

# the Excelsior

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## Upcoming Events

- February**
- 14** "We Love Our Students" Day
- 20** President's Day - No LBS
- March**
- 3-4** Fine Arts
- 6** Girl's Basketball Tournament
- 7** J.V. Basketball Tournament
- 9-10** Varsity Basketball Tournament
- 13-17** Spring Break
- 26** "Through Christ" Celebration Sunday

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## "No More Secrets"

By Alysson Harris

"Whether God does anything in your heart or not is not up to me or God." Bro. Clint Caviness set the grounds for our 2006 secondary Winter Revival with the challenge "it is up to you."

He started out the week with a powerful, convicting message—"No More Secrets." He came to the pulpit with intensity and gripping reality—a reality that we as Christians so many times don't wish to face. "We hide things, don't we?" was one question put forth to us on Monday morning. Truthfully, we do—we all do. It is so tempting to just try to forget about our "secrets" and pretend they never happened when they come into our thoughts. We are afraid to tell our secrets "because we are afraid to be exposed." In conclusion, he said, "When you harbor guilty knowledge between you and someone else, you become less; you can't do things for God, and you can never have peace." God will always bring to light things we vainly try to hide from Him and others. Our thoughts become our words and actions, and we were challenged to dedicate our minds to be completely wrapped in Him.

On Wednesday, we were taught the process a hard heart will undergo to get to its

calloused state. Listening is directly related to the condition of our hearts. "Somehow when we don't listen, the cement of our heart is setting," explained Bro. Caviness. Your desire to listen will do a lot to shape the desires in your heart. Later we were taught that "Our heart is a sticky ball—it sticks to anything we expose it to." We were urged to expose our hearts to the guidance God has placed in our lives. Exposing ourselves to right things will create a soft heart. He also touched on the standards we set for ourselves. We all have standards, whether they be close to the world's standards or far away. The farther we place ourselves away from the edge (where the world's standards begin), the better our chances will be that if we do fall—which we all will—our consequences will not be severe and scarring.

"David was a man after God's own heart, not because he didn't fall, but because he kept getting up." We fall, many times over and over because of the same thing, but be encouraged to know that as long as we keep getting up, we too can be called men and women after God's own heart. We all have something instilled in us that pushes us to live for God, His will, and His

people. The voice of Bro. Caviness can still be heard in the hearts of many in our secondary as he pleaded on Friday with sincere intent for us to "Live for Heaven."

