

Baptists affirm stances on sexual abuse, racism

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – With the theme, “Gospel above all,” Southern Baptists strengthened their stances against sexual abuse and racism during the opening and closing days of the June 11-12 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Ala.

On the annual meeting’s opening day, messengers cast their votes – raising booklets that contained their printed ballots – for amendments to the SBC constitution to specifically state that sexual abuse and discrimination based on ethnicity are grounds for a church to be deemed as “not in friendly cooperation” with the convention.

Messengers likewise voted to amend the SBC’s bylaws to repurpose the SBC’s Credentials Committee into a standing committee to make inquiries and recommendations for

action regarding instances of sexual abuse, racism or other issues that call a church’s relationship with the SBC into question.

The constitutional amendments will require a second two-thirds messenger vote at next year’s annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. The repurposing of the Credentials Committee required only a two-thirds vote this year as an amendment to the convention’s bylaws.

“May this world know that the Southern Baptist Convention stands against all forms of sexual abuse,” said Ronnie Floyd, president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee. “May this world know that this convention of churches –

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A prayer of lament and reconciliation is offered for victims of sexual abuse in the church June 12 during the afternoon session of the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Ala. *Photo by Caleb Yarbrough*

New publisher, new look for M-W Baptist

THIS ISSUE of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist begins a new publishing relationship with the Arkansas Baptist News, the official newspaper affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Since 1994 the M-W Baptist has been published by the Western Recorder, state paper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. With the demise of the Western Recorder’s print edition earlier this year, the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention began a search for another publisher. In February, the Arkansas Baptist offered to step in to that role.

“We greatly appreciate the 25-year partnership we had with the Western Recorder and are looking forward to a long relationship with the

Arkansas Baptist,” said David Williams, editor of the M-W Baptist since 1997. “Editor Tim Yarbrough and his staff have been very gracious to work with us through the transition and are producing a quality paper for us.”

The M-W Baptist continues as a 12-page tabloid but has a new look to match the size and format of the Arkansas Baptist. Caleb Yarbrough of the ABN staff designed the new masthead at the top of this page, using a photograph taken by MWBC Executive Director Leo Endel at the headwaters of the Mississippi River at the Itasca State Park near Bemidji, Minn.

In addition, this issue includes a regular feature of the Arkansas paper, “Gospel Games,” on page 11.

Naches interviewed at WMU annual meeting

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Church planters from Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention were on the program at the 2019 Woman’s Missionary Union Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting in Birmingham on Sunday, June 9.

About 1,000 attended the event at The Church at Brook Hills.

Phillip and Jummai Nache, North American Mission Board missionaries, were interviewed by NAMB President Kevin Ezell.

Nache is pastor of Hope of Nations Gospel Church in Minneapolis. The Naches, along with Rob and Lisa Warren of Madison, Wis., were among the missionaries featured in this year’s prayer guide for the Annie Armstrong



Philip Nache (center) and his wife, Jummai, are interviewed by Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board, during Pursue, the Woman’s Missionary Union Missions Celebration Sunday, June 9, at The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala. The couple talked about their experience as church planters in Minneapolis where they minister to African refugees. *Photo by Van Payne*

Easter Offering.

During the interview the Naches told about the work God is doing among African

immigrants in Minneapolis. Hope of Nations has two services, one for South Sudanese and another for northern Nigerians.

Leaders comment on resolutions, issues facing SBC

Caleb Yarbrough
Arkansas Baptist News

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leaders answered questions on various topics – including sexual abuse – in a resolutions press conference following the SBC Annual Meeting June 12.

Robert Downen of the *Houston Chronicle* asked whether or not the SBC's resolution denouncing abortion (Resolution 1), as well as a resolution on sexual abuse (Resolution 2), were contradictory in cases where rape and/or incest leads to pregnancy.

"Our opposition to sexual abuse and our opposition to abortion are not in conflict; they are rooted in the very same concern for human dignity," said Russell Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

"We oppose sexual abuse and sexual assault because we believe that women and men are made in the image of God. And we oppose abortion because we believe that every human being is created in the image of God and is deserving of protection and dignity," said Moore.

Another topic addressed during the press conference was a resolution on critical race theory and intersectionality (Resolution 9).

Adelle Banks of Religion News Service solicited comment on Resolution 9, asking "why it created so much heat ... and ... whether you viewed the resolution as being a complete rejection of it or in some way an acknowledgement and support of it?"

"The Bible is the rule and the guide to our faith and practice. But you also saw us saying that it (critical race theory and intersectionality) could be utilized as an analytical tool, not as a transcendent worldview," said Curtis Woods, chairman of the SBC Resolutions Committee. "The debate came because individuals on both sides were concerned about the gospel of Jesus Christ."

In a question regarding whether or not the Resolu-

tions Committee had resolutions they felt most strongly about, Woods responded, "Obviously we felt strongly about the issue on the evil of sexual abuse."

"The overarching theme ... would have been ... protection of the unborn as well as those that could find themselves vulnerable to sexual abuse as well as just keeping the gospel of Jesus Christ first," said Woods.

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47,000 churches, plus a few thousand congregations, just under 52,000 churches and congregations – has given a clear signal not only about what we believe about sexual abuse, but we also stand against all ethnic discrimination in the United States and around the world."

Prior to the kickoff of the annual meeting, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) hosted a panel discussion for a crowd of about 1,200 people on Monday, June 10, in which abuse survivors addressed how churches need to respect and assist survivors and report abuse allegations to authorities.

During the panel discussion, Bible teacher Beth Moore said, "What I want to say to my own family of Southern Baptists: Our family is sick. We need help. We have a very, very serious problem because we have this built-in disesteem for women, and it's got to change."

On the annual meeting's closing day, June 12, SBC President J.D. Greear, in an update on the Sexual Abuse Advisory Study that he and the ERLC initiated in 2018, said, "Victims have told us, words without follow-up actions are worse than no words at all." Victims, he said, "want to see ... that we care enough about this issue to do whatever it takes to make our churches safe for survivors and safe from abuse." He then offered an eight-step "Care Well" challenge to pastors for addressing sexual abuse in the church.

Messengers also adopted a resolution on "the evil of



Roger S. "Sing" Oldham (left), Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee's vice president for convention communications and relations; Curtis Woods (center), chairman of the SBC Resolutions Committee, and Russell Moore, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC participate in a resolutions press conference. Photo by Caleb Yarbrough

sexual abuse," which read, in part, "We affirm that sexual abuse is not only a sin to be disciplined in the context of the church but also a crime to be prosecuted in the context of civil government."

On June 11, even as messengers inside the convention hall wrestled with the issue of sexual abuse, protestors, demanding a system to make it harder for clergy predators to move from church to church, gathered on the sidewalk outside of the convention hall for the second annual For Such a Time as This rally. "We have seen some progress, but there is a lot more work to be done," said rally organizer Cheryl Summers.

"We will continue to speak for those who imagine they are the only ones living a private nightmare," she said. "We will continue to speak because well-meaning pastors just don't know what they don't know, and they do tremendous damage to survivors," she said.

Messengers reelected Greear to a second term as SBC president. He will lead a diverse slate of officers, including: Marshal Ausberry, senior pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax, Va., first vice president; Noe Garcia, senior pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, second vice president; John Yeats, executive director of Missouri Baptist Convention, recording secretary; and Kathy Litton, director of planter spouse development for the North American Mission Board (NAMB), registration secretary. Litton is the first woman to serve as SBC registration secretary, edging out incumbent SBC registration secretary Don Currence by 44 votes.

IMB and NAMB

At a Tuesday afternoon commissioning, the International Mission Board (IMB) commissioned 26 new Southern Baptist international missionaries.

"Look around this room," Paul Chitwood, IMB president, told the Southern Baptist messengers in attendance. "You are a part of sending people, families, who have committed their lives to take the name of Jesus to the nations and proclaim that there is salvation in no other name. Missionaries, look around the room. You are surrounded by churches who love you. They covenant together at this moment to pray for you."

"IMB missionaries, we not only pray for you now, we commit to praying for you and to support you as God takes you to the nations. Together, we now – as your Southern Baptist family – send you to the nations."

In a NAMB presentation at the annual meeting, the focus was on Southern Baptists' "Who's Your One" emphasis, which encourages each Southern Baptist to pray for and share an evangelistic witness with one person in the next year. If 10 percent of church attenders in the Southern Baptist Convention decided to pray for and see one person come to Christ over the next year, Southern Baptists would record the highest number of baptisms in the history of the SBC, said Johnny Hunt, NAMB's senior vice president of evangelism and leadership. NAMB President Kevin Ezell reported the distribution of more than 20,000 Who's Your One evangelism church kits, 155,000 prayer guides and 1.4

million bookmarks.

Other news

– Diversity on the SBC's boards and committees continues to expand. Of the Committee on Nominations' approximately 150 nominees elected to committees and boards, 32 percent are female or non-Caucasian. **For the first time, IMB trustees were elected from eight conventions – Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Iowa, Wyoming, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Utah-Idaho and the Dakotas – under newly expanded representation from smaller-membership areas.** The Committee on Nominations for 2020, it was reported, will be 62 percent female or non-Caucasian.

– In addition to agency reports, the annual meeting featured several panel discussions, including: Undivided: Your Church and Racial Reconciliation, Gospel Above All: Keeping Secondary Issues Secondary, and Indispensable Partners: The Value of Women in God's Mission.

– A total of 23 motions were presented by messengers, and 13 resolutions were approved by messengers (see related story on page 7). To read all of the resolutions in their entirety, visit arkansasbaptist.org/2019sbcreolutions.

– In presenting the GuideStone Financial Resources report to messengers, GuideStone President and CEO O.S. Hawkins said that GuideStone's Renee A. Trewick is the first African-American female chairperson of any SBC entity.

Story compiled from reporting by the Arkansas Baptist News, Baptist Press, Baptist News Global and Religion News Service.

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"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

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What's on your mind Leo?: The Facebook question that prompts a post

Recently I noticed that one of my Facebook friends disappeared. He had more than 2,000 "friends." Apparently, he just shut it down. I've thought about doing the same thing. Why?

- I am tempted to check Facebook when I ought to be doing other things.
- I can waste too much time just reading through new posts. Did you know you can go into the Facebook settings menu and find out how much time you spent on Facebook? I challenge you to go check it out. Most people I know have been shocked to see how much time they've wasted. According to MediaKix the average user is spending 35 minutes a day on Facebook, 25 minutes a day on Snapchat, or 15 minutes a day on Instagram.

- I fear that too many Christians spend much more time on Facebook than they do in God's Book.
- I find myself hungering for



Perspectives

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more "likes" and feeling disappointed when only a handful of people affirm my posts.

- I find myself comparing my life to those who seem to have more exciting lives than I do. A number of studies reveal that this aspect of Facebook is contributing

to depression among many users.

- I find myself wanting to manage my appearance (some angles make me look 40 lbs thinner than I really am). Worse, sometimes I want to appear smarter or more spiritual than I really am. I hate it when I catch myself playing the hypocrite.

- I find myself judging people who spout all sorts of opinions that I oppose.

- I find myself feeling angry when untrue things, fake news, and pure slander are treated as fact.

- I am frequently disappointed by the angry arguments and nitpicking that take center-stage rather than

the gospel. I fear people won't see the love that Jesus said would be our witness to the world (John 17).

- I fear Christians fight less important battles and lose the much more important opportunity to point others to Jesus with grace and truth.

Here are a few reasons why I keep a presence on Facebook.

- First, and most important to me, Facebook gives me an opportunity to bear witness to Jesus among my family and friends. During Easter I posted a simple presentation of the gospel that explained the Bible in five steps: Creation, Fall, Law, Redemption, and New Creation. My prayer was that people would come to better understand God's amazing story.

- I use Facebook to connect our church with our community by advertising outreach events and special services. Likewise, I use it to connect our convention pastors and leaders to build a greater sense of comradery.

- I love being able to celebrate with friends and family

births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and major life events.

- I love being able to share pictures and stories about the work of God in our churches and leaders.

- I love being able to pray for my friends who are going through difficult times.

- I love being able to post prayer requests for our convention through the Facebook page, MWBC Pray.

- I love seeing inspirational stories and Scripture posted by friends.

- I love being able to encourage and love people.

In short, I see Facebook as part of my personal mission field. I hope that what I post brings glory to Jesus and shows Christianity to be true and good. Thankfully you can't "like" this post, but I pray you'll allow the Spirit of God to sanctify the way you use your social media.

That's "what's on my mind."

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Support your local politicians

Timothy 2:1-2 says, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

So maybe you're not called by God to be a politician...but you are called by God to pray for those who are. In our day politicians and first responders are most often the brunt of bad comments, but the vast majority of these people are in their role because they genuinely want to serve the public. As Christians, we are called to pray for our leaders (even if we don't agree with them). Here are some very simple



Fresh Ideas

Autumn Wall

ways you can be an encouragement to those in leadership.

- Do your homework and know who your city, state and national leaders are. Make a list of their names and job so you can pray specifically for them

- Adopt your mayor or city council members. Meet them in person and tell them, "Thank you for your service—I'm praying for you". Purchase them a Bible to give them as a gift and write in the front a verse you are praying over them.

- Sign up at www.thespp.org to receive regular emails (either daily or weekly) encouraging you to pray for politicians. You select your state to receive in your inbox each day a photo of one of your

politicians, a little info about them and their email address. Read the email, pray for them and then send them an email letting them know you are praying. It doesn't need to be long or eloquent, just simply encouraging them and saying, "I'm praying for you today."

- Attend city council meetings as regularly as possible. Most of the time they are only one hour a month. Be a presence in the room and make sure you introduce yourself before or after the meeting. Remember: your goal is not to be a politician or give them your opinions. Simply thank them for their service and say "I'm praying for you."

- Meet your senators. Stop by their office or call to set up an appointment, but go in and meet them. Let them know that you are pray-

ing for them as they lead in your state.

- Become a commissioned chaplain. Chaplains serve in all types of areas, such as hospitals, jails, and military bases. Become a chaplain to your local fire department, police station, or state house.

- Have your kids draw pictures or write thank you notes and deliver to local leaders (first responders, politicians, etc.).

The most important thing you can do is be consistently present. As you show your face over and over and consistently encourage your politicians, God will open doors for you to be a support for them in ways you never knew possible.

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Southeast Asia Harvest

In partnership with the Hmong Baptist National Association (HBNA) and other missions agencies, the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention will be promoting missions in Southeast Asia for the next three years. This mission project will be called SEA Harvest (Southeast Asia Harvest).

The main objectives of SEA Harvest are to translate discipleship material, support an online ministry to believers in persecuted countries, and provide some assistance to local churches on the

ground.

Tong Zong Vang, former executive director of HBNA, has been broadcasting sermons and Bible teachings online for the past decade.

His ministry has touched the lives of Hmong people all over the world.

In

Southeast Asia, there are many cases of young women getting kidnapped and sold by human traffickers. Often these women are picked up in North Vietnam and taken across the border to China where they are sold into marriage. Very few are able to es-

cape back home because they do not know the language or even where they are. However, through Vang's online broadcasts these women are able to find spiritual support and connect to the outside world. A portion of funds received for SEA Harvest will be used to support this online ministry.

As the State Missions Offering comes in September, you will see more promotional pieces related to SEA Harvest and ways that you and your church can participate in this mission work.

Na Herr is intercultural catalyst/team facilitator for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.



Missions

Na Herr

Are you 'relentless'?

As I am adjusting to my retirement, I am becoming more and more aware of the relentless passing of time. Time goes on, things change, people come and go, life marches on.

Relentless is an adjective that describes something that is persistent, continuous, nonstop, or uninterrupted.

The term relentless can relate to a number of things, such as the demands of work, or the expectations of family, or the guilt of things done or said. Relentless can also pertain to the passing of time, to the pursuit of pleasure, and to the pursuit of God.

In the busyness of our lives, there are spiritual aspects that

should be relentless as well. A local church should be relentless (persistent, continuous, nonstop, uninterrupted) in ministry touching their community that points people to

Jesus. A local church should be relentless in their efforts in evangelism

(leading people to a relationship with Christ) and in discipleship (helping them mature in their faith). Likewise, a local church should be relentless in the establishment of points of worship, providing opportunities for people to experience a true worship encounter in ways that communicate effectively the love of God.

"The Hound of Heaven" is a 182-line poem written by

English poet Francis Thompson (1859-1907). The poem describes how God follows the fleeing soul by His divine grace, relentlessly seeking a response from each one. People can be distracted from the things of God, yet God is unrelenting in His pursuit of a relationship with people.

For me, this poem draws an apt picture of the pursuit of God for the souls of people in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The challenge is for Christ-followers and their churches to demonstrate a willingness to be relentless in response to the relentless pursuit of God for people in our two states.

Steve Melvin is partnership and prayer catalyst for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.



Evangelism

Steve Melvin

The art of aging

I have discovered another principle of physics. As the body grows older, gravity increases exponentially. When the body is young, its parts stay in place, firm and fit. But as age sets in, the parts start to slide . . . downward. And the energy expended to lift the body from a sedentary position increases.

I love to watch children skipping and dancing down the sidewalk. My grandchildren (ages 8, 6 and 2) run wherever they go and climb anything they can find. I enjoy the grace of teenagers gliding effortlessly on skateboards, sprinting after a fly ball, leaping to make the catch. And I think to myself, "Once upon a time, that was me!"



Reflections

Bill Tinsley

There are different perspectives about growing old. "Grow old along with me," wrote Robert Browning. "The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made: our times are in His hand."

Thomas Jefferson was not so kind. "First one faculty withdrawn and then another, sight, hearing, memory, affection and friends, filched one by one, till we are left among strangers, the mere monuments of times, facts, and specimens of antiquity for the observation of the curious."

I have heard others say, "There is nothing good about growing old." And, "Growing old isn't for wimps." The last of these saying is probably true, but not the first.

When Billy Graham was in his nineties he wrote, "I can't truthfully say that I have liked growing older. At times I wish I could still do everything I once did - but I can't. I wish I didn't have to face the infirmities and uncertainties that seem to be part of this stage of life - but I do." He asks the important question, "Is old age only a cruel burden that grows heavier and heavier as the years go by, with nothing to look forward to but death? Or can it be something more?"

In his book, *Nearing Home*, Graham wrote, "Growing old has been the greatest surprise of my life. . . . When granted many years of life, growing old in age is natural, but growing old in grace is a choice. Growing older with grace is possible to all who set their hearts and minds on the Giver of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ."

My wife and I celebrated our 50th anniversary last year. I wrote a book about our journey and published it on Amazon, *Our Story*. It highlights our life together for more than half a century with joy, laughter, celebration, sorrow, loss and disappointment. The longer we live, the deeper we discover life's textures. The colors become more vibrant, and the blessings and goodness of God, more clear.

I can say as David said, "I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Along with David, I can say, "I will utter dark sayings of old which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works which He has done!" (Psalm 78:2-4).

Bill Tinsley is a former executive director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. Appearing in various local newspapers around the country, his column "reflects" on current events and life experiences from a faith perspective.

I wonder if a program orientation is short-circuiting the process of organized disciple making. We gather our members into a small group discipleship experience that is no doubt meaningful to them. But once the course or book study is over, where are the disciples who emerge to lead others to live as ones Jesus

has sent? The refrain I hear is, "What will we study next?"

Stephen Covey once defined the difference between leadership and management with a jungle exploration analogy. He described leaders as those who climb to the top of the tallest tree and shout

My library is the wrong jungle

Every week I get a call or email asking me to recommend a study, program, or curriculum for a local church. Fortunately, I have an encyclopedic memory of things I've read and heard during 30 years

of ministry. Unfortunately, I can't always remember the shelf, closet, or box where those resources live. Usually after a frantic search through my library of resources, the recommended study or cur-

riculum will appear. Lather, rinse, repeat.

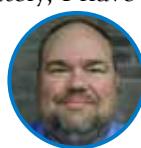
Recently I was challenged by the idea that churches with a program orientation

are facing the difficulty of diminishing returns. Will Mancini says

that the functional Great Commission of the North American church is to "go into all the world and make more worship attenders, baptizing them in the name of small groups, and teach-

ing them to volunteer a few times a month." He maintains that this program approach is resulting in "untransformational Christian education."

Mancini advocates "organized disciple making" which equates to "a simple system that helps disciples of Jesus make brand-new disciples, who in turn make still more." I have heard this language too from MWBC church leaders who want to "make disciples who make disciples."



Leadership

Clint Calvert

Southern Baptist Media Day July 28

Editor's Note: July 28 is Southern Baptist Media Day in the Southern Baptist Convention.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) – Longtime trusted sources for information and inspiration, Southern Baptist media are now being celebrated and recognized with a day to call their own: Southern Baptist Media Day. Recently added to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) calendar, Southern Baptist Media Day, on July 28, is set aside to celebrate how God has used and continues to use Southern Baptist media in His mission.

Southern Baptist media were birthed by missions nearly 200 years ago. Georgia's *The Christian Index* was established as the first Baptist state paper in 1822, after the 1814 formation of the Triennial Convention, forerunner of the SBC, which was founded in 1845.

In the almost two centuries since the launch of *The Index*, Southern Baptist media have grown exponentially and adapted dramatically to opportunities offered by the ever-expanding world of technology.

The 2018 SBC Annual reports a total of 37 state Baptist papers, with a total circulation of 621,521.

Many of those state papers offer a combination of print and digital versions. Some state papers, including *The Index*, have moved to a digital-only format, tapping the benefits of technology to reach their audiences while at the same time alleviating the escalating costs of printing and mailing. Some state papers offer editions of their publications in languages other than English.

The Baptist Press (BP), Southern Baptists' international daily news service, was birthed in 1946, and its website was launched in 1996. Originally formed at the suggestion of Baptist state paper editors, BP has grown into one of the largest religious news services in the United States. BP also provides news and opinion for the Hispanic Baptist community through a weekly webpage in Spanish.

Beyond state papers and BP, today's Southern Baptist

media include many SBC entity publications, websites, curriculum, campaigns for special mission offerings, podcasts, photography and videography, and more.

As diverse as Southern Baptist media are, the shared goal is to "keep us informed about what is going on in the denomination, in our country and in the world," said David Williams, editor of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist, and president of the Association of State Baptist Publications (ASBP). "The forte of Southern Baptist media is telling the Southern Baptist story. No one does it better," he said.

"What Southern Baptist media do best is telling the stories of what God is doing in our churches and through our people," he said. "Those are the stories you seldom, if ever, find in the secular media – stories about a dying church being revitalized, an unreached people group being touched by the Gospel, a revival breaking out in a community or on a college campus, a church planter gathering a group of unchurched people into a new



congregation, a church setting up a ministry to refugees who have located in their community, a young couple answering God's call to leave their home and become missionaries in a country where they will likely be persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Stories like these we find nowhere else except in Southern Baptist media."

Such stories build awareness of God's work in the world, often inspiring Southern Baptists to action, said Jim Veneman, visiting professor of journalism and new media at California Baptist University and president of Baptist Communicators Association (BCA).

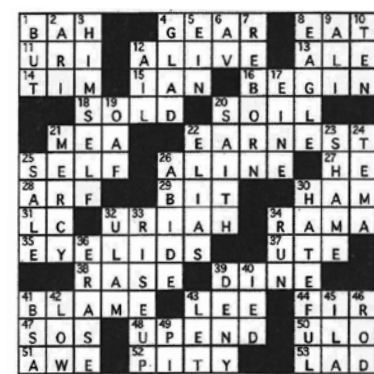
"We take action based on what we know," he said. God has uniquely gifted Southern Baptist media professionals "to tell a story in a way to help move awareness into action such as praying, giving, or

going.

He compared the work of Southern Baptist media professionals to the little boy's lunch that Jesus used to feed the 5,000 in John 6.

"We think it's just one photograph, one story, one social media post – until God blesses it, and it's exactly like that lunch. It has an impact way beyond the scope of anything we may ever even know about."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MWBC events are in bold print.

BLBA: Bay Lakes Baptist Association

SWBA: Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association

LBA: Lakeland Baptist Association

NBA: Northwoods Baptist Association

SMBA: Southern Minnesota Baptist Association

TCMBA: Twin Cities Metro Baptist Association

To have your events included, email them to davidwilliams@compuserve.com.

SEPTEMBER

1-30 **Season of Prayer for State Missions**

2 Labor Day – **MWBC Office Closed**

13-14 **MWBC Executive Board, Rochester, Minn.**

OCTOBER

12 **Disaster Relief Training, Coon Rapids, Minn.**

11-13 **Called Out Youth Conference**

25-26 **MWBC Annual Meeting, Highland Crest, Green Bay, Wis.**

NOVEMBER

28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday – **MWBC Office Closed**

DECEMBER

1-8 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

24-Jan. 1 Christmas/New Year's Holiday – **MWBC Office Closed**

Good news from the associations

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

City on a Hill Church in the Madison area has purchased a building at 2924 Fish Hatchery Road in Fitchburg. The building was used by a Free Methodist church for many years. Those interested in helping with renovation projects to help get the building ready for use should contact Pastor Dave Jacobson.

Southside Baptist Network, composed of about 80 congregations on the south side of Atlanta, Ga., has entered into a three-year partnership with Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association. Southside's Ray Gentry, associational missions strategist, and Tommy Hargrove, church planting catalyst, came to Wisconsin for a vision tour in May.

First Baptist Church of Charlestown, Ind., is considering a three- to five-year partnership with Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association.

NORTHWOODS

Fourteen couples completed a Love and Respect marriage workshop at **Eagles Nest Church in Breezy Point**. The event was led by teams from Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, and Flint (Texas) Baptist Church.

Leo Endel, MWBC executive director, brought a word of encouragement to Northwoods Baptist Association's semi-annual meeting in April. Endel also was guest speaker at mission conferences hosted by Immanuel Baptist Church in Roseau and Cornerstone Baptist Church in Thief River Falls.

LAKELAND

On June 22, meeting in Keno, Wis., Lakeland Baptist Association honored **John Draper** of his retirement after serving five and a half years as the association's church planter catalyst.

Clint Calvert, MWBC church leadership catalyst, has been named interim associational missions strategist for Lakeland Baptist Association.

JUNGLE

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"Wrong jungle!" while the managers below continue to hack forward with their machetes. My library is the wrong jungle!

Our church program orientation needs to give way to processes and toolkits with ideas that are easily reproduced and replicated. I suspect that the best processes and tools distilled from my jungle of resources could be re-created as napkin drawings and whiteboard sketches. These drawings would serve as pictures, then mirrors, and ultimately windows for church leaders who want to pursue organized disciple making. Pray for me as I climb the tallest tree and try to find a new way forward. Whenever we talk next, let's make sure we are in the right jungle with the right processes and tools.

Clint Calvert is church leadership catalyst for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

Hands of Hope - June 22-



Signs like this dotted the neighborhoods to let people know about Hands of Hope and River of Life Church. Hands of Hope was started to help Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptists go on mission within the two-state area. Each year a church is recruited to host the event. Hands of Hope helps them organize mission projects to take the gospel to their community in a unique way. By serving the community, the church develops ongoing relationships with community leaders and the people of the community. Previous events have been held in Duluth, Minn.; Roseau, Minn.; West Bend, Wis.; Janesville, Wis.; and North Branch, Minn.



It wasn't all physical labor during Hands of Hope. There was spiritual work to be done also, like prayer walking the community in the rain.



Volunteers put out 2500 door hangers inviting people to the block party and telling them about River of Life Church.



Service projects during Hands of Hope included painting, roofing a pavilion, picking weeds, demulching a playground, cleaning sidewalks and stairwells, and landscaping.



This team of 45 youth and adults from six churches traveled to Portage, Wis., June 22-28 to perform 29 service projects in the community and lend a hand to River of Life Church. The annual event sponsored by the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention gives experience in personal and servanthood evangelism while strengthening new churches. River of Life Church in Portage was the host and beneficiary of this year's event. Scott Dadam is pastor.

-28, 2019 - Portage, Wis.



This block party was the climax of the Hands of Hope week, drawing about 100 people from all over the community.



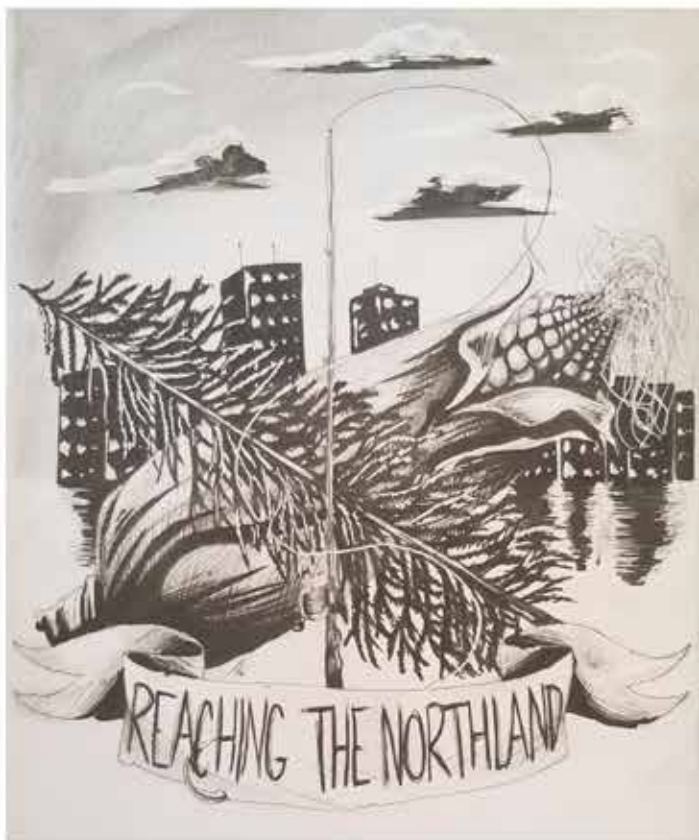
Volunteers use the Evangecube witnessing tool to share their hope in Jesus with people from the community.



Hands of Hope volunteers work hard to demulch a playground.



Hands of Hope offers something for all ages and volunteer jobs for every member of the family. Here some volunteer kids put on a puppet show for kids from the neighborhood.



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2065 Airport Drive
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Minnesota-Wisconsin
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Annual Meeting October 25-26

Highland Crest Baptist Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Friday Morning

Pastor's Conference 9-11:30
Pastor's Wives Luncheon, 11-1
Pastor's Pizza Lunch, Noon to 1
Convention Session 1, 1:15-4:45

Friday Evening

Missions Banquet, 5:15-6:30
Convention Session 2, 6:45-8:30

Saturday Morning

Convention Session 3, 8:30-Noon

Calif. quakes prompt Southern Baptist response

RIDGECREST, Calif. (BP) – A group of local, church volunteers had finished a day of cleaning up and repairing damage to Immanuel Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, Calif., following a 6.4 earthquake on July 4. The next night, the 7.1 earthquake undid their hard work and then some.

"I was at home with my wife for the 7.1," said Bill Logan, pastor of Immanuel Baptist. "There was a 5.0 that happened first. When it hit, we wanted to be out of the house. Then, about three minutes later, the seven hit, and all our

neighbors were screaming."

Logan has lived in Southern California for more than 30 years and experienced several earthquakes over his lifetime, "but nothing like what occurred Thursday and Friday," he said.

The ceiling came down across several areas around the church, littering floors with ceiling tiles, insulation and exposing parts of the air conditioning system. The damage forced the church to cancel Sunday services, but Logan said his was the only Southern Baptist church in the area that

had to do so.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) volunteers have visited Ridgecrest to assess the needs, and a team plans to arrive to provide chaplaincy and counseling services to those affected. The tremors created a sense of dread for some residents.

"After the first quake hit, experts were saying there was an 8 percent chance of one bigger than that striking," said Mike Bivins, SBDR director for California Baptists.

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After enduring two earthquakes -- one July 4 followed by a second July 5 -- Immanuel Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, Calif., needed to cancel Sunday services. Parts of the ceiling came down throughout the church building.

SBC resolutions contend for vulnerable, gospel

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) – Messengers to the 2019 Southern Baptist Convention advocated for the vulnerable against abortion, sexual abuse and religious persecution in approving 13 resolutions Wednesday (June 12).

The resolutions also addressed a variety of other noteworthy issues in the convention and the world, including local church autonomy, same-sex attraction, justice, women in the military draft and gene editing.

On abortion, the messengers applauded the recent enactment of state laws to restrict or prohibit abortion and called for the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized the lethal procedure.

In a meeting that made the sexual abuse crisis in the SBC a priority, messengers passed a resolution that condemned and lamented all such abuse and called on churches and institutions to establish a safe culture for survivors and to guard against and confront abuse.

Messengers also approved a measure in which they pledged to pray for the end of persecution in China and North Korea and called on the United States and the international community to make religious freedom a "top priority."

Curtis Woods, chairman of the 10-member Resolutions Committee, told reporters the "overarching theme" of the panel's report "would have been protection – protection of the unborn as well as protec-

tion of those who could find themselves vulnerable to sexual abuse, as well as just keeping the Gospel of Jesus Christ first, advancing the Gospel, being concerned about the Great Commission."

Messengers also approved resolutions in which they:

- Reaffirmed the doctrine of local church autonomy under Christ's lordship and rejected its use as a way to conceal the sins of pastors and others in the church who are guilty of abuse.

- Urged Christians who battle same-sex attraction "to forsake any self-conception or personal identity that is contrary to God's good and holy purposes in creation and redemption" and commended the "faithful witness" of such disciples who walk in obedience to Jesus.

- Promised to oppose "a divisive spirit" and to develop a "cooperative culture" for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

- Committed to respond to injustices by Gospel proclamation, advocacy for oppressed people, acting with justice personally and demanding that "spheres of society" function righteously, truthfully and lovingly.

- Renewed their commitment to the Great Commission and encouraged the convention's seminaries, entities and churches to enable pastors to understand "how culture and contexts shape ministry methods and strategies."

- Called for the president and Congress to refuse to ex-

tend the military draft to include women.

- Denounced human germline editing and called on Congress and international policy makers to make it unfundable

and illegal.

- Confirmed their commitment to Christ over a political party and acknowledged the various political affiliations and viewpoints in the conven-

tion's churches.

- Expressed gratitude to God, as well as Southern Baptists in the Birmingham area and all others who helped with this year's meeting.

Hmong people group featured in July WMU missions materials

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptists were excited to see an emphasis on the Hmong people group when they opened their July missions materials published by the Woman's Missionary Union.

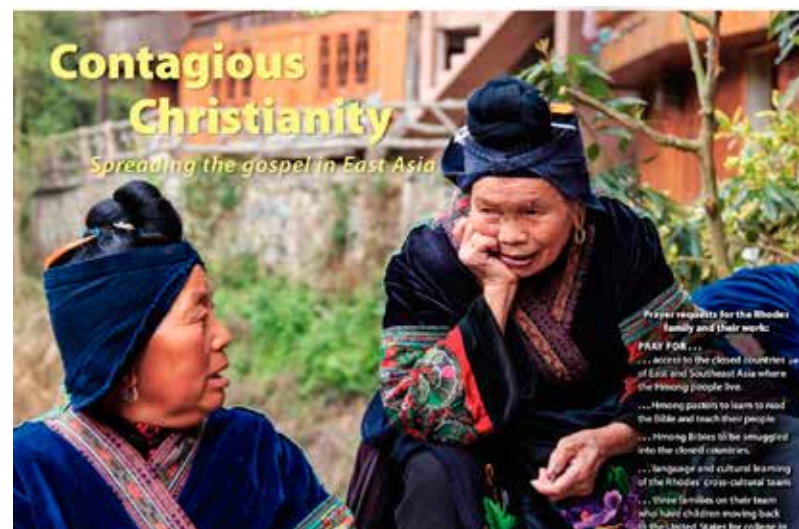
After California, Minnesota-Wisconsin has the second greatest Hmong population in the United States. The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention has 17 Hmong churches with about 2,000 members.

The July issue of Missions Mosaic contains a major article about an International Mission Board missionary couple taking Jesus to the Hmong in East Asia, serving in an area where the Hmong are considered an unreached people group. The article begins with the moving story of the couple's call to that mission field and then tells of a Hmong

couple they led to Christ.

The magazine also contains an article titled, "Who are the Hmong people?" as well as articles about traditional Hmong dress, the nab vam dessert and the tuj lub game.

In addition to Missions Mosaic, WMU age-graded curriculum materials in July also focus on the Hmong.



Catching the Disease

Mike said he "grew up a thoroughly Southern Baptist kid," the son of a deacon and involved in Sunday School, Training Union, and missions organizations. He gave his life to Jesus at eight years old. During a youth retreat, he "became" with God all week, but finally prayed, "God, whatever you want me to do with my life, I will do it."

Mike felt a call to ministry but did not know how that would look. He and Kelly started during his high school. Mike entered youth ministry his first year of college, and the couple married their sophomore year. A couple of years later, they helped with a church plant's children's ministry and that's where they "caught the disease."

He said, "The pure adventure of church planting was like no ministry that we had ever done."

He and Kelly continued with other church plants, working under jobs to support their ministry. The couple entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2001. Their initial tour included the missions department. Afterward, Mike told Kelly, "Glad we got out of there when we did. I think these people have got some kind of a disease, and I am afraid it's contagious."



Their missions exposure continued. Their neighbors planned a missions camp in Mexico. The first week's chapel focused on the many areas where graduates served, including chapel and difficult contexts on the Holy Spirit to change his heart and move her to where He wants her? So Mike said, "Internally, he and Kelly agreed God was calling them into church planting, but they didn't know where. They planned to meet with seminary professors to discuss options, first with the international department and then with the North American department. They never made their second appointment."

The international church planting director called about groups deploying to East Asia in two years. "That's when the Holy Spirit showed up," Mike said. He could hardly wait to talk with Kelly, but she insisted she had to go to the grocery store. Four hours later, she returned. When Mike asked where she had been and what was



Pastor Rob Warren of Doxa Church in Madison, Wis. baptizes a new believer.



Two dozen pastors and wives from the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention arrive at the airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, to begin their journey through the land where Jesus walked. The Jan. 22-31 trip was the fourth hosted by MWBC Executive Director Leo Endel. Previous trips have been for pastors, but this one was opened to pastors and wives. With this final trip, Endel said 102 MWBC pastors and 40 laypeople have visited the Holy Land with him.



Kevin Torgerson, left, Olmsted County sheriff, congratulates Nhia and Kelly Her at the dedication of Rochester Hmong Baptist Church's new building. The Hers hold a tapestry depicting history of the Hmong people. Her was the second pastor of the congregation from 1992-2004 and is now the fifth pastor, serving since 2011.



Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention staff welcome new pastors and wives for a meal and time of orientation.



Tamiko Jones, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, addresses the crowd at Empower 2019 on "The Family on Mission for God." A total of 291 gathered at Green Lake (Wis.) Conference Center Mar. 15-16 for the annual event which this year had the theme of "The Family of God." Keynote speaker was Pat Pajak, associate director for church evangelism of the Illinois Baptist State Association. He challenged everyone to reconcile with others inside the church and share the gospel with someone outside the church. Next year Empower will be Mar. 13-14 at Green Lake.



Bobby Sinclair, front left, pastor of Community of Grace Baptist Church in Milwaukee, and Roy Hopgood, Jr., pastor of Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Milwaukee, receive the Trailblazer Award for 20 years of service on the Kingdom Growth Conference planning team. Pastors standing behind them are, left to right, Rodney Bailey, Harold Moore, Raymond Monk, Marcus Allen, and Anthony Burns. The awards were presented during this year's Kingdom Growth Conference, May 9-10, at Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church. A Trailblazer Award was also presented to Keith Cogburn, pastor of Layton Avenue Baptist Church in Greenfield, Wis. The Covenant Connection Award was presented to Leo Endel, executive director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

EARTHQUAKE

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"Well, the bigger quake did come, and experts again said there was a 5 percent chance that an even bigger quake could occur. So, people are worried."

A California Baptist SBDR team will arrive Tuesday (July 9) and stay with the church to help with repairs to the church as well as assist any others in the church's neighborhood.

"We have made contact

with our Southern Baptist churches," Bivins reported, "and we're going to be supporting and resourcing them as disaster relief."

Ridgecrest police have not reported any fatalities. Damage has reportedly been relatively minor for an earthquake of such magnitude. But the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other seismologists estimated that a total of more than 3,000 earthquakes followed the Independence Day quake.

While on the phone Mon-

day morning (July 8) discussing disaster relief assistance, Logan felt an earthquake. He guessed it was likely a 4.0 on the Richter scale.

"The main issue here is psychological," Logan said.

The earthquakes emanated roughly 10 miles northeast of the small town and rattled much of Southern California, Nevada and Arizona. Calif. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency the following day in Ridgecrest and San Bernardino County.

Newsom called the quakes a "wake-up call for the rest of

[his] state and other parts of the nation" when speaking with the press, advising individuals to take precautions and be prepared.

Some residents of Trona, Calif., in San Bernardino County were being transported to Ridgecrest as the town of about 2,500 people reportedly experienced more extensive damage.

Bivins stated that California Baptist SBDR teams are ready to assist further should they be needed.

Southern Baptist response to flooding, migrant influx

continues.

In other disaster relief news, after a flood struck the Texas Rio Grande Valley nearly two weeks ago, Southern Baptists with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) and Texas Baptist Men (TBM) have been active in the area, providing food for survivors and clearing out mud from flooded homes.

SBTC and TBM units also continue their efforts to assist with the immigration influx by providing feeding and shower units to churches near the Texas border.

MINNESOTA WISCONSIN BAPTIST CONVENTION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING

January - April 2019

CP Required YTD \$183,333.33
CP Received YTD \$220,301.50
OVER Budget YTD \$36,968.17

NAME	CP	LM*
BAY LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION		
Amherst, Amherst Bible Church	\$100.00	\$0.00
Appleton, Hmong Baptist Mission	\$244.46	\$0.00
Appleton, Valley	\$22,366.51	\$43,971.00
Black Creek, Community Bible	\$2,690.00	\$1,600.00
Clintonville, First Baptist Church	\$670.60	\$670.00
Green Bay, Graceway Fellowship	\$2,169.97	\$2,173.52
Green Bay, Highland Crest	\$26,693.57	\$1,392.97
Manitowoc, New Beginnings	\$412.66	\$278.00
Marinette, Cornerstone Fellowship	\$146.55	\$65.00
Neenah, Living Vine Church	\$537.50	\$2,007.00
Sheboygan, Mapledale Baptist	\$1,348.58	\$384.00
Tilleda, Bethany Baptist Church	\$1,038.80	\$1,000.00
Waupaca, Fellowship Baptist	\$686.91	\$0.00
BLBA TOTAL	\$59,106.11	\$53,541.49

SOUTHERN WI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Janesville, Resonate Church	\$1,323.10	\$0.00
La Crosse, New Hope	\$100.00	\$0.00
Madison, Antioch Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00
Madison, Campus Community	\$500.00	\$100.00
Madison, Casa De Oracion	\$21.48	\$0.00
Madison, Doxa Church	\$4,405.15	\$0.00
Madison, East Madison Baptist	\$2,550.00	\$2,444.00
Madison, Hope In Christ Assembly	\$934.26	\$0.00
Madison, Livingstone Baptist	\$228.12	\$100.00
Madison, Midvale Baptist Church	\$5,259.25	\$1,271.00
Madison, Red Village	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Madison, Sovereign Joy Baptist	\$1,660.64	\$1,622.00
Muscoda, Blue River Valley	\$401.35	\$120.00
Platteville, Rolling Hills	\$1,360.05	\$0.00
Portage, River of Life	\$1,041.61	\$0.00
Reedsburg, Trinity Baptist	\$5,750.00	\$0.00
Sparta, Gospel Baptist Church	\$1,314.25	\$1,096.00
Sun Prairie, United Hmong	\$843.15	\$0.00
Waterloo, Centro Biblico La Roca	\$130.00	\$105.00
Whitehall, Mision Bautista Hispana	\$106.52	\$0.00
WI Dells, Rock of Hope	\$800.00	\$0.00
WI Rapids, Church at Wazeecha	\$1,599.70	\$0.00
WI Rapids, First Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00
SWBA TOTAL	\$35,628.63	\$6,858.00

LAKELAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Bassett, Westosha Baptist Church	\$632.00	\$850.00
Brown Deer, Brown Deer Baptist	\$0.00	\$2,350.00
Franklin, Emmaus Fellowship	\$600.00	\$0.00
Kenosha, Fellowship Baptist	\$9,316.83	\$9,592.00
Kenosha, Missio Dei Fellowship	\$3,002.00	\$7,188.00
Kenosha, Parkside Baptist Church	\$1,563.10	\$2,373.00
Milwaukee, Ephesians Baptist	\$1,319.50	\$250.00
Milwaukee, Grace Point Church	\$179.17	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Hmong First Baptist	\$150.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Iglesia Bautista Nuevo	\$205.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Layton Avenue	\$4,108.17	\$4,091.09
Milwaukee, Mercy Memorial	\$600.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Monumental Baptist	\$344.00	\$1,040.00
Milwaukee, Mt Horeb Baptist	\$500.00	\$101.00
Milwaukee, Mt Pilgrim Miss.	\$900.00	\$0.00
Mount Pleasant, Immanuel	\$3,631.41	\$1,725.66
Pewaukee, Crossroads Church	\$1,659.75	\$5,000.00
Pleasant Prairie, Pleasant Prairie	\$3,566.00	\$200.00
Racine, Hope Commnuity Church	\$2,585.66	\$1,837.10
LBA TOTAL	\$35,762.59	\$36,597.85

TWIN CITIES METRO BAPTIST ASSN.

Albertville, Northwest Bible	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Amery, Journey Church	\$3,750.00	\$3,800.00
Bloomington, Kangnam Korean	\$350.00	\$270.00
Bloomington, Southtown Baptist	\$6,623.68	\$6,995.00
Brooklyn Park, Ebenezer Community	\$900.00	\$0.00
Brooklyn Park, North Center	\$3,213.94	\$291.00
Burnsville, Crystal Lake Road	\$1,509.00	\$740.00
Coon Rapids, First Hmong Baptist	\$750.00	\$0.00
Fridley, Good News Hmong	\$125.00	\$0.00
Maple Grove, Northwood Community	\$500.01	\$0.00
Maple Grove, Unlock Church	\$2,792.80	\$0.00
Minneapolis, All Peoples Church	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Gracepoint Minnea	\$400.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Hope of Nations Fellowship	\$170.04	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Jacob's Well	\$1,634.89	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Jubilee	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Risen Church	\$1,823.69	\$0.00
Monticello, First Baptist Church	\$897.38	\$580.00
New Prague, Calvary Church	\$9,817.45	\$0.00
Northfield, Northfield Community	\$1,363.22	\$12,373.66
Oakdale, Eternal Life Hmong	\$672.00	\$0.00
Roseville, Gospel Hmong	\$174.02	\$0.00
Roseville, Roseville Baptist	\$3,000.00	\$7,797.50
Shakopee, River South Bible	\$496.16	\$0.00
St. Louis Park, First Ukrainian Ev	\$0.00	\$674.00
St. Paul, Followers Of Christ Hmong	\$1,088.00	\$492.00
St. Paul, Iglesia Hispana Betel	\$475.00	\$344.00
St. Paul, Twin City Hmong	\$875.00	\$665.00
Sunfish Lake, Bethel Baptist	\$2,400.00	\$1,251.00
Sunfish Lake, Vietnamese Baptist	\$240.00	\$0.00
TCMBA TOTAL	\$53,481.28	\$36,273.16

NORTHWOODS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Badger, Badger Baptist Church	\$891.29	\$0.00
Brainerd, Ch on the Wise Rd	\$615.00	\$500.00
Cambridge, Cross Pointe Church	\$1,000.00	\$2,915.00
Crookston, Prairie Community	\$2,325.23	\$55.95
Ely, Berean Baptist	\$280.00	\$0.00
Grand Rapids, Calvary Pines	\$756.39	\$0.00
Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids	\$59.16	\$0.00
Pequot Lakes, Eagles Nest	\$1,231.99	\$180.00
Rice Lake, Hope Baptist Church	\$1,838.00	\$1,540.00
Roseau, Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,368.96	\$439.00
Thief River Falls, Cornerstone	\$846.21	\$0.00
Wadena, Grace Connection	\$368.00	\$0.00
Warroad, Westside Baptist	\$70.00	\$0.00
NWBA TOTAL	\$11,650.23	\$5,629.95

SOUTHERN MN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Austin, Austin Baptist Church	\$240.00	\$0.00
Austin, Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$873.44	\$0.00
Chester, Chester Woods Community	\$765.80	\$740.00
Eyota, Hmong Baptist Church	\$575.05	\$351.00
Mankato, Hope Baptist Church	\$396.84	\$700.18
Marshall, Radiant Life Church	\$1,464.86	\$175.00
Red Wing, Hiawatha Valley Baptist	\$0.00	\$25.00
Rochester, Emmanuel Baptist	\$6,028.74	\$3,535.00
Rochester, Joyful Hope Baptist	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rochester, Redemption City	\$3,901.68	\$0.00
Sartell, Park Fellowship	\$2,071.20	\$0.00
Viola, Viola Bible Church	\$935.10	\$640.00
Willmar, Grace Baptist Church	\$25.00	\$0.00
Winona, Cornerstone Community	\$1,588.25	\$1,595.92
SMNBA	\$18,965.96	\$7,762.10

OTHER

Eau Claire, Jacob's Well	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
Eau Claire, One in Christ Church	\$606.70	\$679.00
Grantsburg, Living Hope Church	\$1,500.00	\$505.00
OTHER TOTAL	\$5,706.70	\$1,184.00

MWBC TOTAL RECEIVED \$220,301.50 \$147,846.55

NOTE: No giving has been received from MWBC-affiliated churches not listed above.

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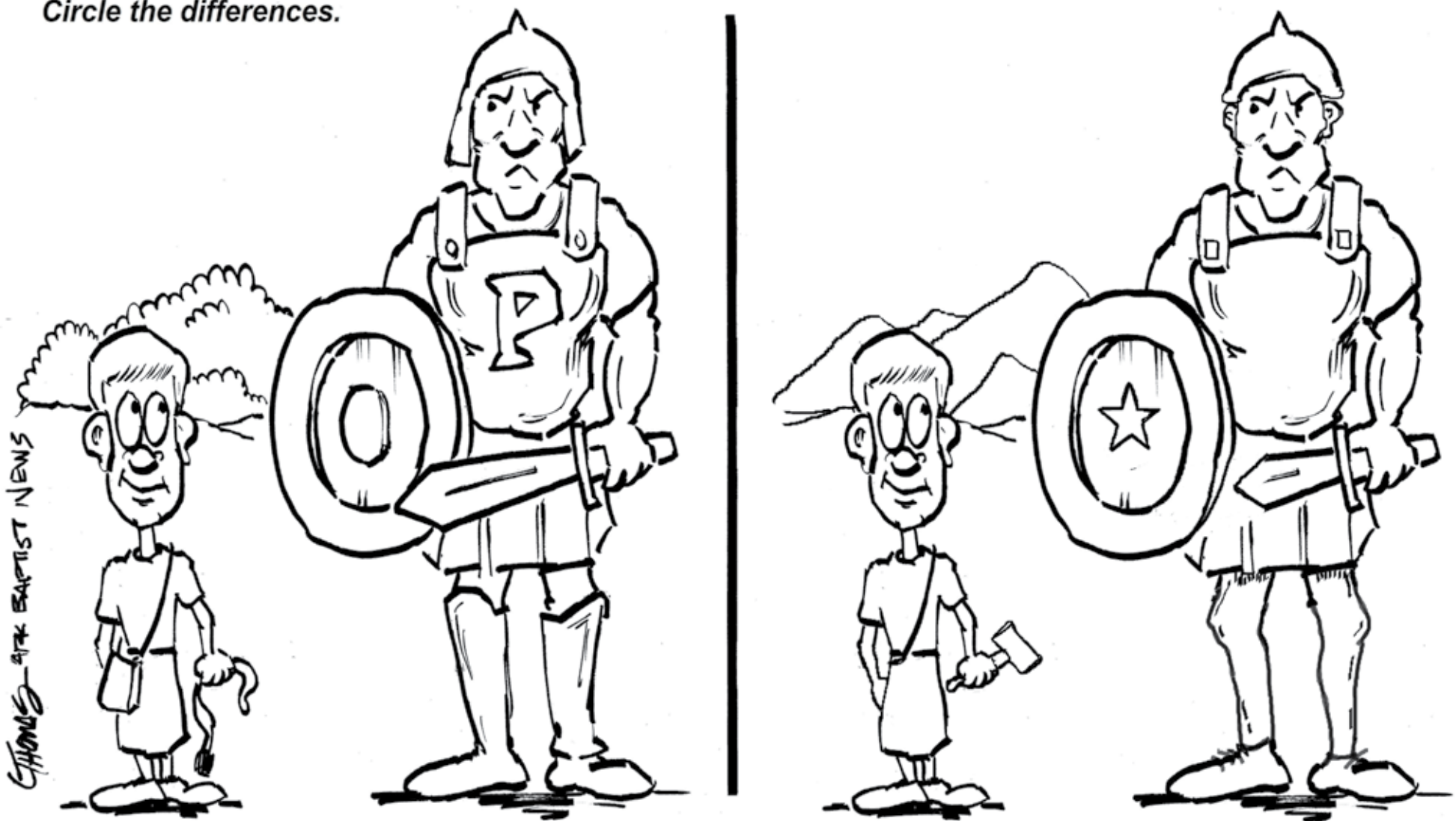
Gospel Games

"An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."
2 Timothy 2:5 (CSB)

David AND Goliath

Circle the differences.

"This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you..." 1 Samuel 17:46



Across

- 1. Word for Scrooge
- 4. Toothed wheel
- 8. "Ye shall not ____ of it" (Genesis 3:3)
- 11. Son of Hur, father of Bezaleel (Exodus 38)
- 12. "the scapegoat, shall be presented ____ before the Lord." (Leviticus 16:10)
- 13. Ginger ____
- 14. Grandson of Lois, son of Eunice (abbr.)
- 15. Belonging to (suffix)
- 16. Israeli leader
- 18. "a measure of fine flour be ____ for a shekel" (2 Kings 7:1)
- 20. "planted in a good ____ by great waters" (Ezekiel 17:8)
- 21. ____ culpa
- 22. "Who hath...given us the ____ of the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 1:22)
- 25. Ego
- 26. Dress style
- 27. Pronoun
- 28. Something Sandy says
- 29. Bridle part

30. Brother of Japheth (Genesis 6)

- 31. Editor's (abbr.)
- 32. Bathsheba's husband
- 34. "In ____ was there a voice heard" (Matthew 2:18)
- 35. "on my ____ is the shadow of death" (Job 16:16)
- 37. Shoshonean
- 38. Demolish (Brit.)
- 39. Sup
- 41. "that no man should ____ us in this abundance" (2 Corinthians 8:20)
- 43. Author Harper
- 44. "The beams...are cedar, and our rafters are ____" (Song of Solomon 1:17)
- 47. Like dialing 911
- 48. Turn over
- 50. Indian shell currency
- 51. "Stand in ____ and sin not" (Psalm 4:4)
- 52. "To him that is afflicted ____ should be showed" (Job 6:14)
- 53. "For God hath heard the voice of the ____ where he is" (Genesis 21:17)

Down

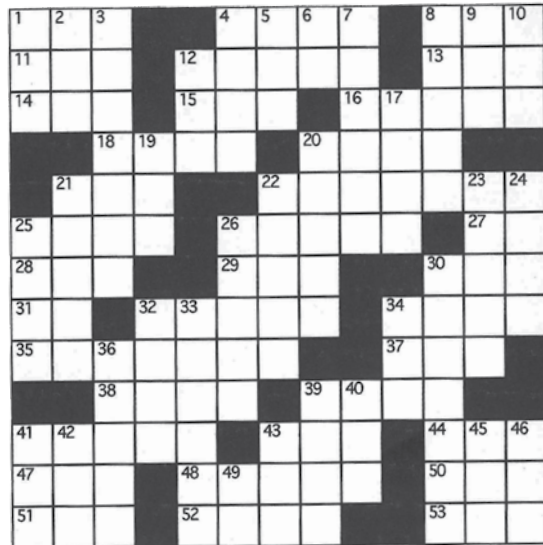
- 1. Except
- 2. Uris protagonist
- 3. "A man that hath friends must show ____ friendly" (Proverbs 18:24)
- 4. "Let us be ____ and rejoice" (Revelation 19:7)
- 5. Chemical suffix
- 6. Certain school equipment (abbr.)
- 7. One who's been saved by Jesus Christ
- 8. "As an ____ stirreth up her nest" (Deuteronomy 32:11)
- 9. Famed pugilist
- 10. "And Joseph's ____ brethren went down to...Egypt" (Genesis 42:3)
- 12. Feel much less than 100 percent
- 17. One (Ger.)
- 19. Clumsy one
- 20. Spoke (KJV)
- 21. "for his ____ endureth forever" (Psalm 136:1)
- 22. "Others said, That it is ____" (Mark 6:15)
- 23. "they were counted worthy to suf-

fer ____ for his name"

- (Acts 5:41)
- 24. "inhabitants of the land of ____ brought water to him" (Isaiah 21:14)
- 25. White ____
- 26. "let every man... ____ with God" (1 Corinthians 7:24)
- 30. "a cage of every unclean and ____ bird" (Revelation 18:2)
- 32. A son of Peresh (1 Chronicles 7)
- 33. " ____ and get you from among my people" (Exodus 12:31)
- 34. "For the eyes of the Lord ____ to and fro" (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- 36. Expunge
- 39. "Lest I be full and ____ thee" (Proverbs 30:9)
- 40. Past tense (suffix)
- 41. Org. for young men
- 42. American founder of Girl Scouts
- 43. Tennis call
- 45. Longshoreman's org. (Psalm 23:4)
- 46. "Thy ____ and thy staff" (Psalm 23:4)
- 49. Greek letter

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Crossword puzzle



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