

# **Sam Porter named national director for SBC disaster relief**

July 13, 2017

The Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board named Sam Porter national director for disaster relief. He succeeds Mickey Caison, who will retire Aug. 31.

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# **LifeWay may pull Peterson books from shelves over LGBT views**

July 13, 2017

LifeWay Christian Resources—the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention—announced it would discontinue selling any books by Eugene Peterson if he confirms a published interview about same-sex relations accurately reflects his views.

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# **Lankford walks fine line as**

# **preacher and politician**

July 13, 2017

In the nation's capital, Sen. James Lankford's weekdays consist of Senate Intelligence Committee hearings and frequent cable news appearances. But each weekend, the former youth pastor flies home to Oklahoma and worships with the Quail Springs Baptist Church, where he sometimes is called on to preach.

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## **'Chaplain of Bourbon Street' dies at 89**

July 13, 2017

Famed New Orleans evangelist Bob Harrington, known by many as "the Chaplain of Bourbon Street," died of kidney failure July 4 in Stigler, Okla., where he had lived the last seven years with family. He was 89.

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## **'You've made the road by walking,' McLaren tells**

# Fellowship

July 13, 2017

Stepping out in faith not knowing the destination is part of the story of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, popular author and theologian Brian McLaren told the 2017 CBF general assembly.

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## **CBF project seeks to model unity in light of diverse views on sexuality**

July 13, 2017

Cooperative Baptists heard a progress report on an initiative to strengthen their unity in the face of differing beliefs and practices regarding human sexuality.

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## **CBF surpasses \$12 million fund-raising goal**

July 13, 2017

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship surpassed its \$12 million fund-raising goal for an endowment campaign the group launched last June.

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# **Christ-likeness and excellence key, Paynter tells CBF board**

July 13, 2017

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is living into the same attributes its founders instilled more than 25 years ago, striving to be Christ-like, innovative, authentic, global, diverse and excellent, CBF Executive Coordinator Suzii Paynter told the organization's governing board.

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# **Nonprofit leader and former executive nominated as CBF moderator-elect**

July 13, 2017

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship nominating committee recommended Gary Dollar, a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and former executive, as the organization's next moderator-elect.

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# **African-American leader offers to help churches overcome racism**

July 13, 2017

The head of the National African American Fellowship has offered to help congregations combat racism.

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# **WMU celebrates 20 years of Christian Women's Job Corps**

July 13, 2017

Linda Cooper, president of national Woman's Missionary Union, and Sandy Wisdom-Martin, WMU executive director, highlighted 20 years of ministry through Christian Women's Job Corps during their report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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# **Moments of restoration recalled**

# at **WMU annual meeting**

July 13, 2017

Speakers recounted “Defining Moments”—dramatic, life-changing experiences that make an eternal difference in the hearts and minds of a Christian—during the Woman’s Missionary Union missions celebration and annual meeting.