



BOBBY ROSS JR.

Students at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, east of Dallas, hold hands as they pray during a recent daily chapel assembly.

## Financial crisis at Southwestern

**HISTORICALLY BLACK** Christian college seeks donations, prayers to 'be able to survive.'

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

### TERRELL, Texas

**S**outhwestern Christian College, a historically black college associated with Churches of Christ, faces a financial crisis.

The sudden loss of \$500,000 a year in federal funding has exacerbated long-standing financial difficulties, top administrators told *The Christian Chronicle*.

"This has crippled our recruiting capabilities and several vital operational needs," said James O. Maxwell, vice president of institutional advancement. "Please pray for us that we might

be able to survive this crisis."

Jack Evans, Southwestern's president since 1967, voices confidence that God will provide the funds necessary for Southwestern to survive and thrive.

Asked if the college might be in danger of closing, Evans replied, "That's been an issue ever since we've been in existence. ... I have just worked here based on the faith that it would get better, and I still believe it. I don't live under the threat or the fear of closing."



Evans

Southwestern has 172 students this semester — down 24 percent from an enrollment of 227 five years ago.

Evans blames the decline on a poor economy and changing societal values.

"We serve a number of low-income families," he said. "It's also a matter of our holding very firmly to our Christian principles. Some people avoid Christian colleges because the students want to do some things that we just don't condone."

Originally known as the Southern Bible Institute in Fort Worth, Texas, the college moved to this town 30 miles

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## In Rust Belt, evangelism boosts church

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

**PITTSBURGH** — In some ways, a visit to the Whitehall Church of Christ feels like a step back in time.

Like many congregations birthed in the 1960s, the 110-member church meets in a brick, A-frame building.

The Sunday night service — with 50 or so souls scattered

entirely on the left side of the auditorium — mixes traditional hymns, prayers and a sermon.

"We're all invited to a heavenly party but must RSVP," says the marquee sign outside the tree-shrouded church in the South Hills section of Pittsburgh.

All across America, Churches of Christ grapple with how to appeal to contemporary culture with the 2,000-year-old good news of Jesus.

The Whitehall church is no exception, but its experience offers potential lessons beyond Steel City.

"What we're trying to do is encourage the body here to be more proactive in their evangelism," elder Bill Nichols said.

In the past, members and leaders happily shared their faith — if asked.

"But we're trying to get to that next step, where folks are not willing to just be a good example and wait for the question," Nichols said, "but are, in effect, asking the question themselves: 'Do you know about Jesus?'"

That shift means working harder to connect with neighbors who might seem more interested in Steelers football than spirituality and faith, church leaders said.

"This is requiring us to step up and have a conversation about Jesus with others," said Jeffrey Dillinger, the



Dillinger

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Bobby Ross Jr.

borrow my friend Steve Lackmeyer's Hyundai — or was it a Honda? — for my first date with Tamie Dillard.

My friend David Hartman

served as the chef for our romantic dinner at the home of journalism professor Philip Patterson and his wife, Linda.

I'd like to thank the Pattersons, but they were out of town and had no idea we were there until they discovered David had left Linda's fine china in the dishwasher.

Twenty-five years later, Tamie and I are still together — happily married with three (in my totally unbiased opinion) brilliant children.

Did you meet your husband or wife at a Christian university?

If so, you — like me — are not alone.

A recent analysis by Facebook's data science team, titled "From Classmates to Soulmates," determined the top 25 colleges where men and women are most likely to meet their spouse.

The top 25 colleges where men are most likely to find a wife all are religious schools.

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JOHN JUMAO-AS

Marilyn Jumao-as, a member of the Compostela Church of Christ near Cebu City, Philippines, helps distribute food to victims of a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that shook the island of Bohol.

Christians respond after earthquake  
shakes Philippines, cyclone hits India

BY ERIK TRYGGESTAD | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Churches of Christ are distributing food and assessing needs after recent natural disasters in the Philippines and India.

A 7.2-magnitude earthquake on the island of Bohol, Philippines, toppled historic cathedrals and shopping malls, killing more than 160 people. The island is home to multiple Churches of Christ. The meeting place of at least one congregation was severely damaged.

Church members in Malaysia and the Philippines traveled to the island days after the Oct. 15 quake to assess needs and begin distributing aid.

"Thousands are sleeping in tents because their homes are either too damaged to return to or they are too traumatized to go back," said Randall John Uthe, who works with a disaster relief effort based in Malaysia. Another church-supported nonprofit, Shepherd's Hill International, also has supplied relief.

Hundreds — possibly thousands — of aftershocks followed the quake, said Marilyn Jumao-as, a member of the

Compostela Church of Christ on the nearby island of Cebu. Many homes are unsafe, and drinking water is in short supply.

"What is very motivating, despite all these trials, is the caring spirit of every person," she said. "They look around their neighbors, check on each other and share whatever is available. ... Prayer is abundant. Faith is strengthened."



JOHN JUMAO-AS

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In India, Cyclone Phailin, the strongest storm in the region in 14 years, forced the evacuation of 1 million people from India's eastern coast. The storm made landfall in India's Odisha state, where Christians have faced persecution by militant Hindu groups in the past.

Nonetheless, the state has several growing Churches of Christ, said Joshua Gootam, an evangelist in Kakinada, India, who has preached in Odisha.

"The church in Berhampur suffered greatest damage," Gootam said just after the storm made landfall Oct. 12, "as 35 families lost their homes completely. ... They are now living in relief camps but plan to meet for worship this coming Lord's Day."

Judge admonished  
for voicing concern  
on gay marriages

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Judicial authorities in the Pacific Northwest state of Washington formally admonished Gary Tabor — a superior court judge and Church of Christ elder — for voicing his preference not to perform same-sex marriages.

The recent official warning by the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct came on the heels of that state's voters legalizing gay and lesbian nuptials.

After complaints were filed, Tabor voluntarily stopped officiating all marriages.

"It's concerning to see public officials face disciplinary action for their religious belief in traditional marriage," said Lori Windham, senior counsel with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C.

"In this case, the judge had an option — he was able to stop performing marriages rather than choose between his beliefs and his job," added Windham, who was not involved in Tabor's case. "It wasn't so easy for justices of the peace in Massachusetts and other states, who had to resign rather than officiate same-sex weddings."

In the November 2012 general election, Washington state voters passed the same-sex marriage referendum. The measure received 1,659,915 "yes" votes (53.7 percent) to 1,431,285 "no" votes (46.3 percent).

In a private meeting after the election, Tabor quietly informed fellow Thurston County judges and court staff that he felt "uncomfortable" presiding over same-sex marriages, court records show. Tabor asked colleagues who did not share his objections if they could officiate in his place.

When an unidentified source leaked Tabor's concern to the media, the story made statewide headlines.

"This was never really about publicizing what my beliefs were," Tabor, 67, an elder of the Olympia Church of Christ since 1994, told *The Christian Chronicle*. "It was simply



Tabor

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## SOULMATES: Some find true love ... in Greek class

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For women, about two-thirds of the top 25 colleges where they're most likely to find a husband are religious schools.

Twelve institutions appear on both lists, including three associated with Churches of Christ: Harding University in Searcy, Ark.; Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn.; and Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Abilene Christian University in Texas made the list of colleges where men are most likely to meet their spouse.

For anyone who has heard the old joke about going to a Christian college to get an "Mrs." degree, the findings aren't particularly surprising.

Clyde Slimp recalls meeting his future wife, Rachel, in a New Testament Greek class at Freed-Hardeman.

"I proposed to her at the same spot (a popular bench on campus) that her dad proposed to her mom 20 years before, so the tradition goes on, I guess," said Slimp, who preaches for the Lakehoma Church of Christ in Mustang, Okla.

Slimp's in-laws, Ward and Faye Jones, members of the Westside Church of Christ in Hermiston, Ore., have been married for 43 years.

Steve Sandifer, pastoral care minister for the Southwest Central Church of Christ in Houston, met his future wife, Esther, in a Genesis class at Abilene Christian.

The professor, Carl Brecheen, gave a speech on why guys should want to be Bible majors and why girls should want to marry preachers.

When Brecheen asked the class why girls were hesitant to marry preachers, Steve's future wife replied, "Gee, Dr. Brecheen, I don't want to have to be good all the time."

Sandifer was slow to ask her out, but four years later, they married — and Brecheen performed the wedding.

"Not only did I meet my wife at ACU, but both of our sons met their wives

there," said Sandifer, who has been married for 43 years. "If the only reason one goes to a Christian university is to meet a Christian wife, I can't think of a better reason."

Matt Jones, a member of the Juneau Church of Christ in Alaska, sent his 19-year-old daughter Katie — the oldest of his six children — all the way to Oklahoma Christian this fall.

"She is not married yet, but I encouraged her to go there to be around other Christians as she starts out on her own walk for better support, environment and lifestyles of both students and teachers," Jones said.

"It would have been cheaper for her to stay here in Alaska," he added, "but I'm all too happy to make such a wise investment in her and her future."

Of course, some point out — wisely — that finding a spouse at a Christian university does not guarantee eternal bliss.

Richard and JeannaLynn May work to help couples improve their marriages through What God Has Joined Ministries.

"What we see in many couples who meet and marry at a Christian college is a surprising absence of seriously approached pre-marriage counseling or coaching," Richard May said.

"Marrying a Christian from the same Christian college you attend does not guarantee marital success," he added. "Serious preparation is vital."

And not everyone meets a mate at a Christian college.

"Interestingly, I went to two different Christian universities and ended up finding my wife (Glenda) at church," said Roger Woods, minister and elder for the Walled Lake Church of Christ in Michigan. "Hmmmmmm. My parents could have saved a lot of money."

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**ALABAMA**

**ELMORE** — The Elmore Church of Christ's elders lead an initiative to plant congregations in four counties of northeastern Pennsylvania.

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**ARKANSAS**

**BENTON** — The Northside Church of Christ's English- and Spanish-speaking groups were joined on a recent Sunday by the predominantly black Johnson Street Church of Christ.

"It was truly a multiethnic, multicultural mingling that resulted in beautiful praise and a recommitment to unity," said Jim Gardner, Northside's preacher.

The Northside church planted the Johnson Street church as a "mission point" prior to the Civil Rights Movement, Gardner said.

"As the lines of division based on race continue to go away, it is my hope that, one day in the future, there will be one church where there now exists two," he said.

**FORT SMITH** — It's 2013, so collecting 2,013 pairs of blue jeans for the needy seemed like a fashionable goal for the West-Ark Church of Christ's recent "Blue Jean Sunday."

In fact, 2,133 jeans were donated for The Hope Chest, a nonprofit that began as a West-Ark ministry in 2005.

"To God be the glory!" said Jeannie Cole, secretary for The Hope Chest board of managers.

**ILLINOIS**

**CARBONDALE** — An annual giveaway draws dozens to the Carbondale Church of Christ.

Members donate items such as clothing, books, electronics and furniture. People flock to the church to receive them.

Minister Stephen Shaffer told



RHENANA GRIMES

## 10-year-old California member organizes anti-bullying event

Fifth-grader Holly Grimes, 10, one of the newest baptized members of the Highland Church of Christ in Bakersfield, Calif., celebrates "Blue Shirt Day" — an anti-bullying event that she helped organize at her public school.

"I believe that nobody should be bullied," Holly said. "Unfortunately, everyone is mistreated at some point, but there is hope. It's how you deal with it that makes a difference. I talked to my teacher, my parents and, most importantly, to God."

Holly sees it as her responsibility as a Christian to treat others with love and respect and stand up for what's right.

Church member Lynn McDougal describes Holly as humble and delightful. "She goes right to the broken in spirit, the ill and the grieving with her infectious smile," McDougal said. "I know Scripture teaches the older women to teach the younger, but there is a lesson to be learned through ... this little girl's display of love and compassion for others."

WSIL-TV that the giveaway is an opportunity to reach out and meet new people.

"One of the things that I love is just walking around and getting to know their story, finding out where they're from, what's going on and all those kinds of things," Shaffer said.

**MARYLAND**

**SILVER SPRING** — Elmer Pacheco, preacher for the Spanish-speaking Church of Christ in Silver Spring, uses YouTube to reach out worldwide.

Pacheco has placed about 140 video sermons on the church site and documented 30,000 viewers in 79 countries.

The Hispanic congregation in Silver Spring started 25 years ago with two families worshipping in an apartment.

The congregation has grown to about 180 souls and shares a building with the English-speaking Silver Spring church.

Although the groups meet separately for worship, they comprise one body, and a Hispanic member was added to the eldership, Pacheco said.

**NEBRASKA**

**BEATRICE** — Through a project dubbed "Sole to Soul," the 10th and Grant Street Church of Christ collects "gently used but still wearable" shoes.

The 45-member congregation gave away 150 pairs at a recent giveaway and has collected 250 additional pairs for an upcoming distribution, member Linda Lindell said.

**OKLAHOMA**

**LONE GROVE** — Small churches can do big things, Cougan Collins says.

Collins, minister for the 70-member Lone Grove Church of Christ, has recorded dozens of sermons and devotionals for the church's website.

"Though this is a smaller congregation with a limited budget, we are making a difference in the Kingdom that reaches well beyond our community," Collins said.

For more information, see [lgchurchofchrist.com/videos](http://lgchurchofchrist.com/videos).

**TEXAS**

**EL PASO** — Flood victims received free food, water and mattresses from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort after recent flooding. The items

**SPOTLIGHT**

## Resources offered for special needs

**RALEIGH, N.C.** — For years, the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ has hosted a spring carnival for children with special needs and their families.

Now, the church organizes a separate yearly resource fair for the special-needs community.

"Since the carnival is a day of fun, and children would be pulling at their parents'/care-givers to let

them go to a bounce house or get their face painted ... we knew we needed a separate event to allow these families access to resources that they are so desperately looking for," said Melinda Oldham, who coordinates the church's special-needs ministry.

For more information, see [www.specialatbrooks.org](http://www.specialatbrooks.org).



Oldham

were distributed through the Montwood Church of Christ.

**KERRVILLE** — "Operation Starkey" is a mentoring ministry started by the Riverside Church of Christ at Starkey Elementary School, a quarter-mile south of the church building.

The church offers after-school tutoring and recently hosted a lunch for Starkey teachers, minister Jacob Hawk said.

"We plan to host a Thanksgiving meal at our campus for underprivileged families as well as a Christmas adoption program where Riverside families will 'adopt' underprivileged Starkey families," Hawk said. "We also plan to contribute coats, shoes, etc., as needs arise for students who need financial assistance."

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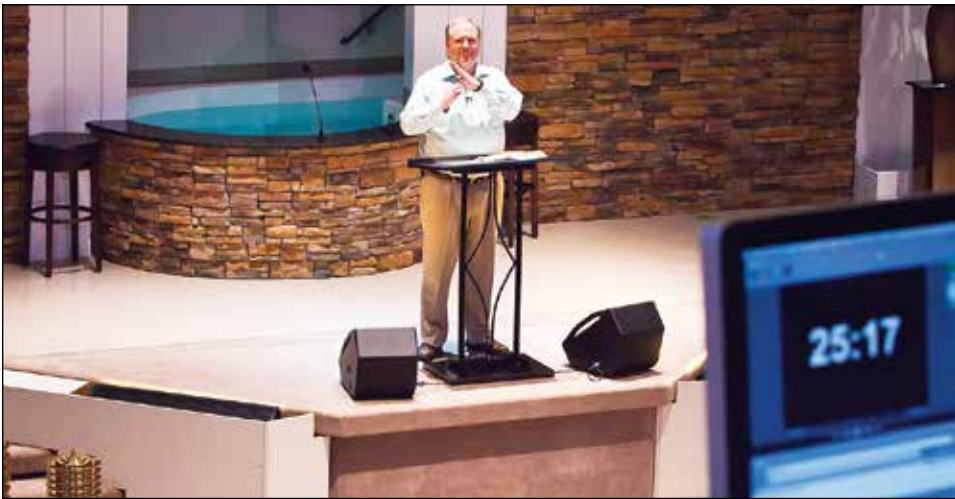
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STEVE MEEK

Tennessee church launches 'A New Day' on the air

David Young, senior minister for the North Boulevard Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Tenn., warms up for the cameras during the first taping of "A New Day." The television show, produced by the 1,600-member church, airs Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on two local stations. The goal of the program is to show the people of Middle Tennessee that "there is a church in Murfreesboro that loves Christ, loves Scripture and loves them," said Renee Webb Sproles, vision coordinator for the church.

Children from small Georgia church answer call for Bibles for Uganda

**BLAKELY, Ga.** — Children in this south-west Georgia town set tables, took out the trash and cleaned dishes to earn money to send Bibles to the East African nation of Uganda.

The children, who attend the Hentown Church of Christ, collected \$175 in one month, said church member June Winkler. One 4-year-old even mopped his grandmother's kitchen to help, she added.

The church, which averages about 50 in weekly attendance, added its own contributions and sent \$675 to help with the effort, coordinated by the Centerville Church of Christ in Tennessee.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Children who attend the Hentown Church of Christ raised \$175 to send Bibles to Uganda.

Chronicle editor wins national award

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Bobby Ross Jr., *The Christian Chronicle's* managing editor, won first place in the magazine reporting category in the Religion Newswriters Association's 2013 national awards contest. Second place went to Jaweed Kaleem of *The Huffington Post*.



Ross

Ross, who joined the *Chronicle's* staff in 2005, also was a finalist — alongside journalists for publications including *The Washington Post* — for the association's Supple Religion Feature Writer of the Year Award.

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**Tabalujan**

## BELGIUM

**SOLWASTER** — Christians from Belgium and the Netherlands gathered to dedicate a new Bible camp and mess hall. Five years of planning, fundraising, construction and collaboration among Dutch and Belgian Christians made Ardennen Bijbelkamp (Bible Camp of the Ardennes) a reality, said Luk Brazle, a missionary in Ghent, Belgium. Scott Raab, a missionary in the Netherlands, said church members will use the new facility throughout the year. Brazle added that the camp will be “another great tool for training Christians in Western Europe, young and old.”

## INDIA

**MUMBAI** — Christians in this metropolis of nearly 12 million souls report growth among churches. One congregation in the suburb of Nala Sopara had more than 50 people in attendance for its one-year anniversary.

Mark Hooper, director of Asian missions for Missions Resource Network, visited the region to conduct a three-day disciple-making workshop. Other church members have scheduled a mentoring workshop in the city of Aurangabad, about six hours east of Mumbai.



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Christians in Italy enjoy Discipleship Weekend.

## ITALY

**ASCOLI PICENO** — Twenty Christian youths spent an afternoon in this central Italian



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## Women are armed for ministry in Mozambique



Women and their daughters load into a car for a ride to the Provincial Women's Conference in the southern African nation of Mozambique. Christian women from the two Churches of Christ in the city of Montepuez initiated, scheduled and organized the event, which drew 66 women from 17 towns and villages in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province. The Armor of God was the theme, and the women used props to demonstrate the shield of faith, belt of truth, sword of the Spirit and other pieces of armor mentioned in Ephesians 6.

Members of a mission team working among the Makua-Metto people in Mozambique provided transportation home for the women who attended from outside Montepuez.

town, sharing the Good News through songs, skits, distributing flyers and one-on-one conversations.

The ministry was part of a Discipleship Weekend organized by church members including Franco Verardi, a vocational minister in Italy, and Titus Robison, the son of missionaries who grew up in Italy and works with churches there.

“We wanted this weekend to be a time of intense Bible study and discovery,” Robison said. “We wanted the Word to speak to them in regard to what it means to be a true disciple of Christ.”

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**YANEYANENE** — Marcus and Diane Reese, missionaries in this nation of 7.1 million people, north of Australia, traveled to this remote village on four recent Sundays to help train Christians.

“Diane taught the women, and I taught the men,” Marcus Reese said, “and we both helped teach the children. “The four struggling house churches out there recently combined to form one larger church, so they are excited about starting new ministries.”

## URUGUAY

**MONTEVIDEO** — Women active in ministry in this South American nation and neighboring Argentina met for the first Women's Missionary Renewal.

Laura Valdez of Argentina and Rosalinda Walker of Uruguay organized the event, which featured speakers Michelle Goff of Iron Rose Sister Ministries in Colorado and Jessica Esparza of the Siempre Familia Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. The group plans to meet again in 2015.

## SPOTLIGHT

## Protected by angels

**CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti** — Two physicians from Johnson City, Tenn., traveled to this Caribbean nation to perform potentially life-saving surgery on a teenager.

The teenager, Jean Wilson (also known as Lobe), suffered constant headaches from a subdural hematoma — a mass of blood collecting in his head, pushing against his brain. The hematoma was the result of a July 4 injury, when Wilson fell out of tree.

Wilson is one of the youths served by Emmaus House, a church-supported ministry in Cap Haitien, Haiti. It's a transition home for young adults who grew up at the Cap Haitien Children's Home. Hunter and Jillian Kittrell, who oversaw the children's home, transitioned into the new ministry earlier this year. The Northwest Church of Christ in Broomfield, Colo., supports the work.

Flying surgeons from the U.S. to Haiti was easier than obtaining a medical visa for Wilson to have the procedure done in the U.S., Jillian Kittrell said.

“We honestly couldn't have asked for it to have gone any better,” she said of the surgery. As he recovers from the procedure, Wilson is studying to keep from falling behind at school.

“He has always dreamed of becoming a radiologist,” Jillian Kittrell said. Now “he is even more determined to see that dream come to reality. He is one of the most determined students we have at Emmaus House, for sure.”

In a recent Facebook post, Wilson wrote, “Father God, thank you for your amazing and boundless love for me. ... You never sleep or slumber but are constantly watching over me, commissioning your angels to guard and protect me.”

Wilson thanked the Kittrells and “all the other people, friends and friends of friends who, though they don't even know me, were praying for me during that hard time.”

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**Wilson**



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Julia Nelson of the Thomaston Road Church of Christ in Macon, Ga., tosses water balloons alongside children during a youth program on the Caribbean island of Curacao.

# Water balloons, baptism in Curacao

BY ERIK TRYGGESTAD | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

A youth mission team from the Thomaston Road Church of Christ in Macon, Ga., tossed water balloons with children on the Caribbean island of Curacao.

It was “the ideal event for the dry, hot, sunny day,” said Alford Lazar, minister for the Rio Canario Church of Christ. “Hardly anyone complained about the heat because many of the kids were soaking wet after missing their catch.”

The game was part of a week of youth activities sponsored by the church in Curacao, an island of the Netherlands



Lazar

Antilles in the Caribbean Sea, north of Venezuela. The Thomaston Road church supports the work and makes regular trips there.

In addition to teaching Bible to nearly 40 children, the mission team assisted in nightly gospel meetings.

Letson McCoy, Thomaston Road’s youth minister, led singing in Papiamentu, the local language.

“The whole group did a great job,” McCoy said, “and two of our teen guys gave a lesson while we were there. ... The ladies also did a fantastic job coming up with arts and crafts and helped to teach the children each day.”

One day after the group returned to Georgia, an 80-year-old woman who attended the gospel meetings was baptized, Lazar said.

# Religion, law topics at Russia conference

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia** — “Religion and the Law” was one topic discussed at the third annual conference of the Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry.

Konstantin Erofeev, a lawyer and member of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, facilitated a seminar on the subject for Church of Christ members from across the former Soviet Union.

The attorney explained “specific legal missteps that churches in Russia some-

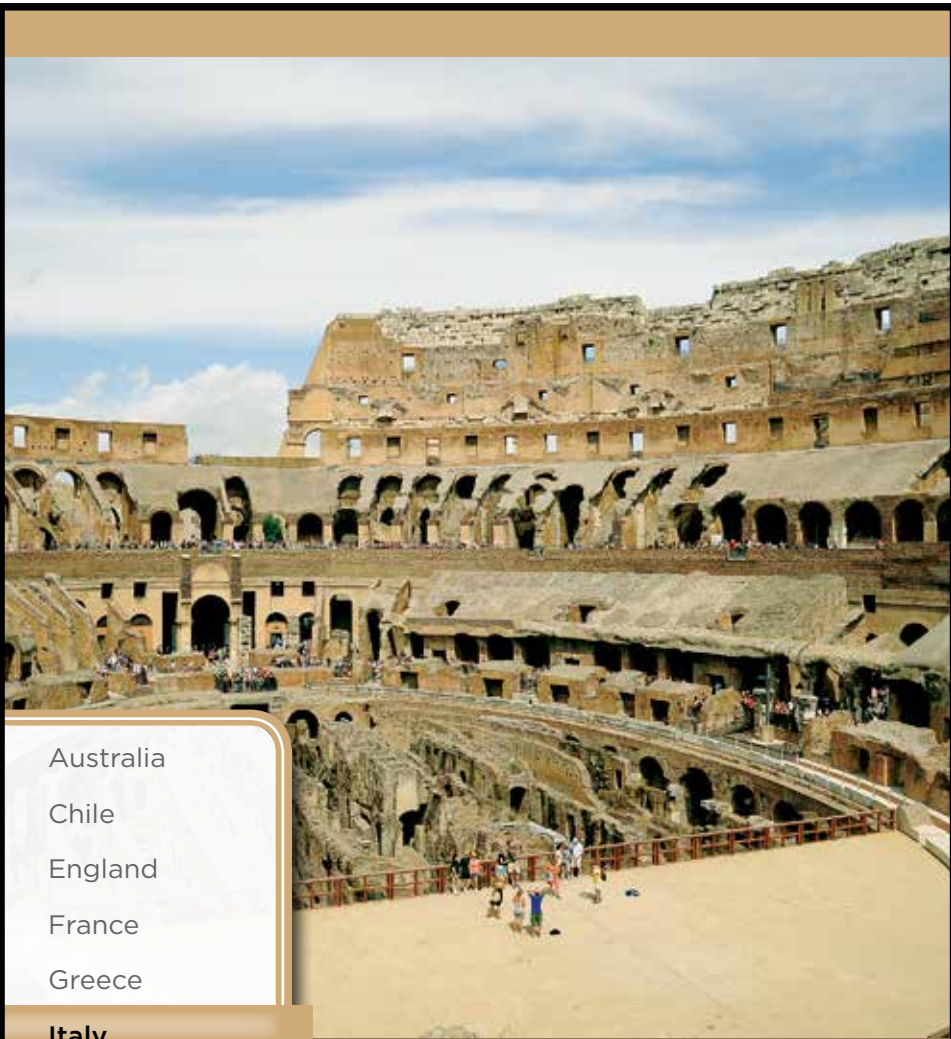


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times make,” said Igor Egirev, the institute’s director. Erofeev also discussed “the reasons for frequent inspections of nonprofit organizations.”

Phil Jackson and Jay Jarboe of Missions Resource Network gave keynotes. Royce Money, chancellor of Abilene Christian University in Texas, also spoke, highlighting practical applications of Christian theological education.

Gennady Scherbakov, an elder of the Syktyvkar Church of Christ in Russia, said the conference “helped me to see my mistakes and showed me new ways to approach human hearts.”



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# Ministry to open second children's home in Mexico

**CUERNAVACA, Mexico** — Ciudad de Angeles, or City of Angels, a church-supported children's ministry in Cozumel, Mexico, will open a second children's home in early 2014 in Cuernavaca, about an hour south of Mexico City. The ministry launched its first home in Cozumel 11 years ago. The facility is home to 44 children, and the ministry plans to house up to 80 children in Cozumel. The home accepts children who have been orphaned, abandoned or abused, according to the ministry's website. Associated with Churches of Christ, the ministry receives support from congregations, schools, founda-

tions, corporations and individuals. Cuernavaca has a population of 1 million with three Churches of Christ and three missionary families. "There is a great need to support orphaned children in Cuernavaca," said Doug Holcomb, a missionary for 16 years in the city, "and the local congregations and missionaries are eager to collaborate with Ciudad de Angeles to meet those needs and grow the church." The ministry seeks supporting congregations for the new children's home. **WEBSITE:** [ciudaddeangeles.org](http://ciudaddeangeles.org)



**Gustavo, 13, listens to a sermon in Cozumel, Mexico. He is one of 44 children served by the Ciudad de Angeles ministry.**

# World Bible School workers find 'unforgettable blessing' in Africa

**HARARE, Zimbabwe** — In this southern African nation, 38 students in the World Bible School correspondence program were baptized during a recent "God Bless Africa" campaign. Many more baptisms are expected in the weeks to come, as Zimbabwean Christians continue the work, said Kevin Rhodes, vice president for development for the Texas-based ministry, supported by Churches of Christ. Led by John Reese, WBS president, 11 campaigners conducted follow-up lessons with Zimbabweans who had completed correspondence Bible lessons. The nation of 13 million souls suffers from poverty, unemployment and political conflicts. Yet, the country is home to hundreds of thousands of active WBS students, Rhodes said. The majority study through postal mail because of limited Internet access. "People are seeking spiritual answers even though there appear to be none for their physical circumstances," Reese said. Working with Zimbabwean Christians, the campaigners conducted six semi-



**Gale Scott visits World Bible School students during the "God Bless Africa" campaign.** nars, taught 41 classes and preached 17 sermons in the 12-day period. Campaigner Gale Scott witnessed the baptisms of three of her own WBS students. "I'd heard of many of my students being baptized in the past," she said, "but to actually be there to see it — it's just an unforgettable blessing." **WEBSITE:** [www.worldbibleschool.net](http://www.worldbibleschool.net)



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# SOUTHWESTERN: College has a heritage of training 'great preachers'

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east of Dallas in 1949. Southwestern's campus previously housed the Texas Military Institute.

Roughly half the nation's predominantly black Churches of Christ have ties — through a minister, elder, deacon or leader's wife — to Southwestern, its leaders say.

Nationwide, there are 1,187 predominantly black congregations with 213,802 men, women and children in the pews — 13.8 percent of the fellowship's total adherents, according to *Churches of Christ in the United States*, published by 21st Century Christian.

Many Southwestern students transfer to another Christian college after two years. However, Southwestern offers a four-year degree in biblical studies.

Besides training future preachers, Southwestern's niche includes educating students — many from low-income households — who enter college needing remedial studies. While still primarily black, the student body includes a few whites and Hispanics.

Freddie Lorick, who is black and grew up in the Sunset Boulevard Church of Christ in Columbia, S.C., earned his bachelor's degree in Bible at Southwestern.

Lorick, 35, spent 10 years in the Air Force before attending Southwestern and graduating as its valedictorian in 2011. He's now pursuing a master of divinity degree at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Southwestern has no-frills facilities and living quarters that might impress some as "broken down," the graduate said.

"A student that's going to Southwestern is going there because of the history ... because they've heard all these stories about all these great preachers, the heritage of the school," Lorick said.

"As an African-American, it's nice to have a home," he added. "It's nice to have a place where you can just be comfortable. ... There are so many African-American preachers that get something that they can't get anywhere else."

Southwestern has provided one of the most powerful centers of identity in black Churches of Christ — along with the *Christian Echo* newspaper, the National Lectureship and the National Youth Conference, said Doug Foster, a church history professor at Abilene Christian University in Texas.

"Its loss would be a major blow to that



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The Southwestern Christian College student body and staff bow in prayer during a chapel service.

sense of solidarity, camaraderie, shared experience, evangelism and the training of ministers who know the black experience in Churches of Christ as well as the Gospel," Foster said.

## FUNDING LOSS DESCRIBED AS 'DEVASTATING'

For years, Southwestern has received federal grants allocated to historically black colleges and universities — known as HBCUs.

But just before the start of the fall 2012 semester, the college received word that Uncle Sam was cutting in half two grants that had totaled \$1 million a year, said Joyce Cathey, the college's comptroller.

"Of course, that coming at a time like that was completely devastating," said Cathey, a 30-year employee whose three children all attended Southwestern.

The grants are awarded on a five-year basis, so Southwestern faces a total loss of \$2.5 million, she said.

"It was devastating because even with the monies we received from those grants, we were still struggling," Cathey said. "And we used those grants as leverage for buying power, and then the vendors that we worked with were sensitive to our needs and worked with us on multi-year-type payment plans."

"We could purchase, say in technology, where we could not cover (the expense) in one grant year, but they'd know we were in a multi-year grant, so they'd make the payments due over

those years for us," she added. "When the grants got cut, the obligations are still there, but the funds are not there."

Over the long term, a reluctance to borrow money has benefited Southwestern, its president said. He noted that some debt-ridden HBCUs — such as Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. — have been forced to close.

"We have gone on a policy of 'pay as you go,'" Evans said. "That's the thing that's keeping us alive compared to some other schools."

Southwestern ended 2011 with \$6.7 million in net assets, such as its campus buildings, and \$498,000 in total liabilities, according to Internal Revenue Service filings.

However, the college exhausted most of its meager endowment to help rebuild its administration building after a 2008 fire, officials said. Christians across the nation made gifts to help rebuild, but the contributions were not enough to complete the project.

At other Christian colleges, it's not unusual to see senior-level administrators draw six-figure salaries. At Southwestern, the president and five other top employees made average salaries of about \$46,500, according to the IRS reports.

"The people here, we haven't had a raise in 10 years or more," said Maxwell, who earned a doctor of ministry degree from Southern Methodist University and has worked at Southwestern, his alma

mater, for 43 years.

"A lot of people are working here because of their dedication. We have a lot of alumni (on staff), and then a lot of people moonlight," added Maxwell, who commutes each weekend to Kansas City, Kan., where he serves as minister emeritus of outreach and development for the Roswell Church of Christ.

## A CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Southwestern isn't the first college associated with Churches of Christ to face serious financial difficulties.

Unable to sustain itself as enrollment and donations kept falling, Western Christian College and High School in Regina, Saskatchewan — a pillar of Churches of Christ in Canada for 67 years — ceased operations last year.

That closing came three years after the decision to shut down Cascade College in Portland, Ore. — also a financially troubled, outside-the-Bible-Belt school.

Churches of Christ in the Philadelphia area still lament the loss of Northeastern Christian Junior College in Villanova, Pa., which merged with Ohio Valley University in Vienna, W.Va., in the mid-1990s.

At lunchtime on a recent Wednesday, a group of Southwestern supporters gathered to pray, eat — and make phone calls asking for money.

The weekly gathering of administrators, professors and even students is part of a special fund-raising campaign with a goal of \$500,000 by Dec. 31.

At press time, the effort had generated \$250,000 in pledges with \$124,000 received.

"I've received everything from a \$10 donation to a \$1,000 donation," said Jimmy Butler, a 60-year-old aspiring preacher who is white and Southwestern's oldest student.

To ensure its long-term future, Southwestern needs a minimum of 250 paying students, said Douglas Howie, vice president of business affairs.

To some extent, the situation might be considered dire, Howie said.

"But I have seen how the Lord works," he said. "I've seen him work what man calls miracles before, so I still think he's in the miracle business."

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# PITTSBURGH: A focus on reaching out

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Whitehall preacher since 1997.

The church launched a recent five-week sermon series with a Friends Day. Members hosted small-group meetings to discuss the sermons and invited neighbors.

Also, the congregation has started buying a monthly list of addresses of new residents who move into the area.

Members visit each home, welcome the newcomers and present free New Testaments — along with information about the church — as gifts.

The “New Movers” ministry has not generated an overwhelming response so far, said Dillinger, a 1989 Bible graduate

of Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn.

But a separate outreach — weekly Bible studies offered in nearby high-rise apartment complexes — has resulted in a number of visitors and

even baptisms, the minister said.

About 15 to 20 residents of the low-income Baldwin Towers gather each Wednesday afternoon.

Before starting the Bible lesson, Dillinger leads a prayer.

“I would say we

spend at least 15 minutes a week putting together a prayer list, and I pray over those names,” the preacher said. “That’s where we have probably bonded the deepest.”

**‘When I went to visit the church a few times, I just fell in love with the way they were. The congregation was wonderful.’**

Saphrona Zees

Before resident Saphrona Zees started attending the weekly studies, she was helped by the church’s food bank.

Each Tuesday and Friday, the church acts as a branch of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, providing groceries to more than 100 poor families a month. Many of those residents live in the apartments.

The physical help and spiritual concern inspired Zees to check out a Sunday assembly.

“When I went to visit the church a few times, I just fell in love with the way they were,” she said. “The congregation was wonderful, and Jeffrey is such a wonderful preacher.”

After personal studies with Dillinger, she was baptized. She’s now a faithful member.

“It has made me a lot happier,” she said of her conversion.

Whitehall leaders pray that



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Elder Sid Hatfield leads a Sunday night prayer at the Whitehall Church of Christ in the South Hills section of Pittsburgh.

the focus on evangelism — the active kind — will lead many more souls to Christ.

“The Northeast, generally, is known as a harder place to evangelize,” Dillinger said. “I

guess I semi-believe that.

“But it’s only as hard as it is for me to get out of my comfort zone and go and talk to somebody,” he added. “I don’t care if it’s north, south, east or west.”

## Texans see apartment ministries as way to reach unchurched

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Jordan and Sara Bunch are moving to Austin, Texas, to serve as missionaries — to an apartment complex.

Working through a Dallas-based ministry called Apartment Life, they’ll welcome new tenants, make “care visits” to residents experiencing difficult situations and organize regular get-togethers such as barbecues, pool parties and fall festivals.

From the standpoint of the complex owners, they’ll make the apartment community a better place to live and belong — and, if successful, improve the resident retention rate.

“For us, it’s an opportunity to incarnationally share the Gospel with people,” said Jordan Bunch, 26, who earned a master’s degree in domestic missions at Abilene Christian University in Texas. “It gives us a platform for relationships where we can share the good



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JORDAN BUNCH

Jordan and Sara Bunch hope to lead fellow apartment dwellers to Jesus.

news with people.”

In a housing development, a person might drive straight into the garage and never come in contact with a neighbor, he said.

“In an apartment community, you all share a mailbox. You share a parking lot. Your neighbor’s door may be 10 feet from yours,” said Bunch, whose full-

time ministry will be supported by the Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. “You share a pool, a fitness center, a dog park. There’s just all this shared space.

“That shared space and just general proximity to one another creates an opportunity for relationships that might

be more natural, more easy to occur,” he added.

Nationwide, apartment dwellers “represent a disproportionately high number of non-churchgoers,” said Kent Smith, a domestic missions expert at Abilene Christian. “Yet comparatively few churches — with a few notable exceptions — focus on apartments.”

In Port Arthur, Texas, about 250 miles east of Austin, about 500 families live in government-subsidized apartments near the Park Central Church of Christ.

But none attended the church.

“When we would walk through the complexes, it was difficult to get folks to acknowledge us or talk to us,” pulpit minister Jeremy Houck said. “This caused us to get creative in the ways that we invited them to come meet us.”

Now, the church hosts an annual “Trunk or Treat” event with free hot dogs, soft drinks and popcorn. Last year, 1,000

children came.

In the summer, the church suspends its Sunday evening services for “acts of community.”

Members organize block parties, grill hamburgers and serve watermelons and homemade ice cream. They offer bottles of water and ice pops to children at the park.

“It has been a slow process,” Houck said. “The longer we are involved, the more we are trusted. The idea is to build trust and see where God leads, but sometimes that is more frustrating than it sounds.”

He added: “There is always a fear that folks are just coming for what we can give them. But we feel that the opportunity to share compassion with our neighbors is worth the danger.”

Future plans include renting an apartment and using it as a place for outreach and community-building — just as the Bunches intend to do in Austin.

# JUDGE: Tabor opts to stand on his principles

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about me not wishing to perform same-sex marriages.”

However, the publicity over Tabor’s stance resulted in complaints to state judicial authorities, who launched an investigation.

According to the judicial commission’s official report, Tabor “reasoned that since judges are not required, but are only permitted, to perform marriages, he believed he was within his rights to personally decline to perform same-sex marriages as long as those seeking to have their marriages solemnized had access to another judge without delay.”

However, the judicial authorities determined that by expressing his concerns, Tabor “appeared to express a discriminatory intent against a statutorily protected class of people, thereby undermining public confidence in his impartiality.”

At the same time, the investigation showed that Tabor “has a reputation for being a fair and impartial jurist, and one who is hard-working and well-informed in law,” according to the report.

“I chose not to admit that I engaged in misconduct,” Tabor told the *Chronicle*, “but I agreed that they could find that my actions raised an appearance-of-fairness issue.”

Of the admonishment, he said, “It still allows me to stand on my principles. I don’t hold any animosity. I’d like to just put it behind me.”

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY VS. GAY RIGHTS?

Mark Johnson, the Olympia church’s preaching minister, describes Tabor as a dedicated Christian and public servant of strong character.

“He’s always around the church helping with anything he can,” Johnson said. “He’s looked to for advice in a lot of different areas, not just in legal areas but in spiritual areas. He’s a trooper, and he relates well to people.”

Washington state’s marriage law exempts ministers, rabbis, imams and other clergy from having to perform same-sex weddings, according to the *Seattle Times*.

As more states permit gay couples to marry or form civil unions, however,

wedding professionals in at least six states have run headlong into state antidiscrimination laws after refusing for religious reasons to bake cakes, arrange flowers or perform other services for same-sex couples, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

Legal fights have been waged in Colorado, Illinois, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Washington state, and some experts think the underlying question — whether free speech and religious rights should allow exceptions to state antidiscrimination law — could ultimately wind its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, the *Journal* said.

“In states that don’t recognize same-sex marriage or civil unions, this is less likely to be a problem,” Windham told the *Chronicle*. “But in states where there are same-sex unions, then some Christian business owners might be at risk.

“This is a developing area of law, so it’s too early to tell how these cases are going to turn out,” added Windham, a member of the Fairfax Church of Christ in Virginia and a graduate of Abilene Christian University in Texas. “I am hopeful that courts and state legislatures will strike a balance between marriage laws and religious freedom.”

### REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE LAW

A 1968 graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, Tabor was first elected as a superior court judge in 1996 — after 19 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney.

Along with Thurston County’s other seven judges, he had been on a rotation to perform marriages every eight weeks.

Tabor said he understands completely that a judge must enforce the law.

He noted that he regularly instructs juries that they must decide cases based on the evidence presented and follow the law even if they disagree with it.

“That’s just our system,” Tabor said. “So if an issue arose that came before me as a judge on this law, I would be required to follow it as it exists, and it would not be a personal statement by me.”

**‘I chose not to admit that I engaged in misconduct, but I agreed that they could find that my actions raised an appearance-of-fairness issue.’**

Judge Gary Tabor



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## LOS ANGELES

**Y**ou're never too old to learn about Zilpah and Bilhah.

Just ask the 20 senior members of the Crenshaw Church of Christ, crowded around tables in the congregation's fellowship hall. Bibles open, pens scrawling, they swipe their fingers across the pages of 1 Chronicles, taking notes as Tyson Moore, the church's assistant minister, tells the

stories behind the lists of names in the book's first chapters.

It's part of a two-year study — that's right, a *two-year* study — through the Old Testament, highlighting how it relates to the New Testament.

Zilpah and Bilhah, Moore explains, were the two handmaidens of Leah and Rachel, the sisters who married Jacob and then competed to produce the most heirs. The result — 12 sons by four mothers, the tribes of Israel, listed in 1 Chronicles.

"As you read Chronicles, don't

be dismayed by all the names," Moore says. The names tell stories — some of them sordid. But God uses those stories to accomplish his divine plan for mankind — redemption through the blood of his perfect Son.

"That's the good news about Christ," Moore says. "White, black, rich or poor, he puts everything back together."

Moore strides among the tables as he de-mystifies the Old Testament for the seniors. His attire — a high school sweatshirt from 1992 and jogging shorts —

isn't exactly Sunday best.

But it's not Sunday.

It's Saturday — 8:30 a.m.

Bible literacy and a lifelong love of learning are cornerstones of the 50-year-old Crenshaw church, which meets next to a busy intersection in south Los Angeles.

The 500-member congregation offers weekly, in-depth classes for seniors in addition to Bible studies on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. The church has specialized ministries for men, married couples

and youths. Its humble building constantly is abuzz with activity — even at a weekend hour when many Angelenos are still in bed.

"It's a spiritual joy for me to get up on Saturday morning and be around some beautiful brothers and sisters," says Thomas C. Webb, 70. "You know, the Old Testament can be a frightening thing," but the class' teacher, Rodney Elpheage, and Moore, who assists him, show through Scripture that "God is the same then as he is now."

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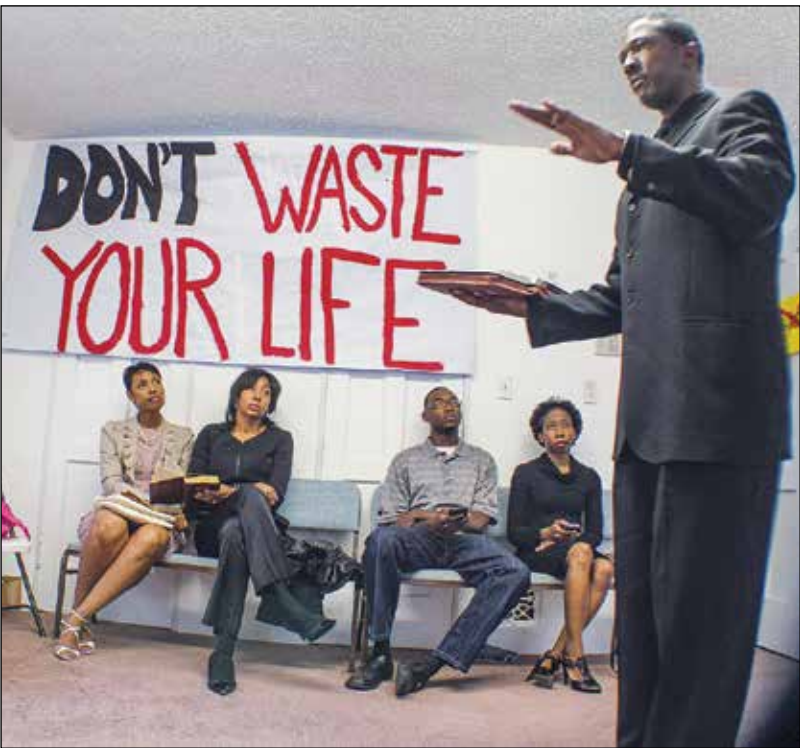
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Troy Andrews raises his hands as he and fellow members of the Crenshaw Church of Christ in Los Angeles sing "I Love to Praise His Holy Name." The church has two Sunday morning services.



Billy C. Curl, minister and elder of the Crenshaw Church of Christ, takes a prayer request from Lemuel Johnson as Sunday morning worship concludes.

# Learning and loving in Los Angeles



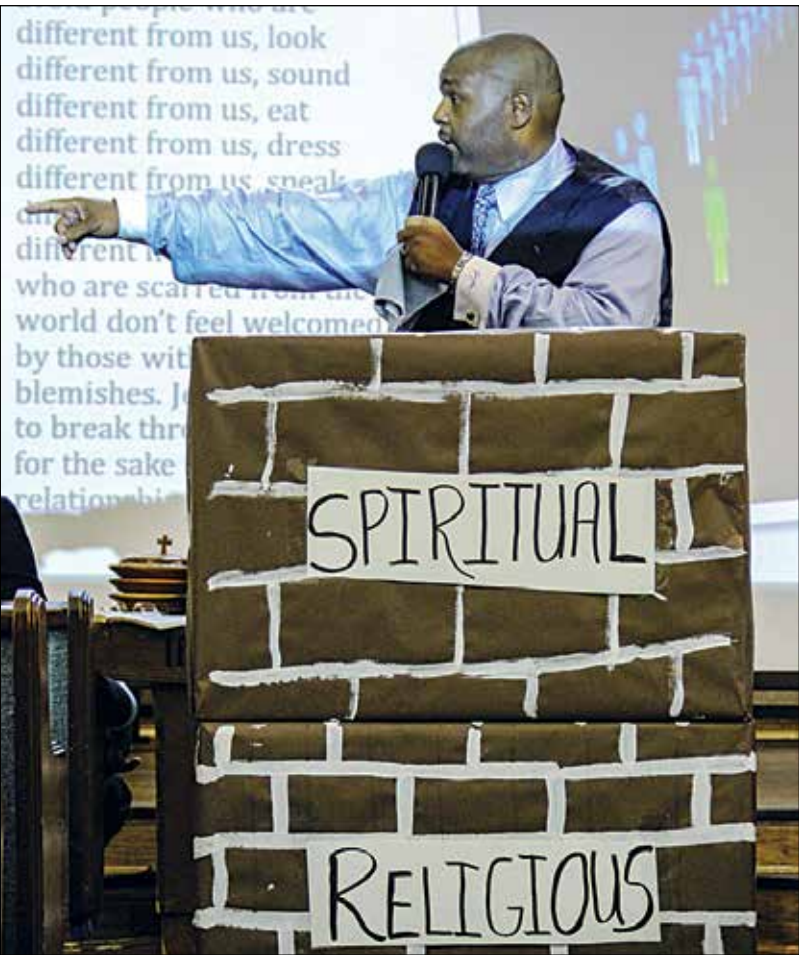
Gerald Taylor teaches a young adult Bible class. He and his family travel more than 40 miles every Sunday to worship with the Crenshaw Church of Christ.



Church members prepare the Lord's Supper for the church's second service.

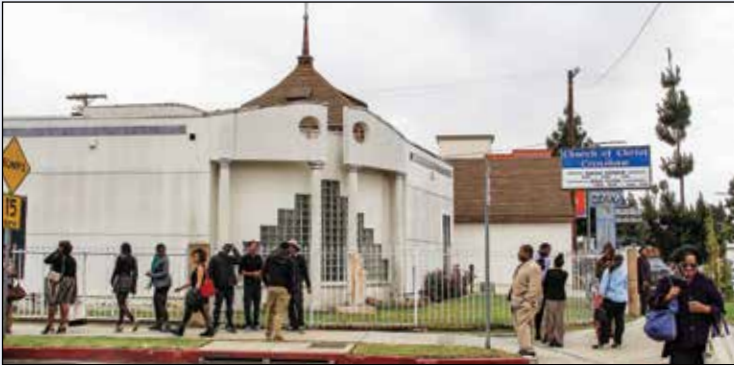


Early on a Saturday morning, senior members of the Crenshaw Church of Christ take notes during an in-depth Bible class surveying the Old Testament. After the class, the church treats seniors to a banquet at Marina del Rey.



Tyson Moore builds a wall in front of the congregation as he preaches about the barriers that keep Christians from serving and interacting as they should.

## Crenshaw Church of Christ



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**LOCATION:** South Los Angeles, in the Leimert Park neighborhood.  
**MEMBERSHIP:** About 500.  
**LEADERSHIP:** Elders Billy C. Curl and Thomas Davis. Deacons Aaron Brumfield, Edward Charles, Victor King and Myron Perryman.  
**MINISTERS:** Billy C. Curl and Tyson Moore.  
**MISSIONS:** The church sponsors Hands Across the Sea Ethiopian Mission.  
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**‘WE STARTED TO LOVE EACH OTHER’**  
At 7:30 the next morning, the church’s auditorium — which bears the tell-tale irregularities of multiple expansions — fills with church members and guests. Some come from the neighborhood, Leimert Park. Others come from far away, including Carla Dean, who leaves her home in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., at 6:45 a.m. and drives 50 miles west for Sunday worship. “I’ve tried other churches,” she says. “This is home.” The ministers take biblical truth and “break it down into language I can not only understand but can use in my daily life. They get it.”

One of the church’s two elders, Curl, 71, has served as lead evangelist for more than four decades. Raised in Nacogdoches, Texas, with 11 siblings, he attended Southwestern Christian College, a historically black college associated with Churches of Christ. He’s a trailblazer — albeit a reluctant one. In 1963, he and roommate Larry Bonner became the first black full-time undergraduates at Abilene Christian University in Texas. Curl applied to the then-all-white school at the suggestion of Southwestern’s president, A.V. Isbell. About the same time, church members in Los Angeles planted the Crenshaw congregation in Leimert Park. Its early members largely were Asian, Moore says, and the church’s first elders were white. In 1965, racially charged riots ravaged the neighborhood of Watts, about 10 miles south-east of the church building. The whites and Asians began to leave.

Curl, meanwhile, was overseas breaking more racial barriers. For six years, he served alongside white missionaries in the African nation of Ethiopia. Eromo Kelbisow, an Ethiopian, met Curl in 1966. “I wanted to know more about the church that sent white and black missionaries together,” he says. Baptized a year later, Kelbisow moved to Los Angeles and attends the Crenshaw church. Now he serves as a missionary to his home country, making trips and planting churches with support from Crenshaw. “There’s no hierarchy here” except Christ, he says of the Crenshaw church. “The people are very friendly, and the worship is very simple.” Since Curl began preaching for

the church, its community has transformed into a hub of African-American culture, lined with jazz and blues clubs. The church now is predominantly black — and hurting for parking spaces. Curl, who plans to retire soon, wants to see the congregation raise and spend more of its funds on education, missions and local outreach. But planning and programs can’t replace the biblical focus and personal touch that he credits with filling the pews. “People ask, ‘What did you do to grow?’” Curl says. His response: “We started to love each other.” That love engenders loyalty, even among Christians who work under the glaring lights of nearby Hollywood. Kendra C. Johnson, a Crenshaw member and part of the cast of the sitcom “Tyler Perry’s Love Thy Neighbor,” says she watches Sunday sermons through the Internet when she can’t be there.

“There’s nothing like Crenshaw,” she says. “I’ve been around the country, but I always come back home.”  
**‘NO MORE WALLS!’**  
After minister of music Paul Berry leads the church in a chorus of “I Love to Praise His Holy Name” that nearly shakes the building’s rafters, Moore steps to the pulpit. His sermon topic: zoning laws. Los Angeles’ complicated ordinances are a perfect example of the kind of “zoning” Christians practice in their daily lives, he says as he builds a physical wall in front of the church — using blocks labeled “Religious,” “Spiritual,” “Social” and “Moral.” Some Christians don’t serve at church because they believe they “don’t pass the social test,” he

says. Others wish only to associate with those who believe and worship exactly as they do. “We have enough religion to hate one another,” he says, “but not enough to love one another.” From the audience, one church member shouts, “Go on, Tyson!” Another yells, “No more walls!” The barriers in Moore’s sermon once kept Troy Andrews from serving Christ, the 24-year-old says after he leads a closing prayer. Once a promising baseball player with a signing bonus from the Chicago White Sox, alcohol ruined his chances of major-league fame. He found the Crenshaw church after viewing Moore in a YouTube video. He used to sit in the back of the building, thinking that his tattoos and taboos would keep him from finding acceptance here. Moore taught him otherwise, and the church’s seniors treated him like a son. Baptized March 11, 2012, he

now stands at the front of the auditorium, arms raised as he praises God. Moore, 39, grew up in Los Angeles and believes that “black men, especially in L.A., are an endangered species.” Gang violence and incarceration have deprived children of fathers. Moore credits his own faith to growing up in the church, “surrounded by strong men.” He wants the Crenshaw church to provide the same for a new generation. The church sponsors conferences and accountability groups for men and the STAR program, which rewards children who get good grades in math and science. Personal relationships with mature Christians are vital, Moore says. That’s one reason the congregation spends time and resources nurturing its seniors. To show their appreciation, church members including Regina Bryant host activities for

the seniors — including a recent banquet in the seaside community of Marina del Rey. There, Berry performed a rousing rendition of Al Green’s “Let’s Stay Together,” and Bryant moderated an “oldies music” trivia contest. Thomas Webb, the 70-year-old Bible class student, knew every answer. Bryant says she will “shoulder tap, back push, arm twist, whatever it takes” to get church members involved in the ministry. Her service to seniors flows from the pattern of service she sees from her church’s leaders — and from Christ’s service to all mankind. “I believe you do what you can while you can for who you can,” she says, “because you don’t know what tomorrow holds — or this afternoon, especially in L.A.”



Kelbisow



Johnson



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**P**amela Hendrix loves foreign languages. There's only one thing this franco-phone loves more — living as a missionary in Lyon, France.

She credits her parents, V.M. and Lois Whitesell of Edmond, Okla., with instilling in her the love of mission work. As far back as she can remember, her parents took short-term mission trips. After their children were grown, the Whitesells moved to London and worked with the Wembley Church of Christ from 1982 to 1989.

She graduated from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., where she studied French, German, Spanish and Italian. After graduating in 1976, she spent two years as an intern with missionary Doyle Kee in Geneva, Switzerland.

A year before her graduation, in nearby Lyon, Arlin and Judy Hendrix and Max Dauner had launched a French-speaking congregation. After the death of Hendrix's first wife, he and Pamela married in 1988, and she joined the mission work. Now their four children and seven grandchildren are scattered across four continents. One family does mission work in Zambia.

Sponsored by the Poplar-Warner church in Guthrie, Okla., since 1998, the Hendrixes have extended their mission work beyond Lyon, conducting marriage seminars in France, Switzerland, Belgium and the islands of Mauritius and Guadeloupe. Though Lyon is their home, Arlin Hendrix says, "Our mission is to proclaim Jesus to both Christians and non-Christians throughout the French-speaking world."

#### How did you decide to do mission work?

When I was growing up, my parents enjoyed hosting visiting missionaries. I loved hearing their stories. I was inspired by their work "on the front lines" where people do not have easy access to God's Word.

In addition, my family went on several overseas evangelistic campaigns, which had a major impact on my spiritual journey. By my teen years I was sensitive to God's calling.

Right after college graduation, I moved to Geneva as a two-year mission intern. Naturally, at that point I had



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Pamela Hendrix overlooks Lyon, a city of 2 million souls in the Rhone-Alpes region of France.

## A conversation with Pamela Hendrix

**MISSIONARY TO FRENCH-SPEAKING** *world talks about her faith-filled heritage and the need for relationship-based evangelism in Europe.*

no idea I would end up spending most of my life as a missionary. None of us knows what paths God will lead us down, do we? Today Arlin and I cannot imagine leaving France, because there are so few practicing Christians.

#### Describe the church in Lyon.

My husband started working in Lyon in 1975, where the vast majority considers Christianity merely as part of their cultural heritage. Many Catholics here do not believe in God, and someone trying to live his faith is rowing against the tide. When Arlin arrived in Lyon, he could not find a church without a hierarchy, so he and a few others started meeting together.

Today the Church of Christ of Lyon has Sunday attendance of about 40. It's nice to have a good blend of ages, babies to retirees. We like that it is very culturally diverse — nine nationalities and seven mother tongues. They

also have varying educational and social backgrounds. That variety lends to interesting cross-cultural communication challenges, as one can imagine.

#### After living abroad for so many years, do you feel more connected there than to your home country?

Well, I guess I do. A dead giveaway is when I have to search for words in my native English language. It is strange when I catch myself daydreaming in French about people back home who don't speak a word of French.

All culture is transient, and living overseas I cannot keep up with the changes in American culture. So I feel more comfortable today in the French

culture. There may have been some culture shock at the beginning, but it is essential to "become all things to all men." The evolution is gradual and you don't notice things changing. However, I think our ties to people in the States are just as strong as ever, and it is hard being so far from those we love.

#### What have you found to be most effective in winning people to Jesus in France?

Personal relationships.

Haven't you noticed that people are drawn to you when they see in your life peace and joy? Not to mention what happens when you show them genuine love. You don't see many of those qualities in a godless world.

Another thing that helps is to notice when folks are facing major changes (like the birth of a child) or rough times. That is when they are more open to thinking about God. We must then be compassionate to help where we can, and also be bold in sharing the Good News of Jesus. Meanwhile, when they are not listening, we must be ever loving, regardless of their response.

In France, our teaching takes a long time because people know almost nothing about the Bible. That's where patience comes in. Arlin and I love to see people encounter Jesus for the first time.

#### Do the local people ever stop thinking of you as American and finally think of you as one of them?

No, I believe that people still consider me American, even if I am a "mixed breed." I cook French, and I cook American. Our home looks French, and we have very few things out that are written in English. I try to dress French. Some say that I speak and write French more correctly than the French, but I still have an accent that betrays me.

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Pamela Hendrix

#### What discourages you most in your work?

To not see more results from "our" work. That desire is only human, but this is God's work, not ours. We keep telling ourselves that God is asking us to sow, and he is the one who gives the harvest.

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Pamela Hendrix teaches a Bible class for women on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

HENDRIX: Missionary prays for seekers

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It is truly hard to walk by faith and not by sight. How many Bible stories have we read about those who persevered? We think often of Noah, Jeremiah and Jesus himself who didn't see results during their lifetimes.

I thank God, though, that he does bless Arlin and me in so many, many ways. For one thing, we get to teach all over the French-speaking world. In other countries we are privileged to see results. That helps us keep on keeping on.

**Do you find that people are truly looking for God and you just have to find them?**

We cannot say that the French people are spiritually minded. Most of our friends close their eyes to a higher being. Because of centuries of abuse by the Catholic church, this country has been fiercely secular since the French Revolution.

However, we can say that there *are* some people out there who are truly looking for God. Shouldn't it be the prayer of each one of us that God will open our eyes to those who are seeking?

Historically, nations turn to God in

times of crisis, just like people. Arlin and I pray we will have the strength to stay the day France experiences war or a social uprising or a depression.

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Pamela Hendrix

**Do you have a favorite scripture? Why is it special to you?**

My favorite scripture is Psalm 37: "Trust in the Lord and do good. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

That does *not* mean that God gives us everything we want. But if my heart is lined up with his, if my true delight is God, then the desires of my heart will merge with

God's will. Complete trust in God is of great comfort in periods of suffering when, like Job, I do not understand the reasons why.

**What would you like people to remember about you?**

My closest friend in France had to help me with this one!

What she wants you to remember about me is my complete trust in God, even when life hits me over the head with a club. In spite of my discouragement at times, she still sees my desire to remain joyful in our Lord.

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Hamilton

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“The Church of Christ network proved stronger in the voting than the votes of the world,” Doug Hamilton said, thanking fellow Christians for helping his daughter’s cause.

### OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Mike O’Neal, president emeritus of Oklahoma Christian, recently was named chancellor of the University of Rwanda, the umbrella institution for all state universities in the East African nation.



O’Neal

O’Neal will not get involved in the day-to-day operations of the institution, according to the Rwandan government, but will be an advocate for its vision and advancement.

O’Neal said his role will be largely ceremonial, presiding at graduation ceremonies and other events. He agreed to take the position on the condition that he would be able to help move higher education in Rwanda forward, he said. He will continue to live in Oklahoma.

### PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

**MALIBU, Calif.** — Jim Gash, professor of law at Pepperdine, received the International Lawyer of the Year Award from the International Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Gash, an elder of the University Church of Christ that meets on Pepperdine’s campus, earned the award for his recent work on behalf of imprisoned juveniles in the African nation of Uganda.

In 2010, Gash became aware of Ugandan juveniles being held for up to two years in a remote prison until their



JUDSON COPELAND

## She speaks, and sings, at Oklahoma Christian

“Duck Dynasty” star Missy Robertson, right, sings “Amazing Grace” alongside her daughter, Mia, and mother, Peggy West, at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Robertson, sans bearded husband Jase Robertson, was the keynote speaker for “She Speaks: A Dinner with Missy Robertson,” during a Women’s Day program at the university’s annual lectureship. The sold-out event drew 800 women. The Robertsons are members of the White’s Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La.

trial date — many for crimes they did not commit. Gash and a team of current and former Pepperdine students began working with the Ugandan judiciary to reform the juvenile justice system and secure the freedom of those who were unjustly imprisoned.

In March, he became the first American to argue a case in the Ugandan Court of Appeals.



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Pepperdine law professor Jim Gash talks to a group of imprisoned juveniles in Uganda.

## K-12 SCHOOLS

### MOUNT DORA BIBLE SCHOOL

**MOUNT DORA, Fla.** — Students at the Children’s Home and Bible School were honored with the Beacon of Hope Award by the Lake Cares Food Pantry.

The award recognizes organizations for outstanding service to the food pantry. Students at the school fed more than 18,000 people in their community last year.

## MEDIA MINISTRY

### HERALD OF TRUTH

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## SPOTLIGHT

## Radio returns to LCU

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — After a 20-year hiatus, Lubbock Christian University has a campus radio station — one that can be heard around the world.

The university launched ChapRadio recently as part of its expanding communications degree program. The station is located on campus in the Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement.

From the 1960s to 80s the university hosted KLCC, available on campus only. The new station can be streamed through the Internet at [www.lcu.edu](http://www.lcu.edu).



JERRY SHELTON

Student disc jockey Lindsey Miller of Fresno, Calif., hosts a program on the new ChapRadio.

Denver; and Miami. Tim Archer, director of Spanish-speaking ministries, hosts both programs. The ministry hopes to expand to cities including New York and Los Angeles. To listen to episodes online, see [www.lealabiblia.com](http://www.lealabiblia.com).

## SENIOR CARE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Claudia Cornillie-Watters, a resident of this nonprofit senior living center, cut the ribbon to open the newly constructed main entrance and renovated wing of the facility’s Nursing Center.

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## Memorials

### Walter Perry Bryan

Walter Perry Bryan, Jr., born August 16, 1913, passed away October 15, 2013, at the age of 100, with his wife, Ruth, and other family members at his bedside in Edmond, Okla.

Walter was a minister of the gospel for over 73 years, ministering in numerous congregations of churches of Christ in Oklahoma and Vermont. He was active in missions in Togo and Ghana, West Africa; Australia; and Alaska, traveling extensively to those mission areas.

He and Ruth were recently honored by Oklahoma Christian University and Faulkner University for their 75 years of



marriage. They were also recently presented the Christian Service Award by Oklahoma Christian University for their 78 years of ministering to churches of Christ, unending passion for mission work, faithful church leadership, and exemplary lives as parents of three sons, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Walter worked tirelessly from the inception of the idea to the completion of establishing Oklahoma Christian University and served on numerous boards and committees for the university. He particularly enjoyed his work with Christian youth camps.

He also loved music, including the classics and a capella vocal music, as well as photography, astronomy, and fishing.

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**Jacoby**

**HONORED:** Ken Hope for 30 years as preaching minister for the Centerville Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas. **Terry Alan Jones** for 25 years as minister to the Southside Church of Christ in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**NEW ELDERS:** Robert Stokes and Anthony Carter, the Short Street Church of Christ in Tifton, Ga.



**Gilbert**

**NEW MINISTERS:** Van Gilbert, the Hendersonville Church of Christ in Tennessee. **Charles King**, the Kingman Church of Christ in Kansas. **Steve Schinnerer**, the Cave Springs Church of Christ in Arkansas. **David Chisholm**, the Gwinnett Church of Christ in Lawrenceville, Ga.

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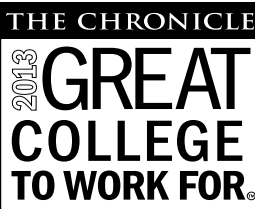
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### Editorial



Lynn McMillon

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# ‘No Makeup November’ catches on as teenage girls, women endeavor to see themselves through God’s eyes

**M**y sister Lauren called me unexpectedly one day last year with a proposal that I couldn’t believe. Lauren is a team leader for RAVE, a ministry for teenage girls that tackles subjects such as sexual purity, self-image and gossip. She said to me, “Becca, I think we need to do a challenge as a leadership team. We need to go without makeup for a month to really let God speak confidence into us.” I thought she had lost her mind!

As it turns out, Lauren was inspired by Brooke Ferguson, a sophomore at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., who had gone without makeup for a month in the summer of 2012. Brooke made videos telling about her experience and the impact on her life. Lauren was so moved by what she had seen and heard from Brooke that she wanted those of us involved with RAVE to take on this challenge, too.

At first I really struggled to embrace Lauren’s idea. Maybe I could just sit this one out, I thought. After all, I am the older sister! But God had other plans. He kept tugging at my heart. I finally concluded that if it was so hard for me to say yes to this, it was obviously something I needed to do.

I called Janna Beth Hunt, my ministry partner and best friend, and told her about the challenge. She had the same initial thought that I did.

“This is crazy!” she said.

But as we talked, we grew to understand that God could use this concept to create a place for girls to gather under

a common goal. We agreed to the challenge on one condition: We wanted to invite others to join us.

Admittedly, our goal was lofty: Convince girls in a culture that is so heavy with perfection to fast from makeup for 30 days. But as we worked through the obstacles in our own minds, we began to talk and share ideas. We discussed the way we continually speak to girls about Psalm 139, but as leaders in a girls’ ministry, do we really believe that we are fearfully and wonderfully made? We knew the challenge would be hard, but we also believed the power of community is huge! We chose for our name a spinoff of the men’s popular No Shave November. We named our effort No Makeup November.

Even after I agreed to participate, it wasn’t easy at first for me to jump wholeheartedly into this challenge. After all, I wasn’t a teenage girl with fresh skin. I’m a woman in my 30s. What will my friends think, I wondered? What will other women think of me, especially at church on Sunday? It was then that a revelation struck me: Aren’t we into beauty sometimes more to please other women in our lives, especially church women?

Once we put out the word late last summer, we had hundreds join from all over the nation. God exceeded our dreams with the participation and feedback we received from the first year alone. Already, before November begins, God is doing big things with this year’s

### Views



Becca Daniel

second No Makeup November.

As I write this, 21 states are represented. We have moms and daughters both young and old committing to sharing in 30 days of no makeup in hopes that they will take to heart what Song of Solomon 4:7 means when it says “there is no flaw in you.”

We want everyone to know that No Makeup November is not an anti-makeup campaign. It is not about the word “no.” It is about:

- **Gaining confidence**, no matter how often you wear makeup, so that you can “praise him because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.”
- **Fasting from something** so that you are more aware and can concentrate on what God is revealing to you.
- **Creating a community** of which girls can be a part. For when we feel a part of something larger than ourselves, we really are able to learn about ourselves.

That is what RAVE is all about, a community of girls. We want to provide a place for girls to belong. Whether we struggle with gossip, sexual temptation, depression, peer pressure or self-confidence, that struggle is made easier when we gain strength in numbers.

Our prayer is that through No Makeup November, girls everywhere will be able to answer tough questions about how God sees them — altogether beautiful, inside and out.

**BECCA DANIEL** is a team leader with RAVE. She, husband Nathan and daughter Fenley just relocated from Nashville, Tenn., to Destin, Fla. For more information, see [ravenomakeupnov.com](http://ravenomakeupnov.com) and [raveministries.org](http://raveministries.org).

### LETTERS

## Member takes issue with word choice

Your review (“Race and Churches of Christ: New book dispels myths,” Page 29, November) says that Churches of Christ have, for the most part, “maintained” a racially divided structure.

That word choice is, unfortunately, misleading and has unintentional consequences.

That says that Churches of Christ “work at” and “scheme” to keep white and black members separated.

Houston, where I live, has many congregations that are predominately black and are centered principally in the inner city, the oldest and generally poorer area of town. Generally, people go to church where they live.

Our annual city-wide Campaign for Christ held downtown, while attended predominately by black inner-city congregations, was supported by a number of predominately white congregations, including ours.

I believe your review was honest and sincere but just unfortunate in the words you chose.

**Charles F. Hamilton** | Houston

## Worship on a movie set? Reader touts real cowboys

Looks to me like they had a great time (see “Saddle up for Sunday school,” Page 3, November).

However, there are *true* cowboy churches that meet in the world of cattle and horses. Perhaps a story about the real wranglers and their stories would be of value, too.

**Carol Rister Copeland** | Omaha, Neb.

### VOICES

#### Why are you participating in No Makeup November?

Asked by Becca Daniel, RAVE leadership team



I’m doing No Makeup November because it’s been a while since I’ve had that total reassurance that I am pretty enough and good enough for God even with no makeup. It will also be an outreach opportunity to show other girls that they are beautiful and don’t need makeup to tell them that they are.

**Rikki Hagerty** | Douglasville, Ga.



I love No Makeup November! It’s a beautiful way to see myself through the Good Lord’s eyes, to cast down the enemy’s lies that are rampant in our culture, to learn to love myself in purity and to teach my daughters that they don’t have to add to themselves to be beautiful.

**Martha Rogers** | Lubbock, Texas



If we don’t make a conscious effort to remember HIS truth about who we are, then we make ourselves an easy target for the enemy’s lies. There is too much at stake when we forget HIS truth. No Makeup November helps me remember and allows me to remind others.

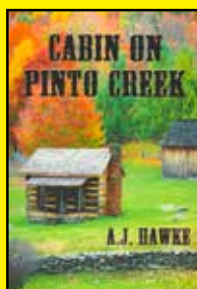
**Jenna Lupo** | Huntsville, Ala.



The worldly standards of outward “beauty” that we set for ourselves are ridiculous, and society needs to realize that our true beauty is found in Christ alone. I’m doing No Makeup November because I want to challenge myself to stop finding my identity in makeup and start finding my identity in Christ.

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# New expressions of grief offer contemplation, healing

Human beings have centuries of experience with the pain of death and loss. Still, there is a continuing existential struggle to cope with living life after the death of a loved one.

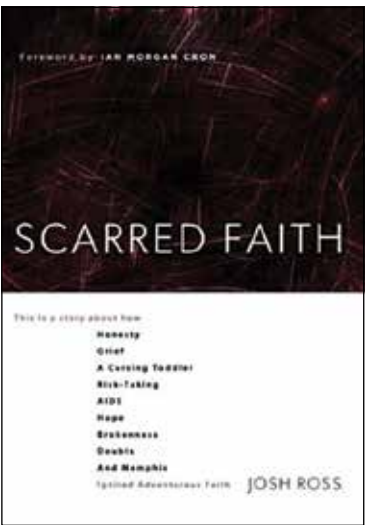
Four recent books serve as guides to help those who face the pain of grief.

Following the death of his sister, Josh Ross wrote **“Scarred Faith: This is a Story About How Honesty, Grief, a Cursing Toddler, Risk-Taking, AIDS, Hope, Brokenness, Doubts, and Memphis Ignited Adventurous Faith.”** Ross recounts the sudden death of his sister Jenny, who was 31.

As Ross, preaching minister for the Sycamore View Church of Christ in Memphis, Tenn., walks readers through the events surrounding this loss, he does not sugarcoat the devastation his sister’s death caused to his faith. He shows a sensitive understanding that for some questions, there are no answers. He writes, “I’ll probably never know why God didn’t heal Jenny.”

The first half of the book centers solidly on the illness and death of his sister, while the second half of the book grapples with the church’s response to loss, poverty, injustice and the ongoing struggles that face many people in the world today. Although both explorations are well done, they do seem a bit disjointed — someone who is seeking a book on grief might not feel ready to use the second half of the book, while someone who would like to read about social justice will not find much of practical use in the first half.

This is an excellent choice for those seeking theological ruminations and honest reac-

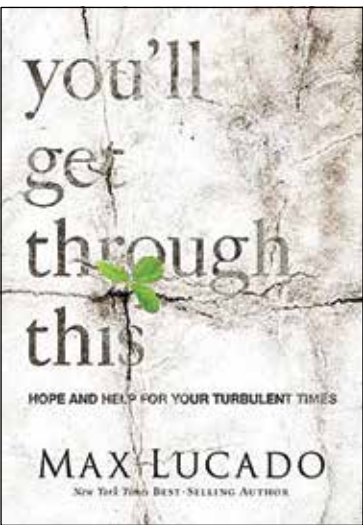


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Josh Ross. **Scarred Faith: This is a Story About How Honesty, Grief ...** Brentwood, Tenn.: Howard Books, 2013. 192 pages. \$14.99.

tions to grief. This book will create discussion for small groups or classes, particularly among bereaved Christians (but also a wider audience). I was happy to contribute a copy to our church’s grief support group library.

One of the best-known Christian writers in the world, Max Lucado, has written **“You’ll Get Through This: Hope And Help For Your Turbulent Times.”** Readers of Lucado will not be disappointed with this new title, as he uses stories, fresh insights and spiritual perspectives about the troubles of life and how to face them with faith.

Using the storyline of Joseph, Lucado masterfully compares the struggles of our lives to the plight of Jacob’s favorite son. From the bottom of a pit to the palaces of Egypt, Joseph’s faith inspires us to look beyond our troubles to the God who will see us through them. Using true stories of loss, death, imprisonment and other



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Max Lucado. **You’ll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times.** Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson, 2013. 195 pages. \$24.99.

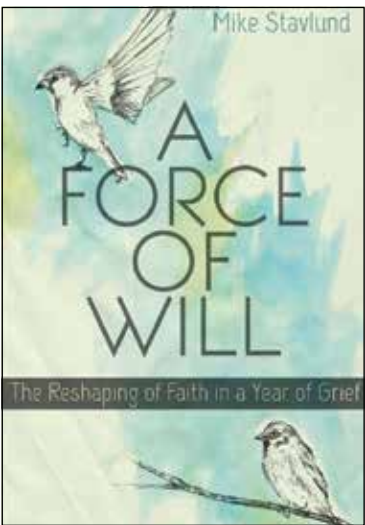
discouraging circumstances, Lucado points to God’s faithfulness beyond our pain.

In the first chapter, Lucado introduces his go-to encouragement for people he meets who are going through difficult times: “You’ll get through this. It won’t be painless. It won’t be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime don’t be foolish or naive. But don’t despair either. With God’s help you will get through this.”

In Lucado’s hands, these are not trite and light theological puffs. Rather, they are deeply rooted in the troubled life of Joseph. The questions of suffering and loss are explored compassionately and with a focus on God’s work within tragedy.

A study guide in the back of the book, along with other available resources, makes this an excellent resource for groups and classes.

In **“A Force of Will: The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief”** by Mike Stavlund, readers will find Christian reflections on life after loss. Stavlund recounts the loss



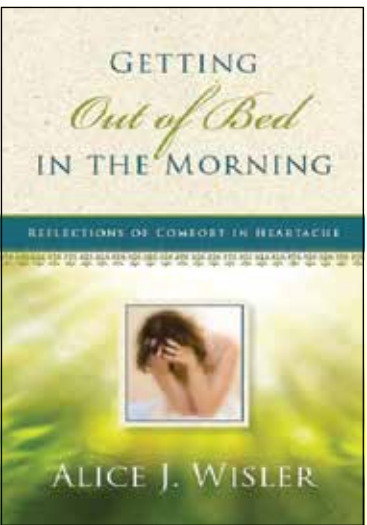
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Mike Stavlund. **A Force of Will: The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief.** Ada, Mich.: Baker Books, 2013. 225 pages. \$14.99.

of his infant son, Will, who only lived a short time after his birth. One of the unique features of this book is that it chronicles the first year following the loss of his son.

Even though the writer is filled with expected angst, because of Christ he is also filled with hope. He writes, “We are, all of us, broken vessels of God’s goodness ... choosing to hope and offer grace instead of retreating to abject cynicism.”

This book is valuable for someone who has lost a child who was very young. The walk through the first year of grief is revealing and very detailed, sometimes even tedious. There are few books about grief written from the masculine perspective, so this one should prove valuable for fathers grieving over the loss of a young child.

For those who desire a daily companion to encourage them along the journey of grief, **“Getting Out of Bed in the Morning: Reflections of Comfort in Heartache”** by Alice J. Wisler is a good choice. Wisler, a well-known Christian



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Alice J. Wisler. **Getting Out of Bed in the Morning: Reflections on Comfort and Healing.** Abilene, Texas: Leafwood Publishers, 2013. 176 pages. \$13.99.

novelist, writes 15 years after the loss of her 4-year-old son, Daniel, to cancer. This book is written as a daily devotional and is divided into sections that accompany one along the path of loss and sorrow.

Each of the 40 devotionals offers Scripture, encouragement and prayer. At the end of each chapter is a thought to consider during a daily walk. The devotions speak to various familiar aspects of grief in a gentle but helpful manner.

This could easily become the book that friends may keep on hand to give to those who suffer losses. It has an excellent message, is easily read and contains practical suggestions for each day that will be a blessing to those who have suffered losses. I look forward to sharing it with others.

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## AUTHORS FROM CHURCHES OF CHRIST

### MISSIONS

Gary L. Green. **Now What? Spiritual Discernment for Cultural Encounters.**

Franklin, Tenn.: Carpenter's Son Publishing, 2013. 78 pages. \$7.19.

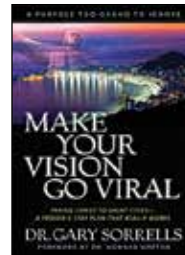


Americans spend more than \$2 billion annually on short-term missions, but most return and become so absorbed in their daily lives that they fail to experience significant spiritual transformation from the experience.

Green, founder and director of the WorldWide Witness program at Abilene Christian University in Texas, offers a workbook of Scriptural studies and reflection questions to help participants move from short-term missions to long-term maturity.

Gary Sorrells. **Make Your Vision Go Viral: Taking Christ to Great Cities.**

Bedford, Texas: Creative Enterprises Studios, 2013. 320 pages. \$24.99.

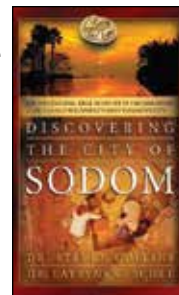


As director of Great Cities Missions, a non-profit based in Addison, Texas, Sorrells has 20 years of experience taking the Gospel to large cities in Latin America. Here, he tells the story of the formation and growth of Great Cities Missions and presents five steps for groups planning mission work in a large, foreign city.

### ARCHAEOLOGY

Steven Collins and Latayne Scott. **Discovering the City of Sodom: The Fascinating, True Account of the Discovery of the Old Testament's Most Infamous City.**

New York: Howard Books, 2013. 352 pages. \$26.



The quest of Collins, a biblical scholar and archaeologist, is written as an adventure memoir, with the efforts of Scott, a member of MountainSide Church of Christ in Albuquerque, N.M.

The scientific data of the site's dig is presented in layman's terms, alongside corresponding biblical backstory, so armchair travelers and history buffs can participate in this important discovery.

### SPIRITUAL WARFARE

F. LaGard Smith. **Angels, Demons, and the Devil: A Conversation with Michael the Archangel About Celestial Beings.**

Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Cotswold Publishing, 2012. 255 pages. \$14.99.

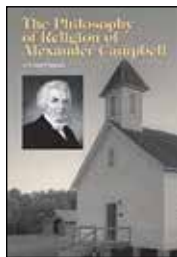


Written by a popular speaker in Churches of Christ, this book has the unusual format of a question-and-answer interview with the archangel. The narrator often assumes readers are familiar with biblical stories and wisdom, but the author provides footnotes with Scripture references. For questions that cannot be definitely answered from Scriptures, "the archangel" insists that God does not allow him to give more information on that topic.

### PHILOSOPHY

J. Caleb Clanton. **The Philosophy of Religion of Alexander Campbell.**

Knoxville, Tenn.: University of Tennessee Press, 2013. 232 pages. \$42.

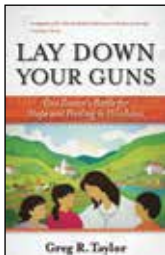


Studied most often as a theologian and American leader of the Restoration Movement, Alexander Campbell rarely is named alongside Hume and Locke in philosophy discussions. By exploring Campbell's ideas on the existence of God, miracles, the problem of evil and morality, the author, a philosophy professor at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., seeks to validate Campbell as an important religious philosopher.

### BIOGRAPHY

Greg R. Taylor. **Lay Down Your Guns: One Doctor's Battle for Hope and Healing in Honduras.**

Abilene, Texas: Leafwood Publishers, 2013. 240 pages. \$14.99.



Church of Christ member Amanda Madrid is a fearless woman who put herself through medical school to serve the poor farmers of her home country's jungles. Taylor, a minister for the Garnett Church of Christ in Tulsa, Okla., tells her story.

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# Church has changed, but heart remains

For more than 47 years, Joyce and I have been part of the Memorial Road Church of Christ in Oklahoma City.

In those 47 years, membership has grown from 100 to more than 2,500. The church's leadership, ministries and facilities have changed quite a lot.

The foundational principles have not.

What God wants the church to look like is wonderfully expressed in Paul's prayer for the Philippians, *"that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God."* (Philippians 1:9-11)

Our church isn't perfect, of course, but I believe that, for the past half-century, it has remained a place where believers seek to know God, to have a relationship with him and to represent him to others, near and far.

Memorial Road, initially called the College Church of Christ, was launched on the campus of Oklahoma Christian College (now University) on a Sunday morning in July, 50 years ago.

Three years later, as the congregation moved into its first building, we expressed our desire to be guided by the eldership (three kind men) and to serve the family of God meeting there.

Early in our life with the church, I coordinated the adult Bible class program. We had four adult classes — organized by subject, not generations — on Sunday morning and five on Wednesday evening when a discussion format was possible. For pre-school and elementary classes, five rooms were available, and junior and senior high had three rooms.

In those days, we knew every person at worship, and we knew each child and could match each with his or her parents.

Today, even with a 2,000-seat auditorium, most Sunday morning there are two worship services. (We often combine services during July and Christmastime.) Instead of using songbooks, the church sings from the music on a screen.

We hardly know one-third of the people at the worship service we attend. We always are introducing ourselves to people who have worshiped with the church for five or six years.

Instead of three elders, the church has 25 and more than 30 employees, including office staff and maintenance

workers. We have a pulpit minister who preaches most of the time, but at least five other staff members preach occasionally. The church has a wing for elementary classes, a building for the youth and a wing for pre-school.

The congregation has more than 20 adult Bible classes, which function almost

## Insight



Bailey McBride

like churches within a church. Each adult Bible class has an elder family and chair that helps with organizational matters.

I attend a class known as Fifty-Something Forever, and I am the second-oldest member of the class. There are probably a couple of people in their 50s, and the rest are older.

Still, the members stay in the class and have their closest relationships there. We have a wonderful class member who sends e-mails with all prayer requests and other information about members. The class has many strong, persistent prayer warriors.

I share this personal story to suggest that "external" elements of church life may change, but as long as the heart of the community — Christian seekers — is set on loving God and honoring him by the faithfulness of their lives, the church is still the family of God.

Paul communicates in many of his writings that the unity of the believers makes a powerful impression on the world, just as the godly lives of the believers made people take notice and drew people to God. In 1 Corinthians 12 and in Romans 12, he recognizes the organic unity of the church by comparing it to a human body with many parts — each with its function.

So long as the church recognizes the supremacy of Jesus as its center and focus, so long as the church is firmly devoted to Jesus and his spiritual calling.

Today the church — not a building but the people who worship — is the temple of God. So the 2,500 people we worship alongside are the temple, just as the 100 who worshiped nearly half a century ago were the temple.

We should all be praying for the unity of the church and that the believers will be a light to show the way to God.

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