with these two men, which quickly turned into 10 participants. Today, these two men are now leaders of a 25–30-person Bible study.

Jody comes to the Lord like a child with no inhibitions and a desire for His approval. As an example, she recently spent several weeks going to businesses where she takes what she called her 2010 Life Census. She would ask people what they would do differently if they had only one month to live. Jody stopped in to ask these questions to the staff at Hooters as she felt the need to witness there. They welcomed her in and invited her back to take the survey on one of their busiest nights. Through these experiences she was able to share the hope of life found only in Jesus.

This article is not to make Jody out to be some “super-Christian” but to allow you the opportunity to know God is in the business of transforming lives. Life transformation is not easy, in fact in many

cases, it is the hardest thing you will ever experience. Jody struggles from day to day just like everyone else and maybe more than most. She is learning a new way to think and a new way to act—what it means to be loved and to love. More and more she is learning how to share her faith; in fact, she will co-lead a women’s Bible study this fall. What about you? Are you allowing Jesus to transform your mind and therefore your way of life?

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Studentz Camp 2010

by Steve Maltempi, Student Ministry Strategist

Every year Studentz Camp is a phenomenal experience as God transforms the lives of individuals and matures entire youth groups. This year's camp was made unique through things like: adjustments to the schedule, stage design changes, light show improvements, and even students and chaperones "Tweeting" onto the screen during pre-session. But the main difference this year was how powerfully the Holy Spirit was manifested. We love hearing evaluations saying this was the best camp a group or camper has ever attended. But what makes it the best? Is it the hours of prayer that goes into the camp as each church and individual is prayed for? Is it the staffers praying over every seat, section, and stage in the Vines Center? Is it the environment of Liberty University? Is it passionate worship, powerful dramas, and anointed preaching? This year it was all of these and more. The "more" is the unexplainable, undeniable presence of the Holy Spirit where lives are transformed.

A few testimonies follow from student leaders attending camp:



LARRY LINDERMAN from **Second Baptist Church** said, "The very last camper that signed up to go, just the week before, made a profession of faith. I would highly recommend the Studentz Camp, as it is truly a life-changing event for your students."



DEREK BARNETT from **Kingsland Baptist Church** said, "We had an agnostic girl receive Christ on the first night...the results speak for themselves. We have students who look forward to SBCV Studentz Camp more than their birthdays!"



TIMIY WEST from **Cape Charles Baptist Church** said, "The one student that took their walk deeper at camp has not lost any of her passion. Studentz Camp was the best camp experience I have ever had in the 15 years I have gone to camp. Can't wait till next year."



TAMMY BENNETT from **Grove Avenue Baptist Church** said, "One of the students in my family group accepted Christ—I'm attending her baptism this Sunday. The spiritual element of camp was over the top. The Holy Spirit was present and working big time."



ART STAFFORD from **Harvest Fellowship** said, "One of our kids' dad left his family for drugs and this kid wanted to call his dad to forgive him. I've been in student ministry for more than 20 years and Studentz Camp is one of the best camps I've seen."



JASON FREER from **Deep Creek Baptist Church** said, "Our older students have been to most of the other national camps and they all said this is the best of them all." Read more about Deep Creek Baptist's story at www.sbcv.org/studentz/article252762.htm.



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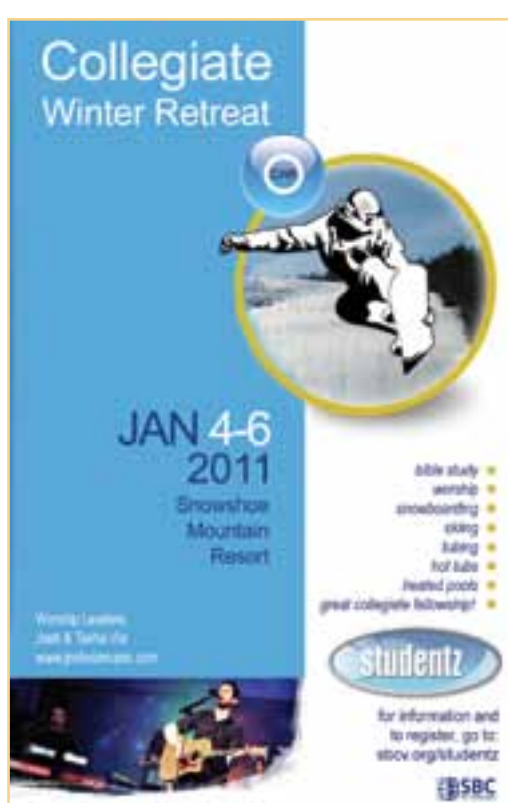
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