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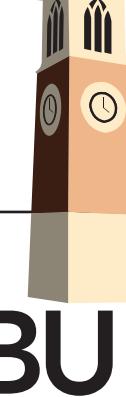
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## Operation Christmas Child challenges JBU



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In the course of 20 years Operation Christmas Child has given away over 100 million shoeboxes to children in 100 different

countries who would never have received the resources without the project.

Created by Samaritan's Purse, Operation

Christmas Child provides international relief to countries experiencing poverty, famine, disease, natural disasters and whose

people are victims of war. Samaritan's Purse currently provides aid such as food, shelter and water to those fleeing ISIS.

Last Saturday Samaritan's Purse conducted a workshop demonstrating the process and explaining how churches and

individuals can involve themselves in the ministry.

The process begins when churches or individuals take empty shoeboxes and fill them with items to wear, to wash with, to learn with, to eat with and something to love such as a stuffed animal.

The boxes are then collected and taken through to a relay center, a collection center and finally to a processing center where everything is checked for quality to ensure every shoebox meets the customs requirement. The last step takes place when

the shoeboxes are sent to countries all over the globe.

Distribution teams set up camps and help local pastors and leaders pass out the shoeboxes. With each shoebox a child receives

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## ISIS: The lowdown

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ISIS makes front-page news on a weekly basis. Understanding ISIS requires understanding a wealth of background in Middle Eastern politics and Muslim history.

ISIS stands for the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, also known as ISIL or simply Islamic State. The organization works less as a terrorist group and more as a militant organization with active recruiting, an organized administration and a treasury amounting to about 2 billion dollars, according to reports by a June 16 article from The Guardian.

ISIS began as a terrorist group associated with al-Qaeda, pushing the ideals of Sunni Islam,

especially of a sect called Wahabism—a strain of Islam so conservative that even the celebration of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday are considered too Christian.

In a time when most groups were attacking foreign troops or minority groups, this precursor to ISIS went after Shiite Muslims.

With the troop surge in 2011, much of al-Qaeda, and ISIS went to Syria.

Then and now, Syria was ruled by Bashar al-Assad,

against whom there was a mostly secular uprising among Syrians. ISIS took advantage of increasing violence between the Syrian government and their citizens, using the chaos as a foothold by supporting rebels and taking a stand against atrocities committed by Assad.

With this support, Syrian civilians began to view the organization as a society of heroes fighting persecution and the disenfranchisement of Sunni Muslims by the Syrian and Iraqi governments.

Over time, it became apparent that ISIS is driven by religious rather than humanitarian principles.

ISIS no longer wishes to cause fear and undermine non-Muslim ideals.

"We are fighting to make the word of Allah the highest," an ISIS spokesman said in reference to the organization's commitment to freeing Palestine.

ISIS militants believe that they can form a perfect state of Islam. This is further evidenced by the fact that as of June 29, Abu Bakr

al-Baghdadi was declared by ISIS to be Caliph, a title reserved for religious leaders in Islam.

Unfortunately, ISIS

has a surprising amount of credibility. Their ideals are radical, but not so radical that many Sunni Muslims find themselves approving

of their ideology, if not their methods. What's more, they often establish schools and stable administration in the areas they invade.

ISIS's mass recruitment is pulling not only from the Middle East, but now from France, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"A lot of young people have been recruited in a very exploitative way," said Mia Bloom with the Center for Terrorism and Security Studies.

The recruiters are like predators, so they are looking for young people who very often

may be seeking out some involvement, and may not necessarily know what their individual obligation is to

their religion."

"So what they do is they combine feelings of guilt that they live in the West, and that there are people,

there are Muslims suffering in the Middle East with this distortion of the Islamic faith," Bloom said, "to say that, 'You have to go to the jihad in order to fulfill your individual obligation.'

ISIS continues to earn money through donors and by smuggling and stealing from minorities—many of whom they kill or force to leave their homes.

As ISIS has moved into Iraq, it has continued to attack Christians, most famously the Ancient Christian community in



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people of Iraq and Syria.

"It's important to be updated," Merrill said.

"We need to know where everything stems from in these situations."

Monsul, but also ethnic minorities such as Turkmen, Yazidis and Shabaks.

Christians are subject to special taxes and are forced to convert, leave or, in many cases, die.

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# Ministries merge to expand vision



**Antioch**, a new campus CAUSE ministry, was formed from the partnership of existing CAUSE ministries: E-VAN and Partners in Prayer.

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The great commission, to make disciples of all nations, is known and practiced by Christians all over the world. John Brown University's newest ministry, Antioch has been created to accomplish and embody this mission.

Beginning this year, CAUSE ministries E-Van and Partners in Prayer, combined to create Antioch. The ministry aims to, "Encourage and support disciple-making locally and globally."

Last year students in the two ministries recognized they would work better together, and the idea of combining the two ministries was born.

While Partners in Prayer focuses on praying for the global church, especially foreign missions, E-VAN focuses on local evangelism. According to Josiah Wadsack, co-leader of Partners in Prayer last semester, it made sense to combine the efforts of both causes.

"Our world gets so excited about helping people physically, and gets passionate about foreign missions," he said. "But we can forget about helping people right next door with

their spiritual life."

Wadsack explained that local and global outreaches go hand in hand, and one cannot work fully without the other. He also expounded on the name of the ministry, referencing the story in Acts 11 in which Jews fleeing persecution gathered together in Antioch and told the gospel to the Gentiles.

According to the passage, this is the first time these followers of Jesus were called Christians. Because they ministered to both believers and strangers, the name seemed fitting for the new CAUSE ministry.

Antioch seeks to carry out its mission of disciple-making through several different events. The group, led by seven core members, meets Monday evenings to hear from guest speakers and have small group discussions.

On Tuesday nights, Antioch gathers together to pray over local and global churches, peoples and groups. The CAUSE ministry also plans to host a variety of events, seminars and meetings over the course of the school year.

"We've had a lot of new people come and get excited about discipleship," said Kaitlin Vestal, one of Antioch's leaders.

"I feel like there are a lot of people who are afraid of

sharing the Gospel, and we want people to get excited about it," Vestal said.

"Prayer is one of the hardest ministries there is. It isn't sexy," Wadsack said, explaining many people's lack of activism and hesitancy to get involved. "Sure, I can give money to support a cause, but is that how God wants us to get involved?"

Because Antioch is a new ministry on campus, it is still working on finding its footing. Many of the organization's plans are in the works, and the group's leaders are still working to see what works best for them.

"It's hard because it's new, but it's also exciting," said Vestal.

Antioch's current series of discussions is centered on the idea of disciple making in the context of JBU. According to Wadsack, their goal is to discover what JBU students need to grow as disciples.

"We are still figuring everything out and seeing what discipleship will look like on campus," Wadsack said. "We don't have all the answers, but we do know this is the heart of God."

If you are interested in joining Antioch or would like more information, contact them at: [Antioch@jbu.edu](mailto:Antioch@jbu.edu)

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a pamphlet titled "The Greatest Gift," which tells the story of Christ. After receiving their shoeboxes, the children enroll in a 12-week discipleship program called, "The Greatest Journey" in which children study the Bible and learn how to live as disciples of Christ. The program ends with a ceremony in which children are given graduation gowns, certificates and copies of the New Testament in their own language.

The shoeboxes allow Samaritan's Purse access within closed communities. With that access they can provide healthcare, food, clean water wells and openings for local pastors and missionaries. The contents of the shoeboxes help children gain a skill to prevent them from following the paths of their parents.

One volunteer shared the story of Juliette, a young girl destined to become a prostitute. Juliette's mom was a prostitute, her neighbors were prostitutes and pimps ruled the

community in which she lived. Everyone assumed that she, too, would take up prostitution.

At the beginning of Samaritan's Purse's journey Juliette and other children would not let the volunteers touch them because of how inappropriate adults had already treated them. Yet by the end of the trip the children were running to hug her, swinging on her arms and shaking her hand. Johnson showed Juliette that there are adults who sincerely care about her and a God who loves her.

The project tends to create a generational effect on its recipients. Many adults who received Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as children now work with the project to ensure more kids are reached.

Regional Manager Stephanie Olsen shared the story of a Filipino woman named Rizza who as a child received a shoebox full of gifts and accepted Christ in the process. To show her gratitude Rizza now



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works with Operation Christmas Child to pull children off the streets and introduce them to Christ. Olsen remembered watching Rizza during her recent visit to the Philippines dancing, singing and teaching children about the love of God.

Olsen challenged

college students to join the ministry by building their own shoeboxes, encouraging students to get together with friends to make shoeboxes or initiate friendly competitions between dormitories to see who can fill the most boxes.

Another convenient option is to go online

and build a box, which cost only \$ 25.00. Olsen said it is an easy and beneficial sacrifice.

"It is simple as saving the money from buying that Starbucks drink," Olsen said.

Operation Christmas Child will conduct a Family Fun Fest October 12, 2014 at Arvest

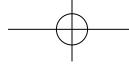
Ballpark in Springdale from 12:30-3:30 p.m., where they will distribute more information concerning how to get involved in the program, as well as free food, crafts, bounce houses and live music.



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# Chapel singer craves new Christian sound

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Andrew Peterson loves stories. He began performing music and crafting songs when he was 19 by using experiences from his own life and the people around him.

Peterson said what is most important about performing music is the people he gets to meet. "I don't love music as much as I love connecting with people through music," said Peterson.

The inspiration for his music came from musician Rich Mullins. His music immediately captured Peterson's attention because of its "brokenness" and the imperfections. Through Rich Mullins' music, Peterson said he could feel how broken he was.

Peterson said getting paid to think about his life is one of the greatest blessings that has come as a result of his music. He said it forces him to acknowledge and face his own brokenness.

When he gets bigger than himself, Peterson said that his family grounds him and reminds him that he's just a man, "trying to figure stuff out."

"My family is like the garden that God has given to me to tend to," Peterson said when describing his family.

Christian music has reputation of being cliché and cheesy.

"I feel like we give too much credit to the cheese,"



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Peterson said,

Peterson said there is a fear of his music becoming "cheesy." He wants his music to sound different.

Peterson believes in the beautiful history of Christian art, paintings, music and the like. He reminds us that some of the Christian music we dislike is only a "small slice" of the whole of the beauty that Christianity holds.

He said he wants his music to be different from the norm, so that he can continue to connect to people.

The students at JBU had a chance to experience his music during chapel. Mandy Meyer, sophomore, said, "His music is more real and

personable."

"He still exalts God, but gets down to the human level," said Meyer.

She enjoyed his style and enjoyed how personable and honest he was.

Kileab Ammons, sophomore, said he particularly enjoyed his music because of his talented writing abilities. Ammons said he uses that gift from God to write about reality and where he is in life.

"He meets people where they're at," said Ammons, "I think one of the big things he does really well is take a step back, maybe in life he's in a really bad situation but when he writes he can step back and go deeper."

# The great R.A. debate

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Whether too invasive or too out of touch, resident assistants, commonly known as R.A.s are presented each year with the tough task of knowing their boundaries with students.

A majority of the JBU student body has lived in a residence hall as students are required to live on campus for six semesters. In a residence hall, the student is assigned an R.A. For Mayfield and J. Alvin dorms, each hall is assigned two R.A.s. This is not the case in Walker and Hutcheson, where each hall is only assigned a single R.A..

Malorie Magnus, senior child and family studies major, feels that the two-R.A. set up in Mayfield is a "good dynamic." Magnus said it enhanced overall the community life. She said that usually one R.A. was more organized than the other, while the other one was more enthusiastic.

This difference in personality created an even and appropriate balance. Magnus said that the girls on her Mayfield hall even nicknamed their R.A.s Aunt and Mom, implying closeness in their relationships. The

most organized being the Mom, and the more relaxed being the Aunt.

Kory Gann, senior youth ministries major, lived in J. Alvin his freshmen year and said his experience of having an R.A. was a "distant" one. Gann said his R.A. tended to, "do his own thing." Gann's R.A. was unable to develop a close relationship with him, which could have been attributed to him being a junior, and Gann being a freshman at the

experience as Magnus. Living in Walker, he loves his R.A. "The first week of school the new guys got together with the R.A.s." Sloter said this bonding helped build their friendships with each other.

For resident assistants, it is a tough balancing act to know how to handle not invading a student's space. When asked how to handle the position, Mayfield Assistant Resident Director and

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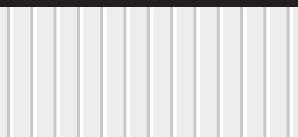
His sophomore year was a more positive experience as his R.A. was closer in age. Gann's This R.A. worked more on building a community environment for his hall.

Gann said he considered a successful R.A. one who was more "relational" and "personal" towards residents.

Adam Sloter, freshmen worship arts major, had a similar

previous Mayfield R.A. Meaghan Ranz said wisdom is the answer.

"As an R.A., it is important to let others know that they are invited and welcomed in my life, and there is a lot of wisdom in knowing when to 'break through the barrier' and when to allow space to be present. My hope is that my girls know that I deeply care about them, and that looks very different for everyone," said Ranz.



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## Ebola spreads:

### More aid needed in West Africa

With the worst Ebola outbreak in history having now infected almost 5,000 people and killed nearly half, immediate relief efforts are desperately needed. Though the crisis has been escalating exponentially in the past several weeks—half of the infections and deaths occurred in the past 21 days, according to Bruce Aylward, an assistant director general of the World Health Organization—the United States has not committed much to the effort until now.

On Tuesday, President Obama pledged 3,000 American troops to help West Africa. According to Reuters, “his plan calls for sending the troops, including engineers and medical personnel, to build 17 treatment centers with 100 beds each, train thousands of healthcare workers and establish a military control center for coordination of the relief effort.”

We The Threefold Advocate commend the United States for stepping up to help these desperate people as Ebola spreads, but we question the use of soldiers as the answer. The fight against Ebola is not fought with guns or military strategies, but with medical personnel, sanitary facilities and increased awareness of the virus.

Sending soldiers into a region devastated by disease only furthers the idea that the United States is a fearsome country ready to strike. While the situation with ISIS may call for military force, the Department of Defense is not the organization to deal with a humanitarian crisis.

Though President Obama stated that the Ebola outbreak was a “global threat” that could have “profound economic, political and security implications for all of us,” he also said the chances of an outbreak in the U.S. are extremely low.

President Obama neglected to acknowledge the horrific reality that the people of Sierra Leone, Liberia and the other affected countries are facing. By shifting the focus off of those dying and onto the (negligible) possibility of an American security threat, President Obama’s promise of aid seems self-serving and insufficient. After all, the United Nations has declared that \$1 billion is needed to contain the virus, and only about one-third of that has been raised.

While the United States’ efforts may look good, we The Threefold Advocate insist that more humanitarian aid be sent to West Africa in the form of doctors, supplies and other workers instead of soldiers, and that the U.S. truly step up and empathize with those suffering instead of being self-interested.

## The pursuit of happiness: Can it be part of God's will?

It is a common goal for most people to achieve some sort of happiness. In fact, it is an idea that most Americans see as their ultimate dream. We are often told to do more of what brings us pleasure.

It is a nice thought: to pursue what makes us happy. For students, this may look like a road trip with friends or going to a concert every week. Or perhaps you are studying for a career that you hope will make you happy.

But can we really pursue enjoyment and delight at all times? More importantly, is it acceptable to live our lives as Christians with the goal of achieving happiness? Asking ourselves this question can make us uncomfortable. The inevitable question, “What would Jesus do?” does not make things much clearer.

A recent article published in Relevant Magazine, entitled “Does the American Dream conflict with God’s will?” touched some of the problems with pursuing such a goal as self-interested as personal happiness.

“The American Dream is not inherently wrong,” wrote Seth Silvers for Relevant. “A desire to grow, progress and succeed is healthy. But when that drive becomes our identity, we can lose sight of our purpose as sons and daughters of God.”

We The Threefold Advocate believe that setting such a temporary, fleeting feeling as happiness as our goal instead of finding joy in Christ is not what we are called to do. Happiness fades, always needing to be replenished by something else, something new. If people spend their lives trying to be happy, they will always come up empty in the end. Searching for ultimate happiness in this world is a fruitless goal.

In addition, striving for earthly happiness is contradictory to what we have learned through Scripture; however, this does not mean desiring happiness is inherently evil or wrong. Happiness is obviously a positive thing, but becoming obsessed with it and losing sight of what is truly important leads to a serious problem.

For example, if happiness looks like owning all the coolest clothes or having the newest technological gadget, then an unhealthy materialism can develop. Or, for some, happiness is found in getting high or drinking too much. Or spending too much time at work, or playing video games all day.

Many of these things are not so detrimental in moderation, but when they become the source of our joy instead of Christ, there is a problem. We start to rely on ourselves and things of the world in our selfish attempts to make ourselves happy instead of the one from whom all joy comes.

We must remember to keep ourselves oriented toward God if we want to experience true joy. As the well-known hymn by Helen Howarth Lemmel reminds us, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”

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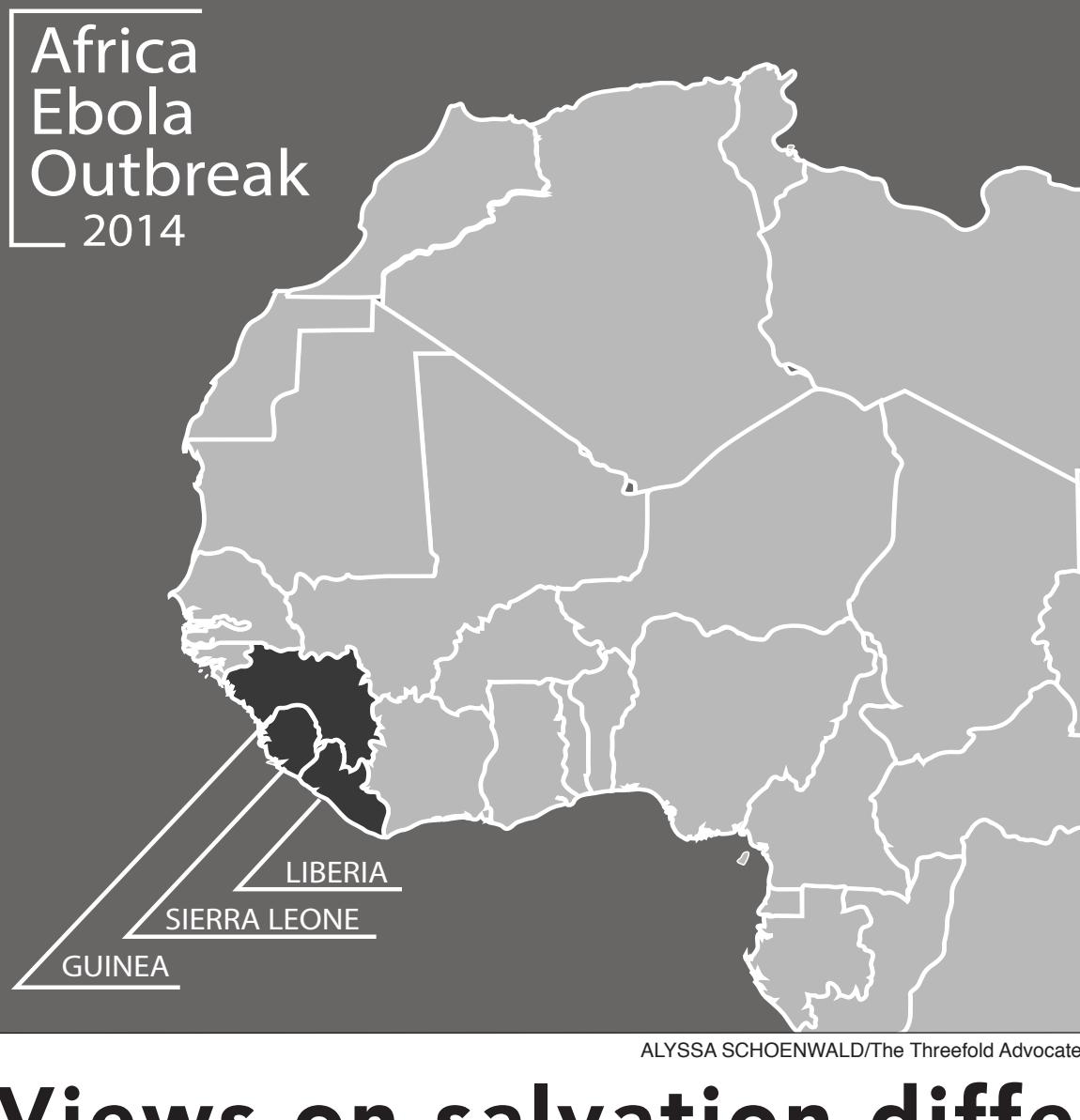
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## Views on salvation differ



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With the advent of the Paradosis Center on the JBU campus, there is now interest and opportunity to compare notes between Evangelicals and Roman Catholics.

As a 35 year veteran of the Bible faculty, I have had a long-time interest in this project. I taught the history of Christian doctrine repeatedly and once hosted a seminar on Roman Catholic doctrine in which we read the 1200+ page tome Catholicism, by the then head of the theology department at Notre Dame, Richard McBrien.

Let's look at the differences on the doctrine of salvation: How do we get into God's heaven?

Evangelicals insist with John, Paul, Peter and the writer to the Hebrews that salvation is by grace, through faith in Jesus' finished work on the cross where he died "once-for-all" faith being a personal receiving of Jesus Christ as Savior. Heaven, to be where Jesus is, is a gift, and "absence from the body is presence with the Lord."

The key ideas of the reformers are often summed up as, from the Latin, Sola Scriptura (Scripture only, versus tradition), Sola Fide,

(Faith only, versus works), and the Priesthood of Every Believer (versus clergy over laity). For these convictions, many reformers died.

What these men were protesting was a vast sacerdotal system of priesthood, beginning with the "grace-imparting" sacrament of baptism which was supposed to wash away "original sin." It had replaced "original righteousness" given at mankind's creation. This "baptismal regeneration" left the passive recipient in a state of salvation, but only until he or she committed a personal sin, one of the damning kind denoted as a "mortal sin."

These included pride, lust, gluttony and laziness!

The system picks up there with the sacrament of penance, a so-called "second plank."

It is the sacrament that daily marks the lives of practicing Roman Catholics. It has been called the "working doctrine of the Church."

What then is the Catholic to do, since the grace of "salvation" has been destroyed?

The best remedy is to achieve "perfect contrition." But this requires such complete sorrow for sin that it is seldom if ever achieved. So nearly everyone must begin the sacrament of Penance.

First, the penitent one confesses the sin to a priest, who then grants absolution. Absolution releases the "eternal penalty" of the sin, but the "temporal penalty" is not lifted. To alleviate this the priest then prescribes "works of penance" such as prayers, fasting, and giving of alms.

If all these prescribed works are not fully and completely finished (and who can be sure?), when the penitent dies he or she will not go to heaven but to Purgatory to there finish all the temporal penalties for all their lifetime of unfinished penance. Remedies to shorten their time in purgatory can be accomplished by their loved ones still in this world, called Indulgences. These include burning candles, having masses said, bible reading and prayers. The Pope is said to have authority to transfer "surplus merit" from saints to needy souls.

After purgatory, heaven may at last be reached, we are

"So, do both Evangelical Protestants and

Roman Catholics believe in the same Gospel?

Ask Martin Luther. Ask the Tridentine Fathers."

assured.

So, do both Evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholics believe in the same Gospel? Ask Martin Luther. Ask the Tridentine Fathers. The Council of Trent declared that Luther's protest against indulgences amounted to an attack on the entire sacramental system!

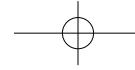
It was truly against this system of salvation that the reformers marshalled truth like Ephesians 2:8, 9--"For by grace are you saved, through faith. . . not of works, lest any man should boast." And Romans 5:1-- Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God."

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## OPINION 5

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## Living for Christ in Color

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"I'm colorblind."

This is something I often hear from students and faculty when hard discussions of race come up. And, since I teach early American history, the history of slavery and African history here at JBU, the topic of race comes up often.

"I'm colorblind" is a sentence that I grew up using, too. I was raised in the multi-ethnic environment of the U.S. Navy, where I lived near, went to school with and became friends with people from a variety of backgrounds. And my black and Filipino friends were people with cool toys and music—not people who I identified primarily as members of particular ethnic groups.

After I started my graduate work in the history of slavery at the University of Maryland, I stopped saying I was colorblind. While my studies of race as a social and cultural phenomenon were enriching and certainly changed my beliefs about the role of race in society, what really changed the way I thought were the

encounters and relationships I had with the people in the neighborhoods I lived in—first Hyattsville and then Riverdale Park, Maryland. Through my experiences in these two white-minority neighborhoods, I was educated in a new way.

I was educated by the single black mothers in the crisis pregnancy center where I worked who, often with resigned discouragement, recounted how they were treated with disdain by the

*"I learned that I had inherited the privilege of blindness to systematic injustice simply because I am a white person who lives in a world where 'white' is 'normal.'"*

welfare officials who used access to a welfare check as an opportunity to provide lectures on personal responsibility. My heart became heavy.

I was educated by the black Ghanaian shopworker I befriended when he mentioned his anger toward African-American teenage men, and how he intentionally exaggerated his West African accent so as not to be identified as a black thug. This saddened me.

I was educated by my son's daycare provider, the inimitable Miss Novella, whose pride in her family's ownership of the land on which they once worked as slaves was palpable. In this, I

shared her joy.

I was educated by Miss Shirley, our neighbor down the road who cussed about the dirty immigrants coming to the neighborhood, even as she handed over generous bundles of clothes for my newborn baby. While I appreciated her generosity, I was perplexed by her disgust at newcomers.

I was educated by the very immigrants whom Miss Shirley cussed about as they fought for a quality education for their children at one of the

Ghanaian immigrant friend, assume that young black men are threats rather than contributing members of society.

- I learned that owning a home is a point of pride for many African Americans because it means they've been able to beat a government-sponsored system of discrimination that has systematically denied blacks access to one of the most critical paths to middle-class status.

- I learned that well-meaning white folks who care deeply for others can still hold violent ideas about people whom they fear—people like our immigrant neighbors.

- I learned that when undocumented immigrants face injustice in the schools, they often have little recourse for making things right because speaking out might mean deportation.

- I learned that some people—like our neighborhood school officials—take advantage of that reality to maintain a discriminatory status quo.

- I learned that I had inherited the privilege of blindness to systematic injustice simply because I am a white person who lives in a world where "white" is "normal."

- I learned that the only way I can see these injustices is through the eyes of those who have experienced them.

- And, through my exploration of Scripture

during this time, I learned that God sides with those who are oppressed, beaten and discriminated against—and so should I.

After my time in Hyattsville and Riverdale Park, I swore to never again utter the words "I'm colorblind." This isn't because I'm not interested in treating everyone with equal dignity (I am) but because I've come to realize that saying "I'm colorblind" amounts to saying "I have not lived your experience, and it therefore means nothing to me."

The reality is that my minority friends' experiences are more inextricably linked to the color of their skin than I, as a middle-class white woman, can ever imagine. And I have a lot to learn from them because of the uniqueness of their experiences. And so does the whole JBU community. My hope for JBU is that we become a place where people, in class, in the residence halls and in their offices, are less likely to say "I'm colorblind" and more likely to ask, "What colors your world?"



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## Worship crosses cultures

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This summer, I was able to travel to Guatemala to study Spanish while getting to know the culture from an inside perspective. This was my second trip to Central America, the first being with JBU. Traveling to Guatemala independently this summer was such a fascinating and exciting experience! All I knew was who was picking me up and dropping me off from the airport; the rest was spontaneous.

Julio Orozco, a sophomore Walton student, hosted me for two weeks at his home in the Capital. Living with a host family allowed me to truly be a part of the culture and practice my Spanish. It was so much fun exploring the city with Julio and his brother, Pablo. Whether we were watching action movies in Spanish, writing songs, or shopping in the Central Market, the Orozcos truly made me feel

like a Guatemalan.

I also spent time at a girl's home and school in Chimaltenango, a small city outside the Capital. I enjoyed taking part in the everyday life of this lively community while getting to know the heart of the local church. I hope to return to Chimaltenango next summer for an ethnographic internship, further studying the culture and faith of this community.

My favorite part of the trip was getting to lead worship at a youth rally with Julio and his friends. First of all, these guys are some of the funniest people I have ever met! Not to mention how incredibly talented they are as musicians. The community we were blessed to worship with was full of zeal, joy and vigor for the Lord. I was so encouraged to see teenagers and young adults my age pursuing Christ with intentionality. I remember getting chills as I sang "Revelation Song" in Spanish and realizing how incredible our God is. He transcends all borders, languages and cultures. How cool is that?

I loved every second I spent in Guatemala this summer and cannot wait to return next year to continue my adventures.

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Devine at the Palacio Nacional de la Cultura, a museum and government building in the capital of Guatemala.



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## Museum captures 'full scope' of art history

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When most people think about Northwest Arkansas, they often think of Walmart and the University of Arkansas, businesses that have made big impacts on the communities around them.

Alice Walton, daughter of Walmart founder Sam Walton, decided that she wanted to make an impact on the Northwest Arkansas community too. She is the orchestrator behind the biggest art museum in the state of Arkansas, and she sought to add a nonprofit

to that list of businesses, leaving a legacy in the local community.

In 2011, when Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art was built, Walton's dream of an art museum that people from all over could visit for free became a reality.

With admission paid for by Walmart, visitors can come and enjoy the many exhibits, walking trails and pieces of art for free.

Crystal Bridges houses more than 400 pieces of art spanning a 240 year period, with the earliest piece being a painting of President George Washington from the 1780s. The pieces are displayed in four permanent exhibits. The

first exhibit starts with pieces in the Colonial Era. The last exhibit ends with pieces from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Walton's goal behind building Crystal Bridges was to "highlight the full scope of American art and history," which includes the natural artistic appeal of the woods and springs surrounding the building. She wanted the rolling hills and wooded area surrounding the museum to be a special part of every visitor's experience.

There are a total of seven exhibitions, six of which are permanent and one temporary exhibition, which is switched out three times a year and usually stays at Crystal Bridges for three to

four months.

Each exhibition is divided into different chronological categories, except for one, which is exclusively used to showcase the works of local artists. The exhibitions host a variety of art pieces including paintings of different styles, sculptures, watercolors, sketches with pen, charcoal or pencil and tactile pieces.

Some of the most well-known American artworks shown in these exhibits include the art of Norman Rockwell, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol.

One of the reasons John Brown University senior Andrea Perry likes to visit the museum is to see the Norman Rockwell painting.

"Norman Rockwell's 'Rosie the Riveter' is my absolute favorite piece of art there," Perry said. "When I was a child, my mom would let me flip through this giant *Best of Norman Rockwell* book that she had. I was in love with his realism and creativity. His work was timeless and relatable."

On the weekends, Crystal Bridges seeks to engage their visitors in a more hands-on and captivating way so that when people leave, they will want to come back, no matter how far away they live, and tell their friends. Some of the activities they host are live demonstrations by local artists, live orchestral music being played next to a piece

of art and guided tours.

Another unique aspect of Crystal Bridges compared to other art museums is that they also desire to show the art in nature. The biggest way that they seek to include nature is through their four walking trails scattered throughout the grounds.

The trails take visitors through the surrounding wooded area filled with native flowers and trees. They will also walk up upon and alongside larger pieces of art, like a bronze pig and a stainless steel tree, which may be too big to fit inside the museum. The background of the changing landscape also adds to the look of the pieces.

On their trail walk, visitors will also come across the Crystal Spring, from which the museum receives its name, and the Tulip Tree Shelter that gives visitors a place to hide from the sun and rest while still enjoying the beauty of the nature around them.

After visiting Crystal Bridges, guests will come away with many memories of the beautiful pieces of art they saw in the exhibitions. They will remember the welcome that they received from the very first moment they were greeted.

The beauty of the rolling hills and wooded area with natural flowing springs will prompt them to want to walk

the trails before they leave, if only for a brief moment to catch the art not kept inside.

And of course, visitors will walk away with a better knowledge and understanding of the different works of art created by American artists, depicting the different struggles and joys of living in America all the way from the Colonial Era to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

It will be a place to visit often, with friends and family members to help discover this jewel tucked away in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas.

Julia Cason lives in Little Rock, Ark., a three-hour drive from the museum, yet she said that she frequents the museum often because she finds the water soothing.

Cason and her husband have children that live in a nearby town and the couple will often meet them at the museum for lunch and a walk on the trails. While the couple waits, Cason sits in the restaurant located in one of the museum's sections where she can sit comfortably and look over the pond and see the fish swimming below her.

Having lived all over the United States, including the New England area and in California, she has been to many art museums, and she said that she enjoys telling her friends that Arkansas has good art museums too.



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# StrengthsQuest: Meeting yourself

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Everyone's got them: five little words from a test that you likely took in Gateway your freshman year. Some of these words are long, like Individualization, and some are quite short—WOO! Some are very concrete, like Command, and some are more abstract, like Connectedness. Some are self-explanatory, like Positivity, and some are a bit mysterious, like Input. But what do they mean? And how do you use them?

StrengthsQuest is an educational leadership program from Gallup Inc.

While many personality assessments give tendencies and thought processes, StrengthsQuest focuses on finding and fostering only strengths, ignoring weaknesses completely.

"People who are successful learn to use their strengths in a lot of different areas," said Rod Reed, University chaplain. "The reality is we all have limitations. By understanding my strengths, I've increased my chances for success."

The research agrees. People who spend time working on their strengths show vast improvement over people who try to make up for their weaknesses, according to several studies

cited on strengthsquest.com. "[StrengthsQuest] says, this is the area where you have the most opportunity for growth," said Becci Rothfuss, director of the Leaders Scholars Institute.

One of Rothfuss' strengths is Belief, and she strongly believes in the power of knowing your strengths.

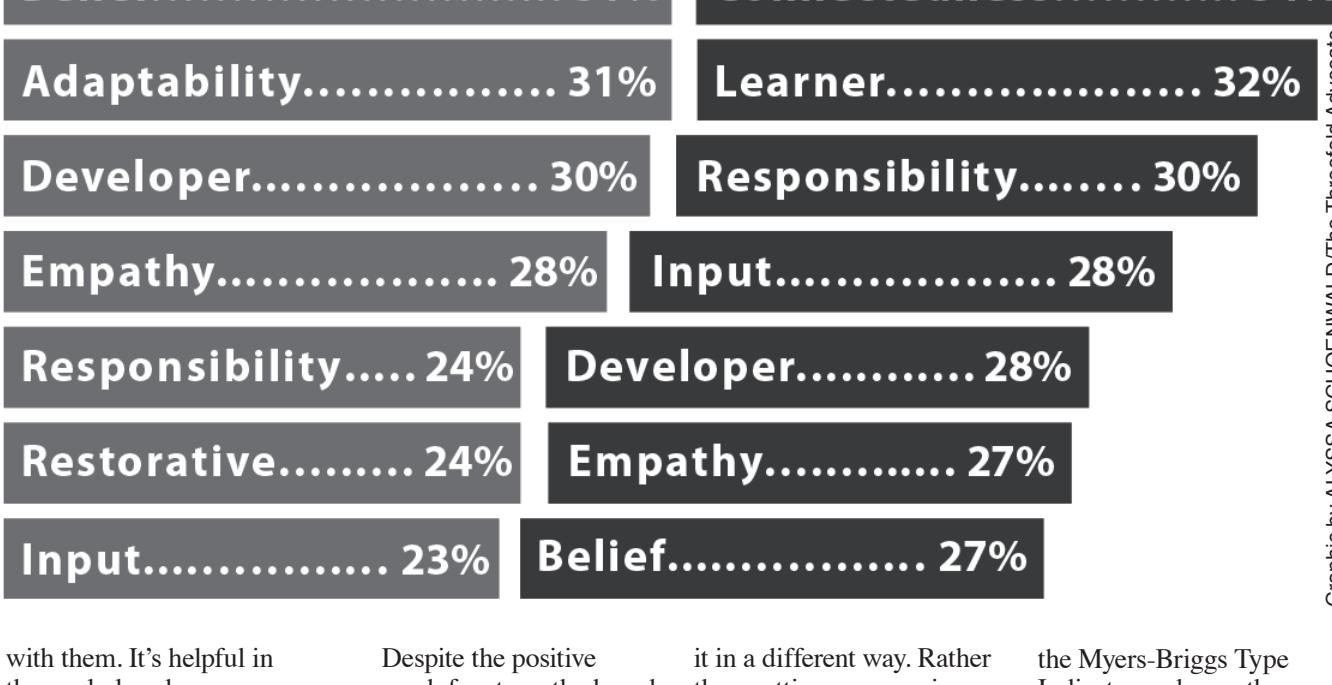
"I don't believe that this is a magic bullet, but I believe it's a good tool, and it lines up philosophically with what I believe about how God created us," she says.

Unlike the Myers-Briggs, there are no opposite traits, and no one strength precludes another. Though WOO, the tendency to favor a large quantity of relationships, and Relator, the tendency to favor a few high quality relationships, seem like opposites, they can coexist. The combination is rare, but not impossible.

Because there are thousands of combinations, there are a lot of different ways particular strengths manifest. Sophomore Neil Haefli finds this fascinating. He has become somewhat of an expert in personality tests, say his friends, and is a big fan of StrengthsQuest.

"It's helpful for school because you learn how your brain works," he says. "It's helpful with friends because you understand how to communicate

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with them. It's helpful in the workplace because you understand how to apply yourself better."

Haefli recommends talking to people with similar strengths.

"You might understand part of that strength, and they might understand another part and see ways it's applicable to your life in ways that you can't," Haefli said. Reed agrees.

"Send it to your parents, your siblings, your best friend, and say, does this sound like me?" Reed says.

Despite the positive research for strengths-based growth, some students still rankle at the idea of being put in a box. Rothfuss says that while there is some danger in stereotyping, the flexible nature of StrengthsQuest naturally defines pigeonholing.

"The strengths all work together," she says. "For example, a person with Maximizer and Belief is going to act very different from a person with Maximizer and Achiever."

Haefli likes to think of

it in a different way. Rather than putting a person in a box, strengths are boxes that overlap with a person without encompassing them. He also adds that if generalizations don't appeal, then one can always get more specific.

"Yes, that means more boxes, but soon you've gotten so specific that only one person can fill that space," he says. "I think that's why it's helpful to use other personality tests."

Haefli recommends

the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and even the Hogwarts House quiz of Harry Potter fame on pottermore.com.

As for him, his research into personality types has helped him work on one of his strengths: Ideation, the fascination with and ability to recognize big ideas.

"Ideation helps me understand Ideation, which makes me like Ideation," he quipped.

For more information on www.StrengthsQuest, visit StrengthsQuest.com.

## Physics professor tackles faith and science

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Ken Hahn, the new professor of physics at John Brown University, says that his life has been defined by teachers. In fifth grade, Hahn had a science teacher named Mr. Pendleton.

"He was really, really strict," said Hahn. "You lost five points on a test every time you crossed something out."

Nevertheless, said Hahn, "that may be where I became aware of my love of science."

After gaining a love of reading as well in high school from one Mr. Berrington, Hahn began a lifelong journey of science and learning.

Hahn studied physics as an undergrad at Texas A&M, joining the Corps of Cadets, an ROTC-like organization established by A&M in 1876.

"It was challenging," said Hahn. "I was the first of my family to go to college."

The military atmosphere was strict—Hahn was required to wear his corps uniform everywhere except the dorms—and occasionally

promoted unhealthy choices, but it was because of the corps that Hahn was led to Christ.

Hahn did not grow up in a Christian home, and his few experiences with the church before college were not very positive.

"I went to a Bible study, where I met cadets and students who were genuine Christians," Hahn said.

There began a yearlong struggle with God that ended in giving his life to Christ. He began to study theology and continue in Bible study, and soon, through reading, he had new teachers in authors

like John Piper, J.I. Packer, and J. Oswald Sanders. Though his journey was not easy, he knew his purpose well.

"I knew I had a new master," Hahn said.

After Hahn graduated in '82, he served in a non-military capacity with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, spending time on a destroyer in the South Pacific and a submarine, the Ethan Allen.

"This was back in the days of the evil empire of the U.S.S.R.," he quipped. "I played some real army."

After his service time was over, he took the opportunity to go back to A&M for grad school, getting first a master's degree and then a doctorate in physics.

As he studied physics, Hahn was asked to teach an advanced physics course.

"It was by teaching that class that I realized not only that I loved science, I wanted to teach it," Hahn said.

Though he was well qualified for research jobs when he received his doctorate, Hahn looked only for teaching positions, and ended up a professor at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

It was there that Hahn met his wife, Tricia.

"On our first date, we went to see a play called 'Christmas Carol,' in

"I'm a huge advocate of Christian education," Hahn said. "We need Christians who are well trained in their field and able to wrestle with the challenges of the day."

One of the issues he's interested in tackling is the intersection of faith and science.

"I don't see any great conflict in those, but in the culture there's a huge schism between faith and science," Hahn said. "I am fully aware that in the church there are many competing voices. But I know that God does not lie. The Bible is not a science textbook, but it is true."

In addition to jumping into integrative learning, Hahn is eager to get involved in ministry. He has also begun thinking about physics research that would be accessible to students and affordable for the University.

Above all, he says, his goal is simple.

"Not to sound trite, but (I want) to honor the Lord with my teaching, and to pour into the lives of my students in whatever way opens up for me," he said.

He hopes the students are ready to learn. Though he is our professor now, he is still learning himself.

"I still have teachers," he said. "They sit here on my bookshelf, and they can talk to me anytime I want to listen."

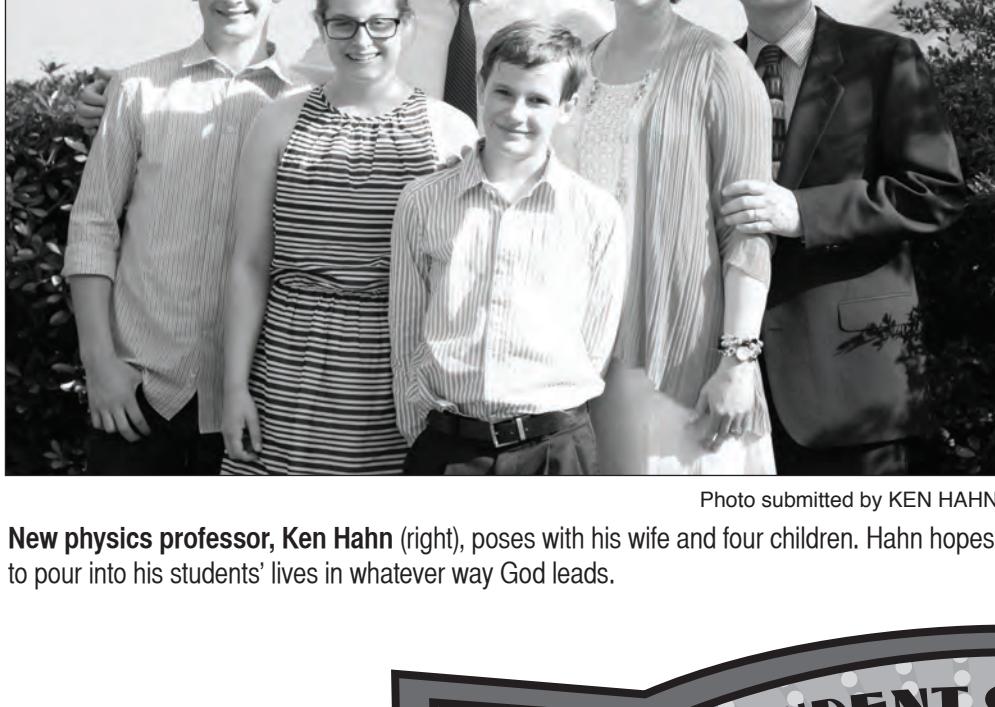


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New physics professor, Ken Hahn (right), poses with his wife and four children. Hahn hopes to pour into his students' lives in whatever way God leads.

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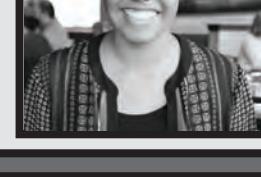
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# Rugby establishes brotherhood

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After winning their first game this past weekend, the John Brown University Rugby team is excited to see how far they will go this year.

"I like the contact of rugby, and the brotherhood that it fosters," Levi Pruitt, freshman construction management major, said.

Pruett believes that

the team will do well and that there are a lot of good incoming players.

"Right now we are using our practice time to develop a connection as a team between the new and returning players," David Zamora, sophomore international business and intercultural studies major, said.

Zamora feels that the more time that the team has together the more they will move as "one beat."

"The more we practice how we want to play in the pitch, the better we will do in the pitch during the games," Zamora said.

Zamora encourages his teammates to practice with a purpose and stresses that staying dedicated in and out of practice will lead them back to nationals.

Jason Dowd, Junior Secondary Education major, who is returning to the rugby team after leaving JBU for a year,

feels like he came back to a totally different team, but has encountered the same brotherhood that he encountered before.

"After coming back I thought that we would have lost a lot of talent on the team, but I think that we gained it all back," Dowd said.

"We welcome anyone to come and try out at any of our practices," Marcus Ciccarello, junior international business

major, said.

Ciccarello encourages any men at JBU that have an interest in joining the team, or finding out what it is like to come and join in on a practice. The team practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The team encourages everyone to come out to the games, and will be selling t-shirts in Walker within the next couple of

weeks.

"I enjoy the thrill of a tackle sport, and rugby is the closest thing to football that we get at JBU,"

Emily Pearce, sophomore intercultural studies major said.

The team's first home game will be during Homecoming on Oct. 4 against the alumni, and the first home conference game will be against Northeastern State University on Oct. 11.



(Left) The rugby huddles before a match, a team ritual that they practice before every match.



(Right) The rugby team joins senior Chris Dye in a traditional cheer to motivate the team for battle.

# Golden Eagles prove skills on and off field

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This summer, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes announced that five of John Brown University's athletic teams received Scholar-Team Awards for 2013-2014. Women's tennis, volleyball, women's cross country, men's cross country and women's soccer all received the honorable title.

In order for a team to even be considered for

the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.

In an article posted on the National Collegiate Athletic Association website, some of the benefits of being a collegiate student-athlete include receiving a college education, exposure and experiences, elite training opportunities, healthy living and academic success. According to the article, college student-athletes graduate at higher rates than college students

in general.

For the John Brown University women's soccer team, who averaged a 3.31 grade point average last year, the academic success wasn't achieved with winning awards in mind.

"I think it's awesome that we won the award, but honestly I'm not sure that anyone was making good grades to purposefully receive the award," senior Madison Susmilch said.

"We value what we do in the classroom as much as our performance on the field, and so making

good grades is just a characteristic of our team."

Susmilch, who is playing her fourth and final season as a Golden Eagle, acknowledges that the success doesn't come easily.

"Since we miss so much class for games, playing catch up with all of my school work is an issue," Susmilch said. "Thankfully, other students in my classes are so willing to help me with what I miss."

On average, student athletes spend around 40-

50 hours per week during season on activities related to their sport, according to an article posted on CNN Money. For most people, that is considered a full-time job.

Susmilch said that time management is the key to success.

"When I was in high school and playing sports, there wasn't much time management involved because games were never during school or class hours. Now, they can be at any time, which raises the level in the classroom

and on the field," Susmilch said. "It was a huge transition."

All John Brown University athletic teams adopt the NAIA Champions of Character Five-Start Institution standards: integrity, responsibility, respect, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

The women's soccer team is currently (4-1-1) overall. Their next game will take place Saturday on their home field against Benedictine.



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Senior Karl Anderson maneuvers around the opposing team in a match last weekend.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



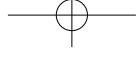
**ADAM HOLT**  
Men's Soccer

Holt was named Sooner Athletic Conference's Defensive Player of the week. Blocking four potential goals, Holt helped the team beat #5 ranking team Oklahoma Wesleyan last Friday.

## Corrections

In Issue 1 of The Threefold Advocate, the cheer picture was photographed by Mackenzie Rich. The soccer picture with Marco Cardona was photographed by Nathan Marquardt. Also, the athletic headshots were photographed by Daniel Madrid.





# 10 SPOTLIGHT

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Siloam Springs fosters the word "community" in more ways than one. The small town features various organizations and charities that help those in need, sheltering the homeless, supporting children in need and feeding the hungry. These organizations are available to whoever needs assistance and are always looking for more volunteers, donations and support.

## Other Organizations Include:

- Dogwood Literacy Council
- Manna Center
- Boys and Girls Club
- Siloam Springs Adult Development Center
- Tailwaggers (local animal shelter)
- Only Believe Tabernacle

Written By: Kelly Escarcega



## New Beginnings Pregnancy Services

This organization helps women with unplanned pregnancies, sexual health information and mentoring opportunities in addition to offering parenting classes. New Beginnings accepts donations and volunteers to help at the clinic.

## Ability Tree

This organization helps people with disabilities and their family members by providing R.E.S.T. which stands for Recreation, Education, Support and Training. Anyone can volunteer in a few easy steps. All one has to do is go to website abilitytree.org and fill out a form as a volunteer a church/agency or as a business. Ability Tree can also be reached at 479-373-6033.

## Genesis House

This ministry is a shelter that assists the homeless, offering emergency shelter, food and comfort, as well as help with homeless prevention and rental assistance programs, involving motels, hot meals and basic items such as blankets and coats. Currently, Arvest Bank is partnered with Genesis House to raise 1 million meals. They are asking for donations of non-perishable food items from now until Nov. 1 at the Siloam Springs, Gentry, Kansas and Oklahoma locations. It is also possible to make \$1 cash donations at the locations. Every dollar represents the equivalent of five meals for local families.

## Hunger & Thirst Ministries

Started by Bill and Sandra Parsons, residents of Siloam Springs, Hunger & Thirst Ministries offers hot lunches Monday-Thursday and emergency food boxes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in addition to clothing for those who might need it. The ministry depends solely on individual and private donations from the community. If you are interested in getting involved, call them at 479-373-6220.

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