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## Tobacco continues as campus issue: part two

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[NOTE: This article contains references to and quotes from two John Brown University students, identified as Ben and Jeff. Both are real University students whose names have been changed to protect their identity.]

Despite the absolute nature of the University's ban on smoking products, the University's response to those caught violating the handbook is not absolute. Scott Wanzer, director of campus safety, said that if campus safety officers find evidence someone is smoking, their response isn't always the same.

"Minimally we are going to have a conversation with them because it's against what they've agreed to do," Wanzer said. "Beyond that, the level of consequence is going to vary significantly depending [on the] person, and their history."

Without exception, students caught either smoking or in possession of smoking paraphernalia will be reported to residence life. What happens then, though, depends on the context of the student's situation, and whether he or she is a casual smoker or someone struggling with addiction.



Submitted by Erika Forney

**Senior Erika Forney took the photograph above as part of a class, Commercial Photography, to "sell" the pipe used in the photo.** "I wanted to do something different, so instead of selling clothes, I wanted to sell something you don't see every day," said Forney. "Now that it has been displayed, I do feel a little differently because of my morals, but I do remind myself that it was taken to sell a product, not to show an alumni smoking." The photo is currently on display as part of the Student Workshow in the Art West building on campus. Forney does not think students should smoke because it is against the covenant, but believes the issue is between God, the student and, in this case, the University.

"Because of the addictive nature of smoking, we really work to identify from the individual where they're at, trying to discern [what] the student's current usage is."

said Andre Broquard, Dean of Student Life and Director of Resident Life. "I want to walk with them and understand the addictive nature. It's probably not feasible to always say quit

now."

Residence life will talk to a student's residence director and, in the case of addiction, work with the nurse to provide the student with nicotine patches to

help them quit.

Former student Blake Rardin was unaware that the University would work with him to quit, but he said that didn't prevent him from asking for help.

"I wasn't really afraid to talk to somebody but I never did," Rardin said. "I just did it on my own. For me going to ask somebody for help is like a knockdown-dragout fight."

Jeff takes precautions to avoid crossing the line from social smoker to addict, because he wants to keep having what he sees as the positive benefits of smoking without the negative risk of addiction.

"I never keep a stash [of cigars]. If I buy it I use it that day," Jeff said. "I don't keep a stash for two reasons: so I don't go smoking by myself if I get stressed and so I don't get caught with it. It's to keep myself accountable."

Ben also tries to avoid smoking for any reason other than recreational use.

"One of the ways I avoid getting addicted is I refuse to do it for 'medicinal reasons,'" Ben said. "If I have a stressful day I won't go smoke to chill out."

Despite this approach, Ben admits there were times in high school that he began to

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## Debate wins big at weekend competition

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The Forensic team won several awards at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozark Cup, hosted by the University, last Saturday.

JBU has hosted several speech and debate competitions in the past, but this tournament was the biggest one of the year.

Students from nine different universities were represented at the debate and competed for awards in several categories such as: Drama Interpretation, Duet Improvisation and Communication Analysis.

An overall number of 100 students presented at the debate. The number of JBU students represented was 30 which consisted of those judging debates, competing and helping Erick Roebuck, assistant professor of communication and fine arts and head of the school's forensic team.

"Regardless of our competition

level, we enjoy hosting tournaments and see it as a ministry to other teams," Roebuck said. "Not every student competing in speech and debate competitions is a Christian, so we have a tremendous opportunity to share the light of Christ with those we meet at tournaments."

Students arrived at the tournament without any prior knowledge of their intended topic.

In the debate rounds, the competitor from the affirmative side and negative side got a choice of five topics for each round. Once the topic was finalized, the competitors were given 30 minutes to prepare for a 30-minute debate.

Broderick Wilson, a senior, has competed on JBU's forensic team since his sophomore year. He was first inspired to debate after watching the move, "The Great Debaters". He competed in four speech rounds at the tournament.

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The forensic team won 12 individual awards on Saturday at a regional tournament hosted by the University.

## Faculty adopt from abroad



Submitted by: Mandy Moore

**The Moores take a quick picture with their daughter, Lydia Grace, whom they just adopted from China.** The Moores want their daughter to have a sense of Chinese heritage as she grows up.

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Two members of the John Brown University family are welcoming additions to their families from overseas.

Mandy Moore, assistant professor of business, and Nathan Jacobs, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, are growing their families through adoption.

Moore and her husband have been married for 12 years, and have discussed adoption since they were seriously dating. Bryson Moore came from a family of 12 foster siblings, and Mandy Moore worked in an orphanage in Southeast Asia as a student, which gave them both a "heart for adoption."

"Our prayer was that God

would show us that we should have children," Mandy Moore said. "We want the Lord to slam doors. I want it to knock me down."

Knock them down it did. Both the Moores tested positive for infertility issues, effectively giving them no chance to have biological children.

Moore was devastated, but she also saw it as an opportunity. She and her husband began looking into adoption.

They considered domestic and international adoption at first, but eventually felt called to China.

"Both Bryson and I started having dreams about a Chinese daughter," Moore said.

China made a lot of sense for the Moores.

Both had been to China before and planned to go again, even before considering adoption. It was important to the Moores their daughter have a strong sense of her heritage. More than

that, though, they felt called by God to China.

"Why China? Because that's where my daughter was born," Moore said.

The Moores began the long process of working with the governments of both nations as well as the adoption agency. Soon they determined who their daughter was: a toddler named Qi.

The Moores chose the name Lydia Grace for their new daughter, but are going to let her go by the name she chooses as she gets older. Moore describes her as a feisty and fearless.

Like many children up for adoption, she has a disability. The girl was born without her left hand, but "it does not slow her down at all."

The Moores left for China on Feb. 25 to meet Lydia for the first time, and the adoption was made official on Tuesday. They'll be bringing her home on March 13.

Professor Nathan Jacobs and his family are now in the final stages of the adoptive process to bring home a six year old special needs boy from Eastern Europe.

Jacobs' wife Heather, who homeschools their four children, says adoption was always something they always anticipated eventually doing.

Three years ago, their adoption consideration became more serious when Heather began following a blog that featured older developmentally handicapped orphans, a group statistically the least likely of children to be adopted.

Upon both seeing his picture, they felt he was the one for their family, and last year in a step of faith they began the application

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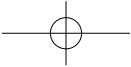
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# Cathedral Choir to sing with local symphony

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John Brown University’s Cathedral Choir is performing with the Symphony of Northwest Arkansas this Saturday. Paul Smith, the head of the University’s department of music and the director of the choir, said the symphony has had a relationship with the University and its choir for 20 to 30 years. The choir doesn’t

have to petition to perform with the symphony; the symphony solicits the University’s choir. The piece they are performing is “Ein Deutsches Requiem, Op. 45” by Johannes Brahms, a 19th century, 94-page choral work translated as “A German Requiem.” Becky Pohle, the administrative assistant for the University’s department of communication and fine arts, said the piece has a beautiful, spiritual meaning. “I think the choir is viewing this as a ministry to members of the symphony,” said Pohle.

Smith said the requiem is among the top five major choral works of all time. The piece is the first requiem to be written in vernacular German, as all requiems before this piece were written in Latin. With this piece, Germans in the 19th century were able to appreciate not only the musical composition, but also the spiritual meaning of the message. “This is a significant work of music,” said Smith. “It was written for a concert mass, not a church service.” Other works of the time were

written for church masses. Freshman Jocie Morgan, a member of the choir, said performing such a challenging piece during her first year is like “being thrown in the water and expected to know how to swim.” “This is one of the hardest but most rewarding choral works we’ve done,” said junior Alec Warn. “It is very cool to perform a choral work this big that was originally written to move the hearts of others towards God in a church setting, while also having the opportunity to unite with others

in glorifying God with the gifts He has given us, to create something so much bigger than we ever could alone.” The choir will be rehearsing Thursday and Friday evening in the Berry Performing Arts Center. If people will be “attentive and respectful,” they are more than welcome to sit-in to listen to the rehearsals, said Smith. Smith expects the performance to be sold out. The show will be at 7:30p.m. on Saturday evening at the Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville.

# Lyons speaks on work for Leadership Week

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Undergraduate and graduate students and faculty listened to Gabe Lyons as he talked about his most recent book “The Next Christian” in a question and answer session last Wednesday in the Soderquist Business Center. Lyons, one of the two speakers invited for Soderquist Leadership Week, is the founder of Q Ideas, an organization committed to help Christians engage the world not only through ministry but also through their own specific fields. “God wants to show up where you’re talented and willing to be,” said Lyons. Lyons said that the world has become tired and done with Christians. As such, Christians who speak up about their faith are often shut out or blacklisted. “His best-selling book, ‘UnChristian,’ revealed the pervasiveness of culture’s growing disregard for Christians,” stated The Next Christians website. “Now, in ‘The Next Christians: Seven Ways You Can Live the Gospel and Restore the World,’ Lyons shows how a new wave of believers are turning the tide by bringing the truth of the Gospel to bear on our changing, secular society.” Lyons believes that Christians can still be faithful to the Gospel, while producing good work and having credibility with colleagues and neighbors. People can be full-time Christians and still restore confidence in our community and work, said Lyons.



DANIEL MADRID/The Threefold Advocate

**Author Gabe Lyons speaks in chapel** on restorative work in all fields of employment. Lyons’ book, “The Next Christian,” elaborates on the concept that ministry isn’t the only place Christians can make a difference.

Lyons also said that our priority is not just to get people saved and converted. We’re responsible for reconciliation and bring brokenness back together. Just as the world was created, sin perverted the world because of the fall, and there is redemption through Jesus Christ, our job is to restore, Lyons said. “‘Restorers,’ as Lyons calls them, approach culture with a different mentality

than generations past,” The Next Christians website stated. “Informed by truth, yet seasoned with grace and love, these believers engage in the world by drawing it to the sensibility and authenticity of the Christian life.” As restorers, Christians have the opportunity to give the culture a hint of what life’s supposed to look like. Through the way that Christian’s live, people are able to identify the Christian

faith as the best answer to life’s biggest questions. “We live in a certain way that draws people to heart of God,” Lyons said. “Live in a way that begs the question. People ask the question for the way they live their life.” Lyons also gave a brief summary about the seven ways we can restore the world in his book. Freshmen Peyton Weaver and Abby Bass both attended the session because they

read Lyons’ book in Steve Beers’ Gateway class. “He presented a different perspective,” Bass said. “He challenged us to be ambitious but not necessarily in ministry but in every field.” They both agreed they enjoyed what Lyons said in the talkback session. “We could have something to offer to the world 15 years from now,” Lyons said. “We have a new opportunity to recreate what you’re world looks like.”

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crave a smoke, and that when that happened he cut back the frequency with which he was smoking. Despite cigars’ low risk of addiction, Jeff has still had experience struggling to avoid smoking ‘medicinally,’ but not with cigars, and not in a group. “One time I got an e-cig because I was stressed out,” said Jeff. “I know other people that [smoke] when they’re stressed out, [but] most of the guys I know ... do it because it’s a social thing. The key is to never do it by yourself, which is hard.” “There were many times I did it to relieve stress,” said Rardin. “Last semester when I figured out I wasn’t going to be able to come back to JBU because of financial reasons I smoked to relieve that stress instead of talking to somebody.” In Broquard’s experience, students that smoked rarely didn’t want to quit. “Generally there aren’t

too many students I’ve talked to about smoking who don’t want to quit,” said Broquard. “Even those smoking a pipe in more social setting they will identify that it isn’t the best thing for [them].” The question raised is whether smoking is valuable enough in a Christian community to ignore rules and risk falling into addiction. Since coming to the University, Jeff has started to have doubts about the value of smoking as a social activity. “Coming into college I didn’t care,” said Jeff. “I thought it was fine. I’m wrestling with myself over whether I should do it at all because a lot of people spend thousands of dollars on tobacco and then die early because of it. They didn’t chose that, just over time you get more and more addicted.”

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**Nathan Jacobs with his family.** The Jacobs family eagerly await completion of paperwork for the adoption of their newest addition, Bozhidar.

and fundraising to legally adopt him. Last October, the Jacobs’ St. Gabriel’s Anglican Church congregation in Springdale put on a fall festival fundraiser and contributed all proceeds toward the support of their new anticipated family member.

This, in addition to donations from church members and various friends has raised about 70 percent of the funds needed for his adoption. During Thanksgiving break, Jacobs and his wife had the opportunity to fly overseas and visit their son’s orphanage.

There they were confronted by the reality of his disabilities and the heartbreaking depth of poverty and starvation within his home country, spurring an eagerness to bring him home as soon as possible. After completion of paperwork and home studies, they pray toward a notification of his official court date, which they now anticipate any day. Heather, accompanied by her mom, will then fly over. After medical testing and evaluations declare him clear to immigrate, they will take him home. The Jacobs children, a boy and three girls between ages 3-11, talk about the arrival of their new brother with anticipation and adoration. They intend to keep his original name Bozhidar and give him the middle name Gabriel in recognition of all St. Gabriel’s has done in support of his adoption. Moore and Jacobs are only the most recent faculty to grow their families by adoption, continuing a long tradition represented here at JBU within the faculty, staff and students on campus.



"We are looking forward to SGA week," said senior Liz Mathers, SGA president. "It is important because it will help us get more visibility."

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# EDITORIAL

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## No to drones

AMERICA DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER EXCUSE TO BE LAZY

It would meet Americans’ not-so-subtle desire for instant gratification, that’s for sure. But if Amazon and other major for-profit companies begin to use drones for delivery, what could the repercussions be for our society?

In an interview broadcasted on “60 Minutes,” Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos seemed optimistic about the evolution of the factory-to-doorstep process. The company hopes to begin the service in 2015, but must wait on approval from the Federal Aviation Administration.

We The Threefold Advocate think it best that the approval never comes.

Although the company insisted that safety will always be a top priority, it can make no guarantee that the delivery units will not one day be used as a catalyst for violence or other unlawful behaviors. The customized octocopters—as they are to be called—will not be manned by a human counterpart.

Plenty of science fiction movies have already shown the American public what possible negative consequences can come from relying too heavily on robotic technology. In some cases, the devices develop consciences of their own and take over the world; in other instances, enemies take control of the robots and use them to defeat the good guys.

Whatever the scenario, it almost never ends pretty.

Without a living, thinking pilot, the bots are susceptible to hackers or others who would use the machines to cause harm. Beyond that, the octobots themselves could also come under attack. As an article from CNN pointed out, bored teenagers and others with grudges or ill wills could easily shoot down the drones, costing the company and the customer wasted time, money and resources.

The octobots would have to fly at least 300 feet to avoid being attacked, and be able to sustain that altitude for up to a 10 mile radius.

Even with the initial limit of proximity, Bezos said the company plans to expand its effort when technology and circumstance allows. He pictures a world where the skies are full of delivery drones—not only from Amazon, but from restaurants



Courtesy of www.foxbusiness.com

and grocery stores and pharmacies.

We picture a world where we can lie on our backs with our children and daydream about the animal-shaped clouds floating above our heads.

With such low-flying devices, the horizons could eventually be crowded with metal spiders—and swirling with the buzz of their engines.

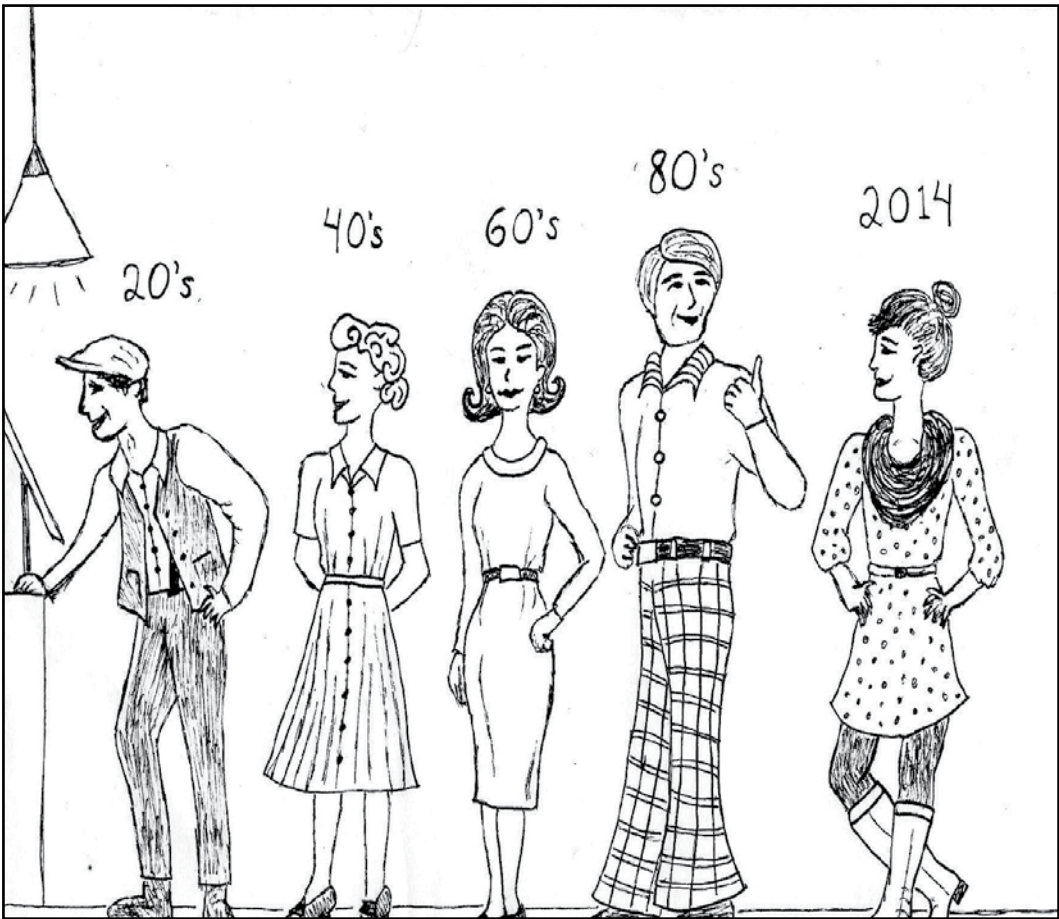
Use of commercial drones would have both an aesthetic and physical impact on our environment.

We are just fine now. Already present forms of quick delivery are an easy-to-access option. And if that won’t do, we even have the luxury to run out to the nearest big-box retailer and grab whatever our hearts desire.

Americans need to take a step back and consider the pro and cons of commercial drone use. Yes, it may allow us to continue lounging on the couch while ordering a hostess gift for that party we are attending tonight ... but is that a good thing?

We need to interact with humans, go out and about and and rely less on technology. We do not need drones.

## JBU STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE AGES



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## Trends never die



ONLINE EDITOR

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I’m a nontraditional student, so I’m a good 10 years older than most of my peers on campus. I’ve been around long enough now to see trends come and go. I lived through the decade of spandex, pump up Nikes, MC Hammer and scratch ‘n sniff stickers. I remember colored mascara (yes, yellow and pink mascara), slouch socks, shoulder pads and the most miserable of all haircuts ... the dreaded mullet (which, I’m sad to say, is still alive with its cousin, the rat tail, in rural parts of Arkansas and Oklahoma).

One trend I recall is tapered leg pants and leggings. For you kiddoes today, they’re called “skinny jeans,” and in 10 years you’ll look back with a mixture of disgust (“wow, those were unflattering”) and fondness (“wow, was I skinny! Those were the good ol days”). In fifth grade we all wore the same boat shoes that are popular today. Ours were Coasters and we all bought them at Payless. During that summer, I got in trouble when, in a moment of pure, creative inspiration, I tinted

my shoelaces in the most fabulous array of colors with the smoke from smokebombs. I tried the same “painting” technique not long ago and only burned my fingers.

Really, two decades ago there were only two options for clothes shopping in Northwest Arkansas: Walmart or JCPenney. None of us had the money to shop at Dillards. Actually, there were three options. Let’s not forget the good old yard sale.

This was well before anyone had ever heard of

underwear of choice - a nice combo of fabric lacking the wedgie-inducing skimp of a bikini and the overwhelming bulk of a brief.

Looking around campus, I’ve noticed that somehow the late 80s and early 90s never really disappeared. So it amazes me when I hear critiques in my art classes about things being “dated,” “cliché” and “out of style.” I don’t talk much, but after seeing some of the fur-fringed, dead animal looking coats, sweaters and boots I’ve

## Looking around campus, I’ve noticed that somehow the late 80s and early 90s never really disappeared.

Forever 21 or Gap and the NWA mall actually had a dollar store in it. At one point, I recall wearing pink high top Converse sneakers. They were never my favorite shoes, but in elementary school I had a dinosaur obsession and those shoes had a dinosaur logo on the ankle. They were unavailable in blue, so pink it was. My point is, I used to be hip ... well ... semi ... well, almost hip.

I hear the kids on campus mentioning hipsters and they say it like it’s a bad thing. I happen to be quite fond of hipsters. They are my

seen on campus, I find myself wanting to quip, “Honey, that sweater you’re wearin’ done been dead for 10 years!” But what do I know? I’m just a moldy oldie like all that have come before the present trends. And one day, you will be too.

But I do know that the old is always new. You can bet on it.

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## - Letter to the Editor -

Dear Editor,

While I always enjoy reading a new inspirational book, I do not always want it to be about God. I know that sounds bad, but I am going to be honest. God is not the only inspirational person in the world.

In the recent feature you ran on Faculty and Staff titled “Books that Inspire”, every single book was religious in nature. I understand that we go to a Christian school and faculty and staff are supposed to embody that, but I was a little disappointed to see all explicitly Christian books on the inspirational list.

There are many other areas of life where we can find inspiration. It could come from a great political leader, a classic novel, a book of love poems, or even a coffee table book filled with stunning photographs.

While I appreciate the faculty and staff recommendations, I would like to see other suggestions like the ones I mentioned. We stay in enough of a bubble here at JBU already, and only reading Christian books about God in the tiny bit of free time that I have is not what I always want to do. Yes, it is important to always desire to learn more about our God, but it is also important that we do not shut ourselves out of the world around us.

In our Gateway classes we must take when we first enroll at JBU, we learn about the idea of common grace. I think it is important to follow through with this idea and read “secular” or not explicitly Christian books as well as Christian ones.

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# Kirk finds peace in her story

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Patty Kirk spent a part of her life running to escape her damaged family. Today, she runs for pleasure amidst the nature of Northeast Oklahoma.

Kirk grew up in California until her family of eight moved to an old house in a Polish Catholic town in Connecticut. Both places played important roles in her life.

Kirk said her suburban town in California seemed artificial and everything looked like plastic, whereas Connecticut was full of mushrooms, wild black raspberries, weather and “snot colored icicles,” none of which she had seen before.

She then returned to California to attend the University of California in Irvine; she began a journey to escape her, what Kirk would describe as a “really messed up, dysfunctional family.

Kirk’s parents caused damage to her five siblings. Three turned to drugs, one to rage and anger and no mention of the fifth. Her own coping mechanism was to run.

“So I would go one place and that wasn’t far enough away, so I’d go another place,” said Kirk.

Drinking tea in her office at John Brown University, professor Kirk spoke of her escapes to New Orleans, Berlin, Boston, China and Hong Kong. She said that she was physically running away, “but in my head this is what it was...in retrospect.”

She said she liked running away to foreign places and having to learn a new language in order to start from scratch.

Kirk hand-drew a map that showed the geography of all of her past homes, demonstrating her familiarity with each place. She spoke about her time on Hong Kong’s Lamma Island.

“Mostly it was an island where a bunch of foreigners lived; expatriates who were all kind of like me,” said Kirk. “Messed up people who had ended up there.”

While taking time to sip her sweetened tea, Kirk recalled a bar where all the foreigners on Lamma Island would hangout.

Kirk remembered a bartender whose wife had gassed herself to death. Kirk said he would regularly throw himself overboard the ferry and attempt to commit suicide; though he was a good swimmer, was never able to drown.

“I think I just had a revelation that I didn’t want to be this expatriate, you know, just floating around in the world for the rest of my life,” said Kirk. “I wanted to figure out what home was.”

In the late 1980’s, after living in Hong Kong, Kirk returned to Berlin and decided to apply for graduate school at the University of Arkansas.

John Brown University senior and English minor, Samuel Dinger, is a student of Kirk’s Dinger spoke of his respect for her applying for her master’s degree, as he is currently doing the same. He said that he struggles to do it even with the advantage of the internet, and she mailed hers by hand.

After her mother died, Kirk reconnected with her grandmother and her latest husband while at the U of A.



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“He was kind of the exact opposite of me,” she said. “He was living on the same piece of land he was on when he was born.”

She and her husband built their house on this same piece of land. Kirk designed it as the “farm housie kind of house,” that she said she wanted. This marked the settling point for Kirk, one which she said she resented at first.

It was not until her sabbatical year at John Brown, which she spent writing and falling in love with where she and

her husband settled. Kirk felt she had discovered her promised land, as she put it.

“I know all the plants and trees and birds and animals...I know the names of flowers, I belong on some level,” said Kirk.

“[Kirk] has helped me express myself...she showed me the importance of writing about what you care about,” said Peter Spaulding, a junior at the University who has been inspired by Kirk.

“I have a hard time remembering the problematic parts of my life,” she said, although she has some vivid recollection. Some of her memories have been recorded in her works since she started writing in 1992. The lightly grey haired associate professor sat cross-legged as she referenced different memories to her first book, “Confessions of an Amateur Believer.”

“She trusts her story,” Dinger said. “but it doesn’t bore you...she makes me think my story could be interesting.”

## THE BOOK OF EMMA BY HANNAH WRIGHT

A SELECTED STUDENT WORK FROM PATTY KIRK’S CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Hannah, a slave of Christ,  
To Emma, my sister in flesh and faith, in chains in public high school,  
Grace and peace to you.  
I always thank God for you in my prayers, my sister, for your zeal and courage, for you do not shrink from the Gospel, but proclaim it with boldness. Your evangelism does you credit, and I pray your faith will continue to grow and spread among the unbelievers: the scene kids, the nerds, the jocks, the thespians, and the band geeks. I urge you to continue your good work and to keep ever in mind that, but for the grace of God, you too would be in darkness. However, you are a light, cloaked in the Holy Spirit and the raiment of a punk rocker, that you might reach the unbelievers all the better.  
My sister, do not let anyone look down on you because you are disabled, but set an example for the believers in determination, in wisdom, in love, and in patience. Do not grow weary in longsuffering, dear

one, for though neither man nor woman, neither adult nor child, neither Christian nor unbeliever, nor even I, your sister, understands you, your Father in Heaven knows you better than you know yourself. Do not be discouraged! You are greater than you know, for greater is He that is in you than the ignorance that is in the world.  
I urge you, sister, to be gentle as well as bold. Does not Scripture say, cultivate a gentle and quiet spirit, of great worth in God’s sight? Do I tell you, be quiet, do not speak of anything? By no means! For God has given you power as a speaker and evangelist. But let your speech be full, beginning and ending and all through, with love. For the Scripture also says, If I speak in the tongues of angels, but have not love, I am but a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. The Gospel is well able to defend itself, but focus your thoughts on love. Ask the Holy Spirit for the right words, and He will surely provide them. I would not tell you this was

so unless I had experienced it myself.  
Let your gentleness be evident to all, even to those who are not in need of the Gospel. I speak mainly of our brother in flesh and faith, whom you and I have persecuted. Love him, too, better than you love yourself.  
If I may now trouble you with a trivial matter, I will say that, while I am pleased to continue sharing a bedroom with you, if you play DVDs all the night, I do not sleep. I know, too, that if there is not noise in the room, you do not sleep. Shall we then, go each to separate rooms, or attempt compromise? I love you, my sister, but the two of us tired is a great temptation for spite and ill talk.  
Greet our parents and brother with a holy kiss, and greet the dog as well.  
Greet Alysa, our sister in the faith.  
And now, to Him who is greater than all our struggles and yet loves us: to Him be the glory and honor forever! Amen.





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# VINYL STYLE

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Siloam Springs is a community with a long history and many unique collectives available for residents and visitors alike. Recently, however, many residents have expressed an interest in collecting vinyls from local antique shops, coffee shops and online.

Andrew Lehr, resident director of Walker Hall

and the duplexes, began collecting both modern and vintage vinyl since before he moved to Siloam Springs.

“My dad actually collected vinyl back when he was in college, and back then it was the primary way to listen to music,” said Lehr. “He ended up giving me a lot of his old records and starting off my own collection. It’s a neat thing for me to have my dad’s collection and add to my own collection too.”

Lehr has been expanding

his collection since then with records collected from Pour Jon’s Coffee & Vinyl in downtown Siloam Springs and also online at websites such as Insound.

Lehr said that listening to vinyls rather than digital versions of music not only enhances his listening experience, but also causes him to take music more seriously.

“It’s the aesthetic of it. The sound is better, the quality is better, and the general listening experience is just enhanced

when you’re listening to it on a physical record,” said Lehr. “I love the sounds. I love the pops and the sound of the record when it starts up.”

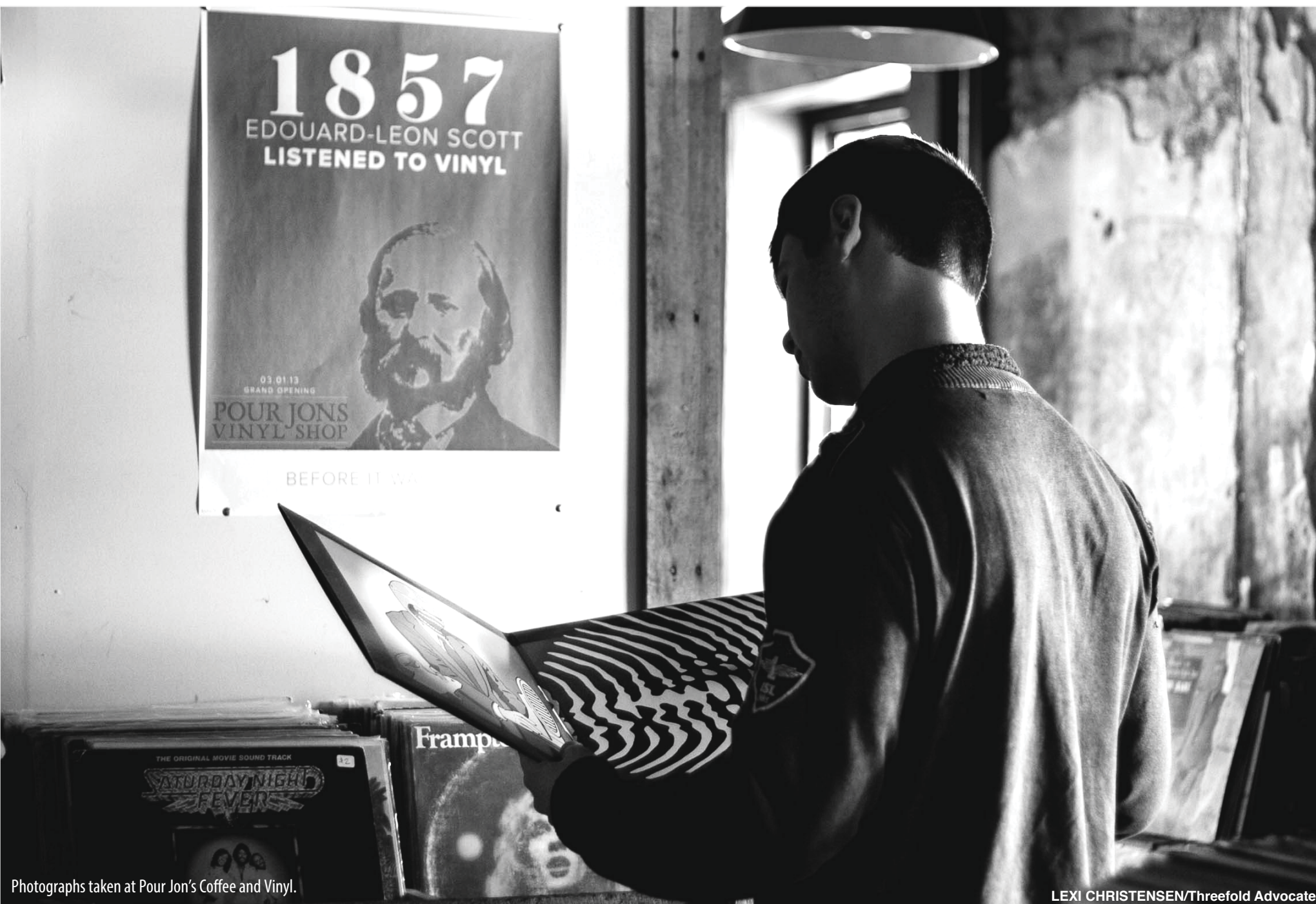
Freshman Connor Reed, a fellow collector of vinyls and records, believes that his vinyl collection connects him to a rich musical history so often disregarded by people today.

“I just want students to know that records aren’t just some old trashy thing to listen to music with, but they’re a piece of history they basically defined

the past couple of generations before cassettes,” said Reed.

Reed is particularly interested in older music, which contributed to his decision to begin collecting vinyls. Some of the places Reed frequents to find new additions to his collection are local antique shops, Pour Jon’s and Vintage Stock in Fayetteville, Ark.

“Remember [records] fondly and appreciate them and the cool history that comes with them,” said Reed. “Don’t forget about the records.”



Photographs taken at Pour Jon’s Coffee and Vinyl.

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Women's basketball tournament opener

10:45 a.m.



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Junior Lauren Rogers dribbles the ball down the court in a game Saturday against Southwestern A.G.. The Golden Eagles won the game 59-55. JBU will play their first game in the conference tournament this morning.

High honors to seven Golden Eagles

GILBERT  
GYAMFI  
#12

KOFI  
JOSEPHS  
#23

KURTIS  
PHILLIPS  
#25

QUINTON  
SMITH  
#20

KORTNI  
BAREMBERG  
#21

ELIANA  
FERNANDEZ  
#11

SIERRA  
SHIPLEY  
#22

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Seven John Brown University basketball players have received honorable titles and nominations through the Sooner Athletic Conference.

Freshman Quinton Smith has been given the conference's Co-Freshman of the Year honor.

Smith, who plays forward for the Golden Eagles, was placed in the starting lineup about midway through the season. Since then, Smith has increased his points-per-game by over three, averaging at a steady 8.73 points-per-game.

In a game against Wayland Baptist last month, Smith scored a personal-high of 18 points.

So far this season, Smith has

had a total of eight games where he scored in the double digits.

On Monday afternoon, the SAC offices announced that senior Gilbert Gyamfi, sophomore Kofi Josephs and senior Kurtis Phillips have each earned spots on SAC All-Conference teams.

Gyamfi has secured a spot on the second team, placing second in scoring with an average of 18.2 points per game and third on the team for rebounding, averaging 6.1 per game.

As of Monday, Gyamfi has scored 509 points this season, ranking him No. 34 in the nation.

Gyamfi's high point of the season was his 36 points in a game against Philander Smith University, helping his team win 106-105.

Josephs, who was named Freshman of the Year last

season, has been nominated for the third All-Conference team.

Leading the Golden Eagles this season in scoring, Josephs is ranked No. 15 in the nation for three-point baskets and No. 28 for overall scoring.

At guard, Josephs has scored more than 20 points in 12 different games this season, setting his career-high at 33 points in an overtime loss against Texas Wesleyan in January.

Phillips, forward, has been placed on the Honorable Mention list.

Doubling has the teams' point guard this season, Phillips is ranked No. 30 in the nation for defensive rebounding, averaging a little over five rebounds per game.

The women's team shares in the honors as well with

senior Sierra Shipley securing a nomination on the first team of the SAC All-Conference teams, junior Eliana Fernandez and senior Kortni Barenberg with second team nominations.

Shipley, who broke her 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point mark in Nov., has had a noteworthy season.

Averaging 16.5 points per game, Shipley is ranked No. 39 in the nation for points per game, No. 9 in three-point shooting and No. 12 for free throws.

During her sophomore season, Shipley was given an honorable mention and earned a third-team nomination her junior year.

Her career-high game for points was in Feb. when she scored 28 points against Wayland Baptist, assisting her team to a win.

Fernandez was benched earlier this season for a knee

injury, keeping her from playing, but had already performed an All-Conference team nomination worthy season prior to the injury.

Fernandez averaged 10.8 points per game. Her career-high 22-point-game was in a win against Wayland Baptist in February.

Barenberg is now averaged at 11.2 points per game this season as opposed to her junior year average of 7.6.

Her season-highs were in a game against Crowley's Ridge in November and another game against Northwood in February where she scored 22 points in each game, helping JBU to victories.

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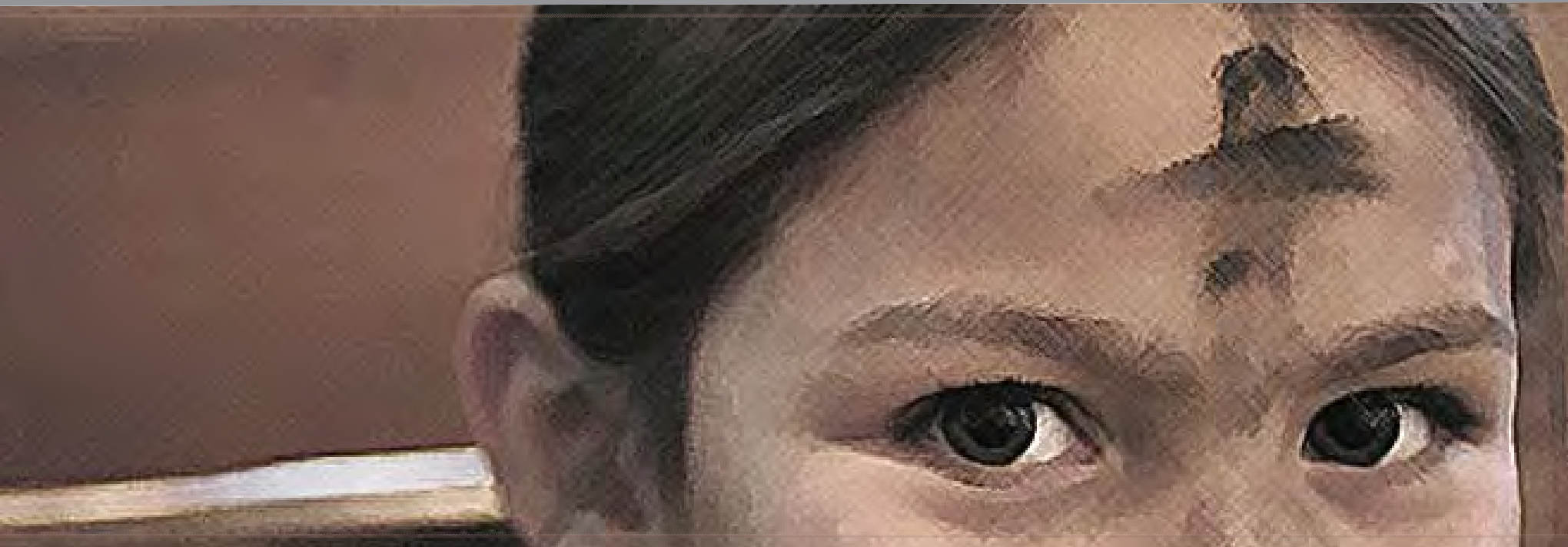






# ASH WEDNESDAY

By Sidney Van Wyk



**Lent happens every spring**, yet many remain confused as to its true purpose.

There are ashes involved on the first Wednesday of Lent. The ashes used in the Ash Wednesday service are also not necessarily reminders of an individual’s sin but of the need for penitence for all people and reminder of humanity’s immortality-**“from ashes to ashes.”** The BBC reports the ashes are a way for Christians to show God they are “sorry” for their sin.

Observers also only eat fish on Fridays, unless they are Orthodox, and tend to give something up, like chocolate, alcohol or social media.

Pope Francis I said the theme of this year’s Lent is, “He became poor so, that **by His poverty we might become rich.**”

Historically, Lent is about much more. The First General Council, the same one which created the Nicene Creed, are the first who recorded the 40 day fast before Easter, as William Bradshaw wrote for the Huffington Post.

**The 40 days are directly related to the time Jesus spent in the desert** before he began his ministry, but are also connected to 40 days of preparation Noah experienced before leaving the Ark and the 40 days Moses fasted and prayed on Mt. Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments.

“Taking into consideration how Jesus prepared for his ministry, ‘forty’ was determined to be the number of days his followers should use in preparing for Easter,” Bradshaw said.

It was also the time period in which the church focused most on baptism and training for new believers. Baptism has always been held within the church to be a great sacrament of salvation and life in Christ.

Lent is defined by Easter, the day Christians believe the entirety of Scripture, even time, hinges upon, and the remembrance of the day Jesus defeated sin through death, bringing eternal life.

“Lent, then, is generally observed as a **time for Christians to reflect, repent and pray** as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter,” stated Bible Gateway.

