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A VOTE FOR:
More Missionaries
Equipped, Godly Leaders
More Baptisms

Vote

MORE MISSIONARIES MORE BAPTISMS MORE OUTREACH

The SBCV is a fellowship of Southern Baptist churches cooperating to assist local congregations in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.



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**EDITOR'S
NOTE**



*Geoff Hammond
Senior Associate
Director*



Last November we saw the importance of every vote in our Presidential election. In this issue of the *Proclaimer* we remind readers to "Vote CP." We are partnering with Southern Baptist churches across North America to remind them that every time we give to the Cooperative Program (CP) it is a vote for more missionaries, more baptisms, and more equipped leaders.

The articles in this magazine remind us of the ministries which the Cooperative Program funds in Virginia, North America, and around the world. In several articles church planters give thanks for the Cooperative Program that supports over 75 active church planters in Virginia. Some of these church planters are the fruit of Cooperative Program giving to the International Mission Board, and now these planters are back in the US reaching specific people groups.

Every time you give to the Cooperative Program through the offering at your church, in a sense, you are voting for the Cooperative Program. Every time you approve your church's budget with the percentage giving to the Cooperative Program, you are voting CP. Last year 222 SBCV churches increased the amount they gave to the Cooperative Program. By the way, do you know what percentage your church gives to the Cooperative Program? Recently someone asked me how much I thought a church should give to the Cooperative Program? "Well let me just tell you this" I said, "our church plants give 10%." Enough said!



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SWAT 2005 Retreat

Staff Wives Affecting Tomorrow

February 4-5
Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke

Sylvia Harney is a Christian Comedian and powerful biblical teacher from Nashville. She has been described as having the exuberance of a Goldie Hawn, the literary wit of an Erma Bombeck and the folksy humor of a Minnie Pearl, all rolled up into one great, big tender heart.

Special Feature:
PK (Preacher's Kid) Panel
Panel of PK's, various ages and walks of life. Get insight into raising your own PK.

SWAT retreat is a ministry to wives of ministers of SBCV churches.

Special Guest:
Sylvia Harney



3 p.m., Friday
Early Bird Session and Tea
3 p.m., Saturday
Extended Session Concludes

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For more information call 888-234-7716

ACCOMODATIONS:

4 per room (queen beds).....	\$80
3 per room	\$100
2 per room	\$120
1 per room	\$150
Attend sessions only.....	\$75

Price includes: Room, Tea, Supper Buffet, Full Hot Breakfast Buffet, Hot Lunch Buffet, access to all the Health Clubs on site and free parking.

FACTOID Did you know...
...that 222 of our SBCV churches increased their giving to the Cooperative Program this past year?

SBCV CALENDAR

For more information, please contact us at sbcv@sbcv.org or call 888-234-7716

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FEB	4-5	SWAT RETREAT — Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke	
	18-19	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING	
	24	CHURCH PLANTER NETWORK — Regional	
	25-26	SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH CONFERENCE — Spotswood Baptist, Fredericksburg	
	26	VBS PREVIEW — Virginia LifeWay Stores	
MAR	6-13	WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions — Annie Armstrong	
	7	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE	
	8-11	BASIC TRAINING — English & Spanish	
	11-12	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING	
	24	CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK — Statewide	
APR	1	VBS CLINIC — Abingdon VBS CLINIC — Deep Creek Baptist, Chesapeake	
	2	VBS CLINIC — Woodlawn Baptist, Alexandria VBS CLINIC — Fredericksburg VBS CLINIC — Calvary Baptist, Staunton	
	15-16	REVIVE OUR HEARTS Women's Conference — Thomas Roads Baptist, Lynchburg	
	15-16	YOUTH/STUDENT PASTORS RETREAT	
	22-23	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING	
	22	VBS CLINIC — North Main Baptist, Danville	
	23	VBS CLINIC — Hyland Heights Baptist, Lynchburg VBS CLINIC — Eastern Shore	
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	MAY	6-7	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
		21	BIBLE DRILL — Beulah Baptist, Lynchburg
26		CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK — Statewide	
JUN	3-4	DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING	
	6-8	TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING	
	19-22	PASTORS' CONFERENCE/SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION — Nashville, TN	
JUL	11-15	SBCV YOUTH CAMP	
AUG	9-10	YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (YEC) — Bethel Baptist, Yorktown	
	19-20	CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Colonial Heights	
SEP	9-10	PASTORS, STAFF & WIVES RETREAT — Wintergreen	
	11-14	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (Central West) — The Tabernacle, Danville	
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LEADING YOUR CHURCH TO VOTE VALUES: "Yes" to the Valuable Cooperative Program



Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16.3 million members in approximately 43,024 churches in all 50 states and Canada. These churches work together through approximately 1,194 associations, 40 state conventions, 1 fellowship, and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) to accomplish, through voluntary cooperation, far more than they could ever do alone. The Southern Baptist worldwide missions enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program (CP). A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals, received by Southern Baptist Convention churches, becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 2003, these churches sent over \$501 million through the Cooperative Program to their state conventions to support work within the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. As determined by

messengers to the annual session of the SBCV, 50 percent of these Cooperative Program receipts are sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. Through the International Mission Board, Southern Baptists support approximately 5,375 missionaries, who are engaging more than 1,371 different people groups around the world. New churches, numbering over 1,436, are planted through the efforts of more than 5,176 North American Missionaries, whose efforts are coordinated through the North American Mission Board and state conventions. Working together, Southern Baptists saw 887,537 new believers baptized in 2003!

Will you lead your church to vote "yes" to the Cooperative Program? May we suggest the following voter guides to educate your church members?

MISSIONARY MOMENTS:

Prayer Guide: Visit the mission field with 104 different missionaries through this popular missionary prayer guide.

Prayer Guide CD: Contains 12 new video "Missionary Moments" in QuickTime format.

Prayer Calendar: Condensed from the prayer guide, short glimpses into missionaries' lives serve as visual encouragement to pray for missionaries.

These missionaries are supported as they go about their daily work.

VIDEO VIGNETTES: Twelve two-minute video vignettes introduce missionaries and the lives they reach for the Lord. Supported by your church's participation in Cooperative Program Missions.

CP MISSIONS 101 BROCHURE: A colorful brochure presenting a detailed look at the history and ministry of Cooperative Program Missions. This can be used as an enlightening bulletin insert, a discussion point for Sunday School or missions study, or for inclusion in a new member's packet.

PREPARING THE PLANET VIDEO: See how God is using your church to literally "go into all of the world" in obedience to the Great Commission, to *Prepare the Planet for the Midnight Cry*. Contains 2 music videos and 3 CP Missions vision spots.

"PROJECT M RADIO" YOUTH MUSIC CD: Enjoy the music of artists like Rebecca St. James, P.O.D., Russ Lee, Bob Carlisle and others as you listen to "the show" and discover how Southern Baptists are reaching people every day through CP Missions.

For downloadable Power Point, Sunday School lessons, logos and artwork, visit the website at www.cpmissions.net.

SBCV Hampton Roads Missions Network (HRMN)

The **HRMN** is a network of churches working together with the SBCV to help create a missions mobilization movement (M3) in the Tidewater region of Virginia. We desire to help each other move forward in missions in order to make disciples among the nations. Our goal is to see more churches move into missions action and participate in the world wide move of God.

If you are interested in finding out about this new network or interested in becoming involved in the network then contact one of the following people:

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WE'RE ON THE WEB AT: www.HRMN.org



CP Giving Gives Church Vision

By Lee McConnel, Church Planter, Chester, Va.

We at Heartland Community Church enjoy giving to the Cooperative Program because it gives us a great vision.

- We envision our gift being used to spread the Good News of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus.
- We envision missionaries from around the world not having to worry about planning fundraising trips to stay on the mission field.
- We envision the down and out, the hungry, and the oppressed, finding relief through the North American Mission Board.
- We envision other church plants to operate and actively live out the gospel.
- We envision our great Southern Baptist seminaries preparing those for ministry in seminaries where the tuition is not onerous.
- We envision a great coming together of Southern Baptist churches by giving to the Cooperative Program to do together what no one church can do alone.

Yes, giving to the Cooperative Program gives us the vision to see miles beyond ourselves—to places where God is at work. Through our small gift, we have a chance to be there with Him.



The Joy of Giving to the Cooperative Program

by Doyle Chauncey, Executive Director/Treasurer,
Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

I learned from my sweetheart, now my wife of more than 41 years, not only the joy that comes from knowing Jesus personally, but also the joy of giving financially. Sharon had been taught, by her parents, that the tithe is to be returned to the Lord. So we began immediately after we were married giving at least a tithe as an act of worship, in gratitude, for His love and forgiveness. I know now that all we have belongs to Him, and that we are simply managers of His property. Because all of what we have is His, we are also held accountable, as well, for how we spend the other 90%.

One of the great joys of giving is knowing that part of what I give goes beyond the local church's harvest field, our Jerusalem, to help fulfill the Great Commission in Judea,

Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The best way I know for the church to accomplish the task is through the Cooperative Program. It is a way every member in every church can help win the world to Christ. No one member or church can fulfill the Great Commission by themselves—together we can. Knowing that my financial gifts are going to places to win people for Jesus fills me with great joy.



Sharon & Doyle Chauncey

Heart Indebted to Cooperative Program

by Nashaat Ibrahim
Church Planting Missionary for Greater Washington, D.C.
with Middle Easterners, as a people group focus

I am carrying an indebted heart to Southern Baptist churches who are supporting the Cooperative Program. God impacted our lives when the Southern Baptist missionaries



Nashaat Ibrahim addresses Annual Meeting.

found their way to us in the Middle East forty-five years ago. They planted churches and raised leaders to make Christ known to our families.

While I was doing missions work and church planting with the Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East, God opened my eyes to see that He was calling me to evangelize the lost and congregate them into a local body of Christ. The Southern Baptist missionaries found a place for me in the Evangelical Seminary in Cairo, Egypt, where I gained a theological education. When my family and I came to the USA four years ago, God used the Cooperative Program to impact our lives again. I enrolled at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS). I was amazed, one day, when I compared the cost of my theological education with the cost of someone who is not a member of a Southern Baptist church. The Cooperative Program was paying the difference on my behalf!

Recently, God made it possible for my family and I to come to Greater Washington D.C. to help facilitate the Church Planting Movement among certain Middle Eastern ethnic people groups. God once again is using the Cooperative Program to impact the face of life in Greater Washington D.C. through the work of SBCV missionaries. I am grateful to God and to the SBCV local bodies who made it possible for us to come to D.C. to plant churches through the Cooperative Program.

WHY I LOVE THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



GOD'S STOREHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

TIM AMAROK IS PASTER OF
GOD'S STOREHOUSE BAPTIST
CHURCH IN RICHMOND. THE
CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN
2000, HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF
163, AND GAVE \$16,037 TO
THE CP IN 2004.

I was raised, trained, and educated as an independent, fundamental Baptist from 1968 until 1993. I served as an independent Baptist foreign missionary for over twenty of those years.

Consequently, I approached the Cooperative Program with caution and little understanding of its role and purpose. In the spring of 1993, by God's grace and providence, I began to change my mind and life, and the Cooperative Program became an intriguing and exciting opportunity. I decided to become a conservative

Southern Baptist and began immediately "to study to show myself approved". Now I love the Cooperative Program, here's why...

The Great Commission is a summary of what Jesus wanted His churches to do until His return. Involvement in the process of the Cooperative Program is a brilliant way to fulfill the Great Commission. The wonderful Cooperative Program logically outlines the three phases of the Great Commission. Phase one is *evangelizing*. Phase two is *baptizing*. Phase three is *training*. The best thing about the Cooperative Program is that it allows even small, new church starts, like ours, the opportunity to partner in fulfilling these phases throughout Virginia, the United States, and the whole world!

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

By Sam Sieg, Church Planter, Bumpass, Va.

Sam Sieg sharing the Good News in China.



Sam Sieg baptizes in a nearby river.

The Bible says God loves a cheerful giver! And it is certainly true that giving should be a joy. When I was sixteen years old, I had a Christmas present to give a friend. I wrapped a brand new tennis racket in an enormous box and stuffed the upper half of the box with newspaper. I could not contain my excitement as my friend opened the package. I am normally a calm—some would even say, a sedate—individual! What transformed me that day? Of course, it was the excitement of bringing joy to someone who had brought so much joy to me. So it is with giving to God.

Several months ago, our fledgling church began giving to the Cooperative Program. Each month, as I asked our financial secretary to write the check, I had the same feeling of joy and satisfaction. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul penned these words: “Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27) As we write the monthly check and send it off to the Cooperative Program, I believe we are living out Paul’s words. This excites me! We are united and obedient to God, through this ministry, every month. Brothers and sisters, let’s keep God’s work rolling!

**Factoid
DID YOU KNOW...**
...that all SBCV approved church plants give 10% of their undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program?

TOP 20 GIVERS

1. First Baptist, Roanoke \$386,870
2. Liberty Baptist, Hampton \$300,000
3. Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond \$286,204
4. Bethel Baptist, Yorktown \$254,786
5. Spotswood Baptist, Fredericksburg \$171,533
6. Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Colonial Heights . \$164,006
7. Cave Spring Baptist, Roanoke \$152,927
8. First Baptist, Norfolk..... \$146,269
9. Swift Creek Baptist, Midlothian \$146,166
10. Nansemond River Baptist, Suffolk \$128,669
11. Hyland Heights Baptist, Lynchburg \$127,435
12. Bethel Baptist, Chesapeake..... \$111,366
13. Colonial Heights Baptist,
Colonial Heights \$103,500
14. Kempsville Baptist, Virginia Beach \$100,170
15. London Bridge Baptist, Virginia Beach. \$100,000
16. Hamilton Baptist, Hamilton \$96,217
17. Centreville Baptist, Centreville..... \$94,094
18. First Baptist, Suffolk \$89,754
19. Norview Baptist, Norfolk \$82,123
20. Matoaca Baptist, Petersburg \$73,834



The Vision of Cooperative Program Giving

by Gordon Ellsworth, Church Planter of Beacon Baptist Church, Chesapeake

There are many things that bring joy to our lives, the birth of a child, an afternoon sitting on the beach, finding a comfortable pair of shoes, and of course my favorite, a large bowl of banana pudding. All of these bring joy but the joy is only temporary. There are things in our lives that bring eternal joy, a type of joy that does not fade or need to be renewed. One of these is the joy we receive from giving to the Cooperative Program. As a church planter I often learn to find joy in what others may see as small victories, but are rather the moving of the mighty Hand of God. It has been a great joy to see our church family at Beacon Baptist catch the

vision of the joy of participating in giving to the Cooperative Program. Our family sees the impact of the dollars they give on our seminaries, missionaries, and even in starting new church plants. The joy comes from the fact that through the Cooperative Program we can impact the world for years to come as men and women are given the opportunity to carry the Gospel to Virginia and the world! As a church plant Beacon Baptist may be small but together our efforts will join with others to bring joy to our Savior, knowing that we have pleased the Master by being faithful in all that He has asked.



RENEWAL in More Ways than One!

Churches are experiencing renewal, as members are reconnecting to God, but it also extends to churches renewing their vision for the future. **Risking to Renew** is a continuing challenge for Oak Grove Baptist Church. Oak Grove is a loving congregation with a rich heritage in Southern Baptist life. The church was established in 1897, on September 7th, in South Richmond and thrived in the Oak Grove area of the city for many years.

The church purchased land in a growing community located in Chesterfield County and moved to the current location in 1972. Since that time, the community demographics have changed several times. "The continuing challenge for Oak Grove, and most churches I suspect, is **Risking to Renew** in meeting the ministry needs in a very diverse and ever changing community", said Pastor Andy Rist. "We had explored the possibility of again relocating, but felt very firmly that this community was where God had called us to "bloom where we were planted." To that end we began about three years ago seeking God's vision and direction for Oak Grove."

After much prayer and assessing the needs of the community, Oak Grove is moving towards the establishment of "Kidz Kingdom". The plan includes the construction of a multi-purpose education and family life center. There are over 9,000 children within a 5-mile radius of the church, ranging in age from pre-school to high school. Oak Grove Baptist currently provides AWANA and operates a preschool 3 days a week. They are exploring the expansion of their preschool, starting an Upwards Sports Ministry, as well as establishing a Before & After School Ministry. According to Andy, "Our mis-

sion is to reach families with the gospel of Jesus Christ through reaching and ministering to their children, by providing a safe environment for kids to learn and grow."

Oak Grove's Children's Ministry in action.



FACTOID

Cooperative Program means:

■ All Southern Baptist churches joining hands to fulfill the Great Commission

■ Big churches helping small churches

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

March 7

simultaneous conferences

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Bethel Baptist Church
YORKTOWN, VA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Fellowship Community Church
ROANOKE, VA



Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia



John Avant



Larry Grays



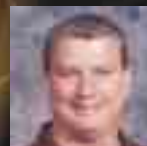
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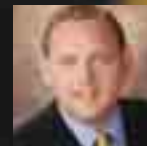
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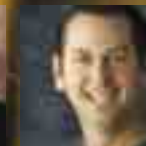
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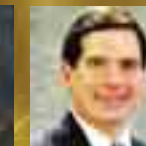
Adrian Despres



Steve Flockhart



Tony Nolan



Thom Rainer

March 6:

ADRIAN DESPRES will preach at Fellowship Community Church Sunday morning. JOHN AVANT will preach at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday morning and evening.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

INTERNET: Visit our website at www.sbcv.org

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FAX: Fax the completed registration form to 804.270.1834





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Scholarship Thank You!

To the SBCV Scholarship
Committee:

We wanted to write and express our sincere gratitude for your financial assistance to us as we endeavor to study at SEBTS. Because of your assistance we are able to carry a full course load (15 hours each) and concentrate on being equipped instead of barely eking out a living. Roger is working part time to cover rent and living expenses, and Martha is working to pay for insurance. We have begun the process with IMB, seeking to be deployed in 2006. We feel such an urgency to get to the mission field, but we know God will use us here while we're in this process. Once again, thank you. You are a tremendous blessing to us.

Sincerely,

Roger & Martha Jones

sending church:

North Main Baptist, Danville

Thank you very much for the scholarship to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. This scholarship will allow me to focus on studying God's Word while I hold a secular job. I am looking forward to graduation so I can find a position to teach and tell others of God's love for people.

Thank you,
Bob Gettle

sending church:

Hampstead Baptist, an SBCV church
Hampstead, MD

FACTOID

Did you know?

...that if we strengthen existing churches and start new churches, that give faithfully to the Cooperative Program, we will give more in the long run?

Sunday School Growth Conference

February 25 & 26

presented by Spotswood Baptist Church

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Feb. 25
7:00-8:00 pm Rally with Allan Taylor
8:15-9:15 pm Age-graded Workshops

Saturday, Feb. 26
9:00-10:00 am Rally with Allan Taylor
10:15-11:15 am Age-graded Workshops
11:15-11:45 am Refreshment Break
11:45-12:45 pm Age-graded Workshops

\$10 Registration Fee required by February 16

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Allan Taylor
Minister of Education
First Baptist Church
Woodstock, GA

and the author of
NEW-Borned Discipleship: Start of First Baptist Church of Woodstock



REGISTER ONLINE AT www.spotswood.org

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Spotswood Baptist Church
4009 Lafayette Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22408
office: 540-898-0757 ■ fax: 540-891-7549

Southeastern Theological Seminary

RICHMOND AREA EXTENSION CLASSES

Classes are being held at the SBCV Glen Allen Offices.

Register for Spring 2005 at www.sebts.edu.

COURSES BEING OFFERED FOR SPRING 2005

OLD TESTAMENT:
Wisdom, Prophets, Poets
four (4) weekends, February – May

CHRISTIAN ETHICS:
Theory and Practice
four (4) weekends, January – May

TIDEWATER AREA EXTENSION CLASSES

Classes are being held at First Baptist Church of Norfolk

For information call Dick Baker at 757-461-3226 or email dbaker@firstnorfolk.org

COURSES BEING OFFERED FOR SPRING 2005

CHRISTIAN (SYSTEMATIC) THEOLOGY 3001
2nd Semester Course
four (4) weekends, February – May

BAPTIST HISTORY:
Identity, Heritage, Polity
four (4) weekends, February – May

Former IMB Missionaries Thankful for the CP

Dale and Celia South currently serve as SBCV missionaries, planting churches among Hispanics in Northern Virginia.



As a pastor in Maryland for nine years, I loved the fact that our small congregation could have a part in supporting over ten thousand missionaries in the USA and around the world.

When my wife, Celia, and I served as International Mission Board missionaries in Paraguay, we saw up close and in person how God uses the Cooperative Program (CP) in the lives of missionaries and of those they seek to reach for Christ. Before we ever left the

states, Cooperative Program giving sent us to the Missionary Learning Center for some of the very best cross-cultural orientation and preparation available anywhere.

We saw Cooperative Program funds impact the lives and ministries of local believers in Paraguay. Hundreds of lay people were trained in church planting and other skills, which they used to go out and reach others.

The heart language of most Paraguayans is Guarani. CP dollars produced the dubbing into Guarani of *The Genesis Video*.

Hundreds of thousands of Guarani speakers now know the story of the Creator, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob after seeing it on national television.

When we did return to the USA for stateside assignments, it was a joy to be able to go into churches, thank them for their giving, and tell them how God was using their faithfulness.

Thank you for continuing to give to the Cooperative Program as we now serve the Lord as church planting missionaries in Northern Virginia.



Southern Cross Mission Project

Goal: \$50,000
to buy approximately
25,000 Bibles

\$25,000 OF THE \$50,000 HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE FIRST COLLECTION DATE!


The label says...



"Free Gift to You...No Cost"

The Han Chinese will receive a bag which includes a Bible, like the one pictured from the 19 teams who are going to Southeast Asia to share the gospel.

EMBRACING THE
ACTS 1:8 CHALLENGE



"...you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The ACTS 1:8 CHALLENGE is a Southern Baptist, Biblically based cooperative effort to help our churches develop a customized strategy to engage their "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth" with the Gospel.

Resources are available at LifeWay including:
"The Acts 1:8 Challenge, Empowering the Church to Be on Mission" a study by Nate Adams; and "On Mission With God" a Bible study by Avery T. Willis, Jr. and Henry T. Blackaby.

For personalized help in responding to the Acts 1:8 challenge, visit www.actstone8.com or call 800-4 ACTS 18 (800-422-8718).

For the cost of 2 sodas in an American drink machine, the news of Jesus Christ can be shared to an estimated 11 people in China.

THE NEXT COLLECTION DATE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH!

For information contact the SBCV by email, sbcv@sbcv.org, or call 888-234-7716.

What an amazing way to witness!

Taken from a newsletter that originated in China:

CHINA. The Chinese believers were surprised when they shared the gospel with a hospitalized boy and his family, and the entire family immediately responded that they wanted to receive Christ. The evangelists asked the family why they were willing to accept Christ so readily. The family members replied that they had found a packet containing a Jesus film and some gospel tracts in front of their home several months earlier. They had long since viewed the film and read the tracts. They just hadn't been sure how to proceed from there. So when the offer was made, they were more than willing for someone to lead them in a prayer of salvation.

NOTE: Because of the description of materials found in the packet, we think this packet is one that was initially distributed through the Southern Cross.

Spotswood Baptist, Fredericksburg, VA



Annual Meeting 2004

Spotswood Baptist Church, in historic Fredericksburg was the setting of the 8th annual meeting of the SBCV convention. Building upon the theme *Risking to Renew*, speakers Tim Hight of Main Street Baptist in Christiansburg, Mark Becton of Grove Avenue Baptist of Richmond, Randy Hahn of Colonial Heights Baptist of Colonial Heights, and Eric Thomas of First Baptist of Norfolk called upon the convention to set their heart's affection upon the Lord Jesus. Only by having a fresh awareness of the presence of God, being sensitive to sin, being responsive to the Word of God and having a deep sense of the joy and fruitfulness of evangelism can we expect and experience *Renewal* in our times.

Bobby Welch, SBC president, spoke to the 938 messengers and guests of the convention, reminding them that we are in a war for souls and challenged them to work to see one million baptisms next year.

Messengers adopted a record 7.75 million dollar Cooperative Program Ministry Plan. The

SBCV is committed to the historic 50/50 plan of mission support. Executive Director Doyle Chauncey reported that there are 429 churches affiliated either uniquely or dually with the SBCV and that the convention supports 163 state missionaries serving in Virginia and greater Washington, DC.

The choir and orchestra of the host church, Spotswood Baptist, provided special music Monday evening. Jeff Brockelman and his praise team from Grace Baptist, Knoxville, TN and "This Hope" from Atlanta, GA provided inspirational music for all the sessions. The sessions were highlighted by five state ministry reports presented by Geoff Hammond, Senior Associate Director. Reports were presented telling of

how God is renewing his people and reaching the unchurched in Virginia. Ten churches were awarded Eagle Awards for being sponsor churches of new church starts. New church planter Julio Avila shared that though he was shot in a drive-by shooting while out visiting, bullets would not stop the Gospel and even if he were killed, God would raise up another to take the Gospel to all peoples. Danny Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke on the challenge of *Renewal*, saying that renewal comes when we respond to the Lordship of Christ. Hershael York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist in Frankfort, KY and professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Seminary, reminded messengers not to sacrifice inner holiness for outer success nor trade past obedience for present indulgences.

Outgoing president, Tim Piland, pastor of Nansemond River Baptist in Suffolk, VA, presided over the business sessions that saw the convention

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Tim Piland addressing the Convention



Julio Avila shares a modern day marvel and Dale South translates.



Guests and messengers enjoy fellowship with one another.



Women's Luncheon



Liberty Link Representatives

Annual Meeting AWARDS

Messengers to the Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg acknowledged three heroes of our Convention. The Executive Director, Doyle Chauncey, presented the Nehemiah Leadership Award to a pastor and to a layman who have made a significant contribution in time and energy to the building of our State Convention.

Rev. Bob Melvin, Senior Pastor of Spotswood Baptist Church, was the recipient of the pastor's award. Bob Melvin was president of the SBCV while it was still a fellowship, and has continued to be involved as a member of the Executive Board and Strategy Planning Executive Task Force. His wife Carol was recognized as a faithful partner in the ministry.

Mr. John Simms, a member of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, was the recip-

ient of the layman's award. He has served as a member of the Executive Board and the Strategy Planning Implementation Task Force. He also single-handedly drafted the first copy of our new constitution. His wife Lorraine, who also has served on the Executive Board, was recognized, as she stood by his side, to receive the award.

Rev. Clyde Coleman received an award for completing 50 years of service at Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Northern Virginia. Supported by his wife Mildred, he served as a bi-vocational pastor for many years. Coleman is now the full-time pastor and has led the church to build additional educational space.



Rev. Bob Melvin & his wife, Carol



Mr. John Simms & his wife, Lorraine



Rev. Clyde Coleman & his wife, Mildred

Fulfillment is the Reward of CP Giving

by Edgar Villegas, church planter, Hampton Roads area, with the Philippine people as his focus group

It has always been my joy to give to the Cooperative Program because it gives me a sense of fulfillment. Having been a pastor for more than 20 years in the Philippines, I used to make sure that my church supported the Cooperative Program. Even when I taught at the seminary for more than nine years, I always challenged my students to encourage their respective churches to give towards this worthy endeavor. We know there are some areas in which the local church must be a partner in doing mission work through Cooperative Program giving. I have noticed that churches that give to the Cooperative Program are never in want. The Lord has always blessed those who support mission work. Because of the tremendous potential and the challenge to seek out the lost for the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to pool our resources through giving. The lost



Edward Villegas is recognized by Steve Reid of the SBCV.

world is waiting for the gospel. Men and women who are called by God are ready to go. In spite of this, they cannot go until the church members bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord. The needs are everywhere, the hungry are to be fed, the sick are to be healed, and the lost are to be saved. Our Lord Jesus Christ established His church for us to do His work in the world. The Father calls us to give, in order that the world may see Him living in us.

Annual Convention 2004, continued

unanimously approve the 2004 Committee on Nominations Report, approve the admission of 18 new churches to the SBCV, approve three resolutions and elect new officers.

Carl Weiser, pastor of Hyland Heights Baptist in Lynchburg, was elected president. Jeff Ginn, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist, Colonial Heights, was elected first vice-president. Thurman Hayes, pastor of Bethel Baptist, Yorktown, was elected second vice-president and Jeff Meyer, associate pastor of River Oak of Chesapeake, was elected secretary. All were elected without opposition.

The Resolutions Committee presented, and messengers unanimously adopted, a resolution on supporting a Federal Marriage Amendment and two others dealing with the War on Terrorism and Secularization of our Culture. A resolution on education failed to receive the majority required for adoption.

Keynote speaker, Voddie Baucham, offered a cure for lukewarm Christianity, speaking from Revelation 3 and from Psalm 96, how to see worship as a key to renewal, reminding messengers that worship is multi-directional.

Next year's annual meeting will be November 14-15, 2005, at Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, VA.

Churches Planting Churches



When Wendell Horton, Pastor of Sky View Baptist Church, heard the challenge to plant a church in his area, he began to pray seriously that God would speak to him concerning the matter. In a few weeks he had his answer and began to share it with his staff, deacons and the SBCV. Things began to happen to confirm his decision. A member of the church offered a building in the very location they needed for the new plant. God provided the church plant pastor, Jeremy Hendrick, from his own staff. FAITH teams from the church began visiting in the new church area in order to reach people for the new church launch. After much prayer and consideration, the church voted overwhelmingly to start a new church

in Woodlawn, Virginia. Members of Sky View Baptist realized that the new start would need equipment, money and resources. They decided to make a list of needed items. Immediately members began to give and Cooperative Program funds were provided.

The new church plant, Sky View West, is well on its way to becoming a reality. Hendrick, a bivocational church planter, has completed his basic training as a church planter, through the SBCV, and is excited about the vision God has given him. The sponsoring church is excited and their ministry to the lost is being expanded. SBCV churches throughout the state are being asked to plant new churches in order to reach more people for the Kingdom. Not only do new church plants reach and baptize more unchurched people than the established churches, they often bring renewal to the sponsoring

churches. By “Risking To Renew” through church planting, Sky View Baptist in Fancy Gap is allowing God to renew them spiritually as they reach out to the dying world around them.

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 - April 23

- Western Region**
- ABINGDON
 - April 1
 - FRIES
 - April 2
 - ROANOKE
 - April 8
 - STAUNTON
 - April 9
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 - April 22
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 - April 23



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STUDENTZ PARENT MINISTRY

By John Bushnell
Student Pastor since 1988, Fluvanna Baptist Church

Dr. Voddie Baucham is an awesome communicator of the Truth—even when the truth hurts! Speaking at the SBCV Studentz Banquet during the Annual Meeting, he said, “85% of all church teens are leaving the church by their sophomore year in college.” So what should we do? Baucham challenged us by stating that “99% of all Christian teens, whose fathers are their spiritual leader, stay in the church.”

As one, who is the father of a 19 year old daughter, plus one about to turn 13, and sons who are 15 and 13, I can testify that being a dad is tough—but what is needed in every church is a purposeful ministry that engages the parents of teens. We have been struggling with that at Fluvanna for years. It is hard work pulling the dads in, but numbers don't lie. This is exponentially true and important when reaching unchurched teens from unchurched homes. Of those who have graduated high school in the last three years from our church, the ones who are still active are those whose parents are involving them in a Christian lifestyle. It is a simple philosophy of student ministry...

Reach the dads, impact the teens for life!

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we can assist you in Student Ministry

- 1. Summer Youth Intern Scholarship:** As a part of the State Missions Offering, funds have been designated for assisting churches financially in hiring summer youth interns.
- 2. Event Scholarship:** For SBCV churches that want to partner with other local SBCV churches, we have funds available to assist in planning evangelistic rallies.
- 3. College Partnership Scholarship:** To assist churches that are strategically located near key college campuses, we have intern or programming funds available to assist in reaching that campus through your church.



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SBCV President



Carl Weiser
Senior Pastor
Hyland Heights
Baptist Church
Lynchburg

What a privilege to be elected as the President of the SBCV for this coming year! You have honored me by allowing me to serve our Lord with you. I have felt from day one, that the SBCV was the most unique State Convention that I have ever been a part of. Our vision to plant churches, strengthen churches, support pastor's, staff and their families, educate and mobilize volunteers to be involved in SBC cooperative missions allows us to by-pass the side issues and prioritize the Great Commission in making disciples of all nations.

I applaud you for calling out Doyle Chauncey and Geoff Hammond to give executive leadership to our work. I join with you in gratitude for our area missionaries who make our Core Values and Strategic Objectives real in the lives of individual pastors and churches. These men, and their wives, are in the trenches serving our Lord by serving us. I am so very grateful that our missionaries are scattered across the state doing hands-on ministry. Take the time to get to know these men and call upon them to work alongside you in growing the Kingdom, remembering to pray for all our SBCV personnel.

Let me challenge us to remember that one of the principles that makes us strong is our cooperative spirit. We enjoy a God-given unity in the task at hand and I ask you to join me in guarding that unity. Let me also encourage you to set new goals of cooperation in your giving to the SBC and SBCV. Whether it be through networking together for mission trips, planting churches or increasing your Cooperative Program giving, let us remember that together God can accomplish more than if we walked alone.

May we stay the course of the Great Commission, following His leadership, never compromising the Word and always searching out how to be more effective in sharing that Word.

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A compelling speaker, Nancy makes the Scriptures come alive and urges personal obedience to its truths. She communicates a love for the Word and for the Lord Jesus that is infectious!

John G. Elliott has a primary calling to lead people into the presence of the Lord. For more than a decade, John has been calling people to worship the Lord through concerts and seminars in the United States and around the world.



John is a Dove award-winning songwriter and producer. His songs include, "I Call You to Praise," "Mourning into Dancing," "Embrace the Cross," and "I Am Crucified with Christ."

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Risking to Renew AN UNCOMMON GOAL

The Book of Nehemiah relates the story of common people committed to a great and uncommon goal — the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem!

Then he (Nehemiah) said to them, “You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.” And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to do this good work. (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

Nehemiah knew that he could not do it by himself, so he cast the vision to the people, assured them that God’s hand

would be upon them, and the people enthusiastically responded by giving themselves sacrificially to the project. As a result, there were more than adequate people and resources available to finish the job, and the walls were miraculously rebuilt in fifty-two days.

Election Day 2004 was a current demonstration of what can happen when people get concerned about the broken walls and burned gates in our culture and they decide to do something about it. Most political pundits agree that the mobilization of persons of faith and those concerned about family values made the difference in the election of George W. Bush. However, let me quickly remind you that political, economic, and military solutions are inadequate in winning the

spiritual war that Satan is tirelessly waging against faith and values.

That’s why, in this issue, we are encouraging you to “Vote CP in 2005.”

The Cooperative Program (CP) is the story of common people, under the leadership of our Commander-In-Chief, Jesus Christ, committed to a great and uncommon goal — the evangelization of the world. And when common people get together and believe in the completion of a great and uncommon goal: their hearts will be united, their stewardship generous, and their commitment endless.



DOYLE CHAUNCEY

HOW THE Cooperative Program WORKS

The diagram illustrates the flow of the Cooperative Program. At the top center is a globe with a cross, representing the Southern Baptist Convention. Below it is an open book. Arrows point from the globe and book to various entities: SBC OF VIRGINIA, SEMINARIES, International Missions, and THE ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION. A large yellow arrow points from the SBC OF VIRGINIA logo towards the church building in the collage. The collage itself shows various scenes of people engaged in education, play, and community activities.

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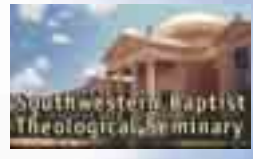
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