



Declining numbers, but signs of hope?

NEW DIRECTORY for Churches of Christ in the U.S. shows a loss of members and congregations. At the same time, interest in non-denominational Christianity soars.

BY ERIK TRYGGESTAD | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Young Christians long for the restoration of the church they read about in the Bible, says Caitlyn Brick.

They want to be part of a community of believers similar to the one in the second chapter of Acts — a church that helps the poor and breaks bread together “with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”

They just don’t see why it must have the words “Church of Christ” on its building — or why they need a building at all.

“Our generation wants more Jesus and not more tradition,” says Brick, a 22-year-old

dietetics student at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.

“We’re all about the relationship,” adds Sydney Hale, 19, a nursing student at Lipscomb.

An increasing number of Americans seek a relationship with the divine outside Churches of Christ, according to the latest numbers released by Nashville-based publisher 21st Century Christian.

The 2012 edition of “Churches of Christ in the United States” counts 1,554,231 adherents, a number that includes church members and their children, among the country’s 12,447 Churches of Christ. That’s a drop of more than 23,000 souls since the

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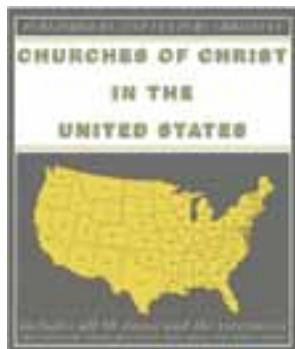


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Church elder brings his ‘Duck Dynasty’ to reality TV

Phil Robertson, with a black Labrador named Peggy Sue, doesn’t look like a typical church elder, but he serves as one of the shepherds for the White’s Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La. The Duck Commander and his family will be featured in a reality series called “Duck Dynasty,” set to premiere March 21 on the A&E Network.

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Beyond the noise: Quiet time with God

GATLINBURG, Tenn.

Sixty seconds. That was Jeff Walling's request.

Be quiet and listen to God, Walling asked the crowd at Winterfest, a three-day youth retreat that

draws more than 12,000 teens and sponsors to the Great Smoky Mountains.

"Let me give you 60 seconds," said Walling, minister for the

Inside Story



Bobby Ross Jr.

Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, N.C. "It'll feel like much longer."

It'll feel like an eternity, actually.

We live in a 100-mph society where noise, it seems, bombards us 24/7.

At every turn, we're hit with advertising — from television to billboards to the supermarket checkout line.

We devote countless hours a day to technology, listening to music on our MP3 players, tweeting on our Twitter accounts and playing games on our iPhones.

One in three teens sends 100-plus text messages a day — more than 3,000 a month, according to the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

Lest we older people think we're any less obsessed, 75 percent of us admit to texting or talking on our smartphones while — ew! — on the toilet, according to marketing agency 11Mark.

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Christian universities name new presidents

FROM STAFF REPORTS | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Two universities associated with Churches of Christ have named new presidents.

John deSteiguer, senior vice president for advancement at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City, will move into the president's office this summer.

At Lubbock Christian University in Texas, Tim Perrin, a 1984 graduate, has been tapped to lead his alma mater.

DeSteiguer will succeed retiring Oklahoma Christian President Mike O'Neal,



deSteiguer

Don Millican, chairman of the university's board of trustees.

Perrin, vice dean and professor of law at Pepperdine University School of Law in

who is stepping down after 10 years at the helm.

"Dr. deSteiguer is well-known and well-respected giving Oklahoma Christian a visionary leader who possesses a strong appreciation and respect for Christian education and the difference it makes," said



Perrin

Christian University just the right person for this time in our history," Jones said.

Malibu, Calif., will succeed Ken Jones, who transitioned to the role of chancellor after 18 years as president of Lubbock Christian.

"I believe the future is exceedingly bright because of this choice and because God's hand has been at work in bringing Lubbock

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Western Christian forced to close

THE CANADIAN SCHOOL *could not sustain itself as enrollment and donations kept falling, leaders say.*

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

At age 16, Karen Cooper lost her mother to cancer. The death devastated Cooper, but she eventually came to view Ivy Kristianson's passing in a different light.

"I have learned to focus on being grateful for the 16 years and what they meant," said Cooper, chief operating officer for Western Christian College and High School in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Now, Cooper endeavors to take that same approach as she oversees the closing of financially beleaguered Western Christian — a pillar of Churches of Christ in Canada for 67 years.

"When I talk to people, in their heads they understand," she said of the circumstances leading to the school's demise. "That doesn't mean their hearts aren't broken."

The Western Christian Society — a governing body made up of school donors who are members of Churches of Christ — recently voted 61-2



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A view of the campus of Western Christian College and High School in Regina, Saskatchewan.

to shut down operations at the end of June.

"An economic crisis created by a steady decline in enrollment, donors and donations over the past decade has affected our cash flow to a point where we can no longer consider Western Christian a fiscally viable entity," academic dean Bill Schwarz said in an e-mail to *The Christian Chronicle*.

"It is important to state that this was a logical and necessary decision," Schwarz added. "Our goal now is to finish our history well and be God-honoring in all we do, especially in dealing with our staff, students, vendors and creditors. Glorifying God through a necessary ending is just as important as glorifying him

through new beginnings."

Western Christian's closure comes three years after the decision to shut down Cascade College in Portland, Ore. — also a small, financially troubled, outside-the-Bible-Belt school associated with Churches of Christ.

Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Mich. — once known as Michigan Christian College — also has struggled in recent years but has made strides to ensure its survival, as the *Chronicle* reported last year.

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NOISE: Finding time to listen to the voice of God

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What is the cumulative effect of all that noise on our spiritual lives?

"I'm concerned that Jesus is getting lost in the distraction," said David Kinnaman, president of the Barna Group, a Ventura, Calif.-based market research firm that specializes in the religious beliefs and behavior of Americans and the intersection of faith and culture.

I first started reflecting on this distraction in my own life a few months ago when my friend Kent Risley, a minister for my home congregation, preached on silence and solitude.

"In this world, we get caught up in running the rat race of life," Risley said in his sermon. "But that is not the race that God intends for us to run."

In the New Testament, we read about Jesus awakening "very early in the morning." Not to catch the latest sports highlights on ESPN. Not to check his Facebook messages. Not to program his DVR. Rather, we learn in Mark 1:35: "While it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Psalms 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

We read that verse and sing that song, but do we slow down long enough to talk to God and listen to him?

Do we turn off the TV, take out our earbuds, put down our laptops, give our clicking fingers a rest?

Such questions emerged as a major theme of Winterfest 2012, which highlighted spiritual disciplines such as meditation, prayer and solitude.

Teens who heard the lessons said they hope to put them into practice.

"I plan to get up before school in the morning and spend time with God, in solitude, studying his word and praying so that I start my day with him at the center," said Jalynn Harris, 16, a member of the Laurel Church of Christ in Maryland.

"I hope to be more involved with

God's will for me by listening to his voice rather than my own," she added. "I hope to do this by recklessly abandoning myself and living my life as worship by presenting myself to God as a sacrifice and by praising him in the good and the bad times of my life."

Alec Michael Bissonnette, 18, a member of the Leominster Church of Christ in Massachusetts, said the discipline of simplicity struck him.

"I agree that ... today's youth rely on and use technology too much," he said. "I have fasted from my cell phone and the computer a few times already since then, and I am planning a fast from eating."

Oliver Arevalo, 13, a member of the Church of Christ in Falls Church, Va., said: "I intend to focus on the discipline of silence. I can try to add silence to my life by backing off from my electronics a little to give my mind some space to reflect on God."

But young people weren't the only ones inspired to assess their emphasis on technology.

Michelle Roberts, a parent who attended Winterfest with a group from the Madison Street Church of Christ in Clarksville, Tenn., embarked on a 40-day fast from Facebook and non-essential computer time.

"Why 40 days?" Roberts wrote in a Facebook note explaining her planned absence. "Jesus fasted for 40 days while in the wilderness prior to being tempted by Satan."

"Since I am striving to be more like Jesus and draw closer to him, what better example is there to follow? Please pray for me during this time of spiritual growth."

Walling suggested a simple way to remember to talk to God.

He urged the teens to set their ringers to go off at 3:16 p.m. as a daily reminder of this question: "Have I gotten quiet with God?"

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KENTUCKY

SOMERSET — The Cumberland Church of Christ produced a pocket-size pamphlet that members can use to help share the Gospel. It's titled "Heaven Awaits: Will you be there?"

"I thought it might be helpful for others who want to preach the Gospel, and we would like to put it in their hands," minister Ed Bialon said.

For more information, write to the church at 154 Turner St., Somerset, KY 42503 or email cumberlandchurchofchrist@hotmail.com.

LOUISIANA

MONROE — The Forsythe Church of Christ recently hosted a "First Steps in Grief Recovery" Night.

"This was our first time to do such an event," minister John Dobbs said. "Having had experience with other grief groups that were ongoing, we wanted to do a one-night event to introduce people to the idea of the value of grief groups."

Dobbs lost his son, John Robert Dobbs, 18, in an interstate tragedy in 2008.

He said he hopes to encourage other churches to "get involved in the difficult work of serving the grieving community."

MONTANA

BELGRADE — More than 150 church elders, potential elders and their wives met recently to network, be equipped and find encouragement, said Scott Laird, minister for the Great Falls Church of Christ.

Twenty-six congregations were represented at the Shepherds Network event, organized by Harding School of Theology in Memphis, Tenn. Besides Montana, participants came from Alberta, Idaho, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Washington.

"It was an event where shepherds truly shepherded fellow shepherds," Laird said.

NEW JERSEY

SEWELL — The Pitman Church of Christ prepares "Parent Care Bags" to benefit mothers and fathers with children at a nearby trauma hospital.

The ministry began as members contemplated unopened toiletry items that many accumulate from hotel stays, said Katherine Cooper, wife of minister Dan Cooper.

"Many of us travel, and we have more tiny bottles of shampoo and body wash



JEFF FOSTER

Playful smooch for a friend

Max, 5, offers a kiss to Unique, also 5, during a Sunday night fellowship event at the Gallup Church of Christ in New Mexico. Both children are residents of nearby Manuelito Navajo Children's Home, which is associated with Churches of Christ, minister Jeff Foster said.

than we could ever use," she said. "We purchase toothbrushes and toothpaste, usually from the local dollar stores. We provide a different bag for moms and dads with the appropriate deodorant."

A letter put inside each bag offers the sympathy and prayers of the church.

TEXAS

DALLAS — David Lane, minister for the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ, responded to a group's plans for a billboard touting atheism in an interview with a local television station.

"Traditionally, African-Americans come out of a tradition that is led and motivated by faith," Lane told KDFW Fox 4 News in Dallas.

"We are where we are, and we are who we are, primarily because we've chosen to believe in a power that's bigger than ourselves," he said. "It will

create a lot of dialogue. There will be congregations of all kinds in this area who will be challenged by the fact that such a movement is at our door."

To view the full report, search for "atheist" at www.christianchronicle.org/blog.

SAN ANTONIO — Three years ago, Glen Markham, a member of the Northside Church of Christ, landed a gig with the San Antonio Rampage.

When the visiting hockey team is from north of the U.S. border, Markham sings the Canadian national anthem.

Markham also leads singing for various church functions. While he's not Canadian, he tired of hearing elementary school choirs mess up "O Canada."

"I knew I could do a better job and got an audition with the club," he said. "I have been doing it ever since."

SPOTLIGHT**A duck empire**

WEST MONROE, La. — A bayou family lives the American dream as they stay true to their family values and lifestyle.

That's how the A&E Network bills "Duck Dynasty," a reality series that premieres March 21.

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LYNN MCMILLON

Phil Robertson is known as the Duck Commander.

Duck Commander Phil Robertson is an elder for the White's Ferry Road Church of Christ, where son Alan preaches.

UTAH

CLEARFIELD — The Wasatch Church of Christ recently celebrated 30 years with Ron White as minister.

White, 66, has conducted gospel meetings in several Western states and served as an elder for more than 15 years, the *Rocky Mountain Christian* reported. He directs the Grand Teton Family Bible Encampment and the Utah Labor Day Weekend Family Bible Camp.

WYOMING

CHEYENNE — Sonic? Arby's? Wendy's?

Those fast-food chains all receive air time in a video by the Cheyenne Church of Christ youth group. But the emphasis is on feeding the soul.

The video promoted a recent youth rally with the theme "Soul Food."

To view it, search for "Soul Food" at www.christianchronicle.org/blog.

Nothing but net for new presidents

AS THEY PREPARE TO SERVE, the sharpshooting new leaders of Lubbock Christian University and Oklahoma Christian University reflect on their families, their faith and the challenges facing Christian higher education.

Tim Perrin

Lubbock Christian University

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

A few things you might not know about Tim Perrin, the newly named next president of Lubbock Christian University in Texas:

- He played basketball at Lubbock Christian and still holds its single-season record for free-throw percentage: 89.8 percent in 1981-82, his sophomore year.

- This won't be the first time he's served as president at Lubbock Christian: He was student body president at Lubbock Christian High School in 1979-80 and at then-Lubbock Christian College in 1983-84.

- His wife, Lucy, is an LCU alumna as well. The Perrins have three children: Hannah and Sam, who attend Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., and Will, a high school student.

"I don't know that this is surprising, but my wife Lucy is the most remarkable person I know, and she will be a vital part of our work at LCU," said Perrin, 50, who is leaving Pepperdine, where he serves as vice dean of the law school.

Perrin's roots in Churches of Christ go back multiple generations. His maternal great grandfather, F.L. Young, preached in the early part of the 20th century. Young was also the grandfather of F.W. Mattox, LCU's founding president.

When Perrin's parents, Elaine and Les Perrin, moved to Lubbock in 1959, they placed membership with the Vandalia Village Church of Christ. His mother, 83, remains a member. His father, who died in 2006 at age 79, served as an elder.

"Lubbock Christian University holds a very special place in my heart both because my wife and I graduated from there and because of my family's significant investment in the college," Perrin said. "Both of my parents were long-time professors at LCU. My dad was the basketball coach at LCU for eight years and a longtime history professor. My mom was an English professor



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Tim Perrin, right, receives congratulations from LCU Chancellor Ken Jones.

for many years. All of my four siblings attended LCU. My oldest brother served on the board for a time."

As Perrin sees it, the 2,000-student university is "in very strong condition" with an excellent faculty, an experienced leadership team and enrollment near an all-time high. LCU has enjoyed remarkable stability, he said, praising Chancellor Ken Jones' 18 years as president. Still, the university faces challenges, Perrin said.

"One significant challenge faced by all private colleges and universities is the increasing regulatory environment," he said. "A second and related concern is affordability. LCU is fortunate that its tuition and fees have remained quite modest. Yet we will need to continue to increase financial assistance for students as we try to limit the amount of debt students have at graduation."

"Another challenge that LCU faces, along with many of her sister schools, is the shrinking pool of students from the Churches of Christ who attend Church of Christ universities," he added. "The good news is that LCU experienced an increase in the percentage of students from the Churches of Christ in this year's freshman class. I am committed to the university serving the church and its families. A key element of my work will be to maintain a healthy enrollment from the Churches of Christ."

John deSteiguer

Oklahoma Christian University

BY MURRAY EVANS | FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

OKLAHOMA CITY

To say February was a memorable month for John deSteiguer would be a vast understatement.

Just days after Oklahoma Christian University trustees named him as the university's sixth president, he hit a near half-court shot during a halftime contest at an OC basketball game. The footage spread across the Internet.

Later in the month, he celebrated his 50th birthday.

The former Truman Scholar recipient at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., had no connections to OC when he joined President Mike O'Neal's staff in 2002 as senior vice president for advancement.

Now, deSteiguer says, he couldn't imagine serving anywhere else, as he's fulfilling a longtime desire to be involved in Christian higher education.

"I am really both humbled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve as president of Oklahoma Christian," deSteiguer said. "There is not another place in the world I would rather be. This community has become our home, and the students, faculty and staff have become like extended family."

The son of a naval aviator, deSteiguer moved plenty as a child, living in California, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia as well as on the island of Guam.

His family moved to his mother's hometown of Tahlequah for his high school and college years. Later educational travels took him around the world, including Jamaica and the United Kingdom.

After he and his wife, Darla, graduated from Pepperdine University's law school — both with honors — they settled in Dallas to live the life of "big-city lawyering."

But as they started their family, they decided that "we needed to return



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John deSteiguer reacts after OC students present him with a No. 1 jersey.

to our roots," so they returned to Tahlequah for 10 years. They have two teenage children, Joe and Abby.

DeSteiguer says leaders of other universities "are so envious" when they learn that OC has a daily chapel service that brings together the campus community and that 80 percent of OC's undergraduates live on campus.

"That spiritually based, residential community, wrapped in an educational experience that is absolutely first-rate — I think that puts Oklahoma Christian in a unique and very coveted position."

He has a three-pronged vision platform for the 2,200-student university:

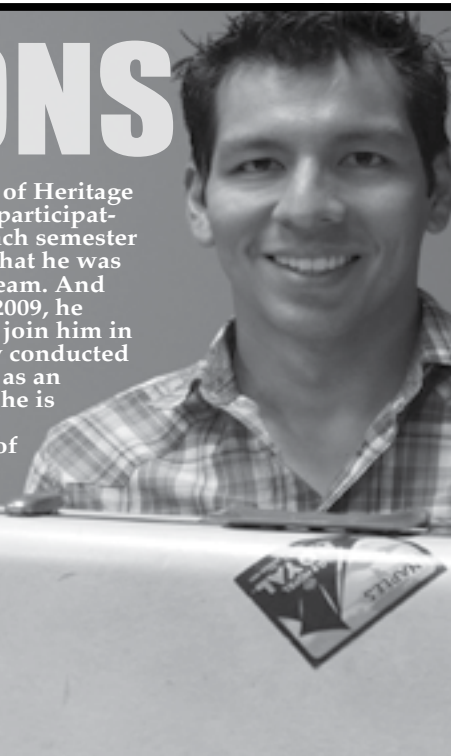
- "OC is home. It's the place where you really learn well. You connect and you grow, and you're prepared to go out ... and make a living and make a life, but you long to return home to visit."

- "OC also grows. We're going to grow in our enrollment, and we're going to grow in our financial strength, measured by our endowment."

- "The third thing is, 'OC is mission.' ... Our education is wrapped in this personal, spiritual community. It is life-changing. Our mission is to transform lives for Christian faith, scholarship and service, and I think that's a mission statement not just for our students, but also for our faculty and our staff. We are committed to that."

MISSIONS

Ramon Gonzalez defines the concept of Heritage Christian University missions. After participating in the HCU campaign program each semester as a part of his curriculum, he knew that he was capable of leading his own mission team. And he knew just where to take them. In 2009, he organized a team of HCU students to join him in his home country of Peru, where they conducted Bible studies and did outreach. Now, as an HCU alumnus and graduate student, he is planning a second trip. From being led to leading... that's the goal of the Christian Service and campaign programs. Ramon plans to return to Peru after graduation, but he will have left a legacy of leadership... and a dream in the hearts of other students. That's the type of missions experience you can expect from HCU. It's our focus.



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SVAY RIENG — A medical mission team treated 11,430 people in impoverished villages of this Southeast Asian nation. Sokhom Hun, a Cambodian Christian, arranged for 20-plus Cambodian doctors to treat the patients. American church members assisted in medical, dental and vision clinics.

The mission team also conducted Bible classes, and 60 Cambodians were baptized. Newly-planted churches in eastern Cambodia will do follow-up studies with the new converts. The Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Dallas sponsors the work.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

BANGUI — An African missionary pleads for “the sound teachings of Christ” in this country of 4.5 million souls, one of the least-developed nations in the world.

Worlanyo Bor, a native of Ghana, works with churches and a ministry training school in this landlocked country’s capital.

Though the Gospel has spread rapidly in West Africa, Bor said that church members should focus evangelism on nations in Africa’s interior, including the Central African Republic, Chad and the Congo. These countries need trained evangelists to “communicate the true news of Jesus,” Bor said.



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Worlanyo Bor baptizes among fishing boats in the Central Africa Rep.

HONDURAS

CATACAMAS — Honduran minister Jose Pagoada and his family endured 15 hours of horror after one of their 19-year-old twin daughters was abducted.

The girl was walking with her



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Lives lost, buildings destroyed in Philippines quake

Sandals, rubble and overturned pews are left behind after an earthquake rocked the Jimalud Church of Christ in the Philippines’ Negros Oriental province. Church members were conducting a funeral when the quake hit, and the falling debris killed an 11-year-old girl. The preacher conducting the funeral, Warmild Daleos, suffered a broken spine, and his daughter also was injured. The 6.9-magnitude quake damaged church buildings across the province, said native missionary Salvador Cariaga. “Negros has one of the largest concentrations of Churches of Christ in the country,” he said. “They have produced leaders and preachers now serving on other islands. This calamity is unique because many of our brethren are affected.” For a list of ministries accepting donations for relief, see www.christianchronicle.org.

mother near the family’s home at 3:30 p.m. on a Sunday when two hooded men took her by force, said Dwight Tomkins, a missionary in Catacamas.

The abductors released her several hours later and she spent most of the night trying to find her way home. She called her parents at 6:30 a.m. Monday from a phone 10 miles outside of town. Police interviewed her extensively about the incident and took her to a hospital.

Tomkins asked for prayers for the Pagoada family.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LAE — The headmaster of the Melanesian Bible College asks for prayers for victims of a

recent ferry accident in this South Pacific nation.

The ferry was shuttling people between two of the nation’s islands when it sank, said Jab Mesa. Some members of the headmaster’s extended family, who were onboard the ferry, are missing.

“There are families of members of the Lord’s church that also are missing,” he added. “Please pray for the families who lost their loved ones.”

UKRAINE

DONETSK — Three Christian women — Darlene Wiley and GayLynne Wiley Schob of Belton, Texas, and Laura Huff of Maryville, Tenn., made a

chilly, wintertime visit to this Eastern European nation.

The ladies made crafts alongside children at three Ukrainian orphanages and gave gifts and Bibles provided by Eastern European Mission. They hosted tea parties for the staffers who take care of the children.

The visitors spent time with widows from a Ukrainian Church of Christ. One of the widows make regular visits to children’s hospitals and orphanages. The visitors gave her nearly four dozen quilts — made by church members in Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia — to give to the children. Each quilt has a pocket for a children’s Bible, Huff said.

SPOTLIGHT**‘Room for the Gospel’ in South Korea**

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas

— Church members gathered in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro recently to discuss missions in the South.

South Korea, that is.

The College Hill Church of Christ hosted the fourth annual Korean Mission Forum, featuring long-time missionary Malcolm Parsley.

Parsley discussed the ongoing work in South Korea and the influence of Buddhism there.

Stephen Wolf, a member of the Fairview Heights Church of Christ in Illinois who has worked in South Korea, spoke about future mission possibilities there.

The Asian nation of 48.9 million souls — about 6,800 miles east of Dallas — has experienced tremendous growth among Christian groups, Wolf said. An estimated 50 percent of the country’s population claims some form of Christianity as its faith.

But “the Churches of Christ are still rather small, with some 120 congregations scattered throughout the nation,” Wolf said.

“There is tremendous room for the Gospel in Korea,” he added, “as many key cities still do not have a local Church of Christ, not to mention the opportunities that will exist in North Korea in the future.”

**Parsley****Wolf**



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More than 2,000 youths worship at Nigerian forum

Youths from a Church of Christ in the town of Oron, Nigeria, pile into their congregation's van for the trip home after the youth forum on the campus of Obong Christian High School. The youths worshiped and studied alongside more than 2,000 peers at the annual forum, said director Esang Akpanudo. Thirty-five youths were baptized during the four-day forum.

"The Obong youth forum is 25 years old," Akpanudo said. "My prayer and hope is that this program will challenge the youth to spread the Gospel throughout the African continent."

Workshop puts Europe in spotlight

SEARCY, Ark. — Churches of Christ must make a renewed commitment to church planting in Eastern Europe and continue their pledge to strengthen indigenous church leaders.

Those were among the messages delivered at the annual Workshop

Eastern Europe at the College Church of Christ. More than 170 people attended the event, formerly known as the Romania-Albania Workshop. Attendees represented Churches of Christ from 10 U.S. states.

Shawn Daggett, director of the Center for World Missions at Harding University in Searcy and organizer of the event, reminded participants in his keynote address about the dangers of paternalistic and short-sighted missions.

A common thread among the speakers was that the mission in Europe has not ended, participants said. Sending churches must continue

to plan thoughtful, responsible, long-term strategies for church growth and evangelism in Eastern Europe.

Several missionaries and native workers in Europe participated, including Ellen Walker of Albania, Jeff Shepherd of Bulgaria, J.D. and Ashley Dargai and



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Greg Hogue leads a prayer for current and future missionaries to Europe.

Gyula Sut of Hungary, Pete Hunt of England, Corey and Sarah Keen of the Czech Republic, Kevin and Allison Morrill of Albania and Vladimir and Muza Vakhrushev of Russia.

Christo Arnaudov, a minister from Bulgaria, joined the conference via Skype.

"The speakers challenged and encouraged us," Walker said, "but mostly it was so wonderful to be able to talk directly to people who have an interest in missions and ask them to lend their help to the Lord's work in Albania."

The Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Ark., will host the Workshop Eastern Europe in 2013.



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BY THE YEARS

2012

Churches: 12,447
Members: 1,209,259
Adherents: 1,554,231

2009

Churches: 12,629
Members: 1,224,404
Adherents: 1,578,281

2006

Churches: 12,963
Members: 1,265,844
Adherents: 1,639,495

2003

Churches: 13,155
Members: 1,276,621
Adherents: 1,656,717

2000

Churches: 13,032
Members: 1,264,152
Adherents: 1,645,645

1997

Churches: 13,080
Members: 1,255,834
Adherents: 1,647,078

1994

Churches: 13,013
Members: 1,260,838
Adherents: 1,651,103

1990

Churches: 13,174
Members: 1,284,056
Adherents: 1,684,872

1980

Churches: 12,762
Members: 1,240,820
Adherents: 1,601,661

1948

Churches: 10,089
Members: 682,172
Adherents: 886,824

1926

Churches: 6,226
Members: 433,714
Adherents: 563,828

1906

Churches: 2,649
Members: 159,658
Adherents: 207,555

SOURCE: *Churches of Christ in the United States*, published by 21st Century Christian.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Young believers seek to be 'Christians only'

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directory's previous edition in 2009. Since the directory's 2003 edition, Churches of Christ have lost more than 102,000 adherents — more people than attended this year's Super Bowl.

The 2012 directory also counts 708 fewer Churches of Christ than it did nine years ago.

Deciding which churches to count is an increasingly difficult task. For example, many Lipscomb students attend Ethos Church, a congregation started by a former campus minister for the university.

The church meets in the Cannery Ballroom, a downtown Nashville bar and music venue, and has multiple worship services, all with instruments. The Harpeth Hills Church of Christ in Brentwood, Tenn., helped fund the church as it began.

Ethos Church is listed in the 2012 edition of "Churches of Christ in the United States," which includes some instrumental congregations associated with the historically a cappella fellowship.

Though its adherents number between 300 and 400, Ethos Church's attendance is closer to 1,500. Most are young adults — many visitors — who have not yet become members.

Young Christians don't look for the name "Church of Christ" when choosing a place to worship, said Lindsay Hartselle, a 20-year-old student at Lipscomb — a university associated with Churches of Christ — who attends Ethos. "And we're not looking for instrumental music," she added. "We're looking for how we can connect with God."

Colin Sherfield, a 21-year-old ministry student at Lipscomb, also attends Ethos. He sees his generation's lack of "brand loyalty" harkening back to the Restoration Movement, the 19th century religious awakening to which Churches of Christ trace roots.

"We used to say, 'We are Christians only but not the only Christians,'" Sherfield said, quoting a Restoration Movement slogan. "What happened to that?"



ERIK TRYGGESTAD

Lipscomb University students Jasmine Gales, Lindsay Hartselle and Thomas Whisenant attend a variety of churches in the Nashville, Tenn., area. They share a desire for "relationship instead of religion," Whisenant said.

'POST-CHRISTIAN' TRENDS

Declining numbers among Churches of Christ are part of a larger trend among religious groups in the U.S., said Carl Royster, data compiler for the directory.

Across denominational lines, Christian groups in America face stagnating growth or declining membership.

Another group with roots in the Restoration Movement, the instrumental Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, also experienced a decline in number of congregations in the past 10 years and a growth rate of less than 1 percent, Royster said.

A third group, the Disciples of Christ, grew in total congregations while experiencing a steep decline in membership.

"One aspect that should truly be of concern for all Christians in America is the growth in the numbers of those that have no religious affiliation whatsoever," Royster said. He cited a recent survey by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life that shows 16 percent of Americans claim no religious group as their own.

"What is worse, for the Mosaic generation, ages 18-29, this figure was one in four," Royster said. "This increasing number of

'unchurched' really concerns me."

The country's "post-Christian" drift also concerns Kaitlyn Longo and Kayla Krantz, both 17-year-old members of the Spring Road Church of Christ in Westerville, Ohio. They shed tears as they remember close friends who have left their congregation of about 250 souls for other faith groups. Some have dropped out of church entirely.

At the same time, they're reminded of Bible verses that predict many will fall away from the faith in the earth's final days.

"I think people view Churches of Christ as strict and unchanging, but I don't think that's a bad thing," Longo said. "I think they should stick to their guns. I think the Church of Christ follows the Bible pretty literally."

A NEW CALL FOR RESTORATION

Though an increasing number of Americans claim no religious affiliation, the country has experienced exponential growth in churches that statisticians categorize as "independent/non-denominational," Royster said.

The forthcoming Religious Congregations Membership Study, a survey of the country's faith landscape, reveals that these churches, often called

community churches, have more than 12 million members spread across 35,000 congregations.

Among Protestant groups, they are second in number only to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"These congregations have widely varying backgrounds," Royster said, "but much of their membership has come at the expense of the other Christian bodies, including the Churches of Christ."

Renewed interest in non-denominational Christianity should encourage Churches of Christ, said Alan Henderson, chairman of the Bible department at Greater Atlanta Christian School, a school associated with Churches of Christ with 1,850 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Churches of Christ should be at the forefront of welcoming this trend toward non-denominational following of Jesus," Henderson said. "After all, isn't that what we have worked — and prayed for — for generations?"

Henderson has visited churches in multiple faith groups and said he has seen a renewed emphasis on Bible teaching, baptism, meaningful worship and community service.

"I can't help but applaud, endorse and affirm all of those things," he said.

After he graduates from Lipscomb, Sherfield plans to work with the Renovo Church, a young congregation in Puyallup, Wash., launched with support from Kairos, a church-planting ministry that works with Churches of Christ.

"Renovo" is a Latin word meaning "renew, revive" and "repeat." Renewing lost souls, reviving relationships and repeating God's mission are the congregation's goals. Attendance is about 200 to 250 — no small feat in the secular Northwest, Sherfield said.

"I feel like there's a restoration of the Restoration Movement" among young Christians, he said. "I have hope for it — a noble cause, a movement toward unity. I can never be opposed to that."



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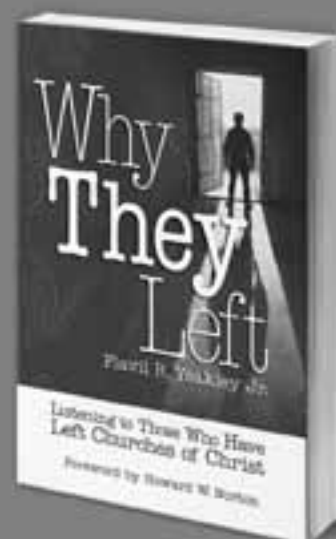
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WESTERN: School 'woven into the very fabric' of Canadian churches

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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.

The end of Western Christian will leave Great Lakes Christian High School and Great Lakes Bible College — related entities in Ontario on the eastern side of Canada —

as the nation's only educational institutions associated with Churches of Christ.



Cooper

"We want to express our sympathy and sadness that

WCC is closing," said Don Rose, chief administrator for Great Lakes Christian High School, which is offering tuition discounts and other incentives to help displaced Western Christian students.

LITTLE SCHOOL IN THE PRAIRIES

The dream of a Christian teacher named Lillian Torkelson, Western Christian was founded as a residential high school in 1945 in Radville, Saskatchewan.

The school relocated in 1957 to Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and later moved to Dauphin, Manitoba. It has been in Regina since 2003.

"For many years, WCC was the hub around which Churches of Christ in western Canada revolved," said Shelley Jacobs, who grew up on the Weyburn campus, where her parents served on the staff. "Because our congregations were small and so well networked through the school, we had a very strong sense of community and connectedness with one another."

"We all knew each other and in many ways were like extended family," said Jacobs,



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MICHELLE PETERSON WADE

The Western Christian playground is shown during the school's time in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

a member of the Northwest Church of Christ in Regina, Saskatchewan's capital. "I can travel to any congregation in western Canada and find people there who either know my family or went to school with me or my brothers at WCC."

A province nearly the size of Texas but with the population of Rhode Island, Saskatchewan is known for its wide-open spaces — celebrated in pop culture by the Canadian television sitcom "Corner Gas."



Jacobs

"In this context, it made perfect sense to start a Christian boarding high school," said Kevin Vance, a Western Christian graduate and former president. "Sixty-seven years later, in 2012, life on the prairies is much different."

"Most people live in the cities, and the need for a private Christian boarding school has changed," Vance said. "City congregations are larger, often have youth ministers and youth ministry programs, and large urban high schools offer aca-

demic and co-curricular options that small private schools simply cannot. All of these factors make parents more likely to keep their kids at home."

An additional factor: the changing landscape of Churches of Christ.

A nation of about 34 million people, Canada has about 150 Churches of Christ — many separated by hundreds of miles. Combined membership totals about 7,000, a tiny fraction of that in the United States.

"Whereas our fellowship was once more sectarian, now most people in Churches of Christ are open to other fellowships, and some even see no difference, especially when it comes to choices about Christian education," Vance said. "This means that families in Churches of Christ at a distance from the school are more likely to send their children to local, evangelical Christian schools or even colleges."

"This, coupled with the fact that there are fewer families and fewer kids in Churches of Christ in Canada, made it very difficult to sustain the enrollment at the school, at least from its traditional base."

Still, for supporters such as LaWanda Jacobs Schneider, the decision to close is difficult to accept.

Schneider's grandmother worked as a dorm mother and school cook. Her parents met at Western Christian. She's a 1976 graduate herself.

"We are letting the dream of our early Canadian Christians die," said Schneider, a member of the Saskatoon Church of Christ. "It is hard to see that happen when our forefathers had such a vision for it."

She's praying for God's guidance.

"My fear is that we won't



Vance

have a common meeting place, and we will grow further apart," she said of Churches of Christ in western Canada. "With the culture today of

people not traveling around to other congregations to fellowship, not having Western as a center will just add to the segregation we are experiencing."

HEARTACHE AND BLESSINGS

Western Christian's high school enrollment shrunk to 74 this school year — down from a peak of 202 in 1976-77.

The Bible junior college has just one full-time student, with about a dozen students taking or auditing individual courses.

Students who identify with Churches of Christ account for just 40 percent of Western Christian's total enrollment.

Jason Bandura, minister for the Glen Elm Church of Christ in Regina, graduated from the high school and earned a Bible degree through the college.

"Friendships formed through the school or influence spread through events like the lecture ship or homecoming ... are woven into the very fabric of our fellowship in Canada," said Bandura, who met his wife, Shannon, at Western Christian. "The impact of such things may be hard to measure until long after they are gone."

For Cooper, Western Christian's closing hurts on a professional level — and a personal one, too.

Her father, Ivar Kristianson, now 84, spent 28 years on the school's board — 18 as chairman.

As early as age 4 or 5, Cooper recalls running around campus. She attended youth rallies at Western Christian. In the 1980s, she enrolled as a student.

"I just lived to go to Western," she said.

She spent 20 years in Ontario but trekked back west so her daughters could experience Western Christian.

Daughter Jessica, 20, finished her studies in 2010.

Daughter Rachel, 18, will graduate this spring with the final senior class.

A final homecoming weekend, set for March 30-April 1, will feature alumni hockey, basketball and volleyball as well as reunions and class parties.

In the meantime, Cooper works to raise \$800,000 to end the final year in the black.

"I'm done asking the 'why' and 'what if' questions," she said. "I've entered the phase of gratitude and blessing and trust that God means for us to be exactly where we are."

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School associated with Churches of Christ to buy Cascade campus

BY MURRAY EVANS | FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

PORTLAND, Ore.— Oklahoma Christian University and Columbia Christian Schools have signed an agreement under which the K-12 Christian school will be able to buy the former campus of Cascade College in northeast Portland.

Neither side wanted to divulge the price, but the deal will allow the campus to remain under control of members of Churches of Christ, as desired by Portland-area church leaders.

Columbia Christian Schools Superintendent Bill Hunt told the school's faculty and staff members Feb. 24 about the plan to buy the 11-acre Cascade campus, which has been used by a handful of entities since the college closed in spring 2009. CCS is associated with Churches of Christ.

Columbia Christian Schools' campus borders Cascade's campus, and CCS students use the Cascade gymnasium, soccer field, cafeteria and other facilities.

Oklahoma City-based Oklahoma Christian received an offer from outside Churches of Christ to buy the campus, but CCS opted to exercise its right of first refusal and is in the process of putting together a financial package.

Hunt said CCS will be able to make the purchase using proceeds from the sale of land it jointly owns with the Vancouver Church of Christ in Washington state, money raised through its Walk of Faith fundraising project and by borrowing money from a bank.

When Oklahoma Christian announced three years ago that Cascade would close, OC President Mike O'Neal said the university had subsidized Cascade operations with about \$4 million, thousands of administrative staff hours and other resources.

Bill Goad, Cascade's former president and Oklahoma Christian's current executive vice president, said that OC will be able to reclaim some of the debt it incurred by operating Cascade.

The university will use the remainder of the sale proceeds to boost the Northwest Endowment Fund, created by Oklahoma Christian to provide scholarships for students in the

Northwest to attend Christian colleges.

"We're excited that they will be able to continue to use the campus and that Kingdom work will still move forward on the campus," Goad said, noting it was important for OC to continue "serving students from the Northwest with everything we invested through the years. That's the plan."

Hunt said the ultimate goal is to move the CCS high school onto the Cascade campus and use the current CCS building for just its elementary and middle-school students. The Cascade campus would return to being a place "where a hub of Christian ministries come together," Hunt said.

The campus has been owned by OC since 1994, when the university opened Cascade College as a branch campus. Before that, the campus was the home of Columbia Christian College, which operated from 1956 to 1993.

Since Cascade closed, OC has leased the campus to Bara Properties LLC, a group that includes former Cascade maintenance director Ralph Bever, his wife Dixie Bever and his son Joe Bever. Bara Properties maintains and sub-leases the campus.

Groups currently operating on the campus include another local college, Warner Pacific College, which uses some classroom space for its adult degree completion program. A Christian counseling service calls the campus home, as does a nonprofit organization called My Father's House, which helps homeless people transition back into mainstream society. Two local churches and a health-care training group have offices on the campus, and a Christian catering service uses the cafeteria.

"People are going to be asking us, 'How can you afford 11 acres and buildings?' The answer is, the leases are supporting the campus," Hunt said. "There's still 15 to 20 percent of growth we can gather in leases."

Hunt said the college is preparing to approach banks to see which might offer the best deal on a loan. He said Columbia Christian Schools plans to close the deal with Oklahoma Christian on June 30.

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A conversation with Don Rose

ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE LAST REMAINING *Church of Christ higher ed school in Canada discusses the legacy of Western Christian.*

BY LYNN McMILLON | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

With the closing of Western Christian College in Regina, Saskatchewan, there remains only one higher education institution in Canada associated with Churches of Christ. On a small campus nearly 1,700 miles east of Regina, the eight full-time students of Great Lakes Bible College prepare for ministry among Canada's 34 million souls.

Don Rose is the former president of the Waterloo, Ontario, college and chief administrator of its sister institution, Great Lakes Christian High School in nearby Beamsville. The high school has 104 students, with 35 more in its preschool program.

Rose is a graduate of the high school, formerly known as Great Lakes Christian College, and earned a master's from the University of Waterloo before returning to teach at his alma mater. In 2011 he stepped down from the presidency of all three schools and now serves as chief administrator for the high school and preschool.

Rose preaches regularly for Churches of Christ in Ontario and has taught teenagers at Omagh Bible Camp for 23 years. He now directs the camp program. He and his wife of 19 years, Corrie, have three children.

In an interview with *The Christian Chronicle*, Rose talked about the impact of Western's closing on Churches of Christ to the north — and south — of the U.S./Canadian border.

What has been the relationship between Western Christian College and Great Lakes Bible College?

I am struck with the reality that the God-driven purpose, values, fears, hopes, challenges and opportunities of the two schools are the same. We have been sister schools for 60 years. Western began in 1945 and Great Lakes in 1952. Like siblings, there have been seasons of cooperation and competition and a number of families, staff and key figures who worked with and supported both schools.

Our journey, though, has been more of a parallel one defined by geography.

WCC has served western Canada and some northwestern U.S. states, and GLCC has served eastern Canada and some northeastern states.

Throughout our history, our enrollment has been similar, and our core support constituencies have been similar in size. In the past decade, we have made more effort to invite members of each school to the other — to share in opportunities to promote our Canadian schools in the U.S. and to pray for and encourage the support of each other's work.

Without Western, will there be a greater drain of young Canadians to the U.S.?

There has been, historically, a significant drain south, but I do not believe this will increase substantially in the wake of WCC's closure. Having said this, the few who are intent upon dedicating their lives to ministry or missions will, with one less option in Canada, more likely choose to be educated in the U.S. — and many will not return.

Our primary concern, however, should not be the loss of promising Christian workers to the U.S. Rather, we need to be more effective in stemming the loss of promising young Christians to worldly lifestyles embraced at secular Canadian universities and colleges.

How will the closing of Western impact Canadian churches?

In the short term, there will seem to be little to no negative impact, save the sadness of the closure, but I believe that the impact in 10 to 20 years will be felt in the dwindling pool of active and engaged congregational members and leaders.

Western's college program offered foundational, intensive, biblical instruction for leaders and servants and enabled the training of workers in the uniqueness of our Canadian context. The high school provided a daily reinforcement of biblical values in a world that is more aggressive and pervasive in its influence than it has ever been.

In Canada, provincial curriculums emphasize humanistic and atheistic



VAL POSTHUMUS

Don Rose has served the students of the Great Lakes Christian schools for 15 years.

perspectives more than ever before. The secular influences of the world are, literally, inescapable. This suggests to me — especially in the majority of Canadian congregations where youth groups and support are in short supply — that Christian education is needed more than ever.

Is this closing an indicator of the health of the Canadian church?

I believe that there is a high correlation between the health of our schools and the health of the Canadian Churches of Christ. Recent figures produced by the Canadian Churches of Christ periodical, *The Gospel Herald*, reveal some sobering results. Essentially, Churches of Christ in Canada have not grown in 30 years. Though there has been a redistribution of the congregational populace, there has been no real growth overall.

Just as congregations are losing a generation of leaders, so do the schools lose a generation that deeply valued Christian education, would sacrifice for it and who constitute the majority of supporters for it. Both the Canadian church and the schools are negatively impacted by these trends.

What degree of significance should Canadians and U.S. citizens alike attach to this closing?

It is significant. We need to bolster our outposts. This requires financial support but should, more significantly, be about active, effective engagement. How can we better engage our own people, attract some energetic and experienced workers from afar and win this highly resilient culture for the Lord?

I believe this closure is an indicator that this question isn't being answered — at least adequately. That presents a significant challenge to the church north and south of the border.

How important has Western been to the Canadian church?

I don't want to overstate the importance of our schools. I believe in the autonomous nature of our congregations and in the significance of the local body driving the spread of the Gospel in communities.

However, without training within this culture — which looks so much like the United States but isn't — we lose a valuable contributor to the overall health of churches in this country.

I wish I could quantify the value of Western Christian to the Canadian church with more objective data, but I can only share my personal, anecdotal observation. Most of the leaders in the church who I have met have some connection to one of our schools.

Sadly, fewer than half of the congregations in Ontario can support a full-time preacher (and just over half across the country), but there has been a significant contribution by our schools toward the enrichment of the teaching and preaching that is happening here.

In Ontario, fully half of our full-time preachers were educated at Great Lakes Christian High School, Great Lakes Bible College or both. In western Canada, I have observed a similar influence by Western on churches there.

I believe that Western Christian served its purpose well and that the full extent of its positive influence will reveal itself in the years after it is gone.

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Some Winterfest participants wave “light swords” during the entertainment before praise and worship begins in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Thousands attend the annual youth retreat.

‘Little youth rally’ draws 12,000

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

GATLINBURG, Tenn.

Envision a crowd at a rock concert — a mob of frenzied fans lined up hours early waiting for the doors to open.

Picture the scene at a national political convention — a throng of party faithful with crazy hats and colorful signs.

Imagine the audience at a “Let’s Make a Deal” game show taping — a sea of

zany outfits and costumes.

Mix all that together. Throw in a huge dose of agape love. And you begin — *begin* — to comprehend the scene as 12,147 teens and sponsors from Churches of Christ in 27 states converge on this mountain resort town.

The big draw: a “little youth rally” called Winterfest.

“Winterfest is a like a shower after a really long, hard day,” said Cana Moore, 18, a member of the Patchogue Church

of Christ in New York, whose youth group made an 800-mile, all-night drive to attend. “You feel refreshed and cleansed, and it gives you a renewed energy.”

The 2012 version of Winterfest focused on 12 spiritual disciplines identified by author Richard J. Foster: inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting and study; outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission and service; and corporate disciplines of confession, worship, guidance and celebration.

Each teen received a special chronological edition of the New Testament — with no books, chapters or verses marked.

“You read it like a novel,” said Dudley Chancey, Winterfest director. “The idea is, it’s a new way to try to read the text and get them into the text.”

Along with the Bible, each teen got a black wristband with “TWELVE” stamped in white letters — a reminder of the disciplines studied.

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'One big Jesus party' brings together Christian teens



In a dramatic skit, Emily Warnick seeks guidance from Marcus Neely, portraying her youth minister, as she deals with a classmate who complicates her effort to fast.

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"I have studied spiritual disciplines before, but I feel like this year I have a more complete list," said Moore, whose father, John, preaches for the Patchogue church. "I intend to follow the 40-day Bible reading plan since consistency in my reading is something I struggle with, and I also intend to fast more frequently."

'A HOLY HIGH'

It's a road trip. It's a spiritual journey. It's "one big Jesus party," as Josh Ross, minister for the Sycamore View Church of Christ in Memphis, Tenn., describes the teen pilgrimage to the Great Smoky Mountains.

As thousands of Christian young people flock beside orange cones outside the Gatlinburg Convention Center, Will Houghton waves a sign offering "Free Hugs."

The 17-year-old member of the Central Church of Christ in Benton, Ky., sports a flashy pair of white sunglasses and a marching-band-style hat with an orange flashing light atop it. In case his attire and sign don't give it away, he volunteers that he's enjoying himself — and growing closer to God.

"We call it a holy high," he said of his youth group's experience.

Winterfest began a quarter-century ago as a small gathering of a few congregations at a Tennessee state park. It has grown into one of the largest — if not *the* largest — annual events among Churches of Christ.

"It's a little youth rally, and if you want to come, come," said Chancey, who directs the Gatlinburg event as well as a separate Winterfest that draws about 5,000 teens and sponsors each year to Arlington, Texas.

"We don't advertise. It's nuts," he added, reflecting on how big Winterfest has become.

Asked the secret to the success, Chancey — who teaches youth ministry at Oklahoma Christian University — chuckled and replied: "I could be theological and say it's God."

Amazingly, another flood of church vans and buses carrying teens from Churches of Christ invades Gatlinburg the weekend after Winterfest.

About 9,000 teens, parents and youth ministers attend the Challenge Youth Conference, now in its 13th year.

"The fact that there's 21,000-plus wanting to come tells me that there are kids who are interested in spiri-



A crowd lines up outside the convention center before a praise-and-worship session. Signs and other symbols help youth groups stay together amid thousands of teens.

tual matters," said Larry Davenport, Challenge Youth Conference director.

Davenport, who works full time as director of enrollment for Heritage Christian University in Florence, Ala., noted that Winterfest has been "maxed out" for years.

"There's obviously room for another Church of Christ event," he said.

A sky lift and houses perched on a mountainside provide a picturesque backdrop as teens explore Gatlinburg's carnival-like downtown — filled with arcades, T-shirt shops, pancake houses and specialty stores.

As Jeff Walling, minister for the Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, N.C., puts it, no place boasts more "awesome worship of Jesus and bodacious consumption of funnel cakes."

The faith-based groups have helped turn this small town into a four-season destination, said Jim Davis with the Gatlinburg Department of Tourism.

"We have some rules that have grown up over the years," said Josh Byrd, youth minister for the Church of Christ in Falls Church, Va., which brought 15 teens and 12 adults.



Keynote speaker Rich Little urges teens to practice the discipline of prayer.

"They're not allowed to buy ninja weapons," he said of the teens. "They have to leave with as many holes as they came with. They're not allowed to get married. And we always eat at this Mexican place called *Los Rancheros* at least once."

JOHN WAYNE AND CREW

The Northeast Church of Christ in Cincinnati? That's the youth group gathered around the life-size poster of John Wayne.

The Friendly Avenue Church of Christ in Greensboro, N.C.? That's the youth group with the rubber chicken bobbing atop a wooden stick.

The West Metro Church of Christ in Hiram, Ga.? That's the youth group with a poster featuring a "TNBC" peacock — a takeoff on the CNBC television logo. The church acronym, by the way, stands for "Teens for Nothing But Christ."

In a crowd this size, staying together can be difficult.

That's where the group-specific symbols come in — from a skeleton head to a "Tebowing" poster to a hand-carved wooden cross.

Then there's the stuffed tiger that came with the youth group from the



Maacah Mattu, Frank Musaraca, Alex Driscoll, Sarah Bobo and Erica Williamson sing during Winterfest. Most of the teens are from the Laurel Church of Christ in Maryland.

Holland Park Church of Christ in Simpsonville, S.C. — a mascot born out of a joke.

On the "What to Bring" list distributed before the trip, Holland Park youth minister Charlie Sells included a "pet tiger" to make sure everyone was paying attention.

"Our students took it very literally and seriously," Sells said. "Easily half of them came up to me shortly after reading this and asked questions such as, 'Where am I supposed to get a pet tiger?' and 'Do you think the hotel will really let us have one?' and — no joke — 'Can I bring a giraffe instead of a tiger? That's all I have.'"

TEXTING JESUS

Geared toward discipleship, Winterfest features a cappella praise songs, dramatic skits, comedy sketches, high-definition videos and interactive sermons.

During the three-day retreat, participants split into early and late groups in the 6,500-seat convention center. They assemble in a ballroom that stretches longer than a football field and displays the speakers' images on nine big screens.

"It's a powerful experience seeing

6,000 teens just opening up and praising God together," said Forrest Park, 15, a member of the Nashua Church of Christ in New Hampshire. "Also, the speakers are just phenomenal with such wisdom and knowledge that one can really learn from."

For Park and other New England teens, an anticipated 17-hour bus ride to Winterfest ended up taking 22.

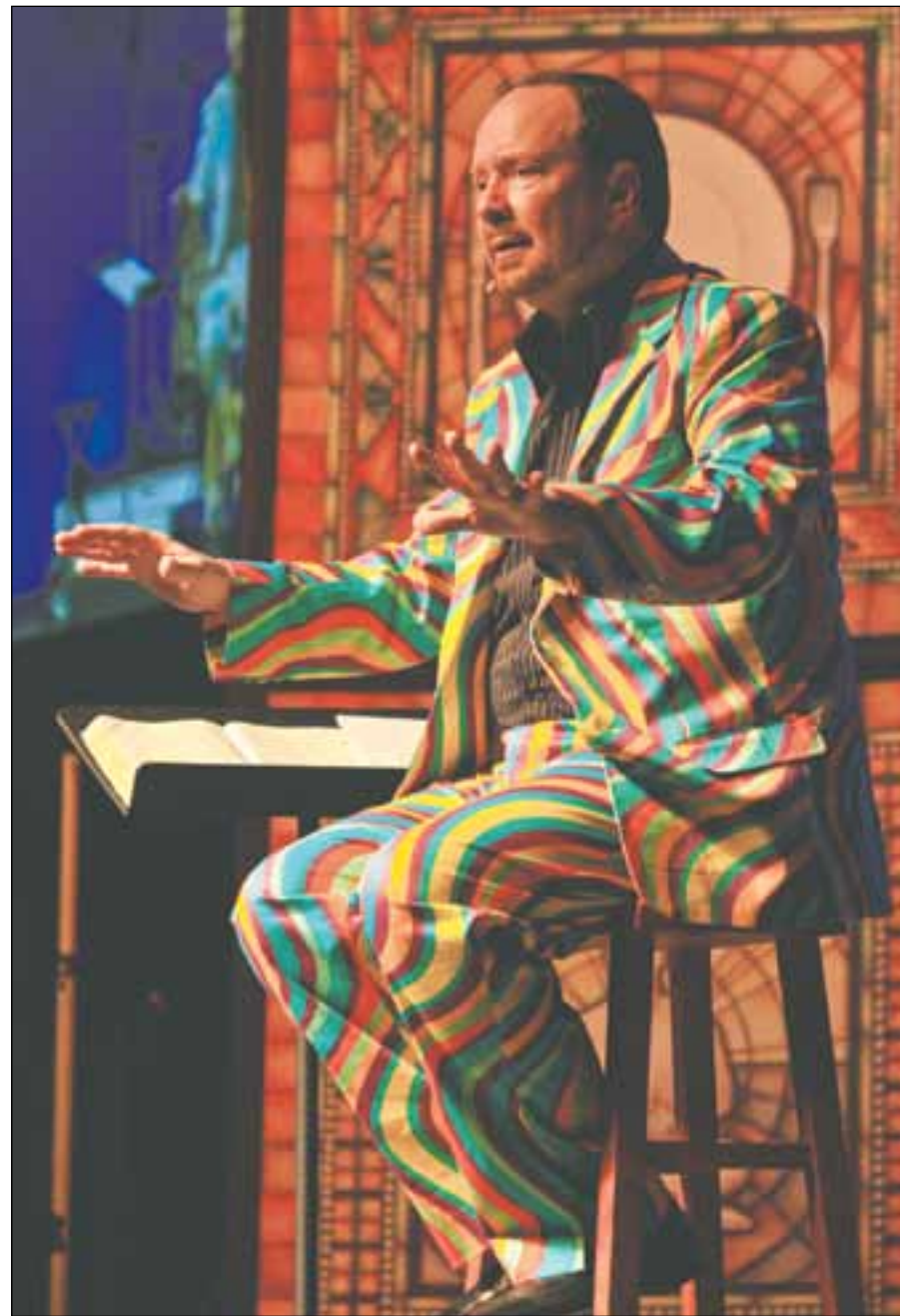
"Our bus broke down halfway through, so we stayed at a truck stop for three hours, messed around and sang songs in the parking lot," said Bonnie Foreman, 17, a member of the Greater Springfield Church of Christ in Chicopee, Mass.

She wasn't complaining, though.

"Massachusetts, being New England, it's like really weak in Christianity. There's not many Churches of Christ," she said. "I love coming here because you meet 7,000 other kids that are the same religion as you, that have the same troubles. You don't feel like you're the only one."

Back home, Foreman cleaned out her bedroom and closet — an effort to remove unnecessary clutter.

"I am going to bring the items to a battered women's shelter," she said. "I want to be disciplined in all 12



Jeff Walling wears a multicolored Loudmouth Golf suit while speaking at Winterfest. He used the suit as an illustration of the cluttered lives that Christians often lead.

aspects, but I thought 'simplicity' was a good place to start."

In a Friday night session, Rich Little — one of four keynote speakers along with Ross, Walling and Patrick Mead — invites the crowd to text one-line prayers to God.

Little, minister for the University Church of Christ in Malibu, Calif., said the exercise illustrates an important lesson about the emerging generation.

"They want to engage," he said. "So, if we could find ways to have them on stage, to have them make a public commitment or to share a prayer on a

screen, then they have ownership of what they're hearing, as opposed to being preached to and not having any ownership or participation."

At Little's direction, thousands of teens click away on their smartphones.

Their prayers appear instantly on the big screens with messages such as:

"*i love you jesus.*"

"*Help me be more like you.*"

"*Forgiveme.*"

"*God i want your name glorified in my life.*"

"*Lord lead my life to serve you ... to let me live this life for you.*"

‘We are like seeds, and the spiritual disciplines are the way that God gets us into the ground so that he can grow us into the image of his Son.’

— **Kent Mereness**, artist and campus ministry director



Kent Mereness paints an acrylic image on canvas, celebrating 12 spiritual disciplines, as Patrick Mead preaches during Winterfest’s Sunday finale.



A black light hits the canvas as Winterfest worshipers pass the fruit of the vine, revealing an image of Christ holding the communion elements — symbols of his body and blood.

At Winterfest, artist’s painting becomes a sermon

BY ERIK TRYGGESTAD | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Kent Mereness is done painting. Now it’s American Airlines’ turn. Sitting on the tarmac at McGhee Tyson Airport, he and his fellow passengers watch snowflakes fall. Outside, airport employees spray the tiny plane that will take him back to Texas with coat after coat of antifreeze.

The “plane painting” takes about 45 minutes — ample time for Mereness to chat about the events of eight hours earlier, 44 miles away in Gatlinburg. There, as 6,000 sets of eyes watched, he created a spiritual-themed painting during Sunday worship at the conclusion of Winterfest 2012.

Then he did it again, in front of another 6,000 worshipers, during the youth rally’s second service.

Mereness is director of Buffs for Christ, a student ministry for the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

For nearly 10 years, he has done “paint talks.” As speakers discuss biblical principles, he creates images that illustrate the lessons.

Winterfest’s coordinator, Dudley Chancey, asked Mereness to illustrate 12 spiritual disciplines highlighted in Richard J. Foster’s book, “Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth.”

Mereness produced images — a baby’s face representing simplicity, a hand washing a foot for service, an

empty plate for fasting — that were converted into large, fabric prints that surrounded the Winterfest stage. As the speakers urged attendees to practice the disciplines, each one had a visual cue.

On Sunday, as Colorado minister Patrick Mead wrapped up the study, Mereness created an image of a rose window with 12 petals, representing the disciplines. Using acrylic paint, he added slight images of wheat and grapes.

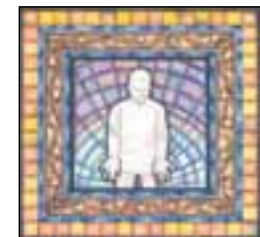
During the Lord’s Supper, as the youths passed the cardboard holders with small cups of grape juice, a black light hit the painting, revealing an image of Christ holding a broken loaf of bread and a cup.

“Foster uses the analogy that we are like seeds, and the spiritual disciplines are the way God gets us into the ground so that he can grow us into the image of his Son,” Mereness said. “It seems fitting that, as students were learning how to

cooperate with God in these ways, they would finish the weekend at the table, meeting with the head and the body while partaking of the bread and the cup.”

George Hankins, a church member from Ohio who attended Winterfest, described it as “an impacting image.”

“The thought of Jesus personally overseeing our communion with him was made into an



A depiction of the discipline of submission.

effective visual,” he said.

Dawn Shipley of Baltimore said, “I actually got tears in my eyes. It made me remember that we are with Christ in communion. I loved it.”



Mereness’ image for the discipline of prayer.



J.N. Armstrong

George S. Benson



HARDING

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

Clifton L. Ganus Jr.



David B. Burks

The board of trustees of Harding University invites confidential applications and nominations for the position of president of the University. The president is the chief executive officer, reporting directly to the University's board, and is ultimately responsible for the supervision and direction of both the academic and financial operations of the institution.

The new president will succeed Dr. David B. Burks, whose tenure has spanned 26 years. Dr. Burks announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. He is only the fourth president in Harding's 87-year history.

Harding began as a senior college in 1924, when two junior colleges, Arkansas Christian College and Harper College, merged their facilities and assets, adopted the new name of Harding College, and located on the campus of Arkansas Christian in Morrilton, Ark. Harper had been founded in 1915 in Harper, Kan., and Arkansas Christian had been chartered in 1919. In 1934 Harding moved to its present site in Searcy, Ark., on the campus of a former women's institution, Galloway College.

The college was named in memory of James A. Harding, co-founder and first president of Nashville Bible School (now Lipscomb University) in Nashville, Tenn. James A. Harding had a passion and enthusiasm for Christian education that remains as a significant heritage of the institution today.

With the merger of the two junior colleges, J.N. Armstrong, who had served five years as Harper's president, became president of Harding College. He had also served as president of Cordell Christian College in Oklahoma. Armstrong was a pioneer in the development of Christian higher education west of the Mississippi River.

One of Harding's first graduates, George S. Benson, returned

About the Presidential Succession Process:

The board of trustees has approved a six-member Presidential Succession Process Committee charged with the responsibility of developing the process of selecting the new president and reviewing nominations and applications. The committee is chaired by Dr. John O. Simmons, who also is serving as the current chairman of the University's board. The committee will begin its review of nominations and applications upon receipt. However, to ensure full consideration, individuals should complete their application prior to June 30, 2012.

For detailed information including the presidential profile and how to submit your application or nominations, please visit www.harding.edu/presidential-successionprocess

from mission work in China in 1936 to assume the presidency of his alma mater. For the next 29 years, he led the institution in achieving financial stability, national recognition and academic accreditation.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., a 1943 graduate, served as president from 1965 to 1987. His tenure featured a significant level of campus improvement and expansion. The College of Nursing and the development of an international campus in Florence, Italy, were two highlights of his leadership. The enrollment grew from 1,472 to 2,767.

Upon completion of a study begun in May 1978, the board of trustees approved the study's recommended change of Harding to university status, and, on Aug. 27, 1979, the name of the institution officially became Harding University.

Dr. David B. Burks became the fourth president in May 1987. During his administration, six new international programs were established, and doctoral programs in education, pharmacy, physical therapy and theology were developed plus master's degree programs in communication disorders, business and physician assistant. The school completed capital projects totaling more than \$250 million.

Today with an enrollment of 7,155 from 50 states and 53 foreign countries, Harding University is the largest private university in Arkansas. Students study in more than 90 majors in nine colleges — Allied Health, Arts and Humanities, Bible and Ministry, Business Administration, Education, Honors, Nursing, Pharmacy and Sciences. Ten undergraduate degrees are offered and 15 graduate and professional degrees. More than 40 percent of each graduating class has participated in one of the institution's seven international programs.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MOUNTAIN STATES CHILDREN'S HOME

LONGMONT, Colo. — Readers of *The Christian Chronicle* showed their generosity after reading about the theft of \$6,000 in change donated to the home.

Church members responded to news of the lost coins by donating more than \$12,000, said Randy Schow, the home's executive director.

"We are very grateful to our God for how good he is," Schow said, "and yet we are saddened because of the loss (after) so many worked hard at saving their change to help children."

EDUCATION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

BELTON, Texas — The association held its recent 51st annual conference at a retreat center near Belton. Sixty-eight people attended.

Outgoing association President Steven Yeakley scheduled the conference at a retreat center to allow attendees to connect with each other and with experts in children's education, adult education and leadership.

Dewey Howard, education minister for the Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, served as chairman of the conference and received the 2012 Holbert Rideout Excellence in Christian Education Award.

HIGHER EDUCATION

AUSTIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

AUSTIN, Texas — "Psalmfest 2012," jointly sponsored by the graduate school and the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, drew a crowd of about 200.

The recent event celebrated the Psalms with songs, readings and meditations. Singing groups presented selections from "Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today, Volume One," published by ACU Press. Speakers included Andrew Dearman, Jack Reese and David Worley. "Timeless" is a combination psalter and commentary on Psalms by Mark Shipp, a professor at Austin Graduate School of Theology.

CROWLEY'S RIDGE COLLEGE

PARAGOULD, Ark. — The college recently hosted a groundbreaking ceremony



DON CLAUSSEN

Lipscomb's adoption program is a slam-dunk

Aphiwe Harston, 11, with his adoptive parents Buddy and Julie Harston, waves to the crowd at a Lipscomb University men's basketball game in Nashville, Tenn. Lipscomb's new "Adoption Rally" program helps families defray adoption costs while filling the stands at Allen Arena. This season, Lipscomb is giving 100 percent of men's basketball gate revenues to the program.

for the Joe A. and Wanda Hall Johnson honor housing project.

The college plans to construct two honor housing triplexes initially, each housing a married couple in one apartment and four single students in the other two.

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Faulkner is initiating a technology initiative dubbed "Eagle iAdvantage."

Starting this fall, all traditional students on the Montgomery campus will receive an iPad equipped with university-provided general and discipline-specific apps.

Faulkner also plans to adopt as many e-texts as possible across all disciplines with the intention of saving hundreds of dollars in textbook costs for students, President Billy D. Hilyer said.

"We want our students to enter the workforce prepared to meet the expanding demands of technology, and the use of iPads, apps and e-texts are just a few of the tools in our Eagle iAdvantage technology initiative," Hilyer said.

HARDING UNIVERSITY

SEARCY, Ark. — Harding has launched a website to accept applications and recommendations for its next president.

President David Burks plans to retire at the end of the 2012-13 academic year after 26 years at the helm.

To offer feedback, see www.harding.edu/presidentialsuccessionprocess.

ROCHESTER COLLEGE

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Rochester is producing a new, daily audio devotional for friends and alumni.

The short inspirational message, called "Directions," is designed to provide daily encouragement and direction for living.

A variety of Rochester College personnel, including Rubel Shelly, Garth Pleasant, Tom Rellinger, Sara Barton, Mark Love, Lora Hutson and others, will record the messages.

To receive a daily e-mail with the audio link, see www.rc.edu.

YORK COLLEGE

YORK, Neb. — York plans to build a 15,600-square-foot activity center on campus and name it in honor of Colis

SPOTLIGHT

Coach joins 700 club

HENDERSON, Tenn. — Dale Neal, women's basketball coach at Freed-Hardeman University, recently recorded his 700th career win.

The milestone victory was Neal's 466th with Freed-Hardeman. He's in his 42nd year of coaching and his 18th season at Freed-Hardeman.

The Lady Lions have competed in every NAIA national tournament for the past 15 years.

An alumnus of Harding University in Searcy, Ark., Neal was converted to Christ after receiving an athletic scholarship to York College in Nebraska, then a junior college.

He later coached the men's basketball team at York for 11 years before going to Freed-Hardeman.

Neal and his wife, Kathy, have four children and 13 grandchildren. They attend the Henderson Church of Christ.



Neal



AMANDA BALDWIN

Colis and Dolores Campbell enjoy a Hall of Fame induction ceremony at York last fall.

and Dolores Campbell, who served the college in a number of capacities from 1958 to 1975. A donor who requested to remain anonymous will fund the project, estimated to cost more than \$1 million.

"With recent enrollment growth, our capacity to serve the needs of our student body has been stretched to the limit," President Steve Eckman said.

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Religious liberty touted at U.S. House hearing

Allison Garrett, Oklahoma Christian University's senior vice president for academic affairs, defends faith-based universities' religious liberty in recent testimony before a U.S. House committee. For the full story, search for "Allison Garrett" at www.christianchronicle.org/blog.

ACU revises long-held policy prohibiting dancing at events

ABILENE, Texas — Abilene Christian University has revised its long-held policy of prohibiting dancing at events hosted by official student organizations.

"This is part of an effort on our part to be more real with our students who are young adults," said Jean-Noel Thompson, ACU's vice president for student life and dean of students.

In the past, ACU's students have been allowed to participate in university-sponsored events in which dance is a cultural expression or public performance. Student-sponsored organizations that want to have dancing at their on- or off-campus events will now need to gain approval of their venue and music list. Staff advisers also must be present at the event.

Thompson said the decision to revise the policy came after several years of discussion and research of policies at nearly 80 faith-based colleges and universities.

"We've found compelling reasons to provide appropriate venues for dancing on our campus for two reasons: It helps us influence or encourage

students to show appropriate conduct in social settings where dancing is taking place," Thompson said. "We also believe the change will enhance the experience our students have while on our campus."



Thompson

"In making this change, we're acting to make sure students can participate in this activity in a safe, supervised environment — one that gives us the opportunity to proactively influence them in modeling appropriate Christian behavior," he added.

Thompson also noted that there was no blanket statement regarding the type of music or dance genre that will be accepted, only that the dance form "honors us, those around them and God."

Dozens of readers commented on the policy change on *The Christian Chronicle's* news blog, with some praising the decision and others questioning it.

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Applicants with a Ph.D. or ABD are preferred, but other qualified applicants will also be considered.

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Electronic attachments and cover letters preferred. The search will continue through Spring 2012 or until a suitable candidate is found.

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60 years of Herald of Truth

'HIS WORD FOR HIS WORLD': Texas-based radio ministry looks to modern methods to spread an unchanging message.

BY LORETTA FULTON | ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS

ABILENE, Texas

The microphone used in the first Herald of Truth radio broadcast, now firmly mounted on a plaque housed in a display case, tells where the ministry started.

A large globe and offices filled with people typing on computers and handheld devices tell where it's going.

The venerable radio program first aired Feb. 10, 1952. Originating from the old Fair Park Auditorium, the program aired on 31 American Broadcasting Co. stations.

Today, it reaches a global audience with websites and through social media such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. Old-timers most likely would giggle at hearing "Herald of Truth" and "Twitter" in the same sentence.

Even the current president, Bill Brant, defers to Tim Archer — Herald of Truth's Spanish-speaking ministries director — when the subject of social media comes up.

"He tweets," said Brant, who has been president of the ministry since 2007.

While Brant may not tweet himself, he has a vast knowledge of the history of the radio program and its direction. The programming started as a ministry of Highland Avenue Church of Christ in 1952, before the Abilene church dropped the word "Avenue" from its name.

This year the program, which now

can be accessed globally, is beginning its 61st year. The fact that Herald of Truth quickly adapted to the Internet and social media doesn't come as a surprise to Brant, whose knowledge of the ministry dates back to the 1960s.

"The Herald of Truth has always been the gold standard of media utilization, both nationally and internationally," Brant said.

In fact, the ministry came about when two smaller programs in the Midwest merged in Abilene.

The history dates to 1947 when a recent graduate of then-Abilene Christian College, James Walter Nichols, was attending graduate school in Iowa and preaching at a local Church of Christ.

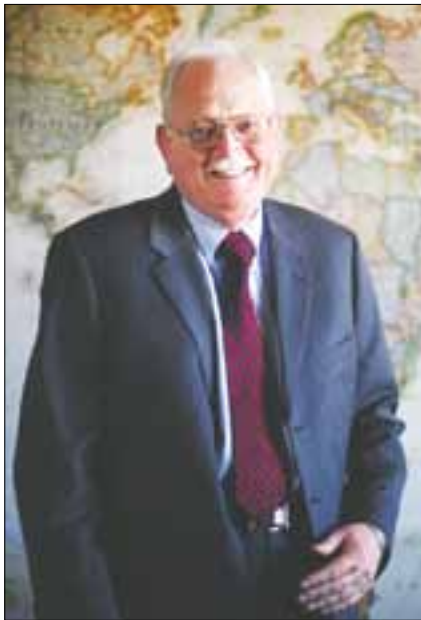
He also had a weekly local radio program named Herald of Truth. Another man, James Willeford, had a similar radio program in Madison, Wis., and the two formed a regional network. Nichols believed the programming could go national, and he approached the elders of Highland Avenue for support.

The elders agreed to take on Herald of Truth as an outreach ministry, and the radio program was off and running.

It could be heard alongside Billy Graham's Hour of Decision, founded in 1950, and programming from The Lutheran Hour, which began in 1930.

In 1954, Herald of Truth expanded to television. By the 1970s, it could be seen on 152 television stations.

A high- water mark came in 1959



Bill Brant, president and CEO of Herald of Truth, works to spread the Gospel.



PHOTOS BY JOY LEWIS, ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS

The microphone used in the first Herald of Truth broadcast is on display in Abilene, Texas.

when Herald of Truth offered to film its TV program on location if a host church would pay the expenses.

A trip to the Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn., in 1959 resulted in the addition of a familiar name to Herald of Truth programming.

The minister of the church was Batsell Barrett Baxter, whose father, Batsell Baxter, was named the sixth president of Abilene Christian College in 1924. Batsell Barrett Baxter was himself an ACC graduate.

The response to Baxter's presence on the Herald of Truth television program was so overwhelmingly positive that he was asked to become a primary presenter on the television show.

"He became the first Church of Christ superstar," Brant joked. "Everybody in

our fellowship knew who he was."

Despite Baxter's desire to stay out of the limelight, Brant said he was the voice and face of Herald of Truth until his death in 1982.

The Herald of Truth made another major move in 1964 when an evangelist from Spain, Juan Antonio Monroy, joined the team.

In 1985, Monroy became the first Church of Christ minister allowed into Cuba since the revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

The ministry may have expanded to Facebook and Twitter, Brant said, but the original message, "His Word for His World. Every Day," is unchanged.

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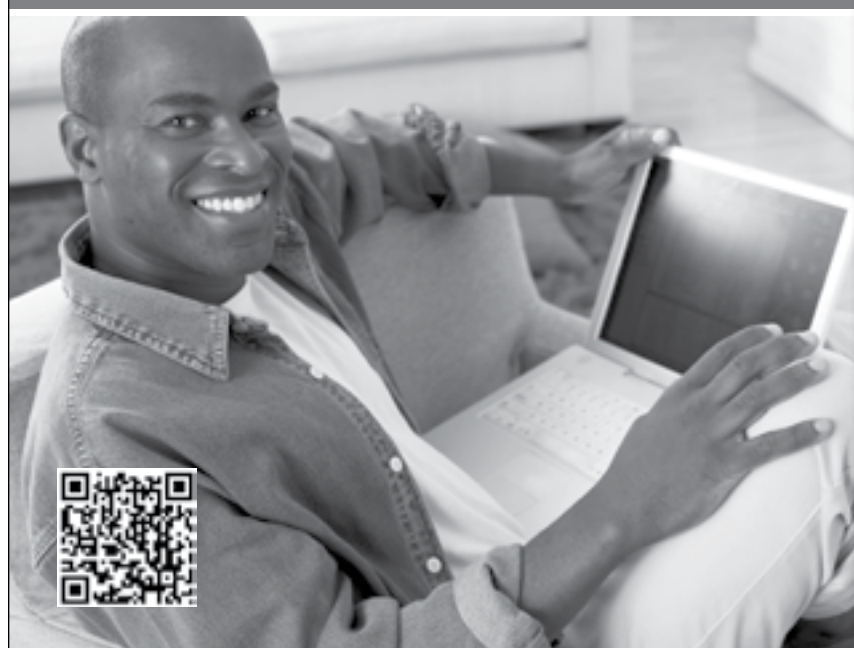
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Thornton

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PASSAGES: Hubert W. Adams, 87, Jan. 29, member of the Stone Mountain, Ga., church, Army veteran and longtime elder in Atlanta-area churches.



Adams

Stanford Broussard, 82, Feb. 3, minister for 60 years at the Bayou Jacque Church of Christ, Plaquemine, La. **Bernard Buterbaugh, 87, Jan. 19,** Indiana, Pa., Army veteran and elder of the Indiana Church of Christ. **James Casey Jr., 89, Jan. 22,** Air Force veteran and longtime elder at the Missouri Street church, Baytown, Texas. **Joe Cook, 48, Jan. 20,** minister for the Oak Harbor, Wash., Church of Christ. **Betsy Gilliland, 80, Jan. 12,** retired educator and member of the Bright Angel Church of Christ, Las Vegas, for 65 years. **Howard H. Haynes, 97, Feb. 15,** member of the Memorial Road Church of Christ in Edmond, Okla. **Goldie L. Jackson, 93, January 15,** member of the Easton, Md., church. **Bill Jones, 82, Feb. 17,** Edmond, Okla., longtime professor at Oklahoma Christian University and minister for the Britton Road and Central churches. **Wendell Mitchell, 71, Feb. 10,** member of the Vaughn Park Church of Christ, Montgomery, Ala., Faulkner Law Dean Emeritus, university trustee, professor and former Alabama legislator. **Glenn Olbricht, 82, Feb. 9,** Syracuse, NY, longtime missionary to Germany and church planter in the Northeastern U.S. **Ted Stewart, 77, Feb. 22,** Lubbock, Texas, member of 1961 mission team to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and longtime instructor at Sunset International Bible Institute.



Stewart

Louis Tandy, 90, Jan. 1, Wichita, Kansas, served as minister of Northside Church of Christ and speaker on the "Know Your Bible" television program. **Carl Thompson, 80, Dec. 25,** retired music teacher and longtime song leader of the Smyrna, Tenn. church.

March 5-8 Faulkner University Lectureship. Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala. "Christ Above All. (Studies from Hebrews)." Contact cmay@faulkner.edu.

March 6 Eastern European Mission Dinner. "Exciting 'Million Dollar Sunday' News." Marriott Oklahoma City. Contact (800) 486-1818, or www.eem.org.

March 7-10 Lipscomb University Conference on Family Wellness. Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn. Contact (615) 966-5729 or john.conger@lipscomb.edu.

March 16-18 LAUNCH Christian Singles Retreat. Central Florida Bible Camp, Eustis, Fla. Contact cfbccfbiblecamp.org.

March 20-25 Seminar in Congregation Shepherding and Leadership. Harding School of Theology, Memphis, Tenn. Contact (901) 432-7724.

March 21-24 The Tulsa Workshop. Tulsa, Okla., EXPO Center. Contact tulsaworkshop.org.

April 6-8 Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes National Convention. For cities and more information, see www.lads-to-leaders.org.

April 15-18 Crowley's Ridge College 12th Annual Bible Lectureship. Crowley's Ridge College, Paragould, Ark. "Psalms: The Songbook of Israel." Contact crc.edu.

April 22 Centennial Homecoming for the Everman Church of Christ. Everman, Texas. Contact (817) 478-5122 or leopit-tman@sbcglobal.net.

April 29 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Bear Valley Church of Christ. Bear Valley church, Denver. Contact kl.watson@hotmail.com

May 6 WindSong Church of Christ Centennial Celebration. North Little Rock, Ark. Contact windsongchurch.org.

May 16-20 Camp College. Camp Manatawny, Douglassville, Pa. Contact www.manatawny.org/campcollege.htm.

May 17-19 23rd Annual Area-Wide Men's Retreat. "Rise Up." C-N Camp, Augusta, Mont. Contact alfredfamily@hotmail.com

June 28-July 1 Spiritual Growth Workshop. "Not Ashamed." Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Fla. Contact www.spiritual-growthworkshop.com

June 29-July 1 Houston-Gulf Coast Women of Wisdom Conference. "Metamorphosis: Emerging, Improving, and Unleashing for God's Purpose." Westin Houston-Memorial City. Contact www.wowc2012.com.

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EDITORIAL

Our non-denominational legacy lives

It's hard to hear, standing in a sea of teenage Christians spanning as far as the eye can see. But it's easy to be encouraged.

More than 12,000 Christian teens and sponsors packed quaint, tiny Gatlinburg, Tenn., for this year's Winterfest, the mother of all youth rallies.

One weekend later, about 9,000 more came for the Challenge Youth Conference, also associated with Churches of Christ.

A few weekends before that, about 5,000 rallied in Arlington, Texas, Winterfest's other venue.

That's 26,000 youths and adult leaders, coming together from across the nation, joining their voices to worship our Father, learning how they can better serve him. Praise God!

Our coverage of these youth events stands in stark contrast to another story in this issue — the shrinking number of men, women and children in the pews of our congregations, as reported in the latest edition of "Churches of Christ in the United States."

In the past three years, Churches of Christ have lost nearly as many adherents as the combined attendance of the youth rallies.

News of the decline generated a wave of comments on *The*

Christian Chronicle's blog. Some readers said that churches' strict adherence to doctrinal issues has cost them members.

"I am almost certain that we have loved Scriptures — over the people in the pews — to a fault," wrote Dave Bendickson, who ministered for Churches of Christ for 30 years and now lives in Iowa. "Evangelism is talked about but never experienced. ... In continually defending our doctrines, joy has been sucked out of our people, and they have no story to share with others."

Other readers said that churches have catered too much to their own members, focusing on producing entertaining worship and youth events instead of evangelism.

In truth, Churches of Christ are part of a larger trend among religious groups in the U.S. Most established Christian groups in America face declining membership.

However, community churches, identified in statistical surveys as independent and non-denominational, are experiencing exponential growth.

Non-denominational? Didn't that term used to describe us?

A wise church member once postulated that the biggest problem of Churches of Christ

was that we were about 100 years ahead of our time. The idea of simple, Bible-based Christianity is gaining momentum in the 21st century — especially among young Christians.

Perhaps it is part of our legacy for the religious world. We should rejoice.

As we consider the future — and whether or not the non-denominational churches of tomorrow will be called "Churches of Christ" — we consider the blog comment posted by Don Yelton, a ministry leader in North Carolina and longtime friend of the *Chronicle*.

"Let's listen to one another and work to keep our fellowship together, but we should not think we have all the truth," Yelton said. "Only God has all the truth. Trying to be like Jesus — and all that means — is more than enough to lead the lost to Jesus."

Amen.

While we lament those who have left our fellowship in the past three years, watching our teenagers carry on the pursuit of simple, biblical Christianity renews our faith.

We see 26,000 reasons to be optimistic about the future.

Ever-Laughing Life

by Jonny Hawkins



"We can help. We're carpenter ants."

TO OUR READERS

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Have you visited *The Christian Chronicle's* news blog lately? You'll find up-to-the-minute news and updates, plus videos by the *Chronicle* staff, church ministries and secular news outlets. You'll also find personal accounts from our reporters and our new "Fabulous Five" feature.

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Extra! Walk-on role in controversial TV show demonstrates the need for Christians to shine

This past summer, I was on the study break that the Highland Church of Christ gives me. I knew I was going to do a sermon series on minor characters in the Bible, using the metaphor of “extras.” So I decided to go to Hollywood and try and be an extra in a movie.

You know, normal preacher stuff.

After many attempts, I got into a scene from what I thought was a new “Annie” movie with Christian Bale. I was accepted to play a working class restaurant patron.

When I got to the Disney studios, I discovered that the film wasn’t a new “Annie,” featuring Christian Bale as Daddy Warbucks. It was, instead, a TV show called “Good Christian Belles” that had been booked by a friend as a favor to a woman named Annie.

It’s cool though. I can roll with the punches.

I was sent to the basement, where they were holding the extras. I learned that the best way to start conversations with them is to ask about what work they were the most proud of, what sets they enjoyed working on the most and to tell them that it was my first time ever to do this. People seemed to take me under their wing and tell me their stories.

The problem came when they wanted to hear mine. I guess most preachers don’t do this in their off time — especially considering the show we were working on.

The assistant director informed us that “Good Christian Belles” — even before a single episode had been shot — had been banned by the American Family Values Association. The show’s name has since been changed to “GCB” and the previews insinuate that the “B” stands for something much worse than “Belles.” (Remember, I thought this was “Annie.”)

As more and more details came out, I learned that the scene we were shooting wasn’t in a restaurant but in a bar, one modeled after a restaurant that is famous for demeaning women and serving good chicken wings — or so I’ve been told.

So I start wondering about whether this whole “method preaching” approach

is worth it, and wishing the musical orphans I had planned on would show up. Then a couple of my new friends reminded me that this is background work. You are there as furniture. You are a blur; you won’t be getting a line, and you aren’t going to be in any scene directly. You are just there for ambiance.

Then the assistant director told us that they needed five working-class guys to sit at the table that actress Leslie Bibb (from “Taledega Nights,” “Zookeeper,” “Law Abiding Citizen”) was going to serve.

I sank down in my seat and hoped that five other guys would volunteer. But Derrick, a guy I had just met, spoke up.

“Here’s your fifth guy,” he said, pointing to me. “He’s working class.”

Next thing I know, I’m on a set that’s all smoke and mirrors. Inside, it felt like an authentic Texas-style restaurant. If it weren’t for the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of cameras and the people walking around yelling directions, you might have actually thought that those appetizers in front of you were edible.

We got our instructions. Leslie Bibb would walk over to our table, and about halfway through the scene we would start chanting “Amanda, Amanda!” One of us would pay her money for our food and beverages.

Then it got even more complicated. The producers thought I would be perfect to hand Amanda the money and say a line, “Thanks and here you go.” She would say, “Wow! Thank you!” Then the scene would go on, and Leslie would have the main conversation somewhere across the restaurant.

After a few hours on the set, I had come to grips with the reality of what was going on. I was sitting in the holding area, daydreaming about worst-case scenarios.

Views



Jonathan Storment

‘I think Christians should be involved in the entertainment industry — even when we’re not in control of the storyline. Hollywood needs sincere Jesus followers, ones who aren’t judgmental and pretentious.’

That’s when another extra, Allison, spoke up. She had heard that I was a preacher and was intrigued by the fact that I was doing this — particularly this show. Allison had been married before, to a Jewish man. She was vilified by the Christian people whom she had grown up with. They saw her marriage as a mixed marriage, and instead of engaging her, they kept her at arm’s length.

Allison made the point that the show we were filming hit pretty close to home for her. She had been wounded by church — and church people. When she thought about Christians, she thought about the American Families Values Association, the very association that had boycotted the show we were working on.

Then she said, “I don’t know a lot about organized religion anymore, but I just want you to know I think it’s cool that you are here doing this.”

And after that, I did too.

I think Christians should be involved in the entertainment industry — even when we’re not in control of the storyline. Hollywood needs sincere Jesus-followers, ones who aren’t judgmental and pretentious. It needs people who

understand that holiness isn’t withdrawing from the world, but being different from it.

There’s not enough holiness in the world, but the Light has shined in the darkness — and the darkness will not overcome it. That’s what Jesus’ followers believe, and the world could use us trying to live that out.

When the show premieres March 4 on ABC, it will be controversial. It satirically portrays some Christians as people who are not genuine. But this show will unknowingly begin its opening scene with a preacher from a church in West Texas, sitting at a pretend bar, eating pretend chicken wings and having subversive conversations that, hopefully, gave Jesus a better name.

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LETTERS

Illegal immigration draws mixed responses

Praise God for Bobby Lawson and his ministry to illegal immigrants and their families in the Chicago area (Page 1, March). And praise God for Bobby Ross Jr., who wrote this powerful report.

Lawson’s work with two Catholic nuns in the service of “the least of these” reminds me of another courageous Christian who also teamed up with two Catholic nuns to selflessly serve the victims — mainly black and poor — of the Nashville cholera epidemic in the early 1870s. That courageous Christian was David Lipscomb.

Richard T. Hughes | Grantham, Pa.

How can we justify breaking the law in order to assist the poor? We can and we do help others across borders, and I think that is the best way to assist people from different countries.

While many of us have jobs that insulate us from the employment insecurities the poor feel, we are forgetting that they are losing their jobs to illegals due to “under the table” wages and jobs acquired with stolen Social Security numbers.

Kenneth Morvant | Anna, Texas

Unfortunately, this is not an easy issue. Be that as it may, Deuteronomy is clear on how God expected Israel to treat the foreigners and aliens.

Praise God for Bobby Lawson, who is striving to be faithful to Jesus!

K. Rex Butts | Columbia, Md.

We are Mexican-American since birth, and we have seen and believe both sides of the issue as we minister to the Hispanic members of the church.

We believe in Romans 13 and also believe in Jesus’ teachings on mercy after the disciples could have been found guilty under the law.

Jesus said: “If you understand mercy, you would not condemn the innocent” (referring to the ones that indeed had broken the law of Moses). We always teach to do your best to follow the law of the land, but we know that there are some cases where we need to be merciful.

Elmer Pacheco | Silver Spring, Md.

New Bible translations' strengths also are weaknesses

BY C. MICHAEL MOSS | FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

Translating the Bible into English is a never-ending task, due to changes in the English language, scholars clarifying the use of Greek and Hebrew words and the discovery of new manuscripts.

The English-speaking world has been blessed with many translations — all of which have strengths and weaknesses.

Recently, three new translations came on the market. One is **"The Kingdom New Testament: A Contemporary Translation"** by N.T. Wright. Wright, a respected New Testament scholar, says of his translation, "I have taken a particular view on point after point of interpretation, and my understanding of the many controversial passages in the New Testament shows up, naturally enough, in the translation as well."

This both strengthens and weakens the translation. "The Kingdom New Testament" often employs pleasing, informal language, with some fresh word choices, which make for engaging reading. Unfortunately, its flaws should prevent it from being one's primary study Bible.

Perhaps the most troubling translations are due to Wright's being a proponent of women's ordination. On these occasions, his translation is not faithful to the original text.

The most glaring error is 1 Tim 2:11-15. While verse 11 should read "Let a woman learn quietly with submissiveness," Wright translates it thus: "They must study undisturbed, in full submission to God."

In verse 12, the text should read, "I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet." Here Wright does not even paraphrase — but radically alters — the meaning: "I'm not saying that women should teach men, or try to dictate to them; rather they should be left undisturbed."

No matter one's position, the translator must allow the text to speak for itself.

Nevertheless, if a reader keeps a close eye out for these biases, this book can be enlightening, as it is the work of

a world-recognized New Testament scholar who brings his study to the translation.

Another new translation is unfortunately flawed by its translators' interpretations.

"The Voice Bible: Step into the Story of Scripture" began as a project of Chris Seay, a leader in the Emergent Church movement. This will cause many to question the work. "The Voice: New Testament" and "The Voice: Psalms" were published in 2008 and 2009. According to this volume's introduction, the translation team included an "award-winning fiction writer, an acclaimed poet, a pastor, Greek and Hebrew authorities and biblical scholars."

The beauty and difficulty with this translation is in its formatting. Italics are used for words not directly tied to a dynamic translation of the original language. These words or sentences supposedly contain information that would have been obvious to those origi-

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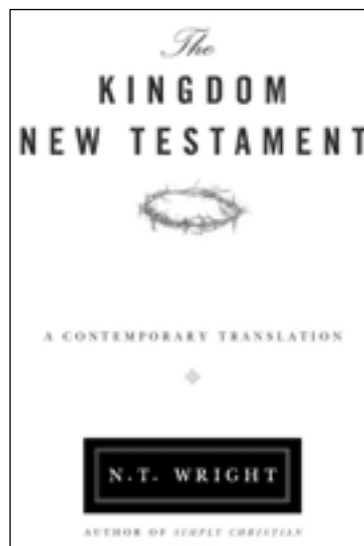


nally addressed in the Gospel or letter.

Outlined boxes delineate material that expands on the theme, not taken directly from the original language. A screenplay format is used for dialogue, perhaps inspiring readers to imagine the characters' voices and actions.

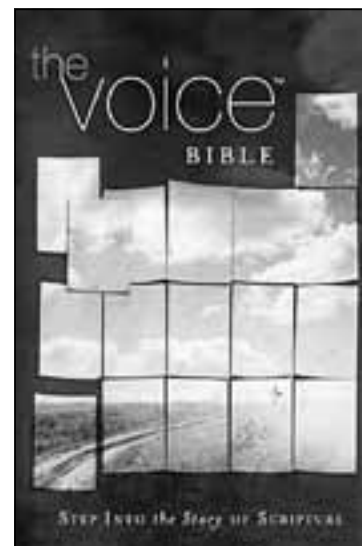
There are some unusual translation decisions made here. In John 1, Jesus is not the Word, but the Voice. Messiah/Christ is rendered "Liberating King." "Baptized" is rendered "ritually cleansed."

In the creation story, at the end of Genesis 1:2, the translation adds, "Then there was the voice of God," making a connection to John 1:1 where Word is rendered "Voice." This is a connection one might make but is clearly not in the text. In the Psalms, "Yahweh"



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N.T. Wright. **The Kingdom New Testament: A Contemporary Translation.** New York: HarperOne, 2011. 544 pages, \$25.99.



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The Voice Bible: Step into the Story of Scripture. Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson, 2012. 1,760 pages, \$39.99.



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is rendered not LORD as it is in most modern translations, but "Eternal One."

"The Voice" has much in its favor but also some important weaknesses. The real advantage of the translation is that it can easily be adapted for a dramatic presentation or skit — with minor changes due to translation concerns.

The third work, **"The Common English Bible,"** is a much more traditional committee work, making a serious effort to use the language of the people.

The group that sponsored this translation and publication effort is a collaboration of the Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

It is written on a seventh-grade reading level. (In comparison, the New Revised Standard Version is written on an 11th grade level.) Four years in the making, the Religion Newswriters Association named its release one of the top 10 stories of last year.

The Common English Bible avoids traditional language. John the Baptist does not say, "Repent," but "Change your hearts and lives" (Matthew 3:2). "Son of Man" is translated as "Human One," and "Behold" as "Look."

Other attempts at so-called "common English" result in inaccurate language. "Blasphemy against the Spirit" becomes

"insulting the Spirit" (Matthew 12:31). "Insulting" is too weak. In 1 John, the phrase pleasingly natural, "God's seed," is replaced by the strangely scientific "God's DNA." In the beatitudes, "Blessed" is translated as "happy," trivializing the term. "The poor in spirit" is rendered "hopeless," which is not the meaning of the expression.

There are places where interpretive decisions do not even produce a notation. In Romans 3:25, the Common English Bible tells us that Christ's sacrifice is "through his faithfulness," rather than "to be received by faith," as the English Standard Version reads. Christ made the sacrifice, but we must accept it, and this verse omits that life-saving truth. Thus, this translation can offer insights into certain denominations' faulty views of important texts.

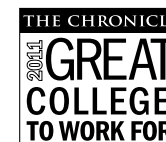
As a whole, however, the Common English Bible is a serviceable translation as long as one is aware of its weaknesses. One can easily read it alongside his English Standard Version or New American Standard Bible and find, at times, significant insights and simplification of the language.

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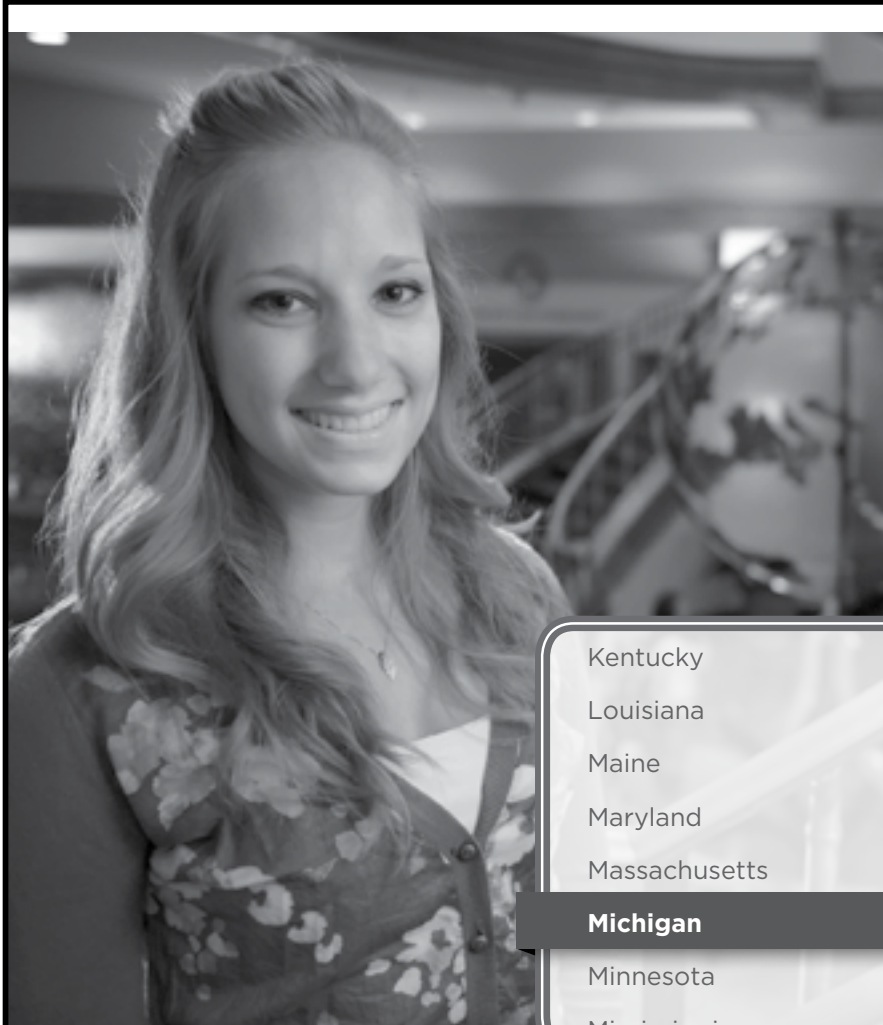
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More than a history lesson, communion is a deeply personal experience with Jesus

I am really thankful that I grew up in churches that observed the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

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I frequently complain that we rush through the process so rapidly that its importance to our spiritual lives has little impact.

We all know the events of that evening when Jesus celebrates the last Passover with his apostles. Communion services often begin with the reading of these events from the Gospels. Paul's directions to the Corinthian church also effectively introduce communion. At times the person leading the service will read an account of the crucifixion. I have even heard the leader of communion retell the story of the first Passover in Egypt, when the children of Israel prepared to leave slavery. They killed the lamb for their meal and marked their door posts and lintels with the lamb's blood.

The intimacy of the last Passover meal Jesus shares with the Apostles, especially in John's account (chapters 13 through 17), reveals the timeless love Jesus has for the disciples and future followers. The crucifixion accounts powerfully communicate the gore and the suffering Jesus endured to bring grace and redemption to mankind.

Although the bloody, beaten body nailed to the cross evokes pity and compassion, the bloody Christ touches the heart for a limited time. Eventually the participants in the Communion must develop a deeper understanding of Christ's death and how the church shares in this special remembrance to bind us together as the Body of Christ.

The history of the Passover meal, from the days of slavery, shows the consistency of God's planning for the spiritual redemption of the creation fashioned in his image.

The communion meal must be more than the history of Jesus' last Passover, the bloody body on the cross or the symbol of historical Israel's freedom from slavery. Our communion must be a deeply personal experience with our Lord and Savior. With all our senses

and all our being, we must recognize the body, blood and divinity of Jesus.

Paul's instructions to the Corinthians should be on our minds as we go through every communion service. We are proclaiming the Lord's death until

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he comes, and "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 11:27)

When we share communion as a time of self-examination, we are forced to measure ourselves against the ideal of Jesus Christ. Such an examination always makes me humble: I have far too many weaknesses and failures to have been on this path for so long.

Some people refrain from communion because of their sin, but our sin only proves how much we need the spiritual nourishment that comes through our communing with God. Thoughtful self-examination helps us see our needs and our weaknesses more clearly. We come away from such an activity with a greater awareness of what we must do to draw closer to God. The Christ becomes our strength as we deal with human frailties and progress to a new stage of spiritual devotion.

Recognizing the body of the Lord becomes our challenge because Paul warns that if we do not recognize the body of the Lord, we bring judgment on ourselves. He equates that judgment with discipline, making it clear this is part of learning to see ourselves always in a relationship with Jesus. But we also have to remember that Paul has compared the church to the body of Christ. Therefore, in communion we recognize the crucified body of Christ and we also recognize the group of believers we are with as the body, the church, of the Lord.

I want my communion and the church's communion to be a source of renewal and strength, for if we are not recognizing the body of Christ we are doomed to be weak and sick, as Paul warns.

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