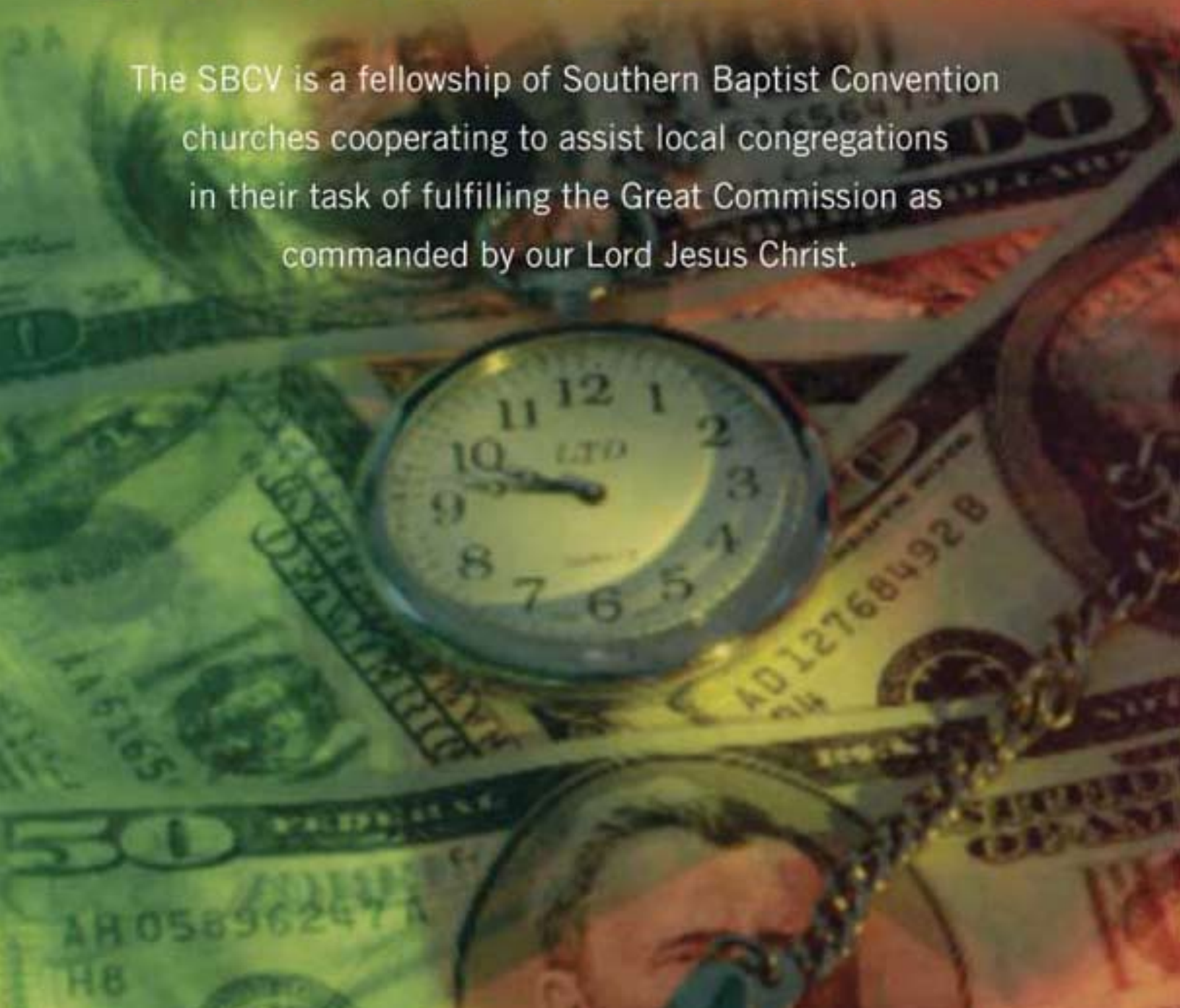


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The SBCV is a fellowship of Southern Baptist Convention churches cooperating to assist local congregations in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.



EDITOR'S NOTE

*Only one life
Twill soon be past
Only what's done
For Christ will last*

I grew up in a home where this poem was displayed on our mantle. My dad repaired clocks and watches as a hobby and for a little extra income and so we always had several clocks around the house that chimed at slightly different times. We were reminded several times an hour that the time was passing!

In this issue of the *Proclaimer* we address the issue of Christian Stewardship, which includes, but is much more than, the wise use of time. It also includes our talents and our treasures. There are several great articles that will help you as you examine your own life regarding biblical stewardship. One speaker at the Pastor's Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indiana this year stated that stewardship was the most important issue for the church in the 21st century. At this time of year, some churches are preparing their budgets for the new year and the information in this *Proclaimer* will be helpful for finance committees and other leaders in the church. You will also find information about what God is doing in our churches this summer. There are reports from all areas of our state that show how churches are being good stewards of the opportunities God is giving them.

One way you can be a good steward of the time that you give in service to the Lord, is to be a life-long learner. I hope you will take advantage of the training that we offer at the SBCV Church Leadership Conference on August 20 & 21 held at Grove Avenue Baptist Church. Taking advantage of this training will enable you to be a better steward.

I hope to see you there, along with some other leaders from your church.

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2004 SBCV CALENDAR

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Month	Days	Event
JUL	12-16	SBCV YOUTH SUMMER CAMP — Lynchburg
AUG	10-11	YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE — Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond
	20-21	CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (Statewide) — Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond
SEP	5-12	WEEK OF PRAYER for State Missions
	10-11	PASTORS/STAFF & WIVES RETREAT — with Drs. Paige and Dorothy Peterson, Wintergreen
	12-15	CENTRAL WEST EVANGELISM CONFERENCE — The Tabernacle, Danville
	18	SOUTHWEST CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Euclid Avenue Baptist, Bristol
	25	CHURCH TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE — Kennerly BC, Virginia Beach, VA
OCT		Pastor Appreciation Month
	1	SOUTHERN CROSS BIBLE PROJECT DEADLINE
	11-14	FAITH CLINIC — Chesapeake
	18-24	YOUTH PASTORS' METRO — Six (6) locations
	29-30	FINANCIAL FREEDOM SEMINAR (CW)
	29-30	PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR (MV) — Alan Taylor
NOV	8-9	ANNUAL MEETING — Spotswood Baptist, Fredericksburg
	15-18	FAITH CLINIC — Roanoke
	19-20	SURRENDER YOUTH CONFERENCE — Roanoke
	28-12/3	WEEK OF PRAYER for International Mission Board
2005		
JAN	28-29	SWAT — Eastern Area
FEB	4-5	SWAT — Western Area
	28-3/3	FAITH CLINIC — Fredericksburg
MAR	7-8	EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
APR	1-2	VBS TRAINING — Regional
	15-16	NANCY DeMOSS CONFERENCE
	15-16	YOUTH STUDENT PASTORS RETREAT
MAY	16-19	FAITH CLINIC — Danville Area
JULY	11-15	SBCV YOUTH CAMP
AUG	9-10	YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
	19-20	CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Stewardship of Life

I CHRONICLES 29:10-20

Scripture teaches us that God desires to reproduce Himself in us as good stewards of His abundant grace. A steward is a manager, not an owner. A steward is one who manages the property of another. In respect to the Christian life, God is the owner and we are the managers of the various areas of life that he has given us. This includes the whole of life. There are a number of areas of life for which God holds us accountable. There are three areas in particular in which God is specific:

(1) **Redeeming the Time**

(2) **Realizing the Talents**

That is discovering and developing our spiritual gifts and natural talents for the blessing of others and for the glory of God.

(3) **Reflections of the Treasure**

Attitude and gratitude is a direct reflection of our relationship with God. The attitude toward our time, talent and treasures is a reflection of our understanding and commitment to God's purpose for our lives. The New Testament truth is that every believer is a ministering priest who is to be ministering for the common good of the body of Christ according to all of the gifts God has given him. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that

there is a "time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun." God's desire is that we redeem the time He has given us for His purpose. In I Peter 4 we see that we are to "Use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace." In Luke 12 we see that we are to be on guard "against all kinds of greed." In all things, time, talent, and treasure, we are to give God first place in our lives.

Is GIVING a debt we owe or a seed we sow?

The following article is an excerpt from a radio broadcast by Lammr Moonneyham, pastor of The Tabernacle in Danville and is based on II Corinthians 9:6,7.

If you see giving as a debt, you will never experience joy—but rather a chore, drudgery! Add to this a statement made by some church leaders on Sunday mornings, "it's time to take the offering."

The Bible never teaches that giving is a debt we owe, but rather a seed we sow!

Consider this about the power of stewardship.

1. Stewardship links us to God's power. *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him*

give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:6,7

As we consider the power of stewardship let us focus on the farm. What do we learn?

a. Principal of investment.

No seed, no harvest...You must sow in order to reap!

b. Principal of increase.

A farmer couldn't stay in business if he didn't understand this principal.

Illustration:

2 bushels of wheat produce 67 bushels

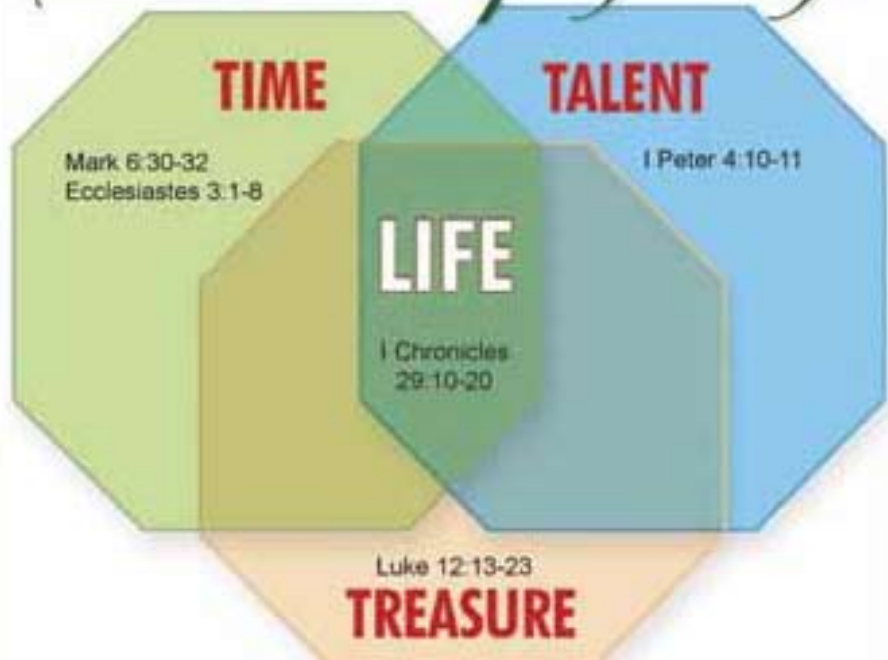
3 bushels of oats produce 79 bushels

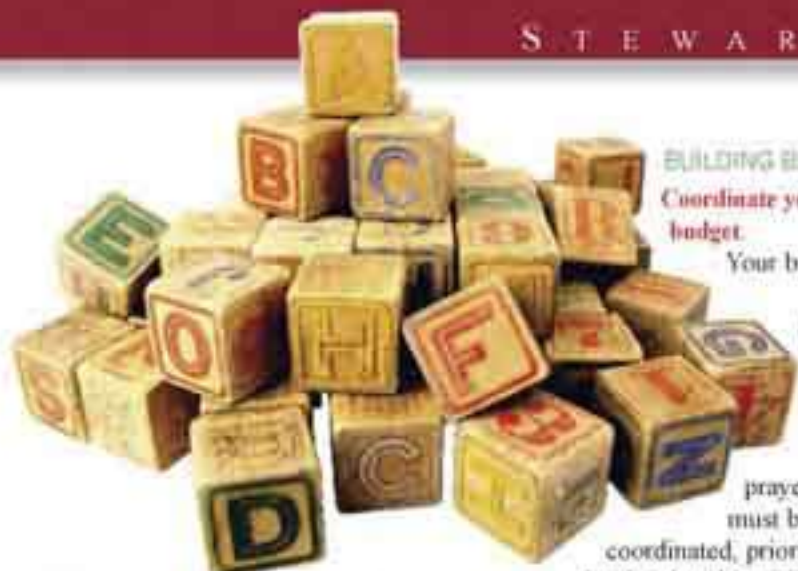
7½ lbs. of corn produce 120 bushels

This is the miracle power of increase.

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Stewardship of Life





BUILDING Blocks

FOR CHURCH BUDGETING

Preparing your church budget doesn't have to be a fellowship buster! Let your budget preparation this year be a testimony of God's activity. Bring your church together to celebrate the ministries the Lord is leading you to advance next year.

There are several building blocks needed as you begin to work through your ministry budget for the next year.



BUILDING BLOCK A:

Establish the budget agenda

In order to be fully informed and prepared, establish your calendar early. This allows time for gathering financial data such as previous years budget plans and receipts. Contact those with budget responsibilities to prayerfully consider future ministry activities. Provide copies of your church's mission and/or vision statement, and introduce the Biblical basis for being good stewards. Identify those who will be working in or leading your budgeting process.



BUILDING BLOCK B:

Develop plans for ministry requests

Remember, your budget is in many ways a numerical reflection of your ministry as a church. Have each one who is responsible for a ministry area prayerfully submit a suggested plan of ministry. This ministry plan identifies the financial resources necessary to accomplish the ministry they serve.

BUILDING BLOCK C:

Coordinate your ministry budget

Your budget or finance team must now work through each request to bring together a final ministry budget plan. Much prayer and cooperation must be given as plans are coordinated, prioritized, and evaluated by the church's vision and mission.



the upcoming year. Communicate as effectively as you can the vision reflected in your ministry budget to your membership. Set a date to approve and celebrate the opportunities God is giving you.

BUILDING BLOCK D:

Engage your church in serious prayer and Bible studies on stewardship of time, treasure, and talents.

Examine again the church's purpose. Lead your church to see the harvest field. Share the power of cooperating as members and as churches through the Cooperative Program of the SBCV. Build expectation of God's faithfulness.



BUILDING BLOCK E:

Communicate your ministry budget plan.

Announce a vision date to share the ministry vision for



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c. Principal of *interval*.

This invokes patience and trust. We are to view each gift as a seed we sow, knowing He will honor it. There will be a harvest!

2. Stewardship liberates us from the urge to own. *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

1 Timothy 6:7

People who build their lives around temporal things, experience worry, fear, anxiety and anger if those things are threatened or taken away.

3. Stewardship limits our focus in life. *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Matthew 16:26

Sound stewardship principles help us to limit our focus to those things that are of eternal value. This is biblical. Are we really willing to sacrifice now to gain that which is eternally valuable? Stewardship is really a matter of trust!

Plant something!

Planned Growth in Giving

"Getting a handle on giving and learning to be good stewards of all our resources (our time, our talents and our treasures) is a huge part of what spiritual maturity for the Christian is all about." (Craig Cramblet) Simply put, stewardship begins in the heart of the believer when he gives himself to God. As we give back to the Father what He has so graciously given to us (Leviticus 27:30, Malachi 3:10) we become participants in the ministry of reaching people.

As the church gives generously through the Cooperative Program (CP) Missions it becomes a part of the network of Southern Baptist Churches reaching the world for Christ. "Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16 million members

in approximately 42,775 churches." As the church begins to consider its commitment to missions giving, the title should be its goal. Even though it may desire to do so, not every church has reached that level of CP giving. A challenge for the next five years would be to reach 10% of undesignated giving as a goal for CP giving.

How does a church accomplish this goal? Simply begin where you are in a planned growth in giving and increase the percentage of undesignated offering, proportionately, each year until the 10% is reached at the beginning of the fifth year. God will bless the generosity of the church and our missions effort will be enhanced.

Networking with VBS

Vacation Bible School (VBS) time is here as many churches have just completed or are launching into the "Far Out Far East Rickshaw Rally!" There are many curriculum choices available these days, but there are great advantages to choosing SBC LifeWay material.

The ability to network and share materials has one obvious advantage. If churches are all using the same curriculum, this facilitates sharing ideas and resources with other SBCV churches. Many churches have few resources for VBS, but with the help of fellow SBCV churches, everyone can have an effective VBS.



If your church has completed VBS and you would like to assist other churches, or if your church is in need of resources for your VBS, please contact your area missionary. SBCV would like to help churches network. A few possibilities are...

- borrow decorations
- borrow curriculum

Steps to Financial Freedom

Evangelist Follows Up on One of Greatest Christian Needs

For years Bob Davis has devoted his life to proclaiming the Gospel and inviting people to accept Jesus as Lord.

Many have done just that under his vibrant ministry. But recently God has burdened Bob Davis with the needs of the saved. He states, "One of the greatest problems facing Christians today is financial debt." He was so moved by Dave Ramsey's book "The Total Money Makeover," that he has developed a Financial Freedom Conference for Christians. From Ramsey's book, Bob Davis addresses and discusses: *Thinking About Your Life Basically: A Personal and Spiritual Problem, Preparing and Dealing with Budgeting, Saving Money, Dealing with Debt, Finishing the Emergency Fund, Invest 15 Percent of Your Income in Retirement, Save for College, Pay Off the Home Mortgage, and Build Wealth Like Crazy.*

Concentrating on new birth experiences has made Bob Davis mindful that many Christians are still babes when it comes to finances.

Bob Davis will be conducting a Financial Freedom Seminar in Lynchburg on October 29-30. For information about his seminars contact SBCV at 1-888-234-7718.

How Much is Enough?

"How Much is Enough?"

by Larry Burkett

is a 30 day commitment guide to personal revival and practical application of the Biblical principle of stewardship. This daily devotion, divided into 4-week intervals, provides Scripture memory verses, a devotional and interactive questions for life application.



This discipleship resource also contains a 30-Day Covenant, a video and a Leader's Guide, Discussion/Listening Guide, Small Group Suggestions, and Step-by-Step Approach to Get Out of Debt summarized as follows:

How to Get Out of Debt

1. Commit your situation to the Lord.
2. Begin to tithe.
3. Re-evaluate your needs, wants and desires.
 - Delay major purchases.
 - Stay out of the mall.
 - Exercise self-control in all areas of life.
4. Stop charging and cut up your credit cards.
5. Begin to save.
6. Reduce your food costs.
7. Develop a schedule to repay outstanding debt.
8. Liquidate small assets.
9. Liquidate large assets in an emergency.
10. Adopt a stewardship mentality in life.

This is a good resource to use in your church or in your personal study. For these and other stewardship resources, contact your local LifeWay Christian Store or purchase at www.lifeway.com.

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Church Growth in Southwest Virginia



Many churches set goals and work hard to reach them. Sometimes they fall short and sometimes they taste the sweetness of victory. Rosedale Baptist in Abingdon is just beginning to sense that God could be granting them the joy of reaching their goal. With 350 members at the beginning of their 2004 church year, the church established a goal of 100+ new members in

one year. When the goal is reached membership will have grown by more than 28%!

They are well on their way to reaching this goal. Sixty-six new members have been added, with thirty-eight coming by baptism. Visitors are worshipping with them every Sunday, and many are candidates for membership. Excitement is beginning to rise as week after week new members are added. It is affecting the total life of the church. A revival atmosphere is prevailing.

When asked why the growth was taking place, pastor Don Paxton replied, "We set a goal last year of 90 in the 90th year of the church...70 were added. This has carried over into the new year... Our deacons are going out and sharing the gospel in soul winning visitation each week. Their commitment has trickled down to the church members and they are catching on (and beginning to do the same.) Our Awana program has increased the number in our children's ministries and our youth ministry is exploding. Church leadership is committed and working faithfully..."

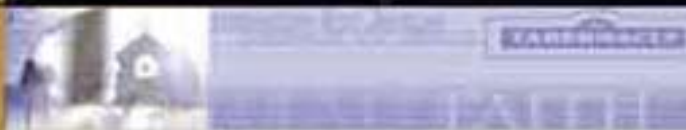
When a church prays, humbles itself and commits to sharing the gospel with the community, the people will hear and respond. It's part of "Risking to Rescue." It is fulfilling the Great Commission. It is being good stewards of the gifts God has given each believer.



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Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Rev. Larry Grays & Dr. Hershuel York
Wednesday, 10 a.m. — Renee Scheidt
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Rev. Bob Harrington

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Children's Building Used to Further God's Kingdom

Spotswood Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, VA has just seen a five-year dream come to life. In the last ten years the church has seen a growth from 600 people to 1,400 in Sunday School attendance. Of that number, 500 are children with the age span of birth through fifth grade. Sunday school classes were limited, as well as space for all the children's programs.

The church adopted a building program called *Together We Build (TWB)* which is produced by LifeWay Christian Resources. Every family pledged and gave sacrificially for five years. In March of 2004 the church opened their 24,000 square foot new children's building. Not

only were they able to move in, but they were able to move in debt free. The church raised 2.8 million dollars to accomplish this task.

The building now houses all of the children's ministries of the church. Associate Pastor Dan Cook said this year they will be able to have all of their Vacation Bible School activities located on one campus. In years past the children had to be divided among different cam-



puses to encompass their large ministry. This year at Spotswood 1,200 children will be reached with the Gospel of Christ as they have their Vacation Bible School all under one roof.

Offering Goal: \$175,000

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Disaster Relief	\$ 10,000
Portable Baptistry	\$ 5,000
Appalachian Regional Ministries in Virginia	\$ 5,000

Risking to Rescue



PRAY for Missions in Virginia and our State Missionaries

September 5-12, 2004

SUNDAY

Sept. 5

More than 300 Appalachian trail hikers pass through or near Troutdale Baptist each year. They come with



great spiritual and physical needs. The church and its pastor, Rev. Kenny Riggins, are committed to reaching the hikers for Christ by providing shelter, baths, food, and a spiritual message of salvation. Funds for supplies in building a new barracks for women hikers and a new bathroom are crucial for meeting those needs. Pray for the pastor and the church that, as they minister to hikers, they may win many to Christ.

Also pray for Delton Beall, Church Planting Strategist, Southeast Area.

MONDAY

Sept. 6

Pray for NAMB Nehemiah Church Planting Missionary, Nashaat Ibrahim, serving as a church planter in the Greater Washington D.C. area. He was born in Cairo, Egypt and served as a church planter in his homeland. He is currently planting a church which has a vision for reaching the Arab and Middle Eastern people groups in Fairfax County and the District of Columbia. His heart's desire is to see the Arabic speaking population in the Greater Washington D.C. area know and experience the life-changing message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Also pray for Phil Mitchell, Church Enrichment Consultant, Central East Area.

TUESDAY

Sept. 7

Pray for Pastor Edgar Villegas as he plants a church among the Filipino community in Virginia Beach. This is not an easy task, simply because many of them have strong Catholic backgrounds. The Lord has opened the way for him to share Christ and start Home



Bible Studies. Thank God for opening doors to share the love of God, which has led to professions of faith. Please pray for a meeting place and a gospel harvest among this community.

Also pray for Steve Bradshaw, Church Enrichment Consultant, Central West Area.

WEDNESDAY

Sept. 8

Aaron Proffitt is a church planter intern serving at Alethia Baptist in Harrisonburg. Aaron, along with his father David, planted Alethia, whose focus is on reaching students at James Madison University. Aaron serves as a mentor to many students and young people in the community who sense a call of

God upon their lives. Pray that God will light a fire and a passion in the young people of James Madison University, and the surrounding universities in the Harrisonburg area, to fulfill the Great Commission.

Also pray for Don Matthews, Church Enrichment Consultant, Midwest Area.

THURSDAY

Sept. 9

Please pray for Lee McConnell and his family at Heartland, a church plant in Chester. Pray that God will raise up more "FAITH/WELCOME to Chester Teams" at this church to reach the new families



moving into the area. Pray for more workers and the development of leaders at this church plant.

Also pray for Phil Martin, Church Enrichment Consultant/Church Planting Strategist, Southwest Area.

FRIDAY

Sept. 10

Wytheville, located at the cross roads of I-77 and I-81, is a city in Southwestern Virginia that strives to meet the commercial, health, and educational needs of 26,000+ residents of Wythe County. There is one SBCV church in the county and none in the city. This is a priority location for a SBCV church plant. Please pray that God will raise up a church planter for this new work. Pray that God will bring forth workers to serve as a core group for the church and a place for the new church to meet.

Also pray for Steve Reid, Church Planting Strategist, Northern Area.

SATURDAY

Sept. 11

Pastor Robb Overholt and the members of Epic City Church have seen God work in amazing



ways. Since their launch in September 2003, they have experienced many miracles which they believe can be traced back to prayer. Please pray for much needed staff support and continued vision for seeing people come to know Christ in their harvest field near the ocean front at Virginia Beach.

Also pray for Reggie Hester, Church Enrichment Consultant, Northern Area.

SUNDAY

Sept. 12

Valley Fellowship is a SBCV church plant located in Christiansburg. George Bulson, pastor of the church, is praying that this year will be a banner year for the church in reaching the lost for Christ. Thousands of un-churched people live in the area. Many do not know Christ as their Savior. Pray that God will provide them strength, power, and the necessities needed to reach these for Christ. Pray that the church will be able to find a permanent location for their worship services.

Also pray for Doyle Chauncy, Executive Director, and Geoff Hammond, Senior Associate Director.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Pre-Session
4:00 p.m. Early Bird Sessions
6:30 p.m. Rally
7:10 p.m. Session One—Elective Workshop
8:10 p.m. Session Two—Elective Workshop
9:00 p.m. Dismiss

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Session Three—Elective Workshop
9:30 a.m. Session Four—Elective Workshop
10:30 a.m. Session Five—Elective Workshop
11:30 a.m. Rally
12:00 noon Dismiss



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EASTER JOY

Easter is a great time of year for Christians throughout the world. It is a special day of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. This year it was an even greater day of joy for Mt. View Baptist Fellowship in North Tazewell. Jimmy Meadows, the church plant pastor, included baptism as part of the Easter celebration. Ten new converts were baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the church. The place where this new church meets does not have a baptistery so a portable baptistery that had been made especially for these occasions was used. Small as it was, it served the purpose of allowing each candidate the joy of being baptized in the church building.

The pastor baptized a father who had accepted the Lord as Savior six

weeks prior to the service. The father then had the joy of helping to baptize his two sons. Family members looked on, and some wept, as candidate after candidate entered the pool to be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christian joy abounded throughout the building. What greater joy could a person have than to be buried with Christ in the waters of baptism and then be raised up to walk in the newness of life in His resurrection power? Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples and to baptize them in His name. The true joy



that comes from being obedient to this command was made clear on Easter Day 2004 in this small church plant beside highway 460 in North Tazewell.

Building on the Promise

River Oak Church is on the move! This new church in Chesapeake is seeing the Lord's blessings in numerous ways. They were recently led by pastor Dennis Culbreth to raise the funds to build their first building. Their goal is to see God work through His people who are standing on the promises of God and so the theme of the stewardship emphasis is "Building on the Promise." Believing in His promise and provision has led the people of River Oak Church to pledge 1.2 million dollars toward the building of their first-phase facility. Funds received so far stand at almost 800,000 dollars.

Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is our response to Biblical teachings.

Scripture challenges us to:

1 PROPORIONATE GIVING (Deuteronomy 16:17, NKJV)
Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.



**2 SYSTEM-
ATIC
GIVING**

(I Corinthians 16:2, NKJV)
On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

3 SACRIFICIAL GIVING (II Corinthians 8:1-4a, NKJV)
Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift...

4 EXPECTANT GIVING (Malachi 3:10, NKJV)
Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." Remember, stewardship does not regulate possessions, it regulates priorities!

State Bible Drill Winners

Longbottom Bible Drill Winner!
WEEK: Cheryl Murick, Trinity Baptist Church (SW Area)
SUNDAY: Heather Parsons, Sugar Creek Baptist (SW Area)
Longbottom Bible Drill Winner!
WEEK: Ruthie Dyer, Tomaha Baptist Church (SW Area)
SUNDAY: Deanna White, Southside Baptist Church (SW Area)

BACKPACKS Update



Three Year Goal
of 10,000
Backpacks
Surpassed!

This year was the final year of a three year project that involved sending back packs to Armenian children through Global Source Net, an agency of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that focuses on humanitarian needs. The goal was 10,000 backpacks in three years. Going into the third and final year of the project, the SBCV was 3,947 backpacks short of the goal. Praise the Lord, the goal was not only met, but exceeded. SBCV churches joined together in collecting 4,145 backpacks this year for **A THREE-YEAR TOTAL OF 10,198!**

Pray for a team from our state that will be going to Armenia to deliver the back packs on behalf of our churches, August 23-31. Pray that God would open up doors for the gospel of Christ to be shared as the backpacks are shared with the Armenian children.

ACCOMPLISHING More Together

Located in Buckingham County, both Concord Baptist Church and Mayssville Baptist Church know what it means to spur one another on to good works and to be "labors together with God." They give witness to the Biblical principle of God accomplishing more through them together than either could accomplish alone.

Bob Johansen, Missions Director for Mayssville Baptist Church, recently coordinated a joint mission trip to Roraimopolis, Brazil. As a result of Johansen surfing the International Mission Board website and talking with IMB personnel, the Lord matched the gifts and skills of the 13 member team (7 from Mayssville and 6 from Concord) with missionaries Tommy and Tubby Pickering.

In the middle of the Amazon Rainforest, is the city of Roraimopolis where typical housing consists of 10' x 10' buildings with hammocks on porches for sleeping. The team from central Virginia had the challenge of assisting a small grass hut Baptist Church construct a parsonage for their full time pastor, Elando.

God used the team in other ways. Thirty-five people trusted Christ as a result of door-to-door, one on one evangelism.

The local school had temporarily closed due to the death of a teacher. Pastor Rick Caldwell of Concord Baptist was a source of strength and encouragement to the faculty who just lost a colleague and friend. Caldwell

was able to share about God's provision for eternal life through Jesus and Mike Brickhill of Mayssville Baptist gave personal testimony of God's saving grace. The principal and ten teachers immediately trusted Christ as savior.

When the doors of the school were opened the next day, the team was invited to share in two assemblies the plan of salvation. Over 500 raised their hands to pray the sinner's prayer.

God accomplished so much more because two churches teamed together to be labors together with Him!



Concord Baptist Church and Mayssville Baptist Church team members.

The Good News...



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For Han Chinese tourists visiting Southeast Asia

The SBC has 19 Missions going to Southeast Asia to share the gospel by giving the Han Chinese a bag like the one pictured, along with a Bible. For the cost of 2 sodas in an American drink machine, the news of Jesus Christ can be shared to an estimated 7 to 15 people in China. Think of how many Bibles your church could send by each person giving up just one soda for 13 weeks!

Deadline to send funds to SBCV office is October 1, 2004.

For more information, contact the SBCV office by email at sdcc@sbccv.org or phone 866-234-7716.

WHAT AN AMAZING WAY TO WITNESS!

youth summer interns

Thanks to the 2003 State Missions offering, SBCV Studentz has had the opportunity of placing eight students as summer missionary interns to churches across the state. The goal is to assist these churches in developing a summer program for youth, as well as establish a ministry framework that will

carry on after the missionary interns go back to college.

In addition, each one of the appointed summer missionary interns will be serving as staff at our SBCV Summer Youth Camp "Velocity," July 12-16.

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Please pray for these summer interns:

Nicci del Muro, Grace Douglas, Rose Glass, Becky Hamblin, Tim Hammond, David Henderson, Zack Powell, and Jesse Rowlands



Pastor Celebrates Fifty Years at Same Church

The year was 1946. "I was working for Norfolk & Western Railroad in Norfolk, VA when I heard the call," said Pastor Clyde Coleman concerning his call to the ministry during a recent interview. "Then it was off to Bluefield College, University of Richmond, and then I got my call to Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Spotsylvania County." Fifty years later he is still preaching the gospel at Travelers Rest. No, it is not a misprint. In August 2004 Clyde Coleman will celebrate 50 years at Travelers Rest Baptist Church!

Thirty-two of those years Coleman served on a bi-vocational basis. He was an Assistant Principal at Spotsylvania High School in the 1960's, and then became Principal at Livingston Elementary School for 24 years before going to full time status with the church in 1991.

"I don't want to talk about record breaking," says Clyde. "That's not why I stayed all these years. I had plenty of opportunity to go to other places. I just simply knew that this is where God wanted me, and never felt impressed for a moment to leave."

When asked what the secret was to longevity in ministry, Clyde responded, "I have a wonderful wife that has been a real asset. She has been my ministry partner and my prayer partner for all these years." Clyde and his wife Mildred have been married 56 years. They have three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Clyde remarked, "I have no plans to retire. As long as I am able, and God is still blessing, I will continue to serve Him and try to give Him glory in all that I do."

building on a Legacy



Our name is changing!

The **Annuity Board's** name is changing to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Why?

When the Annuity Board was chartered in 1918 as the Commission on Ministerial Relief and Annuity, our name reflected our original mission: to provide financial relief to retiring pastors who, after a lifetime of supporting others, could not support themselves.

Over the years our mission has grown and our name no longer effectively describes the depth and variety of products and services available to our participants. Today, we offer a full range of financial services including retirement, life and health plans and investment products.

What does it mean?

We believe the new name, GuideStone Financial Resources, will help guide our future while enabling us to build on our *legacy* of TRUST, SERVICE, VALUES, EXPERIENCE and STRENGTH.

Our name is changing, but our focus will remain the same...
Serving those who serve the Lord


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LibertyLink

LibertyLink

is a strategy designed to strengthen the local church. This program takes Liberty



University students who are gifted in ministry (while not necessarily ministry majors) and provides an opportunity for them to use their gifts in the local church. The goal is to minister to the needs of the church and at the same time invest in the students and strengthen their gifts.

By design LibertyLink is flexible and versatile to fulfill a number of needs in the life of the local church. LibertyLink focuses on one-time occasions, specializing in areas such as youth rallies, block parties, worship, DiscipleNOW weekends, neighborhood outreach, and preaching. To

LibertyLink

SBCV with Liberty University

Students are ready for preaching, internships, teaching, etc. For more information contact libertylink@sbcv.org or www.sbcv.org/studentz.



secure your LibertyLink team for the fall or spring semester e-mail libertylink@sbcv.org as soon as possible, as the fall schedule is already being formulated.

By the way... If students from your church are enrolling at Liberty University, or are already at the university and they would be interested in participating, have them e-mail libertylink@sbcv.org to find out how they can become a part of the team. We're constantly looking for new people to join the program and help us reach Virginia for Christ through the local church.

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Pray for SBCV Youth Camp

Pray for the over 800 attendees from SBCV churches who will be at Liberty University from July 12-16 for our first ever youth camp.

Pray for the guest speakers and musicians and for students to find salvation and to choose a closer walk with the Lord.

PRAY

SBCV YOUTH CAMP



2004

studentz

- April 16-17 Student Pastor Retreat/College Pastor METRO, Richmond
- June 24-26 College Beach Reach, Va. Beach
- July 12-14 Studentz Camp "Velocity", Liberty University
- August 10-11 Youth Evangelism Conference "Connect" (YEC), Richmond
- October 16 Youth Pastor METRO, Williamsburg
- October 23 Youth Pastor METRO, Roanoke
- November 9 Student Pastor Banquet, Fredericksburg during Annual Meeting
- November 19-20 Surrender Conference, Yorktown

SBCV STUDENTZ CALENDAR

2005

- January College SMI Retreat
- April 15-16 Student Pastor Retreat/College Pastor METRO, Richmond
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Christians Manage God's Ranch

We have chosen to devote this issue to Christian Stewardship because we believe that it is one of the greatest challenges facing the church today and we want to help our SBCV churches in this area. The failure of recent generations to practice and teach basic principles of stewardship is now more than a mere challenge; it is a serious threat.

Somewhere along the way we failed to understand the inseparable relationship between service and stewardship. Along with our new relationship and new life in Christ comes a new role. In 1 Corinthians Paul gives the purpose of the Christian life

A person should consider us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of God's mysteries. In this regard, it is expected of managers that each one be found faithful. — 1 Cor. 4:1-2 (HCSB)

Men and women take notice! **We Christians are first, servants of Christ, and second, stewards of God.** Following the example of our Master, we are on this earth to serve. We are servants for Christ's sake. Our service is expressed through our stewardship, and we choose a lifetime of service.

A steward is a manager, a person entrusted with managing something that belongs to another. Owners of homes, estates, businesses, corporations, and ministries all need managers, people specifically assigned to oversee the operation of the business. God owns a Kingdom. He reigns over it supremely as King. Successful operation of the Kingdom of God requires faithful managers to carry out its holy purposes.

First Chronicles illustrates the concept of stewards as overseers of property. *David assembled in Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the leaders of the tribes, the leaders of the divisions in*

the king's service, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and cattle of the king and his sons, along with the court officials, the fighting men, and all the brave warriors. — 1 Chronicles 28:1 (HCSB)

Overseers managed the property and livestock of King David and his sons. King David owned the property while appointed overseers (stewards) managed the ranch!

Our SBCV churches have the privilege of being stewards in God's Kingdom. Jesus is the King, we have been entrusted to manage **His** ranch. Remember these concepts as you plan budgets and enlist workers for the new Sunday School year.



SBCV TECH TEAM

Are you interested in joining a team of people who are helping churches use technology?

The **SBCV Tech Team** is looking for men and women with any type of technology experience. More information about the team can be found at: www.sbcv.org/objectives/strengthen/eff

If you are interested, please email your response to: eff@sbcv.org

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