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LESSONS IN PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP

On Friday night, June 29, my family and I had to take shelter in our basement as a storm known as a “derecho” with straight-line winds up to 70 mph and heavy rain came through Virginia, especially targeting the central part of the Commonwealth. At one point, American Electric Power (AEP) stated that the majority of its customers—more than 70%—were without power. In the Central Virginia area, tens of thousands were without power in temperatures that reached more than 100 degrees. For the sick, the elderly, and those with well water, this caused an even greater danger.

But that’s where a number of churches, pastors, and lay leaders come into the story. Within 24 hours, some area churches transformed their facilities into “cooling centers” (some of which would be relief centers with full sleeping, feeding, and medical capacities). SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief volunteers stepped up to hand out water, give out free bags of ice, or help clear downed trees in neighborhoods.

The first thing that may come to our minds after an event like this is, “Praise the Lord—what a great picture of teamwork!” That, of course, is true. But this teamwork actually started many years ago. In 2002, proactive leaders in SBCV churches started developing plans for a state Disaster Relief (DR) organization. They knew they needed to recruit and train volunteers, purchase relief equipment, and prepare for future disasters. Immediately, they put into place an infrastructure that was directed by local churches. The first piece of equipment bought was a DR shower trailer built by the Georgia Baptist Men. The first place this new trailer went was to a World Changers event in Pennsylvania. The trailer’s first DR response was after floods in Indiana. By the time Hurricane Isabel hit Virginia in 2003, SBCV’s DR teams were ready to respond.

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Keep planning, keep giving, keep praying. You never know when you’ll be needed again!

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First, you must realize you are a sinner and that you are condemned to death (an eternal separation from God in a place called hell). *Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death..."*

But God loved you so much that he gave His only Son to die for you, to take your place and pay your sin debt. *Romans 6:23, "but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord."*

We can see what's required for salvation in Romans 10:9, *"that if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Basically, it's as simple as A-B-C!

A **Admit you're a sinner who needs to be saved.** *Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

B **Believe that Jesus died for you and rose again.** *Romans 10:9, "If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

C **Commit to accepting Jesus as your Savior and Lord.** *Romans 10:23, "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Would you be willing to pray this prayer with a heart of faith, trusting and believing what the Bible says about Jesus and His love for you?

"Oh, God, I know I am a sinner. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me. I believe His shed blood paid the price for my sin, and that His death, burial, and resurrection were all for me. I now receive Him as my personal Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins and for the gifts of salvation and eternal life. In Jesus' name I pray, amen."

Take God at His Word and claim His gift of salvation. Remember, it's God who does the saving—not your good works, not your family pedigree, and not your church. Believe and you will be saved.

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Church Plant Pastor Tapped as New Executive Director

AUTRY "GRATEFUL AND HUMBLLED" FOR OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Brian Autry accepts the leadership of the SBC of Virginia.

The Executive Board of the SBC of Virginia unanimously voted Dr. Brian Autry, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Moseley, VA, the convention's new executive director at its May meeting. Autry began in his new role on May 16.

"The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of Brian Autry," said Doyle Chauncey, treasurer and interim executive director. "It's a great day. I've been with SBC of Virginia a long time, and I'm probably more excited now than ever before. He's going to be a great leader."

SBC of Virginia's former executive director, Jeff Ginn, left his role as of Aug. 1, 2011 to become the pastor of Istrouma Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA, where he continues to serve. Chauncey, the convention's founding executive director, was named interim executive director until a replacement for Ginn could be found.

Ginn praised the board's decision, saying, "[Autry] is wonderfully suited to this new, vital role. He is teachable, experienced, proven, fruitful, visionary, and creative. Add him to the mix of the SBCV's current staff and unique vision, and it is a winning combination! I rejoice to hear the good news and back it 100%!"

Members of the Executive Board say they knew how important it was to select God's person for this position, so a search committee was immediately formed upon Ginn's resignation. The committee considered multiple candidates from across the nation, but in the end, explained Chairman Kelly Burris, the committee unanimously voted to present Autry to the Executive Board.

"Brian did not seek the position, but we sought him. He had been recommended to us by several people," Burris said. "The more we began to talk with him, the more impressed we were of the passion that he had for the SBC of Virginia."

The heart, passion, zeal and love for the Lord that made Autry so attractive to the search committee are also key factors in knowing they picked the correct candidate for the job.

"We've got somebody with experience with Virginia—somebody with experience with the SBC of Virginia," said SBC of Virginia president, Randy Hahn.

In his presentation to the Executive Board following the vote, Autry shared 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, citing the Scripture as his challenge for the convention and himself in this new role.

Although Chauncey will no longer serve as executive director for the SBC of Virginia, he is, in his words, "pleasantly thrilled to pass the mantle and to become a member of the team again."

"He's going to bring a different dimension to our convention," said Chauncey. "Our church planters are going to be extremely excited about a church planter who has been very successful."

"I think it's an exciting new beginning for the SBC of Virginia," he continued. "We've had several, and every new beginning turns out to be something that God's up to, and we later find out what it's all about."

During his presentation to the Executive Board, Burris noted some goals that Autry had for the SBC of Virginia. "He wants to plant strong churches that stay strong. He wants the SBC of Virginia to mentor and encourage courageous leaders; to lead the Southern Baptist Convention in planting ethnically diverse congregations; to advance Christ's mission—the Great Commission—by mobilizing followers of Jesus; to see our members become our missionaries."

Autry, 42, shared that he is optimistic about the opportunity to work with the SBC of Virginia to serve the churches in such a role. "I look forward to seeing how God is going to continue to use the SBC of Virginia as a marvelous coalition of churches of great Kingdom impact and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

The search committee saw that Autry's experiences have prepared him for the position. He has been a part of the SBC of Virginia for more than 16 years in one way or another. He began working for the SBC of Virginia in 2000 as the student evangelism director. In 2002, he left his state convention role to plant Parkway Baptist Church, which just celebrated its 10th anniversary.

"We have an average of 900 people in attendance each weekend and a little more than 1,000 members," said Parkway's pastor of worship and missions, Derek Futrell.

In addition to his work with SBC of Virginia, Autry was a missionary with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) from 2000 – 2005. His work in ministry reaches farther back than that, though. He worked as the associate pastor of students and education at Kempsville Baptist Church in Virginia Beach from 1996 – 2000.

Autry graduated from James Madison University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in both psychology and political science. He earned his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1996. In 2002, he received his doctorate from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a focus in evangelism, church growth, and church consulting.

Autry and his wife Jennifer have three children: Melissa, Mark, and Jenna.

ENGAGE—EQUIP—ENCOURAGE

REGIONAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCES

In 2012, in lieu of bringing the women of Virginia to a statewide conference, we took the SBC of Virginia (SBCV) women's conference to the ladies. Understanding women's hectic schedules, high gas prices, and hard economic times, the SBCV sought to be better stewards of time and resources by offering regional women's conferences. Hosting the five conferences were: Ramoth BC in the North; Menchville BC in the Southeast; Wayne Hills BC in the Central-West; Beaverdam BC in the Central-East; and Rosedale BC in the Southwest.

Ladies throughout the Commonwealth took a day off from their busy everyday lives to gather with other sisters in Christ for the purpose of prayer, worship, and inspiration based on this year's theme: Titus 2:3-5, "The Titus 2 Model...Women of All Ages Mentoring Women of All Ages."

Many had left behind problems, heartaches, and rejection and had wanted nothing more than a time to escape...but God offered so much more.

"My husband and I didn't go to church when we first got married, but since that time, I started attending church and got saved. My husband won't go with me to church, and he doesn't like that I've stopped doing some of the things I used to do, like smoking and drinking. Over the past few years, I've lost all respect for him, but today I learned that I not only need to respect my husband, but I also need to love him without condition and keep praying for his salvation."

- Diane from the North

"I almost didn't come because my husband recently lost his job, and I didn't know if I could afford it, but the truth is, I couldn't have afforded not to come. The speakers were great and, through them, God reminded me that He is in control and that I should become



engaged with other Titus 2 women as a source of strength and support."

- Ann from the Southeast

"I'd never really thought about Titus 2 in the way it was presented at the conference. I've read it before but never really understood it. For example, I always thought hospitality was about inviting people over to my house, but Betsy Crookshank shared in her breakout session that hospitality, simply put, means to meet a need, and the Titus 2 Model is all about coming together as women to meet that need."

- Sharon from the Central-East

In the end, the SBCV not only brought the conference to the women—it also took the women back to Bible basics: women equipped, engaged, and encouraged through the Titus 2 Model—women of all ages mentoring women of all ages.

To learn more about the Titus 2 Model, check out the all-new online women's magazine—SBCV Women's Ministry by Design.



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1 CORINTHIANS 12:18

Ron Gibson came to Pioneer Baptist Church in Max Meadows, VA 10 years ago for healing. He wasn't looking for a position or a title—he was just looking to rediscover life. His friendship with Senior Pastor Neal Hawks began the first Sunday he and his daughter visited the church.

Pastor Neal and his wife Jennifer reached out to him during that difficult season in his life and were able to walk with him in restoration. It wasn't long before Ron became integrated into the church family. He began singing in the choir, joining in all of the activities, attending conferences, and providing general support for the ministry. "In essence," said Pastor Neal, "he grabbed the vision of our ministry and allowed it to become his heartbeat as well."

As Ron grew, Pastor Neal discovered that Ron possessed an incredible gift of administration. His ability to plan, organize, and give insight into ministry became a valuable tool for the church family. He served as the church treasurer during an incredible season of growth and helped lead Pioneer through a building project that resulted in a brand-new worship facility and education center. His time with the choir eventually led him to become worship leader as the church experienced

"I relied heavily upon his administrative gifts while he relied upon my spiritual guidance in his life, and it's been a great partnership."

another transition, moving from a traditional style of worship to a more progressive style. During his first few years at Pioneer, Ron also served as VBS director.

Amidst all of these roles, Pastor Neal noticed one passion above the rest. "It was his heart to help me plan and implement our church outreach and missions that caught my attention. Our annual Park Day outreach into our community was created by Ron as he and I would discuss our heart for ministry to the Max Meadows community. He really became my go-to guy for every ministry endeavor. I relied heavily upon his administrative gifts while he relied upon my spiritual guidance in his life, and it's been a great partnership."

Pastor Neal continued, "I am a firm believer in 1 Corinthians 12:18 (God has set the members in the body just as He pleased). Therefore, I have taken the approach of discovering the skills, abilities, gifts, and talents that God has given to Pioneer. Every ministry within our church has my firm support. I trust what God is doing in the hearts of the people who lead. They hear my heart constantly—I ask questions, seek out opportunities to help—but they own the particular ministry they oversee."

"What I saw in Ron, especially after our first mission trip to Ukraine was a heart for missions and the gifts to make it happen. After Ron and I worked together to plan a couple of



(L-R): Neal Hawks and Ron Gibson



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mission trips, he agreed to take over the organizational aspect of the trips while I handled [the] training. A year later, our church body decided to create a missions pastor staff position for Ron so that we could continue to grow in this area of ministry.”

Having stepped down as worship leader to focus on his role as missions pastor, Ron continues to flourish under Pastor Neal’s leadership. He shared, “Many traditional leadership styles say that you must control every aspect of every activity. Pastor Neal takes a completely different approach to how he leads his staff. Because he is secure in his own position and role as senior pastor, he is able to give me the freedom, creativity, and flexibility to execute the vision that God has given us in our respective ministry areas. He doesn’t just see me as a staff person, but as a co-laborer—and that means he trusts me to hear from God, to do the right things in the right way, and to get them done.”

Since Ron began as missions pastor, Pioneer Baptist Church has sent out four different mission teams (to New Hampshire,

Alaska, Ukraine, and South Africa). “It’s been an incredible journey,” says Pastor Neal, “as we have watched our church become a missions-sending center.”

In addition to his role at the church, Ron is also a licensed travel agent and directs all of his proceeds into helping people go on mission trips.

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Only in heaven will we know the true value of mentoring. Good Southern Baptists love to count and measure, but mentoring produces far-reaching outcomes that prevent the most astute bean-counter from measuring the results. Those who have committed themselves to a lifestyle of mentoring know that the results are beyond their ability to foresee.

A Christian since age seven, it wasn't until he finished his enlistment in the US Navy that John Hayden experienced the gift of spiritual mentorship. At Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church in Smithfield, VA, Pastor Randy Green and SBCV church planting strategist, Mark Custalow, began investing in John. As Pastor Randy led the church through the Faith Evangelism discipleship strategy, he noticed the call of God demonstrated in John's life. In time, he invited him to join the church staff as a church planting associate. As John served in that role, Pastor Randy helped him grow in ministry and evangelism, and Mark spent time mentoring him personally.

Through that time of one-on-one investment, the Lord clarified John Hayden's calling. In obedience to the Lord, John, his wife Michelle, and their two children moved to southeast Roanoke to plant Access Church.

But the blessings of mentorship didn't end with the Haydens' move to Roanoke—they only expanded! SBCV church planting associate Chris Dowd began mentoring

John on the strategy/ministry side of things, and Pastor John Reale of Staunton Baptist Church in Huddleston began mentoring him personally. Chris provides him the iron to sharpen and hone his ministry. Pastor John meets with him about twice a month to ask the tough questions like, "How is your marriage? How is your devotional life? How is your thought life?"

A portion of the harvest from mentoring relationships can be visibly seen. Because of the investment of John Hayden's mentors, a church was planted, more people are coming to know Christ, and John is now mentoring a Liberty University student. John asserts that his mentoring relationships provide him the fuel to be more passionate, have more energy, and believe that God will get him through every situation. He is convinced he would not be in the ministry today if it were not for God's provision of mentors in his life.

Those results are things we can see here and now, but the further outcome through the years will only be calculated in heaven. "Mentoring impacts souls through multiplication instead of addition," says John. "There will be more souls in heaven because of the mentoring I have received."



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FROM A VBS KID TO A PASTOR

Every summer, churches all around the world prepare to host Vacation Bible School. Recruiting volunteers, studying curriculum, planning lessons, bussing children in, collecting empty paper towel rolls and popsicle sticks for months...is it worth it?

For that red-headed boy standing on the side of the road in Coeburn, VA, waiting for the church bus to pick him up...it was worth it.

Steve Robinson was that kid. If it hadn't been for the ministry of VBS, he would not be where he is today. As he shared his story with me, I could see the excitement in his face and hear the enthusiasm in his voice. His parents didn't go to church, so Steve relied upon the church bus to get him to VBS, where his life was forever changed in 1985 as he heard and responded to the lessons Ms. Eva Murphy taught.

Steve's connection to VBS doesn't end there. At VBS four years later, he met his future wife, Heather. Steve joined the military and, like many in their 20s do, stepped away from the church and the Lord. However, the Lord never left him.

After his military service, Steve moved back to southwest Virginia. His relationship continued to grow with Heather and, after 10 years of dating, they got married. The Lord continued to draw them back to church. Their friend, John Puckett, invited them to Highlands Fellowship in Abingdon, but Steve turned him down for a year and a half. Finally, after 15 years of being out of church, Steve and Heather attended a service at Highlands and began to get connected there.

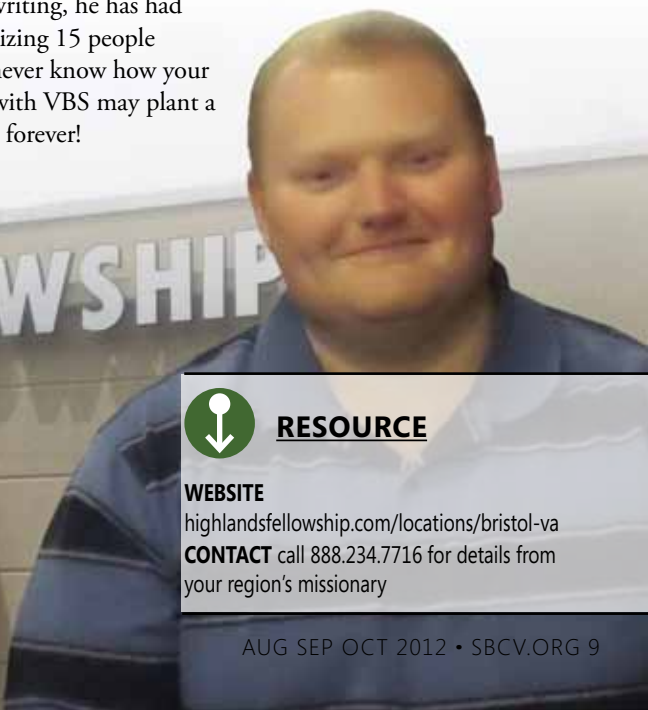
Once again, God would use VBS to work in Steve's life. Although he disliked getting in front of groups, he agreed to play the role of a centurion at VBS. Two boys were so enamored with his costume that they approached him and started talking to him. Steve was able to lead both boys to Christ

that very evening. After that, he started helping with small groups, and Highlands' associate pastor, Bill Edmunds, noticed how God was working in Steve's life. Pastor Bill began to talk to Steve about what he saw as God's leading and direction for his future. After surrendering to God's call on his life, Steve was ordained in October of 2008. "God has taken me a long way," shares Steve, who never thought he would be in ministry. Ten years after he and Heather first began attending Highlands Fellowship, he is now the campus pastor for the church's Bristol Campus.

At the time of this writing, he has had the privilege of baptizing 15 people since Easter. You'll never know how your willingness to help with VBS may plant a seed or change a life forever!



Pastor Steve knows the importance of VBS and its influence on young lives. Here, he teaches children God's Word.



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THE POWER OF *Hope*



Crosspointe Community Fellowship in Bluefield, VA began as an SBCV church plant in the fall of 2008. It was birthed as a small group of believers with the intention of building a church of small groups. Pastor Roger Cook and the leadership could not find a relevant contextualized small group curriculum that was missional in nature and could meet the needs of the church. The leaders at Crosspointe tried various forms, styles, and paradigms of small groups with limited success. “[The other resources] were good Bible studies and the participants learned biblical truth,” said Pastor Roger, “but we were looking for a strategy that was transformational and transferable.”

Pastor Roger and the plant’s leadership began to pray for a strategy and curriculum that would result in developing small groups within the structure of Crosspointe. The church was

committed to being a church of small groups rather than a church *doing* small groups. “Our answer to prayer came through a discussion with our [SBCV] church planting strategist regarding a small group strategy and curriculum known as Communities of Hope (CoH).” CoH was compiled by the SBCV church planting strategists team in the fall of 2010 utilizing resources from various sources. With CoH, there are two Bible study options: *The Kingdom of God* and *The Hope*. Pastor Roger chose the latter, a DVD series of 12 short, high-quality film clips that take a group from creation through the Book of Acts. Each video clip is accompanied by a short outline for discussion that reiterates the content of the video and asks open-ended questions. SBCV piloted CoH in 2011, and Pastor Roger volunteered his church plant to participate. At that time, about 40 people were attending Crosspointe.

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Initially, with the CoH Bible study, Crosspointe started one small group (called a LifeGroup) made up of 13 parents, single parents, and single adults. Pastor Roger observed, “We had a handful of people who wanted to know more about their relationship with this Man named Jesus. The videos are powerful and to the point. They are narrative and not preachy. While the study is replete with Scripture, no citations are ever used. What I found [in CoH] was a study that a non-Christian seeker, a new believer, or a mature Christ-follower could be a part of, learn, enjoy, and tell others about.”

Each week, the students were given a homework assignment: to tell at least one person the story they learned that week at LifeGroup. After a few short weeks, the group began to grow, and they could easily fill an hour with the video, discussion, and a short time of prayer and fellowship. Pastor Roger recalled, “I remember a ‘God moment’ when one of the class members lost their job and another in the group offered them employment on the spot. These two wouldn’t have known each other if it were not for CoH. They both came to Crosspointe through CoH and were not from the initial group of members.”



As the CoH curriculum came to an end, LifeGroup leader Jeremy Branham and Pastor Roger challenged all of the 13 members of the original CoH to start CoH groups of their own. That is exactly what happened. Pastor Roger explained, “These leaders as well as others in our congregation began 13 new LifeGroups. We now average over eighty people meeting in thirteen groups weekly in homes across two counties. Twenty-five percent of those attending these groups have not been to Crosspointe...yet. However, several have come to faith in Christ, and we currently have eight awaiting baptism. Weekly we are receiving first-time guests through these groups and seeing them come to Christ.”

As a direct result of CoH, Crosspointe Community Fellowship has grown from a struggling plant to an average of 80 in attendance. In fact, on the last Sunday in April, attendance was 128! Pastor Roger confirmed, “I have no doubt that CoH and those who have served in our LifeGroups are a huge part of Christ’s impact on our church. Looking forward to what He is going to do next!”



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The FindItHere.com races at South Boston Speedway and Motor Mile Speedway (Radford) went off without a hitch despite the extreme heat and 80-mph winds that ripped across much of Virginia in early July.

Dozens of volunteers from several SBC of Virginia churches were not deterred by the heat; rather, energized by the opportunity to share the Gospel with

that Jesus died for them and that He was buried and rose again,” said Mark Totten, pastor of South Forks Baptist Church in Marion. “[We’re here to] let them know that it’s not about religion or works but a relationship with Him.”

Eight people were saved at South Boston Speedway, said SBC of Virginia associate church health strategist, Shawn Ames. One person was saved at the Motor Mile Speedway Monster Truck Show, said Jack Noble, SBCV state Disaster Relief director.

Because of the diverse people groups found at the races, the volunteers were able to share their faith with individuals who might not have another opportunity to hear about the Gospel, explained Kyle Marks, youth pastor at Palestine Baptist Church in Huddleston.

“I think this is a great idea because we’re out here in public, and it’s not exactly the most normal venue to share your faith,” Marks shared. “But it’s a venue [where] we have the people, and we’re going out and reaching the masses...[in] a different

location than where people are used to hearing about God’s Word.” Many of those who stopped to speak with the FindItHere.com volunteers were open to hearing about the Gospel, Marks said.

“We have had a really good response with people coming up to our site and also registering [in the drawing] for a free TV and a free iPad,” shared FindItHere.com volunteer Kathy Smith. “We had a chance to actually go down on the racetrack before the race started due to the weather delay and actually had a chance to talk to several of the racers.”

Talking to the racers was the highlight of Smith’s night. “It was an exciting time with one of the racers, Eddie Johnson, car number 36,” she said. “I had a chance to talk to him about his life that he’s lived in the past and about how dangerous racing is. We had a tract called, ‘The World of Danger,’ and actually had a chance to go through that with him and ask him if he died tonight would he go to heaven. He said he hoped so. So in talking with him and going through some Scriptures, I had a chance to get him to the point that he prayed a sinner’s prayer and accepted the Lord as his Savior!”

The FindItHere.com races not only made an impact on the more than 15,000 people in attendance at both races; they also impacted those in charge of putting the races together. “I can’t put into words what it means to have FindItHere.com as a sponsor,” said Cathy Rice, general manager of South Boston Speedway. “If it wasn’t for people like you all, it would be impossible for people like us to have our races. We appreciate FindItHere.com. It’s

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thousands of people on July 3 at South Boston Speedway and July 4 at Motor Mile Speedway’s Monster Truck Show.

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been wonderful. This is the second year, and we are absolutely just real thrilled. I know the people are out witnessing to the people, and that just means so much.”

“It has been a tremendous success for us,” said Al Schelor, promoter and general manger of Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway. “We are very, very pleased. The staff that has been working with us has been tremendously helpful. Their model is to touch people.”

Churches have already committed to working with the SBC of Virginia’s

FindItHere.com races next year, Ames said.

The races are a part of the North American Mission Board’s (NAMB) “God’s Plan for Sharing” (GPS) campaign. The GPS evangelism initiative equips churches and Christians with the resources needed to fulfill the Great Commission.

According to gps2020.net, “The vision of God’s Plan for Sharing (GPS) is to fulfill the Great Commission in North America through Every Believer Sharing, Every Person Hearing by 2020.”

For more information about the FindItHere.com races, visit sbcv.org. To learn more about NAMB’s GPS campaign, visit gps2020.net.



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Student Ministry Networks



Together, you can make a difference in your harvest field.

Like most new student pastors, I didn't know what I was doing, but I sure was doing a lot of it! I knew there had to be a better way—better methods, systems, and organizational tricks to the trade. The question was where to find them. It didn't take long before the answer was laid in my lap.

Shortly after I arrived at my first student pastor position, the local director of missions stopped by to meet me. Before the meeting was over, he had asked me to be the associational student minister. I had no clue what to do except call a meeting of the student pastors in the area. From the first meeting, I began learning about Student Ministry from the inside out from experienced student pastors and passionate lay leaders. Looking back, most of what I learned about Student Ministry came from being part of that group and other networks of student pastors. Not only did I learn what to do, I learned what *not* to do. I learned from their successes and failures and identified with their victories and struggles.

One significant thing I learned from a network of student pastors was how to organize a DiscipleNow weekend. I had attended the national training, but there were still missing pieces to the puzzle. Finally, at a network meeting, I asked for ideas and help from other student pastors. One student pastor from a very large church offered to send me his DiscipleNow weekend organizational manual. It was thick and included a table of contents, clip art on every page, job descriptions, schedules, and everything imaginable. It took me four days locked in my office to make it my own. I used it as my guide for the next 20 years. For the DiscipleNow manual I organized as a student pastor, see the link to the right inside the resource box. Feel free to download it, lock yourself in your office, and make it your own.

The benefits of networking with other student pastors are practically limitless. New guys can learn about the culture and area of ministry quickly from those who've been serving in the area longer. There is so much for new student pastors to learn about community connections and leaders, local resources, bands, carnivals, school rivals, activities, and fairs. Older, more experienced student pastors are happy to share knowledge, encouragement, and resources.

Networks can also pool churches' resources to do more together to reach a specific area with things like DiscipleNow, evangelism conferences, retreats, concerts, and harvest festivals. I used to love taking my youth group to the concerts offered by nearby large churches. I don't remember ever losing a student to a larger ministry nor was I intimidated or fearful the larger church could offer more. The larger churches always welcomed the smaller churches. It was a win-win situation.

Over the past year, the SBCV has developed Student Ministry Networks in each region of the state. The goal is to create an environment for local student pastors to work together to reach their

localities for Christ. Each network can minister in its cultural context and do the things that work and are needed in that region.

Senior pastors, please encourage your student pastor to get involved and perhaps even make this part of his job description. Student pastors, you are a valuable part of the Student Ministry team in your area. Your input is needed. The harvest is plentiful and more effective ministry can take place when you network.

Which is better? A dozen tractors running around in the same field with different implements doing random work or the same tractors doing work in an organized way? You get the picture.

For the network coordinator(s) in your region, see below.

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This is basically what Luke said when Paul shared his Macedonian vision with his missionary team—the vision that eventually led to planting churches in Europe (“After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia...” Acts 16:10). It’s one thing to cast the vision of church planting but quite another to *catch* that vision.

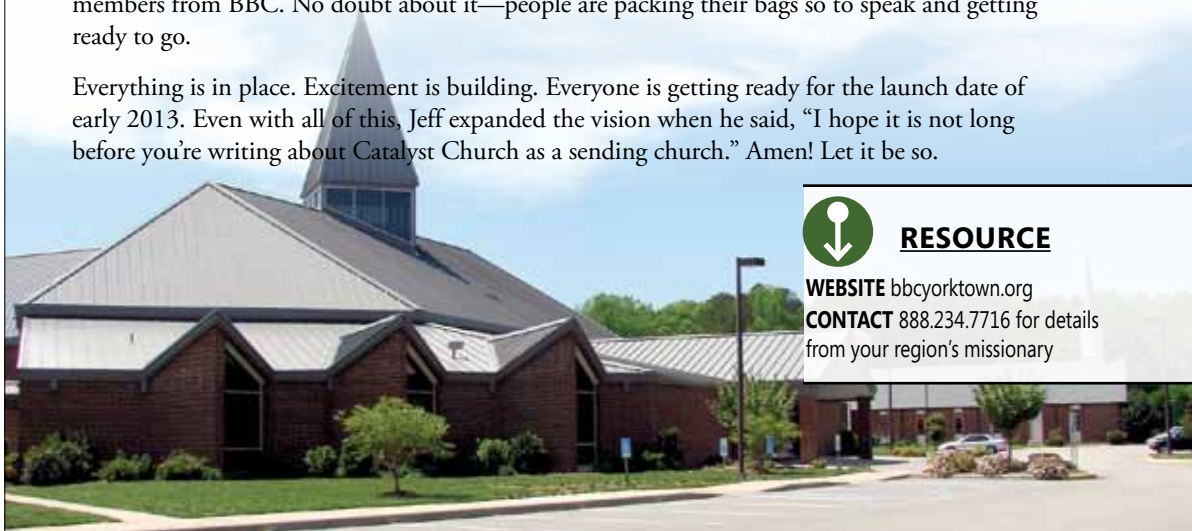
In the fall of 2011, Pastor Doug Echols of Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown, VA began casting a vision to his congregation. In a message about core values, he challenged the church to be Kingdom-focused, not inward-focused. To advance the Kingdom of God, he reminded them, it would require looking out onto the harvest fields, not looking inwardly towards themselves. Pastor Doug envisions Bethel Baptist Church (BBC) as a sending church—one that he prays will start five churches in the next ten years.

In addition to Pastor Doug’s vision, God had given BBC’s student pastor, Jeff Mingee, a long-time burden to plant a church. But only through the vision-casting of Pastor Doug did Jeff feel the freedom to share his heart with his pastor. In that moment, it became clear to both of them of this new work God would birth from BBC—Catalyst Church. The new plant would seek to reach students from Christopher Newport University in Newport News with the Gospel of Christ. Without a doubt, Jeff was ready to answer the call to go.

The vision had been cast, and the call had been given, but would the congregation catch the vision? While the church had a history of planting churches (Liberty Baptist in Hampton and Emmaus Baptist in Poquoson), that was a long time ago. Now the Lord was calling for a new beginning.

On January 22, 2012, Pastor Doug and Jeff partnered to share a message entitled, “When God Calls,” based on Acts 16:10. As the two shared their dream of planting a church, the body of Christ caught the vision and immediately concluded that God was calling them to support this venture. They would demonstrate this by voting to sponsor Jeff financially for the first three years as the pastor of Catalyst Church. Along with Jeff, they would send out a core group of about 25 members from BBC. No doubt about it—people are packing their bags so to speak and getting ready to go.

Everything is in place. Excitement is building. Everyone is getting ready for the launch date of early 2013. Even with all of this, Jeff expanded the vision when he said, “I hope it is not long before you’re writing about Catalyst Church as a sending church.” Amen! Let it be so.



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Sergio Guardia, Tim Harville, and Daniel Bannister—church planters in Lynchburg, Martinsville/Ridgeway, and Charlottesville respectively—have. These bold servants are taking the Gospel to culturally Catholic, Spanish-speaking immigrants who work two or more jobs to make ends meet in the US *and* support family back home.

Needless to say, these church plants receive little financial resources through offerings, and there are so few trained lay leaders, effective team ministry to start Gospel-centered churches has been non-existent. Pastors Sergio, Tim, and Daniel, however, have embraced the Southern Baptist mantra, “we can do more together than we can alone.”

When Pastor Sergio was preparing to launch a new church in Danville, Tim Harville’s church (Iglesia Bautista de Hillcrest) came and provided a critical mass of Hispanic Christians. These visitors ignited the flame for the new church and provided the encouragement needed for Hispanic residents in Danville to come together. When Iglesia Hillcrest was preparing for a revival that would launch its discipleship ministry, Nuevo Amanecer churches in Lynchburg and Danville participated, creating a synergy of support that strengthened all three churches. These congregations assisted each other with practical, emotional, and spiritual support as they prepared to penetrate new communities with the Gospel.

These pastors understand the importance of working together. “We need each other to reach out to those who don’t know the transforming message of the Gospel,” said Pastor Sergio. “We can do some things by ourselves, but we can do far more if we invest time and strategize together as one body in Christ.”

In order to reach more with the Gospel, Pastors Sergio, Tim, and Daniel recognized the need to provide theological training for

emerging leaders. At the encouragement of Thomas Rd. Baptist Church’s leadership, the three traveled to West Palm Beach, FL to be trained in *The Timothy Initiative*. This theological and church planting material is used all around the globe and is now being used by

these three pastors in Lynchburg to train 15 Hispanic laymen in sound doctrine and church planting principles. This endeavor has given birth to the Hispanic Training Center of Lynchburg. Pastors Daniel and Sergio serve as the primary instructors.

When asked about the greatest strength of serving together, Pastor Tim explained, “The ability to listen—sometimes we just need someone to listen to us.” There is weariness in doing spiritual battle alone, but these men have learned the strength of genuine friendship—friendship that speaks the truth with words that build each other up. They have learned to be honestly transparent because they genuinely love each other. In a day when battles are being waged against the Church, don’t more of our pastors need this level of transparent friendship? We can do more together than we can alone!

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SHARING IT FORWARD

When people and churches grow older, they tend to become set in their ways, avoiding change and the unfamiliar at all costs. Moving out of our comfort zones is not desirable or easy, but the Lord often calls us to do so. In the past several years, Hatcher's Memorial Baptist Church in Bristow, VA has experienced the kinds of positive changes many small, older churches rarely do.

Under the leadership of then pastor Wes Conner, the church began intentionally going out into its community to share the Gospel. These evangelistic endeavors resulted in spiritual growth in the lives of church members and increased church attendance, which included a number of new believers. The new growth created a space problem in the 160-year-old facility, so the congregation chose to move its Sunday worship service to Brentsville High School.

Not only was Hatcher's Memorial multiplying within, it was about to multiply outwardly by sponsoring a new church plant, something the church had never done. When the opportunity was presented, Pastor Wes and the church didn't hesitate. They joyfully agreed to sponsor Renewal Community Church, a plant seeking to reach 1.5- and 2nd-generation Koreans in Northern Virginia.

Pastor Wes and Pastor YongJin Park quickly developed a unified vision for how the two churches could work together for Kingdom expansion. Since Hatcher's building

was empty on Sunday mornings with the congregation meeting at the school, it was a no-brainer for the sponsor church to share its building with the plant. The two churches even share in the maintenance of the property, and several Renewal members with technical expertise assisted in upgrading the building's audio-visual systems. The church plant has experienced growth since the partnership began, and the two churches have grown even closer by coming together for special worship services and other events throughout the year.

It's amazing to see what God can do when we are willing to step out of our comfort zones for His glory. Rather than "paying it forward," as it's often

said, Hatcher's Memorial Baptist Church and Renewal Community Church are "sharing it forward" for the Kingdom vof God.

Pastor YongJin Park and his family



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2nd-generation describes US-born children of foreign-born parents.

Source: Wikipedia

Sponsoring Church Network

If you have been around the SBC of Virginia for any length of time, you have likely heard the refrain, “churches planting churches that plant churches...” At the heart of that mantra is a key component of our missiology—that churches plant churches. The Multiplying Churches Team of the SBCV exists for the purpose of assisting your church in the task of fulfilling the Great Commission by means of church planting. From the early developmental days of the SBCV, the vision to be a church planting network of churches has been central to our existence.

For years, the SBCV has assisted its network churches by developing processes and resources to help plants succeed. We’ve now added a new component to better resource our churches in healthy sponsorships, providing an opportunity for them to glean from and encourage each other. On April 24, the SBCV Multiplying Churches Team hosted the first Sponsoring Church Network for pastors and leaders of churches engaged in sponsoring new plants.

Leaders from 15 SBCV churches came together to learn from each other’s church planting experiences. The gathering was held at Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, VA, where SBCV president, Randy Hahn, is the pastor. Pastor Drew Landry of Spotswood Baptist Church

in Fredericksburg was the speaker for the plenary session that morning. The afternoon included a testimony from church planter Clint Clifton (Pillar Church, Dumfries) and a panel discussion featuring Pastors Jim Booth (Staples Mill Rd. Baptist, Glen Allen); Rick Ewing (Pleasant View Baptist, Lynchburg), Stewart McCarter (Southside Baptist, Suffolk), Paul Fiske (Aletheia Church, Harrisonburg), and Tim Hight (GraceLife Baptist, Christiansburg).

Those who spoke echoed a similar refrain, noting that they wouldn’t consider their

experience to be a model for church planting sponsorships and that they still had much to learn. Nevertheless, each story contained elements that were beneficial to others present who were already sponsoring new churches or were preparing to do so.

In attendance that day was Pastor Doug Echols from Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown. While he’s only been at Bethel for a year, he and the church have embraced a vision to plant five new churches in the next ten years. Plans are already in place for Bethel to commission its student pastor, Jeff

Mingee, to be its first church planter. “The members and leaders of our church have been excited, encouraged, and prayerful throughout the entire journey,” said Pastor Doug.



Pastors Doug and Drew



Church Planter Clint

“On the Sunday we announced our first church plant, we had eight people join Bethel. There has been a sense of expectancy and excitement since we made the announcement.”

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Pastor Doug has had moments of concern and uncertainty. Those worries, however, turned into confidence when he attended the Sponsoring Church Network. "Hearing the stories from other pastors has been a great encouragement to me personally. Even though I am confident this is what God is leading Bethel to do, there is still the fear of the unknown. Listening to other pastors share the joys of church planting has really helped overcome these fears. I also received some good ideas on how to continue the momentum that has already begun in our church planting efforts."

Though the Sponsoring Church Network will be held on a statewide level just once a year, the goal is for churches

that are currently sponsoring new plants or are interested in learning how to do so will begin to cluster together in smaller networks all around the state. Pastor Drew Landry has already caught this vision and has committed to lead his church to sponsor another new plant and to personally invite five other pastors to lead their churches to co-sponsor the plant. This kind of local networking multiplies the number of workers and resources in the harvest.

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From its beginning, the church has believed that the most Christ-like way of engaging the culture is through serving. "Seeking ways to serve our community," says Pastor Steve, "and finding ways to minister in practical, nitty-gritty, getting-your-hands-dirty types of ways is how we believe we can impact our culture and demonstrate authentic Jesus love." By the same token, they believe that one of the most effective ways to love and care for a community is through assisting and supporting local public schools, which is why Pastor Steve called Clover Hill that day.

Grateful for the pastor's offer, the school's principal directed him to the athletic director, Wayne Mehrer. Wayne admitted that there was one area in which they could use some help but was somewhat hesitant to ask for the church's assistance. He shared that the football field was pretty "atrocious" after each home game, and it was the undesirable duty of the custodial staff to clean it. Pastor Steve recalls, "I believe he was a little shocked when, without any hesitation, I agreed!"

The day after each home football game, 15 – 20 volunteers from Village Church spend about an hour and a half cleaning the stadium. On

one occasion, they were doing so in torrential rains, and the coaching staff arrived to watch film from the previous night's game. Amazed to find Village Church carrying out its promise even in the storm, the coaches expressed their sincere gratitude to the volunteers. As athletic director, Wayne is especially grateful. "The football field clean-up that Village Church provides is greatly appreciated. They have demonstrated real servanthood over the years."

Village Church's ultimate goal through this tangible expression of God's love is to connect people to Jesus and teach them to live out His mission and reproduce their faith in others. "We love our community and work to seek its good," says Pastor Steve. "We desire for Village Church to be a place of hope and faith within the larger community of Midlothian. This is our home—we pray for its welfare, love its people, and seek to make God's glory known."

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Yes, Virginia, I Am a Missionary!

In the fall of 2001, I was serving as the student evangelism missionary with the SBC of Virginia and the North American Mission Board.

One of the duties assigned me was to speak at a regional missions conference, along with some other missionaries. Saturday evening at the missions conference, all of the missionaries were on display so people could walk by and learn about where we were serving.

The missionaries were set up alphabetically for people to come by and learn about our mission field. Albania, Algeria...Colorado...Romania...Vietnam, Virginia. Yes, I was right after the missionary to the nation of Vietnam.

People would stop and listen to her speak Vietnamese and hear about the culture of this country where communism is the dominant ideology. Then they would come to me—the missionary in Virginia. Yes, Virginia. They would listen to me speak my best version of “Virginian” (even though my Virginia dialect is tainted by

a Carolina accent). How could I compare to Vietnam? I questioned, Am I really a missionary?

But I learned an important lesson from that experience. I am a missionary, and Virginia is a mission field! In fact, that next year, I would become a church planter in Central Virginia. The Lord opened my eyes to the harvest field across the street and around the world.

Now my role has changed, but my commission is the same—I am a missionary. In fact, all Christians are Christ’s missionaries. Paul wrote, “Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power” (Ephesians 3:7 ESV). It has been said, “God calls us to Himself; the rest is geography.”

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