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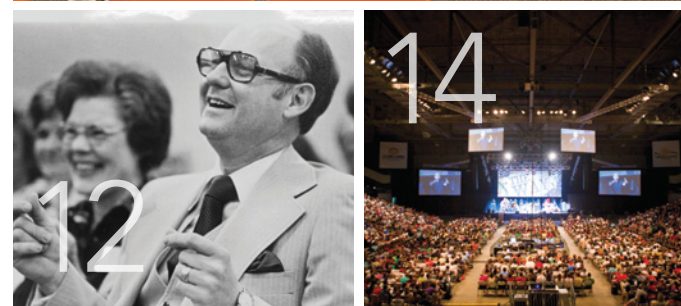
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APRIL »

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Youth Ministry Lab
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Phoenix, Ariz.

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Phoenix Convention Center, North Bldg.
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SOUTHWESTERN
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a letter from **THE PRESIDENT**

The Terry School of Church and Family Ministries (formerly the School of Educational Ministries) is in many ways the most strategic of our schools at Southwestern Seminary and may hold the human key to the future of many of our churches as we move into the heart of the 21st century. This is not to denigrate the School of Theology or any of the other schools that make up the seminary. If theology were lost to orthodoxy, then obviously all would be lost. But Southwestern's School of Theology, as well as the other units, are now firmly in place for the future.

The church scene in America has moved steadily toward worship as the essence of a church to the severe and potentially disastrous neglect of education. Styles of worship are evolving, and the general approach to education is also changing rapidly. But the Terry School is poised to lead the parade during this 21st century. At a time when churches have lost their vision for discipleship, education, and training, the Terry School remains the finest example of education for children and youth available in America today. In my estimation, reaching students for Christ on the campuses of the nation's universities and colleges is one of the most critical ministries anywhere. Southwestern has developed programs that are uniquely designed to do exactly that.

The biblical counseling program now in place at Southwestern Seminary is wonderfully prepared to equip men and women for counseling ministries in the local churches. It is designed not only to assist people working through the problems of daily life but also to lead them to faith in Christ and give them the training that they need to make better decisions in the future. Other specialized ministries are also featured in this issue.

The able dean of our Terry School of Church and Family Ministries is Waylan Owens, who came to this position out of the pastorate, which is his great love. Because he understands the critical nature of the educational ministry

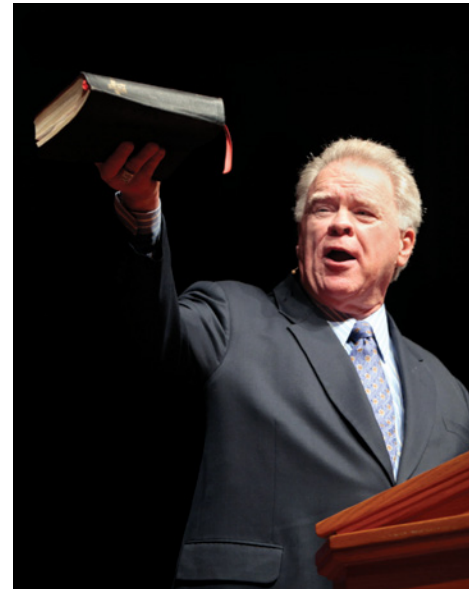
in the church and because of his devotion to those things that matter for all time and eternity, Waylan Owens provides the cutting-edge leadership that is necessary for this school to impact the future.

As you read through this issue, I trust that you will join me in heartfelt prayer to God that the Lord will smile upon our School of Church and Family Ministries, which is named for Dr. Jack Terry, who, together with his wife Barbara, has made an incomparable contribution to the kingdom of God in general and to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in particular. Terry served as the dean of this school in former years and has been responsible for raising an enormous amount of money for our educational training ministries across the years. We are grateful that he is still teaching for us. However, I, as the president, am seeking the prayer support of people across our Southern Baptist Zion mainly in behalf of the churches. They must return to more than merely a public service of worship. Our children and our grandchildren must be prepared for the future, and that means strong programs in Christian education in our churches!

Until He Comes,



Paige Patterson





SCHOOL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STUDENT
BODY
ALL STATES
NATIONS

A vintage car is shown in a sepia-toned, slightly blurred photograph. A sign on the car reads "SACRED". Another sign on the side of the car reads "PROPERTY VALUE".

PIIONEERS *of* Progress

by Keith Collier

ARMED WITH A PASSION FOR THE GOSPEL AND TEXAS-SIZED DETERMINATION, THE FLEDGLING SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY BLAZED A TRAIL AT THE DAWN OF THE 20TH CENTURY AS IT FORGED NEW GROUND IN THE TRAINING OF MEN AND WOMEN FOR EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH. ONLY SEVEN YEARS FROM ITS INCEPTION, SOUTHWESTERN CREATED THE FIRST DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN A SEMINARY. SINCE THAT TIME, SOUTHWESTERN HAS LED THE WAY IN INNOVATIVE DEGREES, PROGRAMS, AND STRATEGIES FOR EQUIPPING MINISTERS FOR ALL LEVELS OF DISCIPLESHIP WITHIN LOCAL CHURCHES.

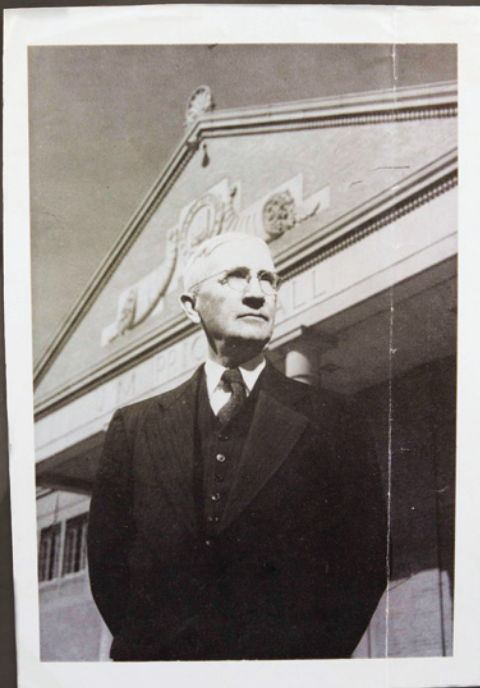
When the seminary established the department of religious education in 1915, President L.R. Scarborough selected J.M. Price to provide leadership and develop curriculum. Price created a diploma in religious education, and Miss Lou Ella Austin became the first person anywhere to receive a degree in religious education in 1917.

Additional coursework improvements in those early years included age-group studies in elementary, adolescent, and adult religious education as well as a major in religious education offered in the seminary's Doctor of Theology. By the end of its first decade, the department was renamed the School of Religious Education and saw its first graduates in the Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Religious Education degrees.

The school continued to climb to new heights, pioneering the field of religious education for the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, until the Great Depression threatened to close it for good. J.M. Price lamented that the depression forced them to reduce faculty and course offerings as well as combine departments. Student enrollment and graduates dropped significantly during the lean years of the early 1930s, but the school survived.

L.R. Scarborough had made plans as early as 1927 to construct a building specifically designed for teaching all areas of religious education, but the depression prevented it. As the seminary bounced back in the 1940s, J.M. Price renewed this vision, and the seminary broke ground in 1948 with financial contributions from the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Women's Missionary Union of the South, and other fundraising efforts.

Trustees voted to name the building in honor of the beloved director of the education school. J.M. Price Hall opened in 1950, complete with classrooms, faculty offices, a



J.M. PRICE



Groundbreaking for Price Hall



chapel, a demonstration kindergarten, a demonstration church library, and other facilities. Price Hall became the first building of its kind in the United States.

After leading the education school for 41 years, Price retired in 1956 and left behind an enormous legacy. Students knew him for his methodical and thorough teaching style and keen sense of humor. When he heard that students referred to him as "Dusty Price" because of his dry lectures, he joked about it in the classroom.

Trustees elected Joe Davis Heacock to succeed Price and changed the position to dean of the School of Religious Education. Heacock, a principles of religious education professor, had taught in the school since 1944.

Despite big shoes to fill, Heacock bridged the gap and continued strong leadership in the school. Many remembered him as a gifted administrator, teacher, writer, and speaker.

The school continued to flourish during the middle of the 20th century. The seminary established the Marriage and Family Counseling Center; students initiated the first Youth Ministry Lab; and the school received accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Upon Heacock's retirement in 1973, trustees elected Jack D. Terry Jr. as dean of the education school. Terry, who had joined the faculty in 1969, was a two-time graduate of the institution. Under the direction of presidents Naylor and Dilday, Terry sought to expand the degree offerings and curriculum structure within the School of Religious Education.

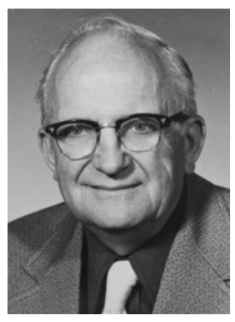
"We were determined to organize the school and to administer master's degrees in every facet of religious education that the church world would need," Terry said.

TIMELINE FOR THE SCHOOL OF CHURCH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



- 1908 Southwestern Seminary founded
- 1910 Southwestern moved to Fort Worth
- 1915 Department of Religious Education established
- 1915 J.M. Price elected to faculty
- 1917 Lou Ella Austin received first diploma in religious education
- 1919 Doctor of Theology with major in religious education offered
- 1921 Department renamed School of Religious Education; J.M. Price named director

- 1921 Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association started
- 1922 C.T. Davis graduates with first Master of Religious Education degree
- 1925 T.B. Maston graduates with first Doctor of Religious Education degree
- 1944 Floy Barnard elected dean of women
- 1946 J.M. Price's *Jesus the Teacher* published
- 1950 Price Hall opened
- 1951 School accredited by American Assoc. of Religious Education



JOE DAVIS HEACOCK
DEAN 1956-1973



JACK TERRY
DEAN 1973-1996



DARYL ELDRIDGE
DEAN 1996-2003



ROBERT WELCH
DEAN 2004-2008



WES BLACK
ACTING DEAN 2008-2009



WAYLAN OWENS
DEAN 2009-PRESENT



The school added master's degrees in areas related to communications, counseling, and social work. Long before accreditation requirements, the faculty, led by professor LeRoy Ford, created complete course descriptions of every class, including objectives, goals, and outcomes. They also began offering elective classes within the degree plans as well as ministry concentrations in areas like administration, church recreation, communications, and age-group ministries.

While building a reputation for academic excellence, the school also promoted an evangelistic zeal. Professor Othel Feather's book *Outreach Evangelism Through the Sunday School* became popular among Southern Baptist churches and demonstrated the Gospel-focused nature of the faculty and students.

When Russell Dilday became president in 1978, he brought with him a deep understanding of religious education. Dilday's father served in churches as a minister of education and on staff with the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 20 years.

"He's the one who really encouraged us to have a degree that would prepare for a church any kind of minister that they needed," Terry recalled. "If you could think of any position in the church that the church needed in the mid-'80s and into the '90s, this school had a program to educate that person. You didn't have to go anywhere else."

In 1996, Southwestern president Ken Hemphill asked Terry to become vice president for institutional advancement, which led trustees to elect Daryl Eldridge as dean of the School of Religious Education. Eldridge, also a two-time graduate of the seminary, had taught as professor of foundations in education since 1984. He also served as editor of *The Teaching Ministry of the Church*, a textbook written by faculty and used all over the world to train students in educational ministry.

"God is teacher, and He wants to reveal Himself to us," Eldridge said of the book. "It's there we have the biblical rationale for teaching." Southwestern faculty revised the book for its second edition in 2008.

Under Eldridge's leadership, the school continued to expand degree options, adding the Master of Arts in Christian School Education and the Doctor of Educational Ministries. In 1998 the school was renamed the School of Educational Ministries, and the school added a women's ministry concentration three years later.

Robert Welch, professor of administration since 1991, became dean of the school in 2004. During his time as dean, the school continued to develop ministry training programs.

- 1956 Joe Davis Heacock elected dean
- 1959 Marriage and Family Counseling Center established
- 1968 First Youth Ministry Lab
- 1970 School accredited by ATS and SACS
- 1973 Jack Terry elected dean
- 1973 Naylor Children's Center opened
- 1979 Recreation and Aerobics Center opened
- 1982 Recreation ministry concentration added
- 1984 M.A. in Marriage & Family Counseling offered

- 1991 Walsh Counseling Center opened
- 1995 Faculty publish *The Teaching Ministry of the Church*
- 1996 Daryl Eldridge elected dean
- 1998 School renamed School of Educational Ministries
- 1998 M.A. in Christian School Education offered
- 2000 D.Ed.Min. degree offered
- 2004 Robert Welch elected dean
- 2007 Terri Stovall elected dean of women's programs
- 2008 2nd edition of *The Teaching Ministry of the Church* published

- 2009 Waylan Owens elected dean
- 2009 Family Ministry concentration added
- 2009 School renamed the Jack D. Terry Jr. School of Church & Family Ministries
- 2011 M.A. in Biblical Counseling offered



The school added a Hispanic studies concentration in 2005, and two years later, Terri Stovall was elected the first dean of women's programs in a Southern Baptist seminary. Upon Welch's retirement in 2008, associate dean and student ministry professor Wes Black served as acting dean until a new dean was elected.

In 2009, trustees elected Waylan Owens as dean of the education school. That same year, the school was renamed the Jack D. Terry Jr. School of Church and Family Ministries to better reflect the mission of the school and to honor one of its longtime faculty members and deans.

"The changing face of church life in America and in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention has revealed an alarming loss of emphasis on the preparation of families in the local church to accomplish tasks assigned by our Lord," President Paige Patterson said in his recommendation of the name change to the board of trustees.

"WE TRAIN LEADERS FOR ALL TYPES OF LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRIES. OUR EMPHASIS ON SCRIPTURE IS CENTRAL TO ALL WE DO, AND THE PRIMACY OF THE HOME AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOCAL CHURCH MARKS OUR THINKING AND OUR TEACHING," OWENS SAYS.

The School of Church and Family Ministries stands as the largest and oldest religious education school in the world. For nearly a century, the school has pioneered new programs, curriculum advances, and innovative strategies in the field of educational ministry. Unparalleled in the areas of interactive learning, field experience, and internships, the school remains a top supplier of professors and educators across the denomination and in schools, colleges, and universities around the world.

As the School of Church and Family Ministries prepares for its next 100 years, one expects to see it continue to break new ground in equipping men and women for service in the local church. ^{SN}

TERRY SCHOOL OF CHURCH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

DEGREE OPTIONS

▶ MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (MACE)

Concentrations:

- Administration
- Adult Ministry
- Biblical Counseling
- Children's Ministry
- Christian School Education
- Church Recreation
- Collegiate Ministry
- Family Ministry
- Hispanic Studies
- Missions
- Steward Leadership
- Student Ministry
- Teaching
- Women's Ministry
- Worship

▶ MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH A CHURCH MUSIC MINOR

▶ MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING (MABC)

▶ MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION (MACSE)

▶ DOCTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY (D.ED.MIN.)

Concentrations:

- Educational Leadership Ministry
- Family Ministry

▶ DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Majors:

- Administration
- Childhood Ministry
- Family Ministry
- Foundations of Education
- Counseling
- Student Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY LAB

PREMIER STUDENT MINISTRY TRAINING

BY KEITH COLLIER

What began as an idea in the mind of one student has exploded into the largest student-led youth conference in the nation.

Southwestern's Youth Ministry Lab (YML), which draws nearly 1,400 participants annually, set the bar for youth ministry training events in the late '60s and continues to thrive today.

The first Youth Lab originated in the mind of Don Mattingly, a Southwestern student who sensed a need for training summer youth ministers. Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the School of Religious Education at the time, supported the idea, and YML was born in the spring of 1968.

Over the years, professors like Phil Briggs, Wes Black, Johnny Derouen, and Richard Ross came alongside to support students in developing the event. Today, more than 100 student volunteers work year-round on a variety of committees to organize and facilitate YML.

YML has continuously added elements in order to broaden the impact of the weekend. In 1980, it expanded beyond one target audience to include full-time and part-time youth ministers as well as volunteer youth workers. Today, YML is recognized as

one of the premier national training events, offering separate conference sessions for student ministers, student praise bands, student leaders, volunteers, girls' ministry leaders, ministers' wives, and parents, as well as focused training for Hispanic and Korean student ministers.

YML staff also added "reality experiences" focused on evangelism, missions, and revival. One year, students went to a nearby middle school and practiced sharing their faith with 100 teenage actors, who role-played as typical high school students. The following year, YML participants traveled to a nearby farm for a reality missions experience, interacting with volunteers representing people groups from around the world.

YML consistently brings in the top Christian communicators and worship leaders from around the nation. Speakers like Louie Giglio, Francis Chan, David Platt, Tony Merida, Matt Chandler, and Kevin DeYoung issued challenges in recent years.

Prayer has been a hallmark of YML since its inception. Staff and volunteers recognize that even the most well-organized, high profile event can produce minimal effect if

the Spirit of God does not empower it. In addition to ongoing prayer times on campus, teams conduct all-night prayer vigils in the weeks leading up to YML as well as prayer times over the recorded decisions following the weekend.

"We know people come not just because it's a good conference and not just because they'll hear good speakers but because of the ways their lives are changed and the way the kingdom is impacted,"

student ministry professor Wes Black said in 2010. "While we [do] extensive planning and efforts at promoting, we give full credit to God's movement."

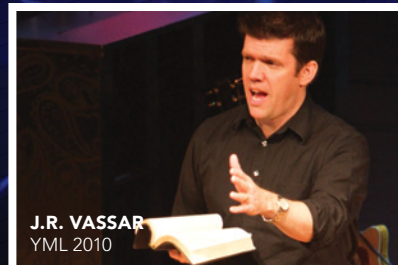
Southwestern's Youth Ministry Lab looks to be a premier youth ministry training event for years to come. YML stands as a living testimony of how God can plant one idea in a person's heart that eventually impacts thousands. ^{SN}



DAVID PLATT
YML 2009



FRANCIS CHAN
YML 2008



J.R. VASSAR
YML 2010



RICHARD ROSS
Professor, SWBTS



YML 2010



LOUIE GIGLIO
YML 2005

JACK TERRY

MINISTRY RENAISSANCE MAN

IF NOT FOR A HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND, JACK TERRY LIKELY WOULD BE A JESUIT PRIEST. RAISED A ROMAN CATHOLIC, TERRY'S GRANDFATHER ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIM TO THE DOMINICAN COLLEGE IN HOUSTON, BUT AFTER A FRIEND SHARED THE GOSPEL AT AGE 14, TERRY PUT HIS FAITH IN CHRIST AND JOINED A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH.

This life-altering event set Terry's life on a new trajectory, which eventually blossomed into a variety of ministry opportunities. A consummate churchman and academician, Terry embodies a virtual Renaissance man, with service as a Sunday school teacher, minister of education, minister of music, pastor, professor, seminary dean, fundraiser, and administrator.

Terry and his wife, Barbara, both felt called to medical missions at a young age, but health problems prevented them from missionary appointment.

"We were very disappointed in God," Terry recalls. "We were ready, and He wasn't."

Yet, in hindsight, Terry says God had other plans: "It was as if He was saying, 'What if I have

which he served for 23 years. During his time as dean, the school experienced its highest student enrollment and expanded its degree offerings to match the needs of local churches. Terry also wrote chapters and articles on religious education in a host of publications.

In 1996, seminary president Ken Hemphill named Terry vice president for institutional advancement, where his responsibilities included fundraising and alumni relations. Terry flourished in this position, leading his division to raise more than \$100 million over a 10-year period. Major projects during his time include the construction of the Riley Center and launching the annual Gala Concert of Sacred Music.

her his best fundraiser because of her gentle demeanor and passion for ministry.

The two greatly enjoy teaching Sunday school at First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas. Their 180-member class has embraced their love for ministry as well, giving generously to Southwestern Seminary. One seminary ministry close to Barbara's heart as well as members of their class is Dressed for Service, a ministry that provides new outfits and jewelry for female seminary graduates as well as graduate wives.

Through the years, institutions and organizations have honored the Terrys in various ways. Jack has been recognized with outstanding and distinguished alumnus



a ministry bigger than going on the mission field, but I can't tell you what it is right now because if I did, I'd scare you to death?"

More than a half-century later, with a myriad of ministry positions under his belt, Terry sees God's amazing plan for him and Barbara to impact countless missionaries and missions endeavors. His experience includes 26 permanent and interim positions in local churches as well as 45 years in religious education.

Terry graduated from Southwestern with a Master of Religious Education in 1962 and a Doctor of Education in 1967. He taught at Hardin-Simmons University for several years before returning to Southwestern to join the education school faculty in 1969.

The seminary named him dean of the School of Religious Education in 1973, a position in

Terry also bolstered the seminary through the acquisition of numerous endowed scholarships and academic chairs, which sustain the institution for years to come without drawing from money received through the Cooperative Program.


Although he retired in 2005, Terry remains as busy as ever. As vice president emeritus and special assistant to the president for development, he continues to raise money for the school through the relationships he has developed. In addition to friends he made through ministry in local churches, Terry also built relationships while serving on school boards, chambers of commerce, and boards of trustees.

Terry thanks God for his wife Barbara. Her love and support has fueled him throughout his ministry endeavors, and she remains his most cherished ministry partner. He even considers

awards from both East Texas Baptist University (1974) and Southwestern Seminary (1999). Southwestern honored Jack and Barbara with the L.R. Scarborough Award in 2004.

In 2007, Southwestern inaugurated the Jack D. and Barbara Terry Chair of Religious Education, established from funds contributed by friends of the seminary in honor of the Terrys. Trustees also approved the president's recommendation to rename Southwestern's education school the Jack D. Terry Jr. School of Church and Family Ministries in 2009.

Jack and Barbara Terry will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary in July 2011. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Southwestern is considerably indebted to the Terry's investment in eternity and partnership in ministry. 



THROW OUT THE MICROWAVE

The slow, steady process of disciplining teenagers

BY KEITH COLLIER



➔ IN TWO MINUTES TIME, A MICROWAVE CAN TRANSFORM A FROZEN PIZZA POCKET INTO A HOT-AND-READY MEAL.

While this may be a great concept behind preparing an after-school snack, Randy Hall and his team at Student Life believe the same application to spiritual formation proves ineffective in transforming teenagers into devoted followers of Christ.

“You can’t put a teenager in a microwave and 90 seconds later we have a great kid,” Hall says.

“It’s a steady, slow process. Spiritual formation doesn’t happen in an instant; it happens over time. Spiritual formation happens in an environment where there’s a leader who helps teenagers pray and interact with Scripture.”

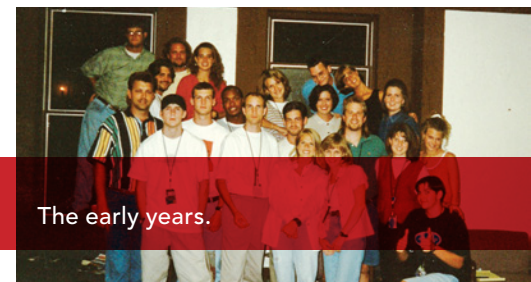
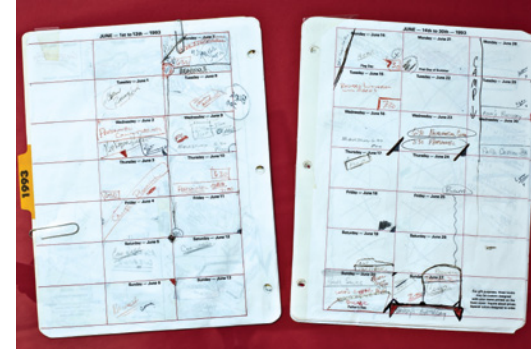
Hall, who served as a youth pastor in churches for 14 years, founded Student Life in 1993. Initially a ministry built around youth camps, Student Life has blossomed into a fully orbbed ministry, continuing to provide youth camps as well as mission camps, kids camps, discipleship curriculum for students and adults, and short-term mission projects. For 18 years, Student Life has sought to aid youth pastors in discipling teenagers by grounding them in the Word of God and challenging them to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Origins of Student Life

Shortly after graduating Louisiana State University and getting married, Randy and Valerie Hall moved to Fort Worth in 1985 to attend Southwestern Seminary. He applied for an internship at First Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, and soon thereafter became the full-time youth pastor. Part of his responsibilities included planning a large youth camp each



Student Life office located in Birmingham, Ala.



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summer for his students. There, forged in the fires of the local church, Hall united his ministry experience with his seminary studies in what would become the foundation for future ministry.

“Just being in the academic environment and having to match my experience at First Baptist Arlington with my classes made my classes richer,” Hall says. He graduated with his Master of Arts in Religious Education in 1989.

When Hall launched the first Student Life Camp at Judson College in the summer of 1993, six churches came together with 450 students. Hall applied what he learned in Arlington, and the Lord blessed the week. The next year, nearly 2,000 students from 150 churches attended the four separate Student Life Camps, which solidified the ministry.

“It was rooted in my local church ministry at First Arlington and met a need at





Student Life @ the Beach | 2008
Daytona, Fla.

the time—a camp that was focused on spiritual formation and Bible study and combining that with all the technology,” Hall recalls.

From 1993 to 2003, the event ministry of Student Life grew rapidly, focusing on camps and conferences. During this time, Student Life added weekend conferences in 10 cities across the U.S., drawing thousands of teenagers for biblical teaching and worship. Additionally, they launched Student Life for Kids, a camp for 3rd–6th graders, and Student Life Mission Camps, a missions-oriented track coinciding with the Student Life Camps.

From Events to Everyday

After a decade of event ministry, 2003 marked a significant turning point for Student Life. Burdened to do more than just offer events, Hall felt the Lord leading Student Life to assist youth pastors in discipling students the other 51 weeks of the year.

Hall’s team launched Student Life Bible Study in 2003 to provide the biblically based perspective found at Student Life camps and conferences in the environment

of Sunday morning Bible study. In addition to Sunday morning materials, Student Life began publishing Disciple Now curriculum and launched Life Bible Study curriculum for adults in 2007. Today, they offer a full range of resources for youth ministers and leaders, including videos, devotionals, newsletters, and events.

A desire to help teenagers know Christ through His Word lies at the core of Student Life. As Hall notes, this process happens over time.

“One of the things that is clear to me as a parent is that there is a finish line on youth ministry,” Hall says.

“Even though we roll in a group every year and we roll out a group every year, so it seems like there’s always going to be a youth group, the reality is that when you take the individual student’s perspective or an individual parent’s perspective, there’s a start and a finish. What happens between the start and the finish is critical and essential to the spiritual formation of every teenager’s life.”

For this reason, Student Life designed its Bible study curriculum to take students



through the Bible twice over the span of their six years in the youth group. This steady diet of Scripture offers more lasting results.

Hall says to youth pastors, “Let’s live this life together for six years. There’s going to be some bumps and bruises. It’s not going to be easy. But at the end of it, we will have put enough meat on the table, whether it’s at an event or a Sunday morning Bible study or a DNow, that they’re going to come out of it with teenagers who are devoted to Christ and who are engaged in a relationship with Christ and view their life through the lens of what God’s calling for them might be.”





Randy Hall with his Compassion Intl. sponsor child, Ombeni, in Tanzania.



Missions Abroad and at Home

Additionally, Hall's team at Student Life connects students with God's global purposes through a close partnership with Compassion International and through Servant Life, which organizes mission trips to seven countries.

Student Life Camps promote child sponsorship opportunities for individuals and youth groups. Last year alone, teenagers who attended Student Life Camps sponsored 3,200 Compassion children around the world. Additionally, Student Life brings in Compassion International graduates to work at the camps and tell

their stories of living in poverty and having a sponsor.

In addition to work with Compassion, Student Life sends youth groups out from the U.S. through Servant Life, a missions-sending agency supported by Student Life. They send students to work in youth camp settings in Ukraine, Ecuador, Kenya, South Africa, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and New York City. Hall says these trips help expose the sense of entitlement and self-sufficiency prevalent in American Christianity.

"The self-sufficiency robs us of the opportunity to know how much we need Christ," Hall says. "It's the absence of





The Hall Family

Aiding children in need, and especially those from Ukraine, has hit home for Hall and his wife, Valerie. Of the Halls' 10 children, seven came into the family through adoption from Ukraine.


desperation that's built into the comfort of our lives that we pass on to our children and teenagers."

Even Greater Days Ahead

Hall recognizes he could not accomplish Student Life's mission alone. In fact, he insists that Student Life would be nothing without the Lord's help and the efforts of every member of the Student Life team.

"God continually calls people to come alongside this mission," Hall says. "Our core team has been together for 13 years, but every year, God brings a fresh set of 100 students to serve alongside us."

God has given Hall and his team a common vision to see Student Life events, Bible studies, resources, and missions serve as tools to aid in the process of student discipleship. Providing a steady diet of the Word of God, they hope to see scores of teenagers cross the finish line as fully devoted followers of Christ.

To this end, Student Life has partnered with NavPress and other ministries to launch a magazine and conferences built around helping churches and families disciple teenagers. Reflecting on the past 18 years and looking toward the future, Hall believes even greater days lie ahead. 

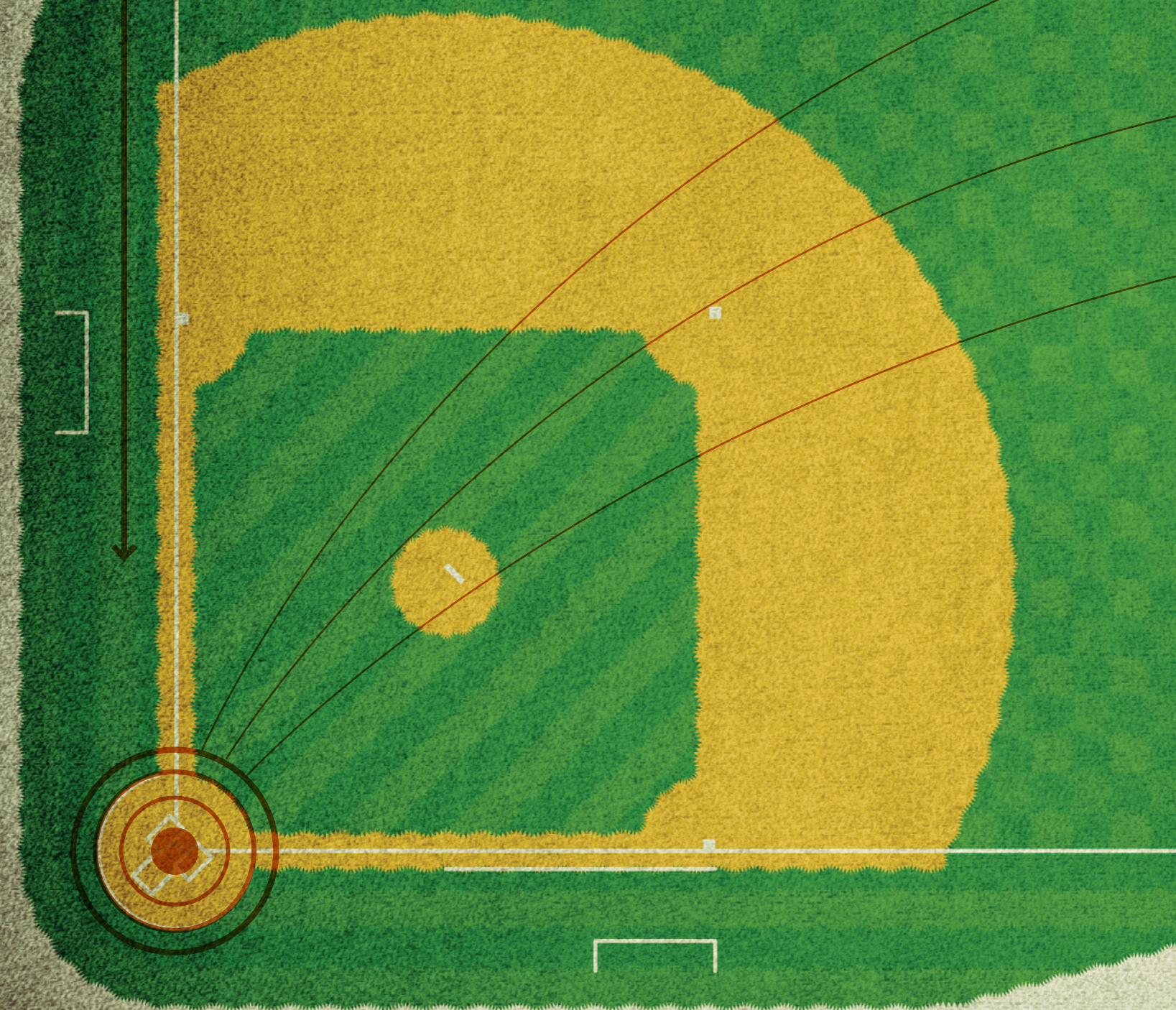
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BRINGING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HOME

Story by BENJAMIN HAWKINS

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For a young boy at Houston Northwest Church, Bible memory stands along the road to major league fame as the next Great Bambino.

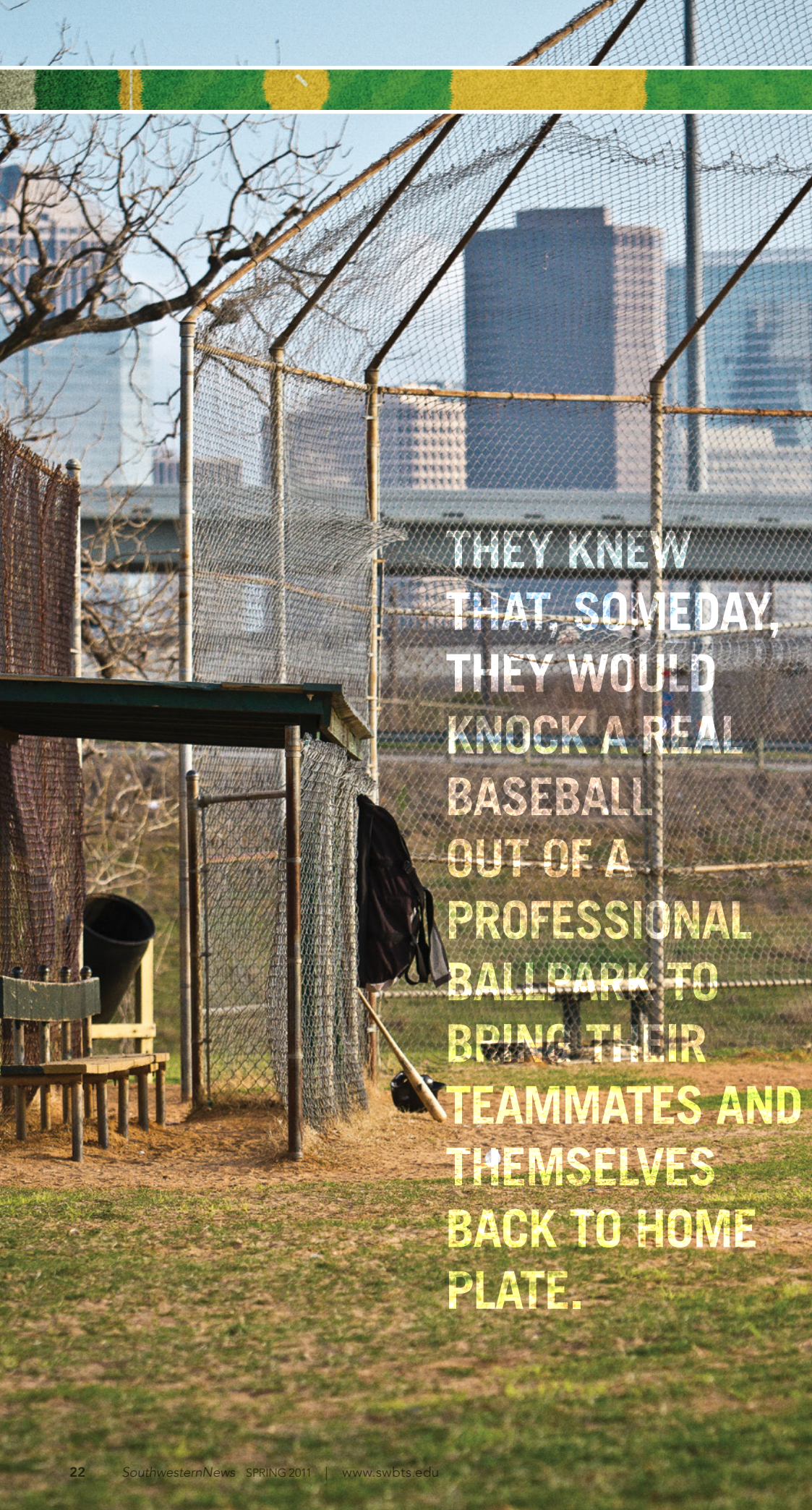
During February, kids at the church could prove their baseball skills by trying to hit a ball pitched by their children's minister, Isaiah Stonecipher. But first, they had to surmount another challenge.

For a chance to stand at bat, Stonecipher invited kids to memorize a passage of Scripture and recite it. The boys at Houston Northwest Church took this task seriously. With their success, no doubt, their major league careers approached. They knew that, someday, they would knock a real baseball out of a professional ballpark to bring their teammates and themselves back to home plate.

Children are most likely to succeed at their Scripture memory, Stonecipher says, if their parents regularly devote time to teach them about God's faithfulness, about living for Christ, and about the importance of memorizing the Bible. Children's ministry begins at home.

A native of Illinois, Stonecipher was raised in church and professed faith at age 9. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Southwest Baptist University, near Springfield, Mo., as a history education major. Even at that time, Stonecipher loved working with children, and he

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had ministered to them through Vacation Bible School programs and by working at a camp for abused and neglected children.

Stonecipher desired to work with children as a schoolteacher, but in his senior year of college God changed his path, calling him to minister to children within the local church. Surrendering to God's call, Stonecipher and his new wife, Lindy, moved to Fort Worth in the fall of 2005 and began classes at Southwestern Seminary.

Stonecipher enrolled as a Master of Arts in Christian Education student with a concentration in childhood education. Classes in church education and administration, he says, prepared him to relate with kids, parents, and ministry staff within the church. Children's ministry classes taught him the practical side of working with kids in the church—from scheduling Sunday morning activities or planning fun crafts to changing diapers in the church nursery.

Theology classes, Stonecipher says, have proved their worth as well.

"It is never too early to start talking to kids about the things of God," he explains. "And you have to have a strong basis of understanding these things before you can try to make it more simple for kids."

Immediately after coming to Fort Worth, Stonecipher began an internship in the children's ministry at Normandale Baptist Church, which eventually led to a full-time ministry position at the church. After graduating from the seminary in 2010, Stonecipher and his wife accepted a position at Houston Northwest Church.

In the meantime, Stonecipher and his wife, at the beginning of 2010, prayed that God would give them children. Their prayers availed: In January, they prepared themselves to become foster parents and, perhaps, to adopt. In February, they learned, to their surprise, that Lindy was pregnant with their baby, Josiah. In March, their adoption agency



called them about caring for a foster child, a 7-month-old, boy named De'von.

On the day they moved to Houston, Stonecipher and his wife, who was more than halfway through her pregnancy, finalized De'von's adoption. By the end of 2010, they had two children under 2.


"It is crazy," Stonecipher says with a laugh. He describes going home for lunch during the week to be met by two fussy babies and a dog that yelps at their cries. From parenthood, he has learned to sympathize with the parents in his church and with the craziness of their lives. His two children have also reminded him that parents play an important role in children's ministry.

"Being a parent really raises my awareness of what (parents in my ministry) are doing at home with their kids," Stonecipher says. Do parents, he asks, help their children memorize Scripture, pray, and live for Christ every day, or do they even know how to do this?

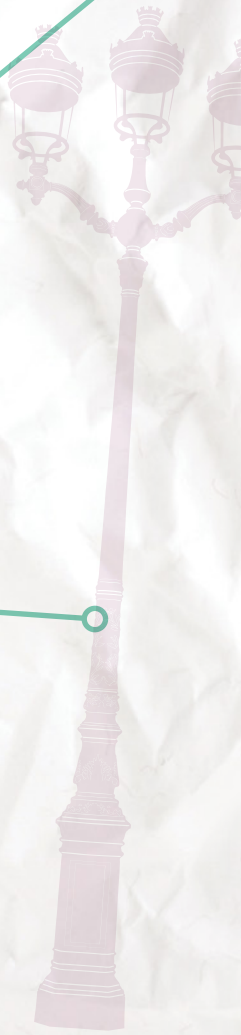
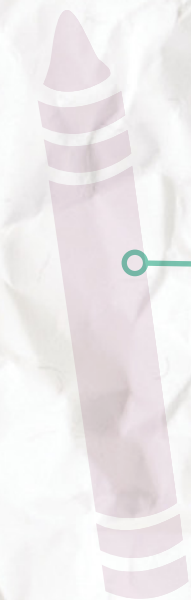
"The Christian life is more than just a Wednesday night or Sunday morning attendance of church. It needs to be something that happens throughout the week."

A kindergartener in Stonecipher's ministry recognized this truth. One Sunday morning, Stonecipher challenged the kids in his ministry to spend some time with God and to cover with blankets anything that distracts them from God during that time—whether their TVs, computers, or Xboxes.

Later, this kindergartener, finding his dad frustrated after a difficult work day, said, "Dad, you need to take your computer and take your phone and cover it up, and you need to spend some time with God."

As in baseball, a successful children's ministry ends at home, when parents daily teach their kids about God's faithfulness—or when a kindergartener reminds his frustrated father to cover all distractions and spend time with God. 





THE

HUB

of

Kid's Ministry

BY BENJAMIN HAWKINS
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A CHILD'S DRAWING HANGS ON THE

bulletin board in Emily Smith's office at Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark. In the picture, the little shepherd boy David faces the large warrior Goliath. Sketched only from the waist down and covering the length of the page, an enormous God takes center stage.

A child in Smith's ministry at Beech Street FBC drew the picture after hearing a lesson on the story of these two epic Bible characters. The point of the drawing is clear: David defeated Goliath because he trusted God, who was greater than either of them.

This picture motivates Smith. When she is buried in weekday tasks or when frenzied children refuse to listen on a Sunday morning, this picture reminds her that kids can grasp the message of the Bible, and it can transform their lives, too.

"One of the greatest joys within children's ministry is getting the opportunity to experience those 'ah-ha' moments when a child understands something about God's Word for the first time," Smith says. "The God moments we get to experience are what make children's ministry worthwhile."

As a pre-law major at Ouachita Baptist University, Smith experienced her own God moment, which convinced her to change her major and pursue children's ministry. After graduating, she married her husband, Wayne, in the spring of 2004 and, that fall, began taking classes at Southwestern Seminary's extension center in Little Rock, Ark. Three years later, she and her husband moved to Fort Worth, where she completed her Master of Arts in Christian Education degree in childhood education.

"When I came to the seminary in Fort Worth, it gave me the opportunity to connect with other students who shared the same vision and were going the same direction," Smith says. Classes at Southwestern Seminary also connected her to professors, whose experiences in ministry encouraged her to follow God's call confidently.

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Smith followed God's call both during and after seminary as she joined several efforts to teach God's Word to children. As a student, she worked in marketing at Exclaim Entertainment. This faith-based business produces family-focused, preschool videos about Boz, "The Green Bear Next Door," who leads kids to explore biblical truth in God's world. During her field experience for the MACE degree, she also served in the children's ministry at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. Later, LifeWay Christian Resources invited Smith to join a committee of other children's ministers to plan the 2011 New York theme for the Vacation Bible School program, "Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect."


When she joined the staff at Beech Street FBC, Smith received an opportunity to rejuvenate the children's program and rename it The Hub. Now decked with artwork of airbrushed elephants, supersized crayons, numbers, luggage, lampposts, trains, tracks,

and trees, The Hub draws kids into a fun environment where they can learn about the Bible. The décor also sends a message to parents: Beech Street FBC cares about kids.

"Parents love their kids," Smith explains. "They want to do what is best for their kids. If they come to a location, and there is nothing for their child, or if they don't see that this is a place that loves their kid, they might never come back."

With the creation of The Hub, however, Smith envisioned more than just a fun environment with vibrant decorations.

"If you look up hub in the dictionary, it is the center. It is the focal point," Smith says. "We really want God to be the center, the focal point, of kids' lives. We really want God to be the hub."

Smith wants the kids in her ministry to recognize that God and His Word must take the center stage in their lives, no matter what Goliath-sized problems they may face. 

MODELING MINISTRY FROM DORM TO BEACH

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STEPHEN ALEXANDER AND HIS STUDENTS

represent Christ to a multi-ethnic community of about 28,000 in the heart of the northwest Texas city of Lubbock. As assistant director of the Baptist Student Ministries at Texas Tech University, Alexander leads students to engage their campus with the Gospel while remaining anchored to the local church.

"We very much believe we are an extension of the local churches," says Alexander, who earned his Master of Arts in Christian Education in 2009.

"This is a big reason I wanted to work through the BSM after graduation, since they're one of the few organizations I see who really point people towards the local church."

Alexander works alongside Jeff Kennon, director of the Texas Tech BSM and a longtime friend. They disciple new believers, empower leaders of the ministry, and connect students to growing congregations. In that sense, Alexander explains, "We see ourselves as more of missionaries to the campus. We go out, and then we try and plug the students in."

The numerous churches in Lubbock help Alexander and the BSM provide free lunch on Thursday

afternoons. However, college ministry consists of more than free food. He must model ministry, "so the student will be like his teacher," Alexander says.

Alexander himself experienced this as a student on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He came to faith in Christ as a child, surrendered to ministry in high school, "but when I got to college, it still had to become mine. I could either walk away from some of this or really embrace it."

Kennon, a two-time Southwestern graduate, served as Alexander's BSM director at the time. Thanks to his influence and mentorship, Alexander embraced his calling to bring the message of Christ to the campus and, in turn, as an upperclassman led a small group of guys in discipleship. After graduation in May 2006, he started seminary and, after two years in Fort Worth, saw God moving him toward college ministry as his vocation.

While in seminary, Alexander rediscovered his passion for this type of ministry. This came through collegiate ministry opportunities around Fort Worth, the influence of his classes in the School of Church and Family Ministries, and meeting Max Barnett, professor of collegiate ministry at Southwestern Seminary and Baptist student director at the University of Oklahoma for nearly four decades.

Because of his classes, especially those with Barnett, "there's a big difference now in regards to the equipping I believe I have," Alexander says.

"Through college, I always had a passion for teaching small groups, Bible studies, discipling other guys, things like that, but I think Southwestern really gave



me a lot more tools in order to do that. Part of my degree really just shows me how much I still don't know, but it did equip me more. Anyone who knew me back then would comment now on the depth of the studies I lead, and my time with the guys is deeper. I wouldn't have traded any of it."

This year, as in the past, Alexander led students south from Lubbock to participate in Beach Reach: a state-level, evangelism initiative for college students focused on the Spring Break destination of South Padre Island, Texas. Alexander says this is a natural choice for a group of Tech college kids wanting to reach their school.

"This is where our school is during Spring Break," Alexander says simply. "They are out on the beach, the Tech flag flying."

Alexander, his students, and more than 700 other BSM college students from across Texas participate in this outreach every year: beach-blanket to beach-blanket evangelism during the daytime, cabana pancake breakfasts in the wee hours of the morning, and designated driver van rides for the revelers in between. Tech BSM students feel right at home sharing their faith in the midst of the chaos, as it seems like students are looking for anything else but Christ yet still in desperate need of a messenger to tell them about it.



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“It’s the type of ministry we’re already doing in Lubbock,” Alexander says. “The students are knowledgeable in what training is necessary for it, and the focus of our ministry is already reaching the lost. For us, it’s a very complementary way of doing our ministry.”

Alexander and his students can tell some crazy stories from these weeks ministering in the midst of Spring Break central, especially concerning the free van rides. One year, when piloting his van at 3 a.m., Alexander and his students pulled up to the scene of a car-pedestrian accident. One of his students—who happened to be a First Responder—



Stephen Alexander (above) speaks with a student at the beach in South Padre Island, Texas. In order to open doors for sharing the Gospel with college students, Alexander and his students provided free food.



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saved the life of one of the victims by using the equipment he had with him.

"There are no coincidences," says Alexander. "Coincidences are just when God chooses to remain anonymous."

Alexander and his team accompanied the victim to the hospital, and the group shared the Gospel with him over the course of the week as he recovered from his injuries. As a result, this young man, an international student from Scotland, placed his faith in Christ.

"Not every story is like this," Alexander says, "but a lot of what we encourage our students to do is just to get out there and be available to be used, and they come back from that kind of trip fired up to go out and reach their classmates."

Today, Alexander continues to build up college students in the modeling-focused ministry approach he learned from Kennon. Including conduits for Gospel conversations like BSM-sponsored, on-

campus events, he meets one-on-one with young college men over their Bibles and joins them in evangelism-driven service projects like late night pancake breakfasts behind the local bars on game weekends.

Alexander and Kennon also empower college students to step out in leadership rather than just follow the leader, empowering them to represent Christ and walk with Him on their own. Daniel Rocha, a senior at Tech, has caught this vision.

Rocha started several replicating small groups in the dorms on campus, a technique Alexander and Kennon


model for their leaders. Rocha leads a small group in what Alexander considers the rockiest fields on campus: dorms populated mostly by members of the campus sororities and fraternities. Students have slammed doors in Rocha's face, but he perseveres.

Rocha recently shared with Alexander a desire to pursue vocational ministry after graduation in December. In addition, Rocha mentors a younger student and helps him find his place and walk with Christ in college.

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Alexander, Rocha, and the other BSM students at Tech make it a point to reach their classmates on their turf. They travel door-to-door in the dorms and offer to take out trash, striking up conversations in the process. Sometimes they step out into difficult

situations and trust God for the results, like mission trips to the Texas coast or somewhere overseas. As a leader, Alexander urges his students to do the same thing he had to do in college.

"Regardless of whether they know it or not," Alexander says, "it's the time in their life they have the most time, when they're making the most crucial decisions: marriage, vocation. College ministry interweaves into that time the idea of being Christ-like: focusing on Him in all you do, thinking of Him in every decision." 

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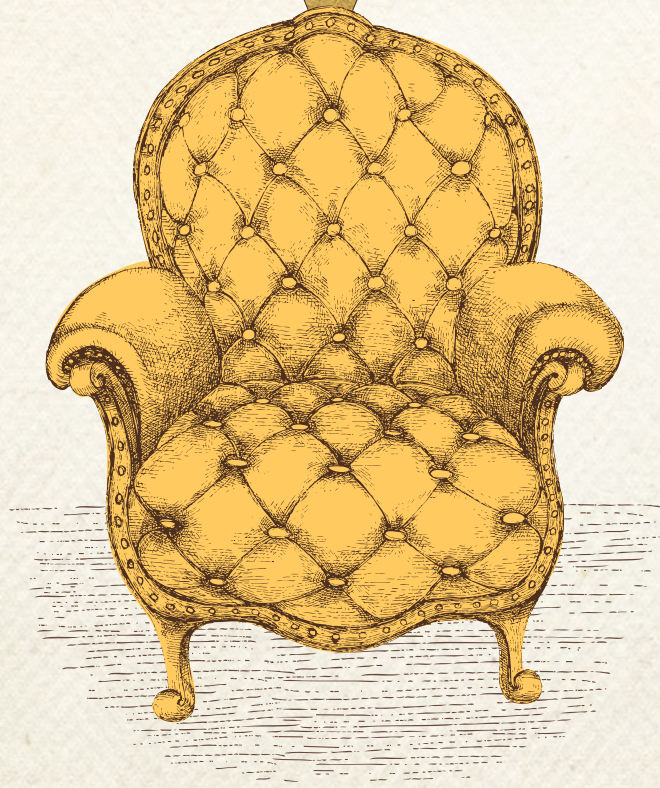
One of the best ways for college freshman to ensure a smooth transition from high school to college and maintain their Christian walk is to connect with believers on campus.

Students, parents, grandparents, church staff, youth ministers, and friends can support this transition by connecting high school juniors and seniors with the Baptist collegiate minister of the college or university they will be attending. Southern Baptist collegiate ministers have organized a website that allows you to submit contact information and receive information from campus ministries across the nation.

Visit www.sbccampusconnect.net to sign up today.

Counseling for Christlikeness: SOUTHWESTERN'S MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Story by BENJAMIN HAWKINS



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1 Thessalonians 5:14

John Babler traveled to Haiti twice in 2010 after an earthquake struck the country, killing hundreds of thousands and leaving 1.5 million people without homes. A counselor and chaplain, Babler has ministered in the midst of numerous disasters, including Hurricane Katrina and the shooting at Virginia Tech, but the scene in Haiti left a deep impression on his mind.

"That was a very challenging context because of how prominent the disaster was," Babler says. "That has been probably the most poignant situation—the most challenging situation—that I've addressed" as a crisis counselor.

Babler, associate professor of counseling at Southwestern Seminary, traveled to Haiti to train pastors and other Christian leaders how to counsel people amid the pain and loss wrought by the earthquake. One Haitian woman, especially, challenged him. Her husband, a pastor, died in the earthquake. Despite her grief, however, she attended Babler's class with a desire to minister to others.

Widespread disaster compelled Christian leaders like this woman to offer counsel to their suffering neighbors. In contrast, Babler notes, few ministers or churches within the United States feel able or obliged to offer counsel to those in need.

"Many years ago," Babler says, "the church became very comfortable with outsourcing counseling. In fact, for years, the primary teaching in seminary for pastors and others was the defer-and-refer mentality: defer to the professionals, refer to the professionals. ...Because of that, I think the church has been absent from being able to minister freely the love of Christ to people in crises and challenging situations."

In the fall of 2010, Southwestern's board of trustees approved a new counseling degree intended to re-emphasize the church's ministry of counseling. Designed by Southwestern's counseling faculty, the 66-hour Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling includes courses that provide students with a foundation in Scripture, theology, and evangelism, alongside courses in counseling.

The degree equips students with an understanding of the history of counseling, psychology, and psychotherapy, while also providing a biblical approach to counseling in matters of sexuality, gender, marriage, family, and grief. As part of the program, students will also conduct counseling sessions through Southwestern's Walsh Counseling Center, while being observed and assessed by seminary faculty members.

According to David Penley, assistant professor of counseling, the church and the Word of God lie at the heart of Southwestern's counseling program. This emphasis upon the church, he says, also complements the vision of the Terry School for Church and Family Ministries, as reflected in its name. The ministry of counseling naturally enhances Christ's mission for the whole church, namely, evangelism and discipleship. The Apostle Paul also endorsed


this form of ministry: "We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

As reflected in its name, Southwestern's Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling upholds the centrality of Scripture. According to Elias Moitinho, Hope for the Heart Chair of Biblical Counseling

and assistant professor of psychology and counseling at Southwestern, God calls counselors to interpret and apply God's Word on a one-on-one or small group basis much as He calls pastors to proclaim Scripture to a congregation.

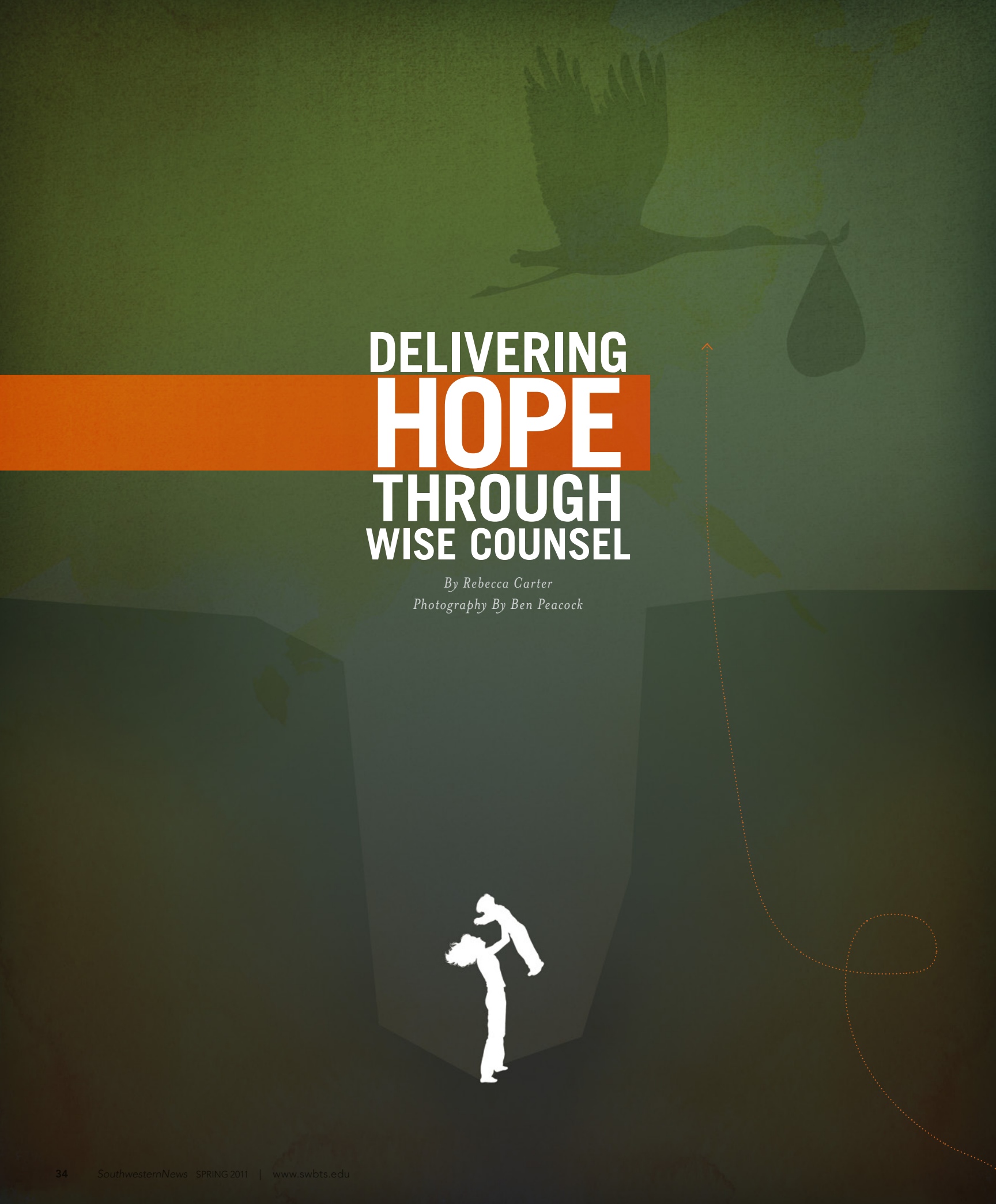
"Counseling has to be Bible-driven," Moitinho says. He applied the mission statement for Hope for the Heart, a biblical counseling ministry founded by June Hunt, to Southwestern Seminary's counseling program: "Providing... God's Truth for Today's Problems."

During a chapel service in November 2008, Southwestern Seminary inaugurated the Hope for the Heart Chair of Biblical Counseling and installed Moitinho into the chair. In a sermon preached during that chapel, Moitinho pinpointed the heart of biblical counseling.

"Counseling," he said, "must go beyond merely symptom relief, and it must aim at spiritual transformation, to get people to conform to the likeness of Christ." 

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WHEN KARIS WONG FIRST MEETS A CLIENT

at the crisis pregnancy center, the woman is usually seated, alone, and hesitant to make eye contact. These expectant mothers generally feel condemned by family members or boyfriends and carry a sense of shame and fear.

"They feel like they are at the bottom of a big, dark hole," Wong says.

Wong sits down across from them and offers them a smile, a greeting, and eye contact, putting them at ease and encouraging them to share their stories with her. The Fort Worth Pregnancy Center's confidentiality promise provides peace of mind for these women to open up to Wong, a client advocate, without feeling judged or condemned. She takes these opportunities to use her training at Southwestern to offer them "living hope," the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"My desire is to be equipped to build up marriages and families in this generation," Wong says. She started volunteering at the pregnancy center in October 2008, the same year she started seminary in the School of Church and Family Ministries.

Wong experienced personal turmoil similar to her clients, allowing her to comfort them as God comforted her. When she was the same age as many of these women, in high school back home in Hong Kong, a conflagration of personal and family tragedy ripped through her life, and she sank into a deep depression. As a result, she scored poorly on her college entrance exams, ruining her chances to go to a prestigious university after graduation.

In January 2005, Wong took her aunt and uncle up on the offer stay with them in the United States. Struggling through culture shock, with no friends, having no one but God to talk to, Wong says God used the next year, what she calls her time in the wilderness, to direct and comfort her in ways she never expected.

"God really has His footprints all over my story," Wong remembers.

In the fall Wong attended the University of Texas at Arlington, majoring in linguistics. Her learning curve went straight up as she helped start an international student ministry



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at her BSM, saw many students come to faith, and grew in her own understanding of culture and the acceptance God provides in Christ, regardless of one's background. After graduation, she decided to pursue a degree in counseling and enrolled at Southwestern.

Today, Wong translates the facts and theories learned at Southwestern into aptly spoken words and compassion-filled silences, helping women at the pregnancy center understand God's plan and love for them, regardless of their backgrounds or history. She went from "trembling at the very thought" of counseling at-risk patients, to being able to carry on a conversation, ask questions, and help assess where these women are mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The mentorship and guidance of her professors, seasoned counselors themselves, also helped cultivate

Wong's skills, as well as the opportunities she had through her practicums to counsel patients one-on-one.

The Fort Worth Pregnancy Center, one of three places Wong serves, provides self-administered pregnancy tests free of charge, one of the main reasons women in the community visit this ministry. As a client advocate, Wong sits in the same room with them when these women read what could be life-changing results, "at the most critical moments, when they don't know what to do, they just wish it wasn't true, it wasn't really happening," she says.

Though the center offers many options to expectant mothers, including information for adoption and parenting materials, some women refuse Wong's help and move on to abortion clinics. One woman only listened to

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her for about five minutes before getting up and leaving, telling Wong and the entire staff before she left she was going to Planned Parenthood to get an abortion and no one could convince her otherwise. Another time, she attended a client's sonogram session, and regardless of the movement on the screen and the excitement Wong felt for her, the woman did not choose to keep the baby.

"It's traumatic, actually, really scarring," she says. "It's hard sometimes to see people with a blank face, looking at their own baby.

"I just need to leave the center with the complete trust that God is sovereign." Wong relies on God as well as the encouragement and support of her fellow volunteers on difficult days.

When the women listen to what Wong and the other workers have to say, however, their reactions are powerful testimonies of how the power of God can change a life.

"I have some girls who had never heard about abstinence before," Wong says.

"I tell them, 'God created sex, and it is supposed to be a good thing. He wants to protect you: emotionally, physically, psychologically, cognitively, and socially, with a healthy foundation and healthy boundaries. He didn't make you to be abstinent because he wants to withhold you from the pleasure, but He wants to protect you.'"

One woman had tears running down her face as Wong explained this to her, exclaiming she had never heard anything like this before. Thankfully, she has a chance with


every woman she meets to offer redemption and truth through Jesus Christ, and she jumps at the chance whenever she senses the women are open to hear the message.

Wong relates to them the story of the adulterous woman in John 8, whom the scribes and Pharisees brought before Jesus to condemn. She then explains the forgiveness available through Jesus Christ.

This story resonates with the women. One client, a woman in her early 20s, had her head down, her hair in her face, throughout her session with Wong. As Wong shared the Gospel, she feared the woman was deeply offended or purposefully not listening. Upon review of their time together, however, Wong saw the Holy Spirit moving in the woman's heart.

"We ask them to write down evaluations to give us feedback, and we ask, 'What is the most helpful thing for you for your visit?'" Wong says. "Sometimes they [will] say Medicaid form or maternal materials, or things like that." The response Wong read was just one sentence, handwritten, on the evaluation.

"She wrote, 'To know that my sin was forgiven,'" Wong says.

Each week, Wong receives an e-mail from the center updating her on the experiences of the other client advocates and how many women choose life, choose to keep their babies, and choose hope in Christ. Wong knows firsthand the power of this hope and wants to spend the rest of her life offering that hope to others. 



"[Since Roe v. Wade] the womb has been the most dangerous place that an American has ever been. There is a one-third fatality rate between

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FATALITY RATE

conception and birth. We didn't have a one-third fatality rate at Iwo Jima. We didn't have a one-third fatality rate at Omaha Beach. We didn't have a one-third fatality rate at the battle of Gettysburg, even if you count the deaths on both sides."

Richard Land, President of SBC Ethics & Religious Liberties Commission
Chapel message, Southwestern Seminary, 2010



EMBRACING

God's Call
TO

Women's Ministry

STORY BY BENJAMIN HAWKINS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATT MILLER

*A*shley Allen recognizes the diverse needs that 21st-century women have, as well as the diverse challenges they face: Some women are unmarried, some are married; some are widows, while others are divorced. Some women endure the pain of infertility; others endure sleepless nights with sick children. All of these women, Allen insists, need the wisdom and comfort of God's Word.

Amid such diversity, Allen leads 21st-century women in North Carolina to embrace a first-century pattern for women's ministry, based upon Paul's exhortation in Titus 2:

"In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior,

not slanderers, not addicted to much wine. [They are] to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and children, to be sensible, pure, good homemakers, and submissive to their husbands, so that God's message will not be slandered" (Titus 2:3-5, HCSB).

In 2009, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina appointed Allen to serve as the founding director of Embrace, the state convention's new women's ministry. Accepting this assignment, Allen endeavored to foster a passion for evangelism, missions, and discipleship among Southern Baptist women in North Carolina through the Titus 2 model for women's ministry.

Allen embraced this model for ministry long before she accepted her responsibilities over women's ministry in North Carolina. While in college at The University of Texas at Austin, she helped lead a ministry called Impulse, which encouraged upperclassmen to disciple freshmen. Soon after surrendering to God's call to the ministry, she launched a mentoring program at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin that enabled mature Christian women to mentor college girls.

After college, Allen earned her Master of Arts in Christian Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Seminary, where she learned much about the Titus 2 model for women's

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Traveling throughout North Carolina, Allen teaches women how to implement the Embrace model for ministry within their churches. She also organizes large training sessions, as well as mission projects that instill a passion for the Great Commission in the hearts of women throughout the state.

"It has been the neatest thing to watch women engage in missions," Allen says. Not only do these women engage in missions through service projects that enable them to share the message of Christ's love locally, but many of them also participate in mission trips to such places as Argentina and New York City. At one prayer tea, these women also learned how to pray for Muslim women.

Under Allen's leadership, the North Carolina state convention also launched a program called Girls Embrace Ministry (GEM), which calls young girls, in grades 7-12, to follow Christ with all their hearts.

According to Allen, women involved in Embrace have come to see not only what separates women of different generations but also what holds them together.

"We all have a passion for the Lord, a passion for what He is doing," Allen says, adding that Christian women in every generation desire to reach the world and share the love of Christ, even if methods and technological tools vary.

No matter what age, Allen says, "we have something to teach one another." 

ministry. During this time, she also served as a chaplain with Marketplace Ministries, and she taught adjunctively at Southwestern in the areas of church administration and women's programs.

According to Allen, the Titus 2 model for women's ministry encourages spiritually mature women to mentor those who are younger in their walks with Christ. These intimate, Christ-centered relationships have an obvious advantage to short Bible studies, which cannot, by themselves, foster life-changing spiritual growth, Allen adds.

"That happens as women do life together," she says. "It happens as they are transformed into the image of Christ, and as they see the older women model that transformation in their lives."

Ashley Allen



☞ "It has been the neatest thing," Allen says, "to watch women engage in missions." Under Allen's leadership, Embrace trains women to pierce a dark world with the light of Christ.



☛ Allen spends much of her time traveling to churches throughout North Carolina, encouraging women and training them to proclaim the Gospel and implement the Embrace model of ministry.



By Dustin Bruce

Students leverage college years for the Gospel

The inside of Andy Caudill's apartment looks much like any other college student's. Books cover the walls and coffee table. The furniture is a hodgepodge of pieces, contributions from the different families represented. Bunk beds line the three bedrooms, housing him and five other College at Southwestern students.

Outside, however, things look a little different at Ladera Palms apartment complex. Dozens of children from around the globe play in the parking lot. Women balance large bags of groceries on their heads, utilizing skills common to their homeland. Students anxious to better themselves and their families attend ESL classes.

Ladera Palms, one of the largest refugee apartment complexes in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, is the place Caudill and his friends call home.

However, this has not always been Caudill's idea of college life.

"I started college at Ole Miss," Caudill says. But after being confronted with the Gospel his freshman year, Caudill placed his faith in Christ and his views on life radically changed. Just months later, Caudill moved to Texas and enrolled in the College at Southwestern.

Caudill became a member of Redeemer Church, a local Southern Baptist congregation, which had begun making plans to

minister to the growing number of refugees in the Fort Worth area. The church asked Caudill and several other college students to consider moving into the apartment complex as a team and minister to the community.

Caudill describes many of the refugees as being from "the 10-40 window, places where if you are a Christian missionary you would probably not be able to go; places Christians don't have access to otherwise." Amazingly, Caudill notes, refugees from these people groups now live three miles from the seminary in Ladera Palms.

After prayer and discussion, the church decided to focus on Burmese people groups and partnered with a recently established Burmese church in the area. Members of Redeemer Church hold ESL classes, share resources, and serve the Burmese people in a variety of other ways.

"We want to come alongside that church and build them up," Caudill says of the ministry. That often comes in the form of training Burmese deacons. Caudill and his friends spend time teaching these men the fundamental truths of Scripture, often what they recently learned at seminary or church.

"The Bible, it can do its work," Caudill responds when asked how the team disciplines the men.

Caudill and his friends see the Gospel as something meant to be lived and proclaimed. Believers are called to be salt and light to the world at all times and their stint in college is no exception.

"Our small group at church really challenged us," Caudill says, "on the idea that college is just a transitional phase in our life." Heeding this advice, the team rejected the temptation to coast through school without engaging in ministry. In fact, they consider it dangerous to be taking in biblical teaching without sharing it.

The team's passion for ministry is coupled with a commitment to the local church.

"It's not just six college guys coming here to do ministry on our own; we are sent by Redeemer (Church)." Caudill and his friends see the church as the God-ordained funnel for ministry.

These college students know the sacrifice of a plush college lifestyle pales in comparison to reaching people with the Gospel.

"Why wouldn't you do something like this?" Caudill asks. "If God has called you to be a missionary, and you are training to be a missionary, and he has put people next to you, it would just make sense to minister to those people."



Andy Caudill (left) and others study the Bible with a Burmese deacon and his wife.

Students fight for the abolition of sex slavery

Students at Southwestern Seminary fought for the abolition of sex slavery, calling churches and residents in the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth to take a stand during the Super Bowl.

Sex slavery binds 100,000 to 300,000 young girls and boys within the United States in the chains of forced prostitution every year. Within the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex alone, more than 250 girls are bought and sold every month as slaves in the sex market.

As crowds flocked to the area during the week of the Super Bowl, pimps were expected to transport 12,000 minors to the area and force them into prostitution. In response to this surge in sex trafficking, a group of students formed the advocacy group, Lose the Chains, and called Southern Baptists in the area to help break the chains of sex slavery during the week of the Super Bowl.

“Our goal is to raise public awareness, because we feel that when the public sees

this, they won’t be able to close their eyes or cover their ears anymore,” said Master of Theology student D.L. Frugé.

Another member of Lose the Chains, doctoral student Mindy May, joined Deena Graves, the founder of advocacy group Traffick911, during a panel discussion on the Southwestern Seminary campus, Jan. 27. Both May and Graves encouraged Christians to stand against sex slavery.

Master of Divinity student Jason Smith said the church must face this issue, ultimately, because young girls enslaved within the sex trade—and the men who manipulate and abuse them—need the Gospel.

“There is a really big kingdom effect that can be made in this situation,” said Smith. “We really want to see these girls not only be freed from slavery, but spiritually freed and spiritually healed. We want these girls to know the love of Christ.”



Students learn about sex trafficking and how they can respond during a panel discussion featuring student Mindy May and Traffick 911 founder Deena Graves.

Hope floods coasts of Sri Lanka

This winter, the message of the Gospel flooded the coasts of Sri Lanka, an island nation engulfed in civil war for decades and submerged in a devastating tsunami in 2004.

Fourteen students and faculty members from Southwestern Seminary traveled to Sri Lanka to share the Gospel, Dec. 26 – Jan. 9. As a result, nearly 40 Buddhists professed faith in Christ. According to Art Savage, associate director of the World Missions Center, the team worked in the least-reached area of the nation among people in desperate need of the love of Christ.

“At the end of the civil war, people needed something to hold onto,” Savage said. “The

tsunami robbed them of any sense of security. They were looking for hope.”

The Gospel brought hope not only amid national disaster but also personal tragedy. Early in the trip, Keith Eitel, dean of the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, approached one man, Sammy, who sat alone at a shrine to Buddha.

With tear-filled eyes Sammy told Eitel that Somali pirates had abducted his son and nephew six weeks earlier while they were fishing in the Indian Ocean. He had heard no news of them for weeks, even though the abduction had been reported in international news.

After Eitel expressed his sympathy and shared the Gospel with him, Sammy made a profession of faith in Christ. As Southwestern team members conducted Bible studies in Sammy’s home, his wife and another nephew also professed faith in Christ, along with some of his neighbors. Sammy stopped praying to Buddha and began reading as much from the Bible each day that his poor eyesight would allow.

Eitel testified that the Gospel brought hope to Sammy amid his pain and asked students and faculty members to pray for Sammy’s spiritual growth and for the return of his son and nephew.

Prayer impacts seminary, nation, world

Prayer pervades the campus of Southwestern Seminary, as students and faculty members call upon God to impact the seminary, the nation, and the world.

As a recession pulled down the nation in the fall of 2008, President Paige Patterson asked faculty members to intensify prayer for the seminary. Taking Patterson's request to heart, Robert Bernard, associate professor of modern languages, organized a faculty prayer group that meets to pray for the needs of the seminary, its students, and faculty.

Additionally, seminary student Jeremiah Davis organized prayer efforts for the seminary's 2011 Youth Ministry Lab (YML). Recognizing the impact of prayer, Davis, who serves as the chair of YML's prayer committee, and other YML leaders fasted and prayed, with the guidance of a devotional book that outlines specific aspects of YML in need of prayer. They also hosted a night of prayer, and, during a chapel service the week before YML, they gave Southwestern students and faculty members prayer bracelets containing the names of all YML participants.

Another group of students and faculty gathered to pray weekly for Revive This Nation, Southwestern's effort to send students and faculty to preach revivals across the United States during spring break, March 13-16.

Yet another on-campus prayer group, One Magnificent Obsession, impacts the world for the Gospel of Christ. During this event, as many as 85 students gather at the seminary's World Missions Center on Friday evenings to worship and pray for the nations.



Students pray for the nations during One Magnificent Obsession.

During each meeting, the missions center features a specific nation or people group for prayer, and students hear from missionaries, who, either in person or through Skype, report on God's work around the world. This spring, One Magnificent Obsession will feature prayer for nations such as Peru, Vietnam, Tanzania, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Egypt.

"If there has ever been a dry eye in those prayer groups," Matt Queen, assistant professor of evangelism, said, "I've never seen one,

because people are bearing their souls before God to do a mighty work in those countries, and it is something like I've never seen before."

"We're commanded by Christ to pray," Queen added, noting that prayer also impacts the one who prays.

"God puts a burden on your heart for the lost souls of men and women, which causes you to be more proactive in encouraging missionaries, in going and preaching, or in going on a mission trip."

Evangelism opportunities abound

God continues to stir a fresh wind of evangelism on campus as students engage in personal soul winning. Completed last year, the Taking the Hill evangelism initiative took the Gospel to every home within a one-mile radius of the seminary.

The seminary has launched a follow-up effort to reach those who were not home during this initial outreach and only received a door hanger with the Gospel

presentation. This continued initiative, called No Soul Left Behind, challenges students and faculty to be part of the second wave of evangelism in the surrounding community. Professors and students have offered times during the week when they are available to pray, model, coach, and accompany others in personal evangelism.

Matt Queen, assistant professor of evangelism, relayed the story of two students who

led a young man to the Lord. M.Div. student Steven von Stein, remarked, "Although I have completed my two required witnessing encounters for Dr. Wilder, I'm not stopping. This stuff is contagious!"

Kehler prepares to confront legalism, liberalism in Germany

The teacher and classmates scoffed and laughed at Heinrich Kehler, as he stood at the front of his classroom in Soviet Russia.

In elementary schools, Soviet teachers encouraged children to devote themselves to the Communist Party early in life by becoming October Kids. But Christian children, like Kehler, refused to join.

Born only eight years before the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, Kehler faced hardship for his faith, but his father and grandfather, both preachers, faced greater trials for following Christ. The government exiled his grandfather to Siberia. Later, KGB agents shadowed his father, spying out his church services.

When Empress Catherine the Great invited Germans to move to Russia nearly 250 years ago, many Baptists and Mennonites—including Kehler's ancestors—left their homelands to find religious freedom and social stability. With the rise of Communism, however, they lost their former freedom and were unable to return to Germany.

But as the Soviet Union crumbled in the 1980s, millions of these Russian-German Baptists returned to Germany and built churches. Persecution had taught them to cling to their theological heritage, even while Baptists in Germany succumbed to the attacks of higher criticism and

theological liberalism. Today, these churches are still learning to thrive and proclaim the message of Christ in their free, yet secular, homeland.

A Ph.D. student at Southwestern Seminary, Kehler now studies systematic theology with a desire to help establish churches in the foundation of Scripture and cast a vision to reach all of Germany with the Gospel.

"Many people, especially church ministers, grew up in the context of Russia and came to Germany, and faced a totally different environment and culture," Kehler said. "And they interpreted this in a spiritual way. They said, 'Well, the Russian way is the biblical way.' ... So they distanced themselves from German culture."

According to Kehler, Russian-German Baptists struggle to avoid two vices: on the one hand, the temptation toward legalism and isolation from German society; on the other hand, the opposite temptation to follow Germany's native Baptist churches toward liberalism.

Southwestern Seminary has a partnership with Bibelseminar Bonn (BSB), a ministry training ground established by Russian-German Baptists and Mennonites in 1993, by offering a Master of Arts in Theology degree at BSB and sending visiting professors there. Kehler received both his bachelor's

and master's degrees at BSB before moving to Fort Worth for doctoral work in 2008.

According to Kehler, the seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention have encouraged Russian-German Baptists to continually "honor sound theology and the Word of God." With such a foundation, a new generation of ministers in these churches will be able to impact the nation with the Gospel.

"Our goal," Kehler said, "should be to overcome cultural differences so that we may evangelize and preach the Gospel to everybody in Germany."



Heinrich Kehler

Global Missions Week

Many Southwestern students surrendered their lives to full-time missionary service during an altar call on Feb. 10, with some faculty and staff wiping their eyes clear of tears as they watched.

Clyde Meador, vice president of global strategies for the International Mission Board, gave the impassioned chapel message and invitation during Global Missions Week, Feb. 7-11.

"Too often we limit ourselves to doing what we know we can do, staying within the borders we already have, when God would call us to do something so much more than that—to give our lives to take His truth to the world," Meador said.

Gordon Fort, IMB vice president for overseas operations, also filled Southwestern's chapel pulpit during Global Missions Week. He preached from Romans 1:14-16.

Fort pointed out the greatness of the task before this generation, how IMB sent missionaries for 165 years and still, not everyone in the world has heard the Gospel. The time is now to take up the post and declare the message, despite any trepidation, he said.

"There will be those who will say, 'Oh, but I'm afraid of failing, I'm afraid of failure.' Don't be afraid of failure. Be afraid of succeeding at things that make no difference," Meador said.



Students learn about missions at Southwestern's World Missions Center.

Ex-commercial banker discovers God's economy

Southwestern seminary students sing "Trust and Obey" during chapel, but they must also live out this faith and obedience as they follow God's call on their lives.

Chris Williams, a Master of Divinity student and father of three, left a lucrative position in the secular workforce in order to obey God's call and come to Southwestern Seminary. As he stepped out in faith, he experienced the Lord's blessing and provision in significant ways.

Prior to moving to Fort Worth, Williams worked as a commercial banker, providing very well for his wife, Amanda, and their family. He graduated with a degree in finance and worked with builders, contractors, and developers for 15 years. As part of Williams'

job, he officiated loans, making decisions on loan candidates.

"I had to see things on paper," Williams recalls. "I had to see your 'ins' exceeded your 'outs,' or I was not loaning you any money."

Williams' perspective changed when God called him to ministry and showed him he could not rely on the numbers anymore. He must rely on God instead.

"I will tell you today, my 'ins' and my 'outs' do not match," Williams says. "It's not even close. Yet here I am, haven't missed a payment, haven't missed a meal, haven't missed anything."

The couple actively participated in their local Baptist congregation in Oxford, Miss., and when they confided in their church about

Chris's call to ministry, God used their church to provide for the family's needs as well as help with scholarship money so Chris can attend seminary full-time in Fort Worth.

God also provided a part-time ministry job for Chris at First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas, and a job for Amanda teaching to help round out the family budget.

"God is incredibly faithful when my desires please Him, when my desire is to do what He wants to do, whether it's for me or for my family," Williams says.

"That obedience to what He wants for me—my desire to line up my life, and that of my wife and my family, with what He wants for us—results in me being taken care of in ways that I could have never envisioned."

Southwestern celebrates Black Heritage Week

Closing Southwestern Seminary's Black Heritage Week, Feb. 17, chapel speaker and Ph.D. student Anthony Moore urged students and faculty members to strive to make the Gospel known no matter the costs.

Although Scripture calls Christians to suffer for the Gospel, Moore said many Christians desire to free themselves from this obligation, just as people desire to avoid the side effects from pharmaceutical drugs.

"We want the cure—and this is the Gospel—of being made holy, righteous, justified, a child of God, being born again, and blameless. But of the effects—that is, of laying down my passions, my goals, my pursuits, a life of surrendering to the demands of the Gospel, of picking up my cross, and following after Him, dying to self that He might live—of those effects, of those demands, we want no part."

During Black Heritage Week, the seminary also welcomed chapel speakers George Tynes, a seminary trustee and pastor of Truth Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and Martin E. Hawkins, president of the Southern Bible Institute in Dallas.

To listen to the chapel messages from Southwestern's Black Heritage Week, visit www.swbts.edu/chapelarchives.



Anthony Moore explains the supreme role of the Gospel in ministry.



Chapel Construction Update

As I-beams connect and support walls rise, Southwestern Seminary will soon have the ability to gather the Fort Worth campus under one roof for chapel and graduation. Construction of Southwestern's new chapel is currently on schedule and on budget for completion this fall.



Student writes on reading the Bible in a digital age

The Princeton Theological Review recently published an article by Ched Spellman, a doctoral student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In the article, Spellman suggests that digital media and online search engines create problems for the way Christians now read the biblical canon. To read his article, visit <http://bit.ly/fddg2A>.



2011 Spring Kickoff

Students, faculty, and their families enjoyed pizza, bounce houses, fellowship, and the third Annual Dodgeball Tournament at the Spring Kickoff, Jan. 14. To see more photos, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/swbts.



Gala debuts compositions and hearts for Christ

The eighth annual Gala Concert of Sacred Music provided Southwestern with a stirring, musically gifted evening of familiar hymns as well as debut compositions by faculty. Steve Green, songwriter and recording artist, joined Southwestern's Master Chorale, Southwestern Singers, and selected members of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for the Feb. 24 performance.



Time capsule reset in Memorial Building

Administrators reset a time capsule in the northeast corner of the B.H. Carroll Memorial Building, Jan. 13. In October, the seminary extracted the previous time capsule—which had been set in the cornerstone in 1950—in honor of its 100th year in Fort Worth. The new time capsule holds items reflective of Southwestern's passion for ministry, evangelism, and biblical fidelity.

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Davis honored by U.S. Army band

Composer and Southwestern Seminary professor William Mac Davis earned a venue of international scope just across the Potomac River from the U.S. Capitol, Jan. 28. The U.S. Army Band dedicated a concert to his compositions at Fort Myer, Va., during the U.S. Army Band Tuba-Euphonium Conference, Jan. 26-29.

Davis said this was an unexpected honor and traveled to the conference to gather with euphonium and tuba players from all over the world who assemble yearly to hear new music and attend master classes hosted by the band.

The conference featured several of Davis' original compositions—"Tuba Sonata,"

"Diversion," "Divertimento," and the "Roaring Fork Trilogy," as well as his rendering of the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision."

In addition to teaching and composing, Davis has served his local congregation, Southcliff Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, as their orchestra director since 1995.

Money given to fund June Richards Scholarship

Dorothy Patterson, wife of Southwestern Seminary president Paige Patterson, has established a scholarship fund at the seminary in honor of June Richards, wife of Southern Baptists of Texas Convention executive director Jim Richards. Patterson named the scholarship after Richards because of her example of quiet, behind-the-scenes ministry alongside her husband.

"God has put in my heart a vision to prepare the next generation of women to embrace biblical womanhood in its beauty and duty," Patterson said.

"Women whose husbands are equipping themselves here at Southwestern are in a place and at a time in their lives when they often can pursue equipping as well, but they do not have resources."

Once fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded to a student in the College at Southwestern's homemaking concentration or to a woman studying in another degree program.

"My goal is to provide the resources needed to provide scholarships for these humble and godly women who are sacrificing their own needs as well as wants in order to help their husbands complete pastoral preparation," Patterson said. She added that Southwestern teaches women to follow the biblical paradigm modeled in Titus 2, noting June Richards' example.

"June Richards is a perfect fit for this vision," Patterson said. Patterson said she is blessed and honored to make the first

gifts and requested help in fully funding the scholarship.

"I want to challenge Texas Baptists to join me in funding this wonderful scholarship bearing the name of June Richards, our First Lady of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. Give the next generation of women we are training at Southwestern both financial help and a fitting model to realize their maximum potential as ministry wives."

The Southern Baptist TEXAN published an article on Feb. 21 highlighting the scholarship and biographical information regarding Richards' life. To read the article, visit <http://bit.ly/ezQb6c>.

TEXAN highlights Mrs. Patterson's contributions to women's roles

The Southern Baptist TEXAN, news journal for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, published an article highlighting Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, wife of seminary president Paige Patterson. The article praises Patterson for her ministry to women and example of biblical womanhood.

The article emphasizes Patterson's willingness to swim against the feminist tide and call for biblical roles for women in the church. To read the article, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6y45m9p>.

1960

Delbert Vest (MRE 1969) to Sherwood Shores First Baptist Church in Gordonville, Texas, as pastor and worship music leader.

1970

Marcus E. Drake (MDiv 1977) to First Baptist Church Sun Lakes, Ariz., as senior pastor.

John David George (MDiv 1974) to First Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas, as senior pastor.

1980

Glenn Thomas Carson (MDiv 1989, PHD 1992) joined the board of directors of the Zambia Project.

1990

Lauri L. Newlin (MAMFC 1995) to Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., as minister to women.

2000

Jeremy R. Woods (MACE 2006) to Cottonwood Creek Church of Denison, Texas, as campus pastor.

Bryan C. Bailey (MDivBL 2007) to First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., as pastor to college students.

Retirement

Dr. Harold Edwin Crank (MARE 1962) retires as president of Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas.

Births

Jim Pattillo and **Amy Coe-Pattillo (MACE 2000)** welcomed their daughter, Abigail Laurens Pattillo, on May 14, 2010.

Memorials**1940**

S.E. Kidd Jr. (MRE 1940, MSM 1940)

Felix M. Gresham (THM 1942, THD 1949)

Robert Y. Audd (EXTH 1946)

1950

William H. Vinson (BD 1950, MDiv 1963)

Kathryn F. White (MRE 1952)

Nan C. Henry (EXRE 1952)

Wenona Mae Conley (MRE 1953)

Robert E. Jenkins (BD 1954, THM 1961, DMin 1978)

L.H. Johnson (MRE 1954)

John L. Grimes (BD 1956, MDiv 1968)

Joe L. Long (BSM 1956)

Bobby W. Rine (BD 1956)

Mary V. "Ginger" Burnside (MRE 1957)

John W. Klappenbach (BD 1957)

1960

Herbert R. Glenn (BCM 1960, MCM 1980)

Herman L. Hendrix (BD 1960, MDiv 1987)

Joseph M. Sanders (BD 1960)

Marion E. Haas Cherry (MRE 1962)

Harold T. Duncan (BD 1962)

Jimmie B. Edwards (EXTH 1963)

Arlie Fielding (EXTH 1965)

Fred Himstedt Jr. (ARE 1965)

William M. Hill (EXTH 1966)

Robert D. McCormick (BCM 1966)

1970

Charlene Wolford Shipman (1972)

Alistair M. Stewart (EXCM 1972)

J.T. Thweatt (MRE 1972, EDD 1979, MARE 1983)

James Edward "Jim" Byrd (MRE 1973, EDD 1981, MARE 1983, PHD 1994)

Lyn M. Coody (MRE 1974)

Phillip D. Thomas (MDiv 1975)

1980

Barbara Vaughan Goodson (MRE 1982)

2000

Michael S. Piatt (MACE)

*In the winter edition of Southwestern News, it was mistakenly reported that **Jimmie L. Nelson (BD 1951, THD 1961)** had passed away. Dr. Nelson is retired and living in Burleson, Texas. Please forgive this error.

Missionary Appointments

Zane "Buddy" (EXTH 1988) and Melanie Kay **Brents** to Mobile, Ala., as church planting missionary.

Brook Lee Ewbank (MAMISS 2010) to San Francisco, Calif., as church planting team missionary.

THE WORD DICTATES OUR EDUCATION



My wife's car has one of those fancy lights that tells you that one or more of your tires has low air pressure. The other day, the light came on. Out of town, visiting and preaching in a community far from home, I did what I learned from my children: I asked the

Internet to tell me where I could locate a shop to check and repair my tire.

The Internet sent me to a place one-half mile down the road and around the corner. There I met Fred. I knew the Lord wanted me to talk to Fred about Him, so I asked Fred if he attended church nearby. He said his wife attended a church, but he was not religious. I mentioned Jesus, and he told me that he believed that we all were only animals.

We talked for a while as I continued to ask him questions. Fred, a nice and engaging man, told me of the joy he found in his children and grandchildren. But I left Fred that day, having heard the gospel rejected at least three times.

People like Fred live all around us, people without Christ. The faculty members in the Terry School of Church and Family Ministries keep the lost on the forefront of our minds as we teach students about replicating discipleship through evangelistic fervor. Disciples, first of all, make

disciples of Jesus. Young or old, of every nation and family, we seek to train disciples who will make disciples and train them to make more disciples.

Last Sunday, after preaching in a local church, two ladies thanked me for delivering "meat" in the sermon. By "meat," they meant simply the serious teaching and implications of the Scriptures. More and more I find people in our churches hungry for "meat." Some look for shallow messages or for a show, but many want more and more of the Bible.

This trend toward a hunger for God's Word serves as a good sign for the churches in America and something we foster at Southwestern. Dr. Richard Ross, for instance, speaks around the country, challenging parents and churches to ask more from our children and teens. He urges us all to take our children on mission with us and then to release them on mission for our Lord. He charges us to feed our children "meat."

Our children's education professors train our students to teach the Bible to our children and to train and encourage parents to do so at home. Our adult and family ministry professors call on all of us to engage the home as the biblical frontline in the battle for all of us to become mature in Christ.

In the Terry School, the Bible is central to all we do, a passion evident in our counseling training. God's Word, when applied to our lives, produces godliness and holiness. Jesus brings life eternal, and "He Himself is our peace." We must counsel one another according to that truth.

For almost 100 years, the Lord has used the School of Church and Family Ministries to train leaders for the local church, leaders who call others to Christ and to the Word of God. We continue in that heritage as a tool of Southern Baptists, thankful for the Cooperative Program, but most of all for every prayer of His people.

Waylan Owens serves as dean of the School of Church and Family Ministries.





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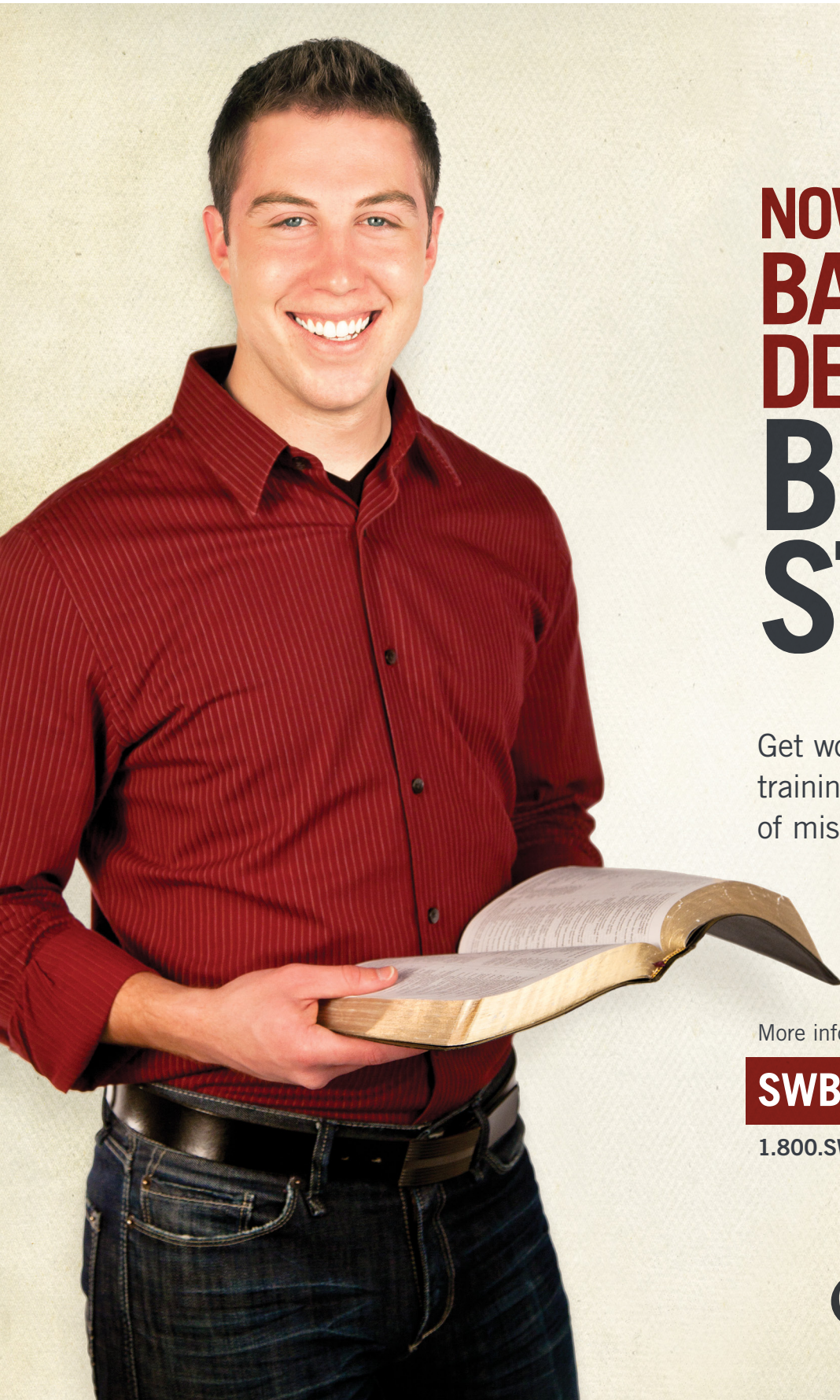


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