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Ten years ago, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C., was a church ready for a new challenge. To revitalize the congregation, staff members envisioned a brief local-missions blitz with the ambitious goal of involving more than half of the people attending Sunday morning services.

What resulted was a one-day effort to minister to “the least of these” in and around Fayetteville, a military town. Blending military and biblical terminology, they called the project “Operation Inasmuch,” taking inspiration from Jesus' parable in Matthew 25.

The first event drew 450 participants from the church—two-thirds of the average Sunday attendance.

David
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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Two civil-liberties watchdog groups have filed the first known lawsuit to prevent public schools from teaching the theory of "intelligent design."

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Faith is foundation for all knowledge

The ongoing situations at Baylor and Louisiana College open the question of the very nature of academic freedom. Following Michael Polanyi, the late missologist Lesslie Newbigin (hardly a fundamentalist) observed: "Truth is not a fruit of freedom. It is the precondition for freedom." In other words, freedom extends to the discovery of the truth and no further. Once the truth has been ascertained, academic freedom works within those bounds. Polanyi, a first-rate scientist, understood that all fields of knowledge—not just theology—begin on a foundation of faith. William Dembski understood this when he used Polanyi's name for his ill-fated center at Baylor. In all fields, the sciences included, knowledge is "credo ut intelligam"—"I believe that I may know." The question for a Christian university is not a conflict between academic excellence and "holding as a matter of faith that certain truths already are definitively settled." The question is: Which truths are held by faith as settled, those of the Christian or those of the naturalist?

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