



## MEET THE NEWEST WAYFARER

At Wayfarer, we have always been proud of the way we design. Whether it's Engage, a written publication, or a speaking event, we always seek to create an experience that affects people and awakens them to who Christ really is.

But in our creative process, we constantly ran into one problem: We didn't have the staff to create a look that enhanced the rest of our design. Thankfully, we had great contractors we could call on to help us, but

Blake was a gifted artist. Then about a year ago, we needed someone to make a video for an Engage series called Dumpster Diving. We called on Blake, and we were blown away by what he created. His unique style of animation took Engage to a new level, and we couldn't wait to work with him more often.

We started using Blake not only for videos but also other design projects, including series pictures

lem-solving with an emphasis in visual expression. He spent four years as the media director at First United Methodist Church in Americus, Georgia, and was a freelancer before joining Wayfarer.

The best thing about Blake is that he is far more than an artist or a video guy or a web guy. Instead, he calls himself a visual communicator. So just as our speakers and writers try to use words to communicate the message that God puts on our



Blake Berg, along with his work: a screen shot from the Tales of a Wayfarer video (l) and the Domino Effect art

going outside still limited our options.

But about a year ago, we began to sense that God was opening the door for us to add one of those contractors onto our team, and this spring that became reality as Wayfarer hired Blake Berg to be a visual artist on our staff.

We first met Blake two years ago. He was playing in The John Brown Band, a group that Chris Brooks did a summer camp with in Georgia. Chris went on to do several events with the band, and in the course of those experiences he discovered that

and even an animated menu for our Old School CD-Rom project. No matter what project we gave him, Blake did an amazing job, and he was great to work with as well.

We asked Blake if he was willing to explore joining our staff, and he showed immediate interest. He pursued the opportunity as hard as we pursued him, and we were finally able to bring him on staff in April.

Blake is a native of Irvine, Calif., and a graduate of Georgia Southwestern State University. There, he focused his studies on critical thinking and creative prob-

lems, Blake seeks to find ways to communicate that same message in the form of something you can look at. He has a great gift, and it adds so much to the designs that we do here at Wayfarer.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Blake to the Wayfarer team. He has meshed in with our community already, and we're enjoying getting to know him better. If you think Blake can help you visually communicate the message of your church or organization, please contact Wayfarer to find out more about how Blake can partner with you.

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# GO OLD SCHOOL ON COMPUTER

It's time to go Old School -- on your computer. That may be an oxymoron, but it comes to life in an innovative devotional resource Wayfarer is releasing this summer. We've taken one of our Fish Food series and turned it into a CD-Rom called Old School: Today's questions, yesterday's stories.

This resource uses computers and even iPods to connect students to Biblical stories that they might expect would be disconnected from their lives. It does this by taking stories from the Old Testament and using them to answer some of the biggest questions we face everyday.

The Old School CD-Rom includes:

- 20 audio devotions that you can listen to on a computer or download to an iPod or MP3 player.
- 16 written devotions that you can read on your computer or print out and take with you.
- 1 high-quality introductory video that you can watch on your monitor or download to your iPod. It got over a million hits on YouTube, so it must be good!
- Bonus features, including three additional videos,



fully animated intro and menus, and web links.

You can order Old School on-line at [www.wayfarerministries.org](http://www.wayfarerministries.org) or in the old-school way by calling 864.587.4985.



Wayfarer is excited to announce two new writing partners with whom we have recently started working: Upward Unlimited and the North American Mission Board.

Upward, a children's sports ministry, has been a friend of Wayfarer for years, and we now have the opportunity to partner with them to produce devotions that coaches will share with more than a half-million students starting in fall 2008. We've already begun designing this project, and we can't wait to see how God uses it.

This summer, we are also working with the North American Mission Board to produce a four-session curriculum piece for Connect, which is a challenge to help students reach one friend for Christ within a year. The curriculum piece we're designing and delivering will reach students starting this fall.



# SUMMER SPEAKING SCHEDULE

As always, the summer is the busiest travel season for Wayfarer's speakers. Please pray for them as they go and pray for those they speak to at camp. Our prayer is that many students and adults will rediscover Christ this summer through our speakers.



## CHRIS BROOKS

- May 28-June 1:** FBC at the Mall, Lakeland, Fla.
- June 2-8:** Fellowship Bible Church Camp, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- June 11-15:** Beach Camp, Gulf Shores, Ala.
- June 25-29:** Smyrna First Baptist Church, Ocoee, Tenn.
- July 9-13:** East Bayou Church Camp, Lafayette, La.
- July 17-20:** Heights Baptist Church, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
- July 23-27:** First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

## CHAD NORRIS

- May 30-June 2:** Student Life Kids Camp, Sherman, Tex.
- June 7-11:** Student Life Youth Camp, Lookout

Mountain, Ga.

- June 11-15:** Silverdale Baptist Church Youth Camp, Newport, Tenn.
- June 17-22:** Thee Camp, Bolivar, Mo.
- June 30-July 3:** Student Life Kids Camp, Black Mountain, N.C.
- July 7-10:** Student Life Kids Camp, Sherman, Tex.
- July 16-19:** Student Life Kids Camp, Talladega, Ala.
- July 21-24:** Student Life Youth Camp, Lookout Mountain, Ga.

## DAVE RHODES

- May 31-June 3:** Church of the Apostles Camp, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
- June 4-8:** Crossroads Community Church Camp, Lawrenceville, Ga.
- June 11-15:** Student Life Youth Camp, Talladega, Ala.
- June 25-29:** First Baptist Church Camp, Tifton, Ga.
- July 5-9:** Student Life Kids Camp, Cleveland, Tenn.
- July 11-14:** Student Life Kids Camp, Sherman, Tex.
- July 19-23:** Westside Family Church Camp, Windemere, Mo.
- July 30-August 2:** Student Life Kids Camp, Talladega, Ala.

# FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On April 27, Wayfarer held its fourth annual golf tournament. This annual event plays a huge role in providing the financial resources that Wayfarer needs to accomplish the mission God has given us, and this year it was a huge success.

Twenty-five teams came to play in a four-man scramble to compete for some great prizes and support us in the process. The day at Carolina Country Club was blustery, but that didn't stop teams from making a lot of birdies and posting low scores. In the end, Mike Green's team carded the best score to take the overall prize.



An added feature for this year's tournament was the Birdie Club. We

players made during the tournament. On the day, we had 254 birdies and

10 eagles. That added more than \$6,000 to the final fundraising tally. This was a fun way to make the tournament an even better tool for supporting Wayfarer, and we are thrilled with the results.

We hope you enjoy these snapshots of our tournament, and we hope you'll take the time to thank and support the businesses and organizations that supported our tournament this year. We're grateful for all the teams, sponsors, and birdie-club members that joined us this year. Your support goes a long way toward

recruited sponsors to make pledges based on how many birdies our 100

helping Wayfarer achieve the mission God has set before us.

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# FROM OUR HEARTS

Wow! The past few months have been a whirlwind here at Wayfarer. Since the beginning of 2007, so much has happened. You've already seen some of these things in this newsletter.

Of course, we have even more to tell you. We've had some wonderful family additions since our last newsletter. David and Courtney Reichley welcomed their fourth child and first daughter, Amelia, on December 9. And we added another girl when Robert Neely became engaged to Lindsay Addison. They'll be married this November. We're really excited for Robert and Lindsay as they take this important step.

On the business side, in addition to our new partnerships with Upward Unlimited and the North American Mission Board, we also have one more major publishing project in the works with

a new partner. We look forward to telling you more about this deal once it is finalized. Please pray for our conversations with this publisher as we continue to move toward this exciting project over the coming months.

The other exciting thing we have been working on intensely over the past few months is a consulting process with Auxano. It's been an amazing experience for us to take intentional time out from the hectic pace of our everyday responsibilities to think about who God has called us to be and how we are to do what we are called to do, and then to put words and pictures to this process. We're still in the middle of the process, but so far we've learned a ton about ourselves. In our next newsletter, you'll see many of the fruits of this process, and you'll get a taste of the amazing journey we've been

on with Auxano and our consultant Will Mancini.

In these things and many more, God is working in amazing ways here at Wayfarer. We're thankful that you took some time to read about them, and we're even more thankful to have your prayers and your financial support. It means so much to us when we hear from you, so please keep in touch. And if you want to support Wayfarer financially, that is always appreciated. You can make a tax-deductible donation by mailing a check to the address on the front page or give on-line at [www.wayfarerministries.org](http://www.wayfarerministries.org). We can't do all that God is putting before us without your help, and we're thankful for your faithful friendship and support. Have a great summer!

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