



### Arkansas State's head football coach

## Freeze points players to Christ

Bill Sorrell  
Special to ABN

JONESBORO – At Andy's Frozen Custard in Jonesboro, an addition to the menu has been selling like hotcakes since it was introduced at an Arkansas State University power breakfast this summer.

Similar to a strawberry milkshake but with a lighter taste, the vanilla custard drink blends strawberry syrup and soda water. It has been named "Andy's Coach Freeze" in tribute to Hugh Freeze, who was introduced as Arkansas State University's 27th head foot-

ball coach in December 2010.

Freeze also has his own shake at Arkansas State. As music sounds in the locker room after wins, Freeze shows players his moves with a spirited victory dance that has been caught on tape.

There has been a whole lot of shaking going on in Jonesboro this fall.

#### Winning ways

The Red Wolves, who started 5-2, are moving toward their first winning season since a 6-5 record in 1995. It's been 24 years since they last won eight games in a season,

and winning the Sun Belt Conference title and going to a bowl for the first time since 2005 are among goals.

"There is so much positive energy around here now. You can just tell the difference," said senior linebacker Demario Davis. "Players are not just trying to win football games; they are growing in character. The biggest difference is that God is the center of this team. Jesus is doing this for His glory. We are just His instruments."

Freeze, who was hired in spring

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Arkansas State's Hugh Freeze



### Geyer Springs FBC students serve

## 'MNow' reaches homeless

Lisa Watson  
Arkansas Baptist News

LITTLE ROCK – It wasn't your average mission experience. There were no foreign languages spoken. There was no unfamiliar food. But there was love and compassion shown to a people in need – the homeless of Little Rock.

It was just what John Caddy was hoping for.

Caddy, who serves on the staff of Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock, was looking for a way to give his students even more opportunities to reach out with the compassion of Christ, though they are already involved in ministry, such as helping a group that feeds Little Rock's homeless each Sunday. That's why he decided to hold

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### Started as mission

## FBC Pottsville celebrates 50 years

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POTTSVILLE – Fifty years ago a gallon of milk cost 49 cents, a dozen eggs cost 57 cents and a first-class stamp cost 4 cents.

It was 1961, and it was the year Pottsville Baptist Mission, a mission of First Baptist Church, Russellville, began.

Margaret Taylor, charter member of the church, remembers that year. It was the year her father made a commitment – a commitment that his family could be counted on as the mission got up and running. He died shortly after making the commitment.

And yet, despite the family's loss, they kept serving the mission, which was constituted as a church in 1962. And they have continued serving for the past half a century.

"We were devastated, to say the



Jim Huffman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pottsville, and Margaret Taylor, charter member, take part in the church's 50th anniversary celebration.

least, and brokenhearted," Taylor said of the loss of her father. "But what a blessing it was for us to have

the opportunity that Daddy had left the message that he could count on his family to help get it started."

She said there was a time when 26 family members were all attending the church.

"I can't tell you, really – I don't know how to express the words – to know how much that helped us, this church helped us, to get over the tragedy of losing Daddy, and yet he had made the commitment for us. ... I told some of the members that are newer here, I said, 'Y'all just don't really know how much love and fellowship we had in the beginning of this church.' It was wonderful."

Now, five decades later, Taylor has witnessed the church's 50th anniversary. First Baptist Church, Pottsville, pastored by Jim Huff-

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## Turkey quake response now underway

ERCIS, Turkey (BP) – In eastern Turkey, hard-hit by a 7.3-magnitude earthquake Oct. 23, the living are still being pulled from the rubble, including a two-week-old baby, a pregnant mother and a grandmother, according to media reports.

Officials say the death toll is at 366, with at least 1,300 injured. The death toll continues to rise, but rescue teams are still finding people alive under mounds of concrete and steel with the help of dogs, as well as texts from trapped victims, according to reports.

"Thankfully, it appears that the loss of life may not be as significant as originally feared, although it is still very early," said Tim Graham\*, a Christian worker in the region.

The earthquake dealt the hardest blow to Ercis, a city near the Iranian border, although surrounding cities

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## Church offers food, fellowship, faith to football players

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STAR CITY – Food, football and Jesus. That's what it's all about on Friday game days during football season in Star City.

And First Baptist Church, Star City, along with other churches in the city, are helping to spread support for the Star City Bulldogs senior high team members and to share the love of Christ with them through the Bulldog Breakfast.

The event, which has been in existence since the mid 1990s, is hosted each year at First Baptist Church, Star City. Volunteers from other churches help cook the breakfast and attend the event.

First Baptist Youth Pastor Jeremy Woodall, who helps coordinate the breakfast, starts his game day Fridays at 4:30 a.m. by opening up the church fellowship hall and brewing coffee. Volunteers begin arriving at 5 a.m. to start cooking.

Woodall is quick to point out that the breakfast would not happen without volunteers.

"I have tons of people who help me," he said, pointing out most of the volunteers also work full-time jobs.

Speakers range from local pastors to Christian coaches and staff members from Arkansas universities, including Brett Shockley, Ouachita Baptist University recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach.

Funds for the breakfast are provided by area businesses, said Woodall.

Bulldog cheerleaders also have a part in the breakfast, helping to serve the football players breakfast.

Head football Coach Blair Brown, along with the Bulldog coaching staff members and even the cheerleading sponsor, lend their support to the event by attending the breakfast.

Blair believes the breakfast to be an important activity because the "young men (on the team) get to see how the community supports" the school's athletic program.

In his 10th year at Star City, Blair noted the breakfast offers more than community support.



Star City Bulldog football members and cheerleaders attend the Bulldog Breakfast held at First Baptist Church, Star City.

"The message (of the breakfast) is about the Lord," said Blair. "That's what's so important."

Blair, a member of First Methodist Church in Star City, commended the people who cook breakfast for the team, noting many do not have children involved in sports.

Though he admits at the beginning of the season he "strongly encourages" his football players to attend the breakfast, now he doesn't even mention it.

"They just come. It's a team activity," he said.

Besides the food, which most players say can't be beat, students like quarterback Nick Norton,

an 18-year-old senior who attends First Baptist, look forward to the speakers' words.

Through the words, Norton said he's been challenged to become a "better person" and to "respect others."

"I get closer to Jesus," he said of the breakfast.

Tristian Lawson, 18, a senior and member of West Side Missionary Baptist Church, Star City, said the breakfast is a "good time" and the volunteers who serve the team are nice people.

Lawson, who plays offensive and defensive tackle for the Star City Bulldogs, said he enjoys "the morning talks from guest preachers ... and motivators," noting the talks have helped him to become "more respectful."

Cheerleader Ashley Norton echoed the sentiments of her squad, noting the cheerleaders consider the breakfast to be "an honorable experience to help the community get the Bulldogs pumped up for Friday night football games."

But Woodall's ministry to the football team extends further than just serving breakfast – he also serves as volunteer chaplain for the football team, riding on the bus with the team to games and standing on the sidelines.

Steven Beavers, pastor of First Baptist, Star City, commended Woodall for the "good job" he has done on coordinating the breakfast.

"His connection with the football team has been incredible," he said.

Woodall admitted his involvement with the team amounts to "a lot of work." However, he noted, "It's so worth it to see the fruit."

He's not just interested in the spiritual condition of the players, but also of the coaches.

"God's given me a passion for those coaches," he said.

Woodall is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the ministry.

"It's a blessing, and I'm glad to be able to do it," he said.

"It's a big deal to the community and to the guys," he said, noting, "Bulldog Breakfast is part of something a lot bigger."

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man, celebrated its anniversary Oct. 23 with a morning service, followed by a lunch, a church history video, a prayer for the church and a balloon release.

During the service, Taylor shared a testimonial, as did Dora Williams, wife of former pastor Herman Williams and mother current Chairman of Deacons Darrell Williams. Huffman, who has been pastor for almost nine years, said Dora Williams has been a member of the church since 1966 and served as church clerk for many years.

Emil Turner, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC), presented the church with a certificate from the convention in recognition of



Chris Kamerling, First Baptist worship leader, plays guitar at the event.

its 50th year, which Taylor accepted on behalf of the church. Likewise, Howard Kisor, associational missionary for Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association, presented the church with a plaque from the association in recognition of its 50th year, which Williams accepted on behalf of the church.

The church's praise team led music and Turner delivered a message. Turner told the story of a man who stood all night in the road, alerting oncoming cars of the washed-out bridge ahead. The man wanted them to be saved from driving to their deaths.

"That's why, in 1961, God put First Baptist Church of Pottsville here," said Turner. "God put this church here to stop people who are on their way to hell."

Huffman agreed. "That's what it's about, folks," Huffman said.

"It's about the greatest story ever.



Margaret Taylor (left), charter member of First Baptist Church, Pottsville, and Dora Williams, former pastor's wife and member since 1966, attend the church's 50th anniversary celebration.

And that's why we're here."

Later, as the festivities came to a close, the members congregated for one more celebratory event.

In the parking lot in front of the church, Taylor and her family

joined with members of the church they had served for the last 50 years and released their balloons into the sky.

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## Clear Creek unveils new shower and laundry units

New disaster relief shower and laundry units were on display at the 139th annual meeting of Clear Creek Baptist Association held Oct. 18 at First Baptist Church, Mulberry. The shower unit includes six individual heated and air-conditioned shower rooms. A unique feature of the shower unit is the five individual sinks that dispense hot and cold water. The units were jointly funded by First Baptist Church, Ozark, and Clear Creek Baptist Association. "We are so grateful to Clear Creek Association for meeting a great need in our state. This shower unit is a welcomed addition to the Arkansas Baptist disaster relief family," said Robby Tingle, team leader of the missions ministries team at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



## FREEZE

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2010 as offensive coordinator and engineered a leap from 95th in total offense among Football Bowl Sub-division teams to 43rd while setting nine school records, gives God credit for success.

"It's God's goodness and favor. I tell my team that all the time. Why God has chosen to be good to me, I'm not exactly sure. I have so many faults and failures like most of us in this journey, but His goodness overwhelms me. His ways are perfect, but I don't always understand them. I know He is in control."

The state president of the Baptist Student Union while a senior at Southern Mississippi in 1991-92, Freeze was licensed to preach by his home church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Independence, Miss., in 1991. Freeze became a Christian at age 7.

He and his wife, Jill, and daughters Jordan, Ragan and Madison are members of Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Jill leads a Bible study there.

### More than x's and o's

Ultimately more important than teaching his players x's and o's, Freeze wants to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

"The fact that God has put me and the staff in a position of leadership and the opportunities to impact so many kids, carries with it a burden that you want to be found faithful. Hopefully, you can give them the greatest gift of all time, that being a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"Your faith is probably challenged the most when you bring such a cross section of cultural backgrounds together in college football. We are not going to be successful at reaching all of them, and that is difficult for me.

"We are not responsible, ultimately, with their decision and what they do with their relationship with God, but I do think we are responsible for introducing Him. I made a vow to God that I would never coach a kid who did not hear the plan of salvation."

Freeze, 42, preaches that his players have a God who loves them

"more than they will ever know" and insists that his staff model the idea that there is "something different about us that inspires them to seek what that is."

The word "family" fuels the team. Freeze uses an acrostic to emphasize character traits that are "growing on us," said Davis, who discipled four teammates.

"The first is 'Faith'—faith in a higher Being which is Jesus Christ. 'A' is 'attitude.' You are basically what you say you are," said Davis, who was first-team all-conference last season. "'M' is 'mental toughness.' You have to be mentally tough in all aspects of life, not just football. 'I' is for 'integrity'—not just putting on a show for people, but being the same person on and off the field. 'L' is for 'love.' He tells us that it is the secret ingredient in winning. That is the one thing he constantly talks to us about—loving one another and loving the team more than you love yourself. He says if you want to know the character of a man tell me what he does for a person who can do nothing for him. 'Y' is 'you.' The choices you make are the last piece of the puzzle."

### 'Walk the walk'

Success follows those who "walk the walk" with Christ, said center Tom Castilaw, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA and was named to the Sun Belt pre-season all-conference team.

Castilaw has seen Freeze turn attention to Christ.

"We know that nothing happens outside of God's will and nothing happens outside of Christ's reign. Any time there is success, it's easy to say, 'I am awesome; this is cool,' and kind of forget God. We are constantly brought back to the point, 'Let's give God the glory for this.' Coach Freeze wants to build a winning program, but his focus is let's glorify Christ with our lives."

Never have Freeze and his wife wanted to glorify God more than when their middle daughter, Jordan, was born.

Physicians told them that she might have Down syndrome. They

prayed that God's will be done, and Freeze said, "If God wants us to have a baby with Down syndrome, He has chosen the right people to do it. I trusted Him and prayed, 'If You deliver a healthy baby, I will give praise to everyone of Your power.'"

When Jordan was born on Freeze's 30th birthday, Sept. 27, 1999, she was perfectly healthy. He and his wife cried.

"Christ is the Rock, and hopefully, I'll never forget that," said Freeze, whose spiritual goal

is to love God "with all my heart, soul and mind."

Rocks have been reminders of God's faithfulness. Jill has kept a record of significant family events by painting dates on rocks that fill up a fish bowl. They include salvation and baptisms of their children, answered prayers, moves and coaching opportunities.

### Faith challenged

When Freeze became head coach, it challenged his faith.

He was replacing Steve Roberts, whom Freeze called a "model of what I think God would want a coach to be. I have great admiration for him."

Freeze left San Jose State University after a two-month stint in 2010 as offensive coordinator to help Roberts succeed. When Freeze learned that he was Arkansas State's choice

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also sustained damage. An estimated 380,000 people—mostly Kurds—live in the area, which is situated near a fault line. More than 100 aftershocks were recorded after the quake, according to the Associated Press.

"The number of buildings destroyed is relatively small, but many others are likely damaged and may be uninhabitable," Graham said.

Survivors of the earthquake need aid fast, said Charlie Hawkins\*,

to replace Roberts, who was dismissed after nine seasons and a 4-8 record in 2010, he couldn't sleep.

"I really had a hard time enjoying achieving my goal (to be a Division I coach). One moment I was, 'Thank You, God.' The next moment I was thinking of the hurt Coach Roberts was experiencing."

The former recruiting coordinator at Ole Miss, Freeze uses his role as the high school coach of NFL player Michael Oher, on whom the book centered, in the movie "The Blind Side" to help recruit at Arkansas State.

"People may or may not have heard of Arkansas State or Hugh Freeze, but you mention, 'Have you seen The Blind Side?' and they all have seen it. It opens doors," said Freeze.

Through motivational speeches to his team, Freeze opens the door about the power of God.

Freeze has shared messages of "What God can do for You" and "Making 'IT' Happen" with area churches.

"Making 'IT' Happen" has been the battle cry for the program.

Said Freeze, "God can take your sin to salvation, and He shares your present and secures your future."

Whatever the future holds for the 2011 Arkansas State team, Castilaw knows it will not just be measured by wins and losses.

The more we are in the business of obedience, whether results are produced or not, I can see Coach Freeze is wanting to produce men who love the Lord."

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another Christian worker in the region.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon and other channels "allow us to respond to this earthquake and other disasters very quickly. Through your help, we are meeting immediate, real needs and showing the love of Christ," Hawkins said.

"Please pray for those involved in assessing these needs and determining how we can best serve the residents and show Christ's love in tangible ways," said Graham.

*\*Names changed for security reasons.*

# The challenge of unprecedented change

We live in a time of unprecedented change.

I read recently that it wasn't until 1900 that the world population reached 1 billion. By the time you read this column, there will be an estimated 7 billion people living on earth.

Scientists hotly debate how many people this old earth can handle. No one knows for certain. But what is certain is that God has the hairs of every person numbered and is looking for His church to reach the growing inhabitants of earth with the love of Jesus Christ.

The challenge of the church in the 21st century is to work at being relevant, while at the same time holding true to timeless biblical truths.

The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), in spite of all its flaws, does a pretty good job of hoisting high the light of Jesus in a multiplicity of contexts in North America and around the world.

As society has changed and become more complex and diverse, SBC ministers have, at times, come under fire for wading into sinful waters to share Jesus with others.

When I read these accounts, I try to always pause and ask myself,

"What would Jesus do?"

Would Jesus sit with sinners and tax collectors for the opportunity to share the gospel with them? Of course He would, and He did during His brief ministry here on earth (Mark 2:15-17).

Rather than sit idly by criticizing others, perhaps we should examine ourselves and the people God wants us to reach for Him.

Now is not a time to complain about change, but to embrace it and find ways to use it to share Jesus Christ – perhaps in unconventional ways.

Jesus' entry into our world in human flesh represents the greatest "change" the church has ever known. It was clearly God's effort to bridge the gap between Himself and His creation one last time. Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save that which is lost" (Matt. 18:11).

That's where you and I come in. By embracing change and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ, we can be part of the solution for the glory of the Father.

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## PRESSING ON

Tim Yarbrough

## Applying Scripture

We must diligently study and apply Scripture in order to defeat Satan and fight the good fight of faith. Each application must be in harmony with the total meaning and message of Scripture, not from an isolated verse taken out of context.

Knowing what the text is actually saying, (from a) historical context, word study, etc., is helpful. The Bereans were commended for searching the Scriptures to see if what the Apostle Paul said agreed with what was in the Old Testament. Meditation on the text is necessary so God may reveal underlying principles or application and to imprint the text in our memory. Still, if necessary, the Holy Spirit can recall to our mind any Scripture we have heard

or read. 2 Timothy 2:15 says study to show yourself approved unto God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed knowing how to rightly divide the Word of truth. King David said, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation" (Psa. 119:99).

Just as Jesus withstood Satan with Scripture when He was tested in the wilderness, so too, we will stand in the evil day when the Holy Spirit uses us to wield the Sword of Scripture we have diligently meditated and studied. For such a time as this, we have been called. Let us by faith be faithful.

**Katherine Gossien**  
Little Rock

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Is the Southern Baptist Convention name destined for the scrap heap of Baptist history?

## Grateful to have served

Arkansas Baptists are among God's chosen, and I say this with a heart of gratitude to each of you for allowing me to serve on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) staff for nine years. Without reservation, I am able to say that the churches across Arkansas will find no better servants in God's kingdom on earth than are found in the offices of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Nothing that comes from the ABSC offices is accomplished without a great deal of prayer and preparation. Many hours of prayer and meetings are involved in every strategy. There is a great sense of God's presence in the work of the ministry teams, and Arkansas Baptist churches should be grateful to God of His servants in those offices.

These teams that serve under the direction of Dr. Emil Turner are committed to the Great Commission – which begins at the local church where you worship and serve. All mission efforts certainly begin at the local church, but without the support and direction of the staff at the ABSC, the local churches would not be as successful

in reaching Arkansas and our world with the gospel message.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has another annual meeting coming up on Nov. 1-2 at First Baptist Church in Little Rock. The 2011 meeting will happen because each of these folks began planning this year's meeting the moment the closing prayer of last year's meeting ended. I will be there this year, and hopefully, you will be, too.

"If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him" (John 12:26, NASB).

**Bob Williford**  
Hope

## Name good for 166 years

I totally agree with you about changing the name of our Southern Baptist Convention ("What would you change the name of the SBC to?" *ABN*, Oct. 8). What is our purpose – to squabble over a name or to spend our time and energies presenting the gospel to people? If the name "Southern Baptist Convention" has stood for 166 years, it should work for another 166. Let us give it a try, and then we can talk about it.

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## Family Matters

### The first hunt

We arrived at the woods before dawn one cool, brisk morning last fall. It was the opening morning of the 2010 Arkansas youth deer hunt, and this was my 10-year-old son's first hunt.



Phillips

We settled into our stand and anxiously waited, peering along the trails and into the woods looking for deer. At 8:15 a.m., we saw the first deer, but he also saw us and darted into the woods. My son eventually spied that same deer in the woods and made a nice 80-yard shot. We patiently sat and then climbed out of the stand to find a nice button buck.

We took several pictures of his first deer kill and traversed back to the stand. An hour later, a five-point buck pranced down a trail until he was within 100 yards – that made two bucks he killed on the first morning of his first deer hunt ever. I conveyed that it was not always like that. He killed a doe the following week. I hate to admit it, but he has killed three deer to my two – something he has not let me easily forget.

Deer season is a big deal for many Arkansans, and it presents a prime opportunity for parents to spend time outdoors with their children. My son has already been dreaming about deer he will see and kill on opening weekend. I'm preparing for quality time outdoors together. Hunting with children is a great occasion to engage in faith interactions and share stories. Start off your trip by praying together as you travel to the deer stand. Praying in the wilderness of God's creation is a way to acknowledge together the good gifts of God's.

Deer hunting can be slow at times. Take a small Bible with you, and take turns reading and reflecting on God's Word. When you break for lunch, take some time to swap stories and memories. Make sure to share spiritual stories, as well, including your salvation testimony. There are a few passages in particular that reference deer in Scripture that will provide some memorable teaching opportunities. Check out Habakkuk 3, especially verse 19, and Psalm 42, especially verse one. Whether you hunt or not, you'll benefit from reading these passages, but you'll benefit more if you discuss them with your children.

I pray you make some significant family memories this deer season that will impact your children for the rest of their lives.

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Dear Anonymous Letter Writer,  
Why did you send me that stuff? What do you want me to do with it? Do you think it will make me change my mind about what I have said, done or planned? Or do you think trying to destroy someone's reputation anonymously is spiritual? You have told me more about yourself than you really want people to know.

Your friend,  
Emil

I don't get many anonymous letters, but some pastors get a lot of them. I have vacillated in my responses. I went through a phase in which I refused to open a letter that had no return address. Then I thought, "What if someone sends me money?" So I changed that policy.

Then I refused to read letters that had no closing signature – until someone pointed out that these can be entertaining, though they are rarely edifying. So, I went back to reading them.

For a while, I'd read them quickly and then throw them away. Today I keep a file of weird letters. Someday my sons will get a kick out of the things written to their dad.

The best thing I ever did with an anonymous letter was to read it to the church. It was a complaint about the drama presentations we had introduced to wor-



## A PASTOR'S HEART

Emil Turner

ship services. Although God was blessing and people were being saved, someone felt the drama presentations were unspiritual. I took the anonymous letter of complaint to Wednesday evening prayer service and read it to those who attended. I asked them to pray for the author of the letter, for me to have the right attitude about it and for wisdom to respond the right way. Many people were very angry that someone would write such a letter. Others were shocked. All were prayerful. It was the last anonymous letter I received at that church. And we continued to use the drama presentations.

God can use anonymous letters to convict us of sin and change our behavior. Anonymity does not cancel truth. But if you are speaking truth,

why hide? Brothers and sisters, determine never to send such a letter or make an anonymous phone call. And when you receive one, pray about it. If God convicts you, respond to Him. If He does not convict you, ignore it.

Finally, every letter writer – every critic – is known to God who judges our hearts. No one is truly anonymous.

I won't tell you who wrote this, but it came from my blog that is posted every Friday at [www.absc.org](http://www.absc.org).

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## Determining your legacy

During the wake of a number of celebrity deaths (Michael Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, Patrick Swayze and Walter Cronkite), author Ethan Trex posted an article on the CNN website recounting 12 bizarre stipulations that famous individuals had placed in their estate plans. Here are a few of my favorites from the article:

– Leona Roberts Helmsley, the notorious billionaire "Queen of Mean" hotelier, cut out two of her four grandchildren in her will, but left \$12 million to her white Maltese dog named Trouble.

– Luis Carlos de Noronha Cabral da Camara, the Portuguese aristocrat, went to the notary's office and divvied up his estate by randomly picking 70 names out of the Lisbon telephone directory.

– Heinrich Heine, the German poet whose words inspired Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Wagner, left his entire fortune to his wife, but with one provision: She had to remarry because "then there would be at least one man to regret my death."

– Charles Vance Millar, a Canadian attorney and financier, left a substantial share of his fortune to

the mother who gave birth to the most children in Toronto in the 10 years following his death. This unusual bequest prompted what many Canadians dubbed the "Great Stork Derby" as mothers raced to claim the fortune. Finally, four winners split the

prize after giving birth to nine babies apiece in the 10-year period.

It is true that you have amassed your wealth and have a right to leave it to whomever or whatever you desire. These celebrities exercised that freedom, even if toward unusual ends. Yet Christians might wish to

think more soberly about where and to whom their estates should be left. If the kingdom of God is the goal of each of us, then the people and the ministries that build the kingdom should be central in our lifetimes and estate distributions.

Our foundation can assist you, at no charge, in thinking through the various issues of an estate plan. Hopefully, you and I won't make a "Top 12" list of bizarre will stipulations.

David Moore is president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

## FINANCIAL TIMES

David Moore  
Arkansas Baptist Foundation

### Endorsing gambling?

On page 13 of the October 20th edition of the *Arkansas Baptist News* is an article to which I take exception. The article is about the car giveaway fundraiser for the Cornerstone Christian Academy in Tillar, Ark. According to the article, chances are being sold for \$100 each, and the winner receives a new car. Any way you slice this, it looks a lot like gambling to me. I'm all for Christian education and am certainly for kids coming to Christ, but the end does not always justify the means. By virtue of the fact that the article is in our Baptist news, it seems that this activity is condoned by Arkansas Baptists. I am one, and I do not approve.

Leonard Russell  
Monticello

### ABN editor's response: Apologies are in order

EDITOR'S NOTE: The commitment of the staff of the *Arkansas Baptist News* (ABN) is to be sensitive to our readers' concerns and to correct errors that appear in our print or digital editions. As always, the ABN welcomes input about the stories we publish.

The ABN would like to apologize to readers who contacted us about the article "Car giveaway Christian school fundraiser," ABN, Oct. 20.

The article was about Cornerstone Christian Academy, located in Tillar, and the school's fundraising efforts to offset expenses and keep its tuition affordable

for families desiring to offer their children a Christian education. Cornerstone Christian Academy is a ministry of First Baptist Church, Tillar.

The ABN did not intend to endorse gambling or lotteries by publishing the article. The original intent of the ar-

ticle was to show how a Christian ministry, operated by one of our member Arkansas Baptist churches, was being creative in challenging economic times.

It was not a good idea to publish it, and we apologize for the error.

Tim Yarbrough  
Editor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arkansas' IMB missionaries

## Stories from the foreign mission field

INTERNATIONAL MISSION Board (IMB) missionaries with Arkansas ties relate stories of ministry successes.

### Sharing the miracles of Jesus

Arkansas IMB missionaries James and Martha Mahar Guenther have been working diligently to begin new Bible studies in São Pedro, Brazil. When they recently arrived for a scheduled visit with a young woman named Edna, they found that her two teenage sisters, her mother, grandmother and a neighbor were all there, as well. After a few minutes of conversation, they shared a 25-minute film about the miracles of Jesus.

After the film, they went over the events depicted and talked about the meaning of faith, as well as the fact that God is so great He can work in the lives of Christians, even when their faith may seem small. The Guenthers quickly realized there was something special about Edna, who could remember every detail of the stories they shared and readily apply the significance of every truth. As they stood to join hands and close with prayer, Edna's mother asked if they could all meet the next week in her home.

See **LOTTIE** page 7



James (right) and Martha Mahar Guenther (second from left) meet with a Brazilian family. The Guenthers minister near the San Francisco River (pictured below) in Gararu, Brazil.

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There are **141 missionaries** currently serving through the International Mission Board who identify Arkansas as their home state. More than half of the 141 missionaries serve in places where there is not freedom of religion; the lives of local believers may be put at risk if a connection is made to the ministries of these missionaries.

## No Other Name song featured in Lottie materials

*"LET IT START with me.  
Open up my eyes.  
Fill my heart with your compassion.  
Free my mind from all distractions. ...  
Lord, change the world, and let it start with me."*

Thus goes the chorus of "Let it Start With Me," one of 10 songs on the album "The Other Side" by No Other Name, a Christian music group based out of Nashville, Tenn.

"The Other Side" is the group's first album and was released on Curb Records Oct. 25.

Prior to releasing any projects, the group had already been nominated for a GMA (Gospel

Music Association) New Artist of the Year Dove Award.

Not only that, but also "Let it Start With Me" has been chosen to be the theme song for the Southern Baptist Convention's 2011-2012 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Group member Sam Allen described the message of the song, saying, "The common response among Christians when confronted with the incredibly overwhelming task of spreading the gospel is, 'Where do I start?' This song gives the average

Christian trying to find their place in the Great Commission a place to begin. The lyrics are a prayer that simply says, 'Lord, let it start with me.'"

The voices of Allen and his two fellow group members - his sister, Laura Allen, and their friend, Chad Smith - join together in praise as they sing "Let It Start With Me" and other songs on the album.

To see a music video of "Let it Start With Me," visit [www.arkansasbaptist.org](http://www.arkansasbaptist.org). For more information on No Other Name or their tour schedule, visit [www.no-other-name.com](http://www.no-other-name.com).



Mike and Linda Ray (below), International Mission Board missionaries from Arkansas, have spent the past 16 years ministering in Ukraine.



Mike Ray (right) translates during a medical clinic outreach in Ukraine.



Linda Ray (right) listens as an elderly woman reads from the Bible with new glasses received during the medical clinic.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering changes lives

### Fast facts about lostness

Now is the time to take a fresh look at the challenges ahead and be ready to finish the task of reaching all peoples. Here's a global snapshot of the work ahead:

- 6,744 people groups are considered unreached (less than 2 percent profess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ).
- 3,789 people groups are not engaged at all with the gospel.



- More than half the world's people live in cities. Most unreached people groups likely are represented in the world's urban centers.

- 1.5 billion Muslims make up 22 percent of the world's population.

There is much work to be done. With more than 45,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, the task is doable, but it will take everyone - starting with your church.

### Your giving matters

Think your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering won't make a difference? Every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to help support about 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries serving overseas. Last year, those missionaries reported 360,876 baptisms and 29,237 new churches.

The 2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$175 million. That was also the goal for 2010 and 2009, but receipts for those years totaled \$145.6 million and \$148.9 million,

respectively. These offering shortfalls have resulted in restriction of new missionaries being appointed.

### Week of prayer

During Dec. 4-11, thousands of Southern Baptist churches will join together to pray for the unique opportunities missionaries have to be His hands, His Heart and His voice in the world's cities.

Look for your week of prayer guide at your church, or go to [imb.org/weekofprayer](http://imb.org/weekofprayer).

## LOTTIE

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### Rescued from drugs and Satan

When IMB missionaries Marty and Janis Thompson from Arkansas visited the city of Ponte Alta, Brazil, they found that the city of 5,000 had no Baptist church. Within minutes of arriving, the Thompsons met a woman who immediately agreed to open her home to start a Bible study. Next, they met a man busily planting a banana tree, who didn't even bother to look up until he heard they were Baptists.

"I'm sorry. I thought you were Mormons," he said. It turned out that the man's father had been a Baptist preacher.

The first Bible study, held a week later, had 15 in attendance.

One woman attending the meeting and hearing the gospel for the first time said, "Pray that God will open my mind to understand what you are teaching and my heart to receive it."



Marty and Janis Thompson

She and many others have prayed to receive Christ. The church has now rented a building and averages 40 attenders each week.

Adilsier grew up in a Brazilian Christian home, but at age 15, he began to get involved with the wrong crowd. Drinking soon led to drugs, and by the time he was 18, he was fully entrenched

in Spiritism, bowing and praying to Satan three times each day. When he heard about crack cocaine in the United States, he found out how it was made and introduced it to Brazil. At his lowest point, Adilsier planned to commit suicide, but before

doing so, he decided to say goodbye to his family. He arrived at his

mother's house to find a missionary praying with his mother that he would find the Lord. The missionary led Adilsier to the Lord that day, and his life was completely transformed in an instant.

Today Adilsier is a pastor in Brazil. He served

alongside the Thompsons until they relocated to Peru.

### Teaching children in Poland

In many of the former Eastern Bloc countries of Europe, finding access to the Bible is hard, and understanding it is even more difficult after years of atheistic teaching. Arkansas IMB missionaries Chuck and Vikki Franks are providing both as they reach out to children in Poland through English Bible programs.



The Franks family from left: Ben, Vikki, Emily and Chuck

The children learn the books of the Bible, 10 key passages and 25 memory verses and then have a contest at the end of the semester to demonstrate their knowledge. The children love it and learn a lot. One older girl refused to participate the first time she attended, but by the end of the session, she was actively working on learning the material.

When she came the next time, she had memorized what she needed for that week, and on her own, the girl had worked ahead, completing the next week's study.

# One page. All news.

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*Arkansas Baptist News:*  
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The screenshot shows the website's layout with several key sections:

- Header:** Features the ABN logo, the tagline "Telling the story of Arkansas Baptists since 1901", and a search bar with social media icons for Twitter and Facebook.
- Navigation:** A dark bar with links for Home, About the ABN, Current Edition, Advertise, and Sign-in.
- Main Content Area:**
  - Video:** A video player for "Acts 1:8 One Day Video" featuring a man in a green shirt.
  - Article 1:** "'One Day' makes a difference: 125 churches meet for missions". Includes a sub-headline "One day. Seventeen hundred mission volunteers. Fifty-one salvations." and a "Click to read more ..." link.
  - Article 2:** "ABN to give away tablet computer, Bible software at ABSC Annual Meeting". Includes a sub-headline "LITTLE ROCK - If there weren't already enough reasons to attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) annual meeting and related meetings, here's another one: You can enter the Arkansas Baptist News (ABN) tablet computer and software giveaway." and a "Click to read more ..." link. An image of the "WORDsearch 9" software box is shown.
  - Article 3:** "60 Arkansas teams to Haiti so far". Includes a sub-headline "By year's end, about 60 teams from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) will have traveled to Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake that ravaged the nation in January 2010, said Bob Fielding, a member of the ABSC missions ministries team and Haiti project coordinator." and a "Click to read more ..." link.
  - Photo Galleries:** A section titled "ABN PHOTO GALLERIES:" with links for "Acts 1:8 One Day Missions view", "See You at the Pole view", and "Grand Avenue Grand Re-Opening view".
- Right Sidebar:**
  - LATEST NEWS:** Three news items with sub-headlines and "about a day ago" timestamps.
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  - ABN photo contest deadline November 1:** A section with a sub-headline and a "Click to read more ..." link.
  - Word Search:** A section titled "Dig into the Word like Never Before." with a "WORDsearch 9" box image.
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## ***IS CAMPING STILL RELEVANT?***

**Jason Wilkie**  
*Siloam Camp*

IN 2009, I was leaving my secure, government job to seek a career in camping – an industry with thin margins in a volatile economy. At the time, the Christian Camping and Conference Association was concerned that many camps were struggling.

So I had to ask myself, “Is Christian camping still relevant?” After months of prayer, thought and research, my answer was, “Yes.” Here are a few reasons why:

- God’s preferred method of speaking to people is when they are away from the hustle and bustle of their everyday lives.
- Christ’s most intimate moments with the Father were in the wilderness.

- A pastor in Jonesboro told me the two places he saw life-change in his youth were at camps and on mission trips.

- Camps and mission trips provide “spiritual marker” moments – outside of comfort zones – moments in which people can say their lives changed.

See **CAMPING** page 11

Opportunities abound

# Students prove worth in missions

**Andy Morris**  
Mission Serve

IN 2011, tornados tore across the United States in record numbers. Some of the most damaged areas were Joplin, Mo.; Ringgold, Ga.; Tuscaloosa and Rainsville, Ala.; and Limestone and Madison counties in Alabama. These are the areas that come immediately to mind – although there were certainly many other areas of the country devastated.

Mission teams were mobilized to help in these areas. Disaster relief teams assisted with feeding units, cleanup units, chainsaw units and strategies for helping rebuild neighborhoods. And student mission groups were there responding, as well.

A number of mission project organizations provided opportunities for students to get in-

involved by conducting projects in hard-hit areas. The organization I lead, Mission Serve of Cumming, Ga., conducted a project in Memphis, Tenn., last summer. Ironically, several students from Bethel Baptist Church in Pleasant Grove, Ala., who had lost their own homes, came to the project. Even after having lost their own possessions, they came to minister to others and to help them rebuild their homes. It is an amazing witness and example.

Some churches decided this summer not to go to their regularly scheduled mission experience and to stay at home in their own communities or work in their own state to assist in areas of destruction.

### Students want to help

Recently, Mission Serve put an Alabama Tornado Relief project on the schedule for 2012 – without having a specific location. The registration for the project had to be put on hold because of the large number of participants registering. In addition, World Changers – a ministry of LifeWay Christian Resources in cooperation with the North American Mission Board – has scheduled projects in Tuscaloosa and Joplin. Those are filling up with participants, as well.

Students and student leaders want to be involved in these types of projects. The need and desire to go and help is just as great in the lives of Christian students as it is in the lives of Christian adults. Many

participant churches have been to multiple projects where their students have learned to roof a house, build a handicap ramp, rebuild a porch or replace a floor. It should not be a surprise to us that these students, who had met a particular need in the past, now want to go and help after these types of disasters. And yet, often times, opportu-

nities are limited in how students can be involved.

So just what can students do? With the right leadership, they can do mud-out and cleanup projects. Student mission teams proved their worth over and over after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

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# Camping made easy

## Homesickness tips

- **Try a test run.** Let your camper stay at a grandparent's house or with a trusted friend. Having been away from home before, he is likely to do better at camp.

- **Talk about the details.** Go over the schedule and what you will be up to. Many kids do not want to miss what is happening back home.

- **Set ground rules for calling.** Some camps recommend campers call home once per day. Many churches have a "no call" policy, except in case of emergency. In this case, parents call the church for updates from camp, and campers are not even tempted to call home.

- **Encourage your camper.** All too often, parents can cause homesickness without realizing it. Let go. Enjoy watching your child take one more step toward growing up.

## Five tips for packing

1. Label each item that goes to camp - every shirt, sock and sandal.



2. Expect clothes to come home dirty - and some to not make it home at all.

3. Plan each day's outfit. Pack each one in a labeled bag.

4. Campers love to have money for the camp store, snacks and missions offerings.

5. Pack an easy-to-read Bible that your child will be comfortable reading and using in Bible study.

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## CAMPING

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- Futurists say that by 2050 the world's population will double to 12 billion people and 75 percent of the people will live in cities. If the majority of the world lives surrounded by concrete and mortar, it makes retreat to the wilderness that much more special and important.

- Retreat to the wilderness is good for the body, as well as the soul. In 2005, Richard Louv wrote "Last Child in the Woods," coining the term "Nature Deficit Disorder." He received the 2008 Audubon Medal for linking children's alienation from nature to attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, stress, depression, anxiety disorders and childhood obesity.

- Last summer I didn't have any campers asking me if they could go

home, but I did have campers say, "I wish camp was two weeks!" and "Can we stay all summer?"

- When I ask children what their favorite thing at camp is, they say it's playing in the creek.

- People have testimonies of how their lives were changed by one week at camp 30-40 years ago.

I confidently believe that removing people from the comfort of their everyday lives and sharing the gospel in the wilderness is one of the most powerful ways to reach Americans for the kingdom and should be a part of a church's ministry mix.

I encourage you to find a camp near you and challenge your congregation to get out of the routine of daily life and get closer to God.

*Jason Wilkie is the executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, also known as Siloam Camp.*



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## MISSIONS

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Students can do construction work, but they can also do demolition. When I first began in mobilizing students more than 20 years ago, people would say things to me like, "Nobody in their right mind would put a girl on the roof," or, "Students cannot roof a house. They will just play around." We now know that both of those statements are untrue. In fact, I've witnessed teenage girls being better roofers than the boys.

The point is we need to go beyond our traditional ways of thinking about the use of students in disaster situations. If there is such a desire for student groups to be involved, we should look for ways to involve them, rather than shut them

out of these opportunities.

We have built an army of students involved in missions every year. We have asked them to go beyond their comfort zones to allow God to empower them to do great things, and they have responded. Many students have made a commitment for a lifetime of missions involvement. Their involvement now, after these disasters, will only increase this commitment.

After all, encouraging students to develop a missions mindset and commitment to a lifetime of missions is our goal. Let's give them the opportunity to help these communities affected by the 2011 natural disasters and in turn encourage a lifetime of missions involvement.

*Andy Morris is the executive director of Mission Serve, based in Cumming, Ga.*

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Butch Riddle, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ashdown

# Central Baptist reaches out on reservation

NORTH LITTLE ROCK – Since 2005, members of Central Baptist Church (CBC), North Little Rock, have partnered with Lakota Baptist Church in South Dakota to minister to the Oglala Lakota Indians.

“The mission began in answer to a request by Pastor Irl Grundy for Christmas presents to be distributed to the children who regularly attend Lakota Baptist Church,” said Lisa Kelley, leader of Central’s Lakota mission team. “Since 2005, CBC has provided approximately 100 presents each year for distribution at Christmas.”

Kelley said Central Baptist has also provided coats for children and

personal hygiene bags for adults.

“(Our church) conducts vacation Bible school (VBS) with approximately 50 to 80 children in attendance, and the VBS ends with a carnival for the children,” added Kelley.

A new ministry was started this year during one of Central Baptist Church’s most recent visits to the reservation.

“(We) began women’s and men’s Bible studies during the day. Two women received Christ,” said Kelley.

Central Baptist also has started doing plumbing repairs and other maintenance for Lakota Baptist.



Some of the 100 presents provided by members of Central Baptist, North Little Rock, during the Christmas outreach in South Dakota. An Oglala Lakota Indian boy (inset).

## First person: CWJC leaders gather to ‘Pass It On’

**Karen Jordan**  
Special to ABN

“IT ONLY TAKES a spark to get a fire going.”

This phrase from the song “Pass It On” by Kurt Kaiser echoed through my mind as I attended a retreat for the Christian Women’s Job Corps

(CWJC) site coordinators at Oaks Manor Conference and Retreat Center in Van Buren.

Debbie Moore, Arkansas Baptist State Convention missions support team member, invited CWJC site coordinators from Arkansas and Oklahoma to come together for a weekend of retreat and storytelling.

While the women shared their stories, something amazing happened. As the embers of enthusiasm from each community united in purpose, prayer and praise, they grew into a raging fire of hope and excitement.

CWJC’s purpose is to reach out to women who not only need jobs, but also need a Savior to guide them.

Pam Stevenson, CWJC site coordinator in Northwest Arkansas, expressed her appreciation, saying, “You don’t just want to help me get a job. You want to help me get a life!”

Leaders joined together in prayer at the retreat to intercede on behalf of the women they serve. Their prayers focused on their purpose – sharing the love of Christ in their local mission fields.

While CWJC provides services to

women in many areas across our nation, more sites are needed. Prayer for this need reverberated throughout the weekend.

To observe this kind of networking within my own denomination brings hope to my heart. What would happen if other ministries and causes united in purpose, prayer and praise to spread the love of Christ to their communities? We would hear shouting from the mountaintops as God moved heaven and earth by the power of His Spirit.

For more information about CWJC and Christian Men’s Job Corps (CMJC), contact Debbie Moore at [dmoore@absc.org](mailto:dmoore@absc.org), or visit [www.wmu.com](http://www.wmu.com) and click on “ministries.”

*Karen Jordan is a writer who lives in Hot Springs Village.*



Women circle for prayer during CWJC retreat.

# Revival

## Union Valley Baptist Church

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### Associational missions

Taryn Anquoe, a member of the Kiowa Tribe who has attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., demonstrates Native American sign language for The Lord's Prayer, which she shared at the Bartholomew Baptist Association Annual Meeting Oct. 16. Bartholomew Baptist Association has ministered at Haskell for the past two summers.



### Pastor recognition

Glenn Bien, Trinity Baptist Association missionary, recently presented William Whitlock (left), pastor of Anderson Tully Baptist Church, Harrisburg, with a certificate and plaque in recognition of 20 years at the church and more than 25 years of pastoral service in Trinity Baptist Association. Whitlock is married to Mary Jane Whitlock (right).

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## Obituaries

**Charles Wayne Rosson**, 76, died Aug. 5. A native of Texas, he attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Rosson served as pastor of several churches in three states, including Arkansas, as chaplain at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and as an evangelist who traveled across North America and in

several foreign countries. Survivors include his wife, Peggie; two sons; one half brother; one stepdaughter; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In accordance with his wishes and prior plans, there was no public memorial service. Private burial was at Friendship Cemetery in Springdale.

**Andrew Daniel Harness**, 19, died Oct. 16. Born to Van and Lisa Harness, he was a member of West Side Baptist Church, Greers Ferry.

He was a 2010 graduate of West Side High School of Greers Ferry and had enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his father, who had served as pastor at West Side Baptist, and two grandparents. He is survived by his mother, three sisters, two grandparents, four uncles, many cousins and friends and a large church family. Funeral services were held at West Side Baptist Oct. 21.

## Church life

Mt. Zion Baptist Association will sponsor the Harvest Bible Conference, an evangelism conference

at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro, starting at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 and 9 a.m. Nov. 19. Bob Pitman, dean of Adrian Rogers Center for Biblical Preaching at the Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., and Junior Hill, full-time evangelist, will serve as speakers. Walnut Street Baptist Church will provide the music.

**First Baptist Church, Russellville**, will hold a women's conference, featuring Lisa Harper as speaker, Jan. 13-14. She will share how "Busyness is so not a Spiritual Gift," and Laura Cooksey will lead worship. For more information, visit [www.fbcross.org](http://www.fbcross.org) or call 479-968-1316.

**Clear Creek Baptist Association** will host a Christmas dinner and concert at First Baptist Church, Ozark, at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Pastors, church staff, associational ex-board members and all their spouses are invited to attend.

## On the move

**Timothy Hale** is serving as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Malvern. He is a graduate of Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

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throat and headache. These side effects are mild.

**Is a flu shot the only way to prevent the flu?**

"While the flu shot is one of the best ways to prevent the flu, the potential does exist that a different strand of flu may circulate that is not covered by the vaccine," said Dr. Ray H. Hall Jr., an internal medicine physician at North East Arkansas Baptist Clinic. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studies the influenza virus and generally is correct in developing a vaccine that will prevent a person from getting the flu."

**If I get the flu shot too early or too late in the season, will it help prevent the flu?**

Yes. Seasonal flu vaccination provides protection against the influenza strains contained in the vaccine through one influenza season. Vaccination can begin as soon as the vaccine is available.

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## MNOW

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Mission Now or “MNow,” a new twist on the traditional Disciple Now (DNow) model.

The weekend began on Friday night with a fifth quarter event following the local high school football game.

Walker Moore of Awe Star Ministries was guest speaker for the MNow, and contemporary Christian recording artist Coffey Anderson led music for the weekend’s events, which were held at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. Students who planned to participate in the MNow, spent the night with host families, studying the Bible together that night and the following morning.

When the students arrived at the church the following day, the weekend’s events departed from standard DNow fare.

According to Caddy, instead of continuing the Bible study time or going to a worship service, the students spent the afternoon serving an “unreached people” – a group of 85 homeless people living in Little Rock. Students helped in four areas: operating and cleaning the Geyer Springs disaster relief shower unit, working in the church’s clothing ministry, preparing and serving lunch and helping provide manicures, pedicures and haircuts.

More than 100 students ministered to the homeless, whom Caddy referred to as “friends.”



Above, left to right: Madison Caldwell, Amberly Watkins, Julian Miller and Stephanie Batsell, give manicures during MNow. Evan Caddy and Josh Davis (right) clean the church’s shower unit.



Caddy said his students went out of their way to show compassion to these oft neglected people.

He said originally the plan for those who wanted manicures was for the students to provide the supplies and let the people do their own nails. But the girls who were helping in that area objected.

Caddy explained, “The girls said, ‘We are going to take these people by the hands and clean and trim their nails for them.’”

Caddy was satisfied with the turnout of people and the way the MNow affected his students, counting it among the top three youth events of which he’s been a part.

“It broke down walls,” he said, noting, “It changed our group.”

He added, “I wanted (the students) to get the same feel as going overseas – to fall in love with people and have compassion on them. And that’s exactly what they did.”

Students and their newfound friends attended a service together at Geyer Springs First Baptist.

Caddy said the event concluded with the students forming an impromptu line on either side of the hallway and clapping as the homeless people, now the students’ friends, boarded vans to head back to drop-off points under the Broadway Bridge in downtown Little Rock

and at the Compassion Center in Southwest Little Rock.

Caddy said what shocked his students the most was how appreciative the people were of the help offered to them.

Geyer Springs First Baptist students also gave the homeless people care packages that included toiletries and a \$10 gift card to McDonalds.

With students already asking Caddy when they can minister to their friends again, Caddy has begun plans for another MNow in March or April.

Contact Lisa Watson at [lisa@arknsasbaptist.org](mailto:lisa@arknsasbaptist.org).

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## Do you show respect to others?

They don't respect us." That's a phrase I have heard often in my years as an educator. What amuses me is that I hear it from both the older and the younger generations. Older believers observe the behaviors of younger believers with frustration. Younger believers feel censured and wonder "what the big deal is" about things they see as unimportant. There are mutual desires, but our church traditions and processes don't allow for much mixing of the generations. They simply don't know each other well.

Both generations feel disrespect-

ed, and neither generation wants to feel that way.

In Romans 14:1, the discussion centers on disputes over doubtful things. The passage discusses rules which seem extremely important to some people but insignificant to others (Rom. 14: 2-6). As Paul is encouraging these Christians to get along, he reminds them that issues about traditional rules are foolish. He uses words like "weak," "judgmental" and "contempt" so often that it's hard to say to whom he is even referring (Rom. 14:1-4, 10-11).

I have an unusual way of remem-

bering and honoring specific family members. For example, in memory of my oldest daughter, I give money to the children in various programs who are often standing outside local stores asking for donations. I recall that Jae Lynn and her friends were often ignored.

Another daughter is faithful to put her shopping cart back each time she exits a store.

I try to do the same and thank God for her in my life. I asked my third daughter how she would like me to remember and honor her. She thought for a moment and said, "You can smile and say hello to all the people who look and act very different than you."

Ouch. Shouldn't I be doing that already?

### EXPLORE THE BIBLE NOVEMBER 13, 2011

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Scripture passages:  
Romans 14:1-4, 10-11

## Stand for the Lord

We constantly urge people to stand for what is right. We expect it from elected officials and

church leaders and desire it from those in the pews. Today's study reveals what happens when a leader doesn't stand for what is right versus when he does. Moses is on the mountain with God, and He has been delayed in the people's minds.

I guess we aren't the first ones to live in an instant society.

In the opening passage, we see that God shares with Moses the failings of the people. Leaders are con-

fronted by God about the failings of the people they lead. A leader who is not willing to stand for the people is not a leader. God tells Moses what the people have done and what He intends to do to them as

a result. God offers to multiply the descendants of Moses into a new na-

tion. Moses' discussion with God is one that shows his true humility and love for God. Moses was more concerned about God than about himself. True leaders see the mission, and not personal gain, as the priority.

In the second part of the passage, Moses arrives at the camp and sees for himself the sin and rebellion of the people. Moses' stand for the Lord comes in two parts. The first is when he comes to Aaron and calls him to account for his failed leadership in Moses' absence.

We see in Aaron what happens when a leader does not stand for the Lord. The people sin, do not

honor God and go the way of the world. We live in a world today that has many Aarons and not nearly enough Moseses.

The second stand that Moses takes is with the people. He draws a line and tells those who are on the Lord's side to come to him. A leader who stands for the Lord must be holy and require those they lead to make the decision to be holy. Moses was going to honor and follow God. The people he led must be willing to do so also.

The question we must ask is a simple one: Will we stand like Moses and honor God, or will we go along to get along like Aaron?

### BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE NOVEMBER 13, 2011

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Paragould

Scripture passages:  
Exodus 32:7-20, 25-26

## Do you strive for peace with others?

Peace is often hard to come by at this time of the year. Time is steadily marching us toward the holiday season where, ready or not, we will face traditions, programs, music and gifts. We are early in the holiday season, yet many of us are experiencing thoughts and feelings we usually don't have to face at other times of the year. Some of those feelings are exciting and full of anticipation. Others are bitter and painful.

I work in an environment where pain and uncertainty are the norm. Because hospitals are associated with illness, pain and even death, healthcare professionals are taught

early and often how to deal with extreme emotions. As we care for people's bodies, minds and souls, we know full-well that an angry outburst is often the result of fear or pain. Shouldn't it be that way for Christ followers in the church body? We, of all people, ought to be the ones who offer understanding, forgiveness and grace to those within our church walls. We, of all people, ought to know what's at stake when there is not unity of purpose and spirit.

Romans 14:19 tells us to be intentional and active in seeking ways to make peace and bring encourage-

ment. We are to search out and pursue ways to make peace with people. As with many of God's ways, most of us understand the concepts and can talk about them freely, but we have trouble in the delivery. What stops us? Busy schedules? Fear? Forgetfulness?

What if each member of our churches hunted for specific ways to make peace with those who have become angry or

hurt for some reason? What if we searched for a variety of specific, personal ways to heap encouragement

on the ones who think and act differently than we do? If your church is like mine, there are members of the church body who have not attended church for months. This time of the year is perfect for reaching out and lavishing peace and love on our brothers and sisters.

### EXPLORE THE BIBLE NOVEMBER 20, 2011

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Scripture passages:  
Romans 14:19-20

We read in this study one of the saddest commentaries in the Old Testament - a race nearly ran but not yet completed. Moses had led the people for almost 40 years. From this passage, we can learn at least three lessons about responding in difficult situations.

The first involves those we are called to lead. We must remember they often forget how bad their past re-

ally was. The Israelites had forgotten how harsh the conditions were for them in Egypt. They had also forgotten all God had done to feed them and keep them for the time they were in the wilderness. They had forgotten it was their sin that caused them to be in this place. Difficult situa-

tions will come for those who lead; we must remember those we lead

sometimes only see the present situation, and they respond out of fear, anger and a short memory.

The second involves those who lead. Patience and faith are required no matter how long one leads. Moses had been at this place many times as he led this rebellious people. Each time a difficult situation had come, Moses had gone before God, and God had given him the solution. This time it was different. There was no request from Moses. He and Aaron fell on their faces before the Lord. Difficult situations don't always come when we are ready for them. Moses and Aaron

had just buried their sister. They should have been comforted by the people; instead, they were attacked. We must be prepared for more than one difficult situation at a time.

The third lesson involves our response. Moses' act of striking the rock and talking to the people was an act of disobedience. When we find ourselves in a difficult situation, our response must be total obedience to God's Word.

Remember that in difficult situations people have a short memory, we may have multiple difficult situations at a time and our response must always be obedience to God.

### BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE NOVEMBER 20, 2011

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Scripture passages:  
Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 106:32-33

## Respond to difficult situations

# Equipping students Sandusky's calling

Jenny Redfern

Arkansas Baptist News

MAGNOLIA - Many pastors, churches and ministries feel the call to focus on discipleship, but for Mike Sandusky, the Baptist collegiate minister at Southern Arkansas University Tech (SAU Tech) in Magnolia, God's call allowed him to complete his doctorate in discipleship.

Sandusky said his studies, which took four years at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, centered on the concept of God calling His followers to be disciples.

"My whole focus was equipping students to be disciples and to teach others how to be disciples," he said.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at SAU Tech has reflected this focus. Sandusky said he wanted his students to realize that though a lot of people today call themselves Christians, being a Christian means so many different things in today's world.

"(What) I'm trying to get them to see is that ... if you are called to be a follower of Christ this is what that looks like and just teaching them biblical principles that our lives are to be totally, completely different than those of the rest of the world," he explained.

Sandusky, 45, is starting his fifth year with the BCM at SAU Tech and has been involved in campus ministry since 1990.

The collegiate minister said he was the "typical Southern Baptist guy." His father was a deacon and his mother was a Sunday school teacher, and he has attended church since he was two weeks old.

Sandusky first walked down the aisle to become a Christian in the third grade. He said it was on a night when the congregation was participating in the Lord's Supper. He wanted to take the crackers and juice when they passed by, but he was not allowed since he was not a Christian.



Sandusky

"So, primarily, I walked the aisle so I could have a cracker and juice every once in a while," he said with a chuckle. "But I had no understanding of what it meant to be a Christian and didn't until I was a freshman in college."

His freshman year at Texas A&M University, Sandusky met some friends from San Antonio, Texas, that really impacted his life. He said he realized he had not truly committed his life to Christ, so he did the summer after his freshman year.

At the same time, Sandusky realized the importance of discipleship.

"No one told me you were suppose to grow," he exclaimed. "When I got to A&M, I began to get disciplined, and that's when God began to call me into the ministry. And from there, I've been trying to follow wherever He wants me to go."

Sandusky was involved in the Baptist Student Union (BSU) during his time at A&M, and upon graduation in 1989, his BSU director asked if he wanted to serve as a campus missionary for a semester. The opportunity took him to the University of Idaho, where God placed the call of ministry on his life.

He went to seminary at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, for a master's degree, and after graduating in 1994, he attended Lewis-Clark

State College in Idaho and then the University of Idaho.

After 12 years, Sandusky and his wife, Kecia, and daughters Jessica, Mikayla and Rebecca, felt like they needed to return closer to home. He served as interim minister for Metro Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus for six months before the job opened up at SAU Tech.

Now that Sandusky has complet-

ed his doctorate, he said he does not have any plans for the next step in his life.

"I've been asked that question a lot now that I've got my doctorate," he said. "They say, 'Oh, you've got your doctorate. You must be getting ready to do something big.' You know, I'm doing something big at SAU, and I'm going to stay until God shows me He's got something else."

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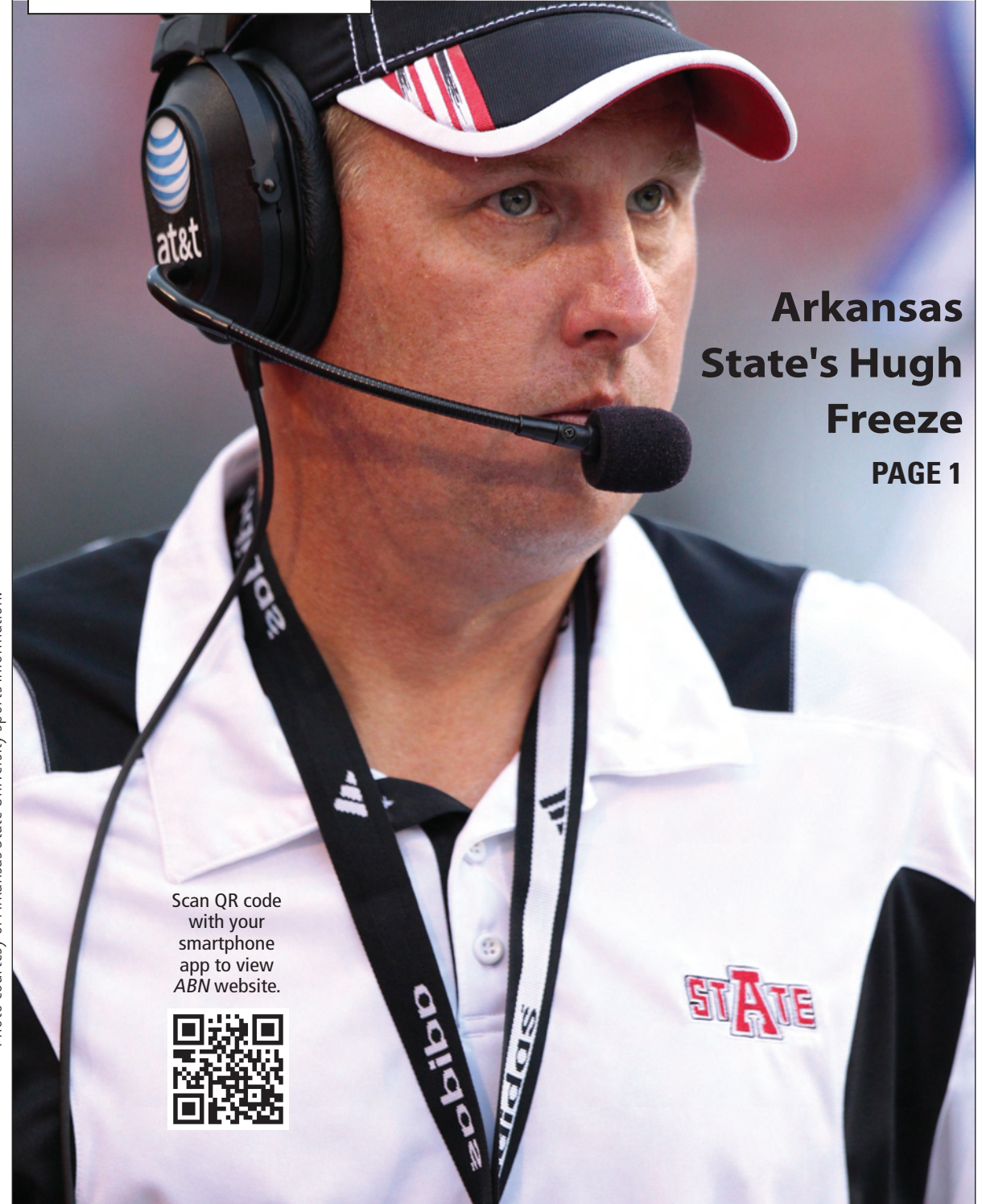
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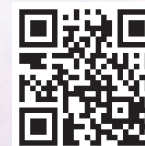
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