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## TBC churches set CP giving record

January mission giving through the Cooperative Program established a new record month for Tennessee Baptists, according to Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Cooperative Program mission giving for January totaled \$2,085,783.05, passing the previous record month of October 1984 when \$2,006,757.79 was received.

January's record-breaking month closed the convention year's first quarter just 1 percent below the convention-adopted goal. Messengers to the 1984 state convention approved a \$19,625,000 budget-goal for the November 1984-October 1985 convention year.

The budget-goal for one quarter would be \$4,906,250 (one-fourth of \$19,625,000). Cooperative Program gifts for the November 1984-January 1985 period reached \$4,856,545.76, missing the goal by \$49,704.24 or 1.01 percent, Madden reported.

Last quarter's Cooperative Program mission gifts were 7.68 percent higher than the \$4,509,978.62 contributed during the November 1983-January 1984 period.

The monthly goal pace for the current convention year is \$1,635,416.67 (one-

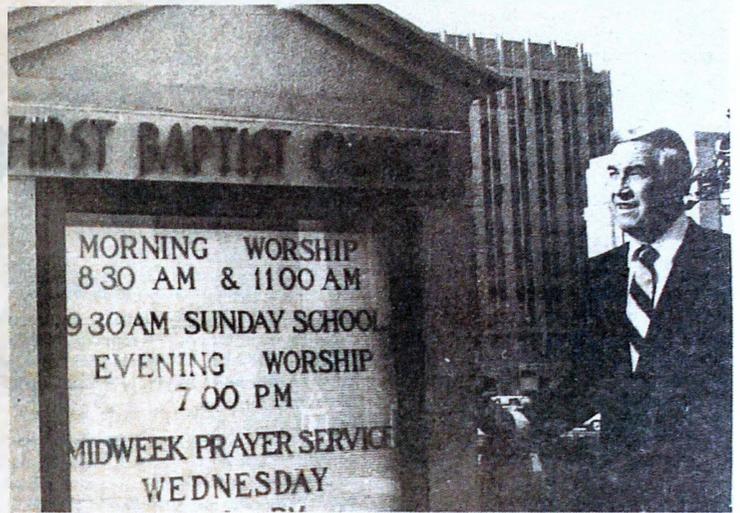
twelfth of \$19,625,000). January's Cooperative Program mission gifts of \$2,086,783.05 were \$450,366.38 above (27.54 percent higher than) the monthly goal.

Last month's gifts were 29.24 percent higher than the \$1,613,862.96 given through the Cooperative Program in January 1984, which is the TBC's eighth highest month.

Madden also reported that during the last quarter Tennessee Baptists gave \$3,000,167.15 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This is a 22.72 percent increase over the \$2,444,680.24 given to the special FMB offering during the same quarter of last year's convention year.

"These sacrificial gifts by Tennessee Baptists are a clear indication of their love for and commitment to mission causes," Madden said. "I commend our church members for their faithfulness, and I am confident that God will continue to bless them and their churches for their generous stewardship."

A church-by-church listing of mission gifts through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts for last quarter are printed in this issue of the Baptist and Reflector, beginning on page 9.



**PLEASED PASTOR** — A. Douglas Watterson, pastor of Knoxville's First Baptist Church, found that Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism brought togetherness, additions, and church revival, as well as committed stewards in his church.

## PGGE pilot project aids First Baptist, Knoxville

By Al Shackleford

**KNOXVILLE** — Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism proved to be more of a church revival than a stewardship promotion at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, according to Pastor A. Douglas Watterson.

Serving as a pilot project church for the Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism emphasis, the Knoxville congregation experienced what Watterson described as a warm spirit, multiple additions, and its largest December in church giving. And the congregation pledged 15 percent more toward the church budget than has been pledged in the past.

Watterson, chairman of the Tennessee PGGE state Task Force, presented the plan last fall to his church, which voted enthusiastically to participate. "We had to get ready in three weeks, when we should have had nine months," Watterson said.

"Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism is a churchwide effort, and we involved hundreds of people," he reported. This culminated in the five-week church event. Four Sundays in October Watterson preached on some stewardship theme, although only one of these sermons was specifically on monetary stewardship. Other messages dealt with missions and the Baptist way of winning a lost world, Watterson said.

The church event culminated in a Sunday night church banquet, after which pledge cards were mailed to every church member.

"Then came the hardest part," Watterson observed, "to get visitors to canvass the church membership." However, this effort resulted in multiple ad-

ditions. "We uncovered petty feelings that have existed for years and were able to deal with many of these."

Watterson said the visitation added more impetus to the Sunday School, which has been recognized as the fastest growing in Knox County Baptist Association.

The stewardship result was that the church membership over-pledged its budget by more than 15 percent. The church has covenanted to share a bulk of any amount given above the budget with mission causes.

Watterson sees two main differences between Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism and other stewardship campaigns which Southern Baptist churches, including his, have used in the past.

"First, this is basically a missions program," he noted, emphasizing the need to minister at home and around the world, to fulfill Bold Mission Thrust. "This is the secret; not just giving money."

The second difference is that churches are asked to plan for the next 15 years. "Other campaigns have been for the tithe, for the church budget, for one year," Watterson explained.

The Knoxville pastor said about the same percentage of church members made pledges as in the past, but this year many of the members' pledges detailed plans for year-by-year increases in giving to the church.

Watterson admits that PGGE has challenged his own giving goals. "I was reared on 10 percent, and it never really occurred to me to give beyond the tithe and special offerings." Now, his family hopes to be giving 20 percent to the

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## Demonstration in Jerusalem targets Baptist congregation

**JERUSALEM (BP)** — The Narkis Street Baptist Church in west Jerusalem has become a target of Yad Lachim, a conservative Jewish organization which is antagonistic toward Christianity in Israel.

At issue are the congregation's rebuilding plans for its Narkis Street facility, which was destroyed in an October 1982 fire which authorities suspect was arson.

A Jan. 23 demonstration on Narkis Street, organized by Yad Lachim, has stirred concern because it was promoted throughout Jerusalem with posters misrepresenting the church's pastor, Robert Lindsey, a Southern Baptist representative in Israel since 1944.

About 100 people, including women, children, and teen-agers, participated in the protest.

"There were quotes on the posters, falsely attributed to Robert Lindsey, misrepresenting him and the church," said Isam Ballenger, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for Europe and the Middle East. Ray Hicks, administrator for Southern Baptist representatives in Israel, relayed the information to Ballenger.

One sentence on the Yad Lachim posters quoted Lindsey as saying, "Just give me another thousand years and I'll make

them (the Jews) missionaries to the whole world."

The Narkis Street Baptist Church, founded nearly 60 years ago, is an international, English-language congregation of about 350 people. No charges were filed in the fire which gutted the 49-year-old chapel. The church since has met in a tent-like structure on the site.

The church also was the target of a grenade explosion about seven years ago; office windows often have been smashed; and slogans have been spray painted on the property several times and later removed by the city government of Jerusalem.

Final approval for rebuilding is now before a regional planning and development council.

The congregation's request also has prompted one unnamed ultraconservative Orthodox Jewish leader to tell the Jerusalem Post that his political party, Shas, will withdraw from the municipal coalition if approval is granted.

The recent misrepresentations of Lindsey and the church point up the "intolerance of other religious groups" by Yad Lachim and similar organizations which use "methods unbefitting of the Jewish people and the state of Israel," Ballenger said. "I think that's what many in Israel would say. They don't

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# TV coverage prompts record hunger gifts

By Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Television's cameras brought starving Ethiopians to American dinner tables and Southern Baptists responded by giving a record \$7.2-million for overseas hunger and relief during 1984.

Almost half a million of that was designated for hunger relief in Ethiopia. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board allocated \$220,873 for that drought-stricken country during 1984 and expects to use more, including gifts still coming in, during 1985.

The board, drawing partially on unspent funds from 1983, sent to Africa almost half of the \$8.5-million it allocated for worldwide hunger and relief in 1984. But it also continued relief and development in other countries where overall conditions are better, but where pockets of people also suffer malnutrition and sometimes starvation, said John Cheyne, the board's senior human needs consultant.

Southern Baptist giving for hunger and relief was up about 4 percent during the first 10 months of the year, but giving in November and December, after Baptists became aware of the Ethiopian crisis, pushed gifts for the entire year 18 percent ahead of 1983, said Cheyne. More than \$2.4-million came in during December alone.

Long before television footage of dying

## WMU dedicates new building

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — About 600 guests and national staff poured into the Woman's Missionary Union national headquarters building Jan. 16 for official dedication ceremonies.

Relocation procedures were set into motion four years ago.

Held during the annual Executive Board meeting for promotion, the dedication ceremonies focused on the theme "His Love is Eternal."

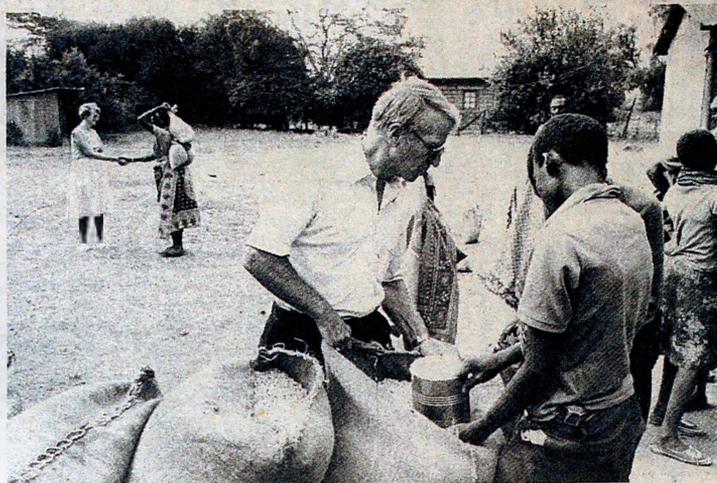
Citing new methods of publishing, teaching, training, and communicating, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC, said, "WMU has built a building which can facilitate the use of every modern technological discovery for making our service to the Lord more efficient and effective." Acknowledging the building as a "monument to those women of the past, inspired by a vision of a lost world," she reminded the audience "people bring glory to God, not monuments."

WMU President Dorothy Sample, presided over the dedication. Presidents of the Home and Foreign Mission boards, William G. Tanner and R. Keith Parks respectively, led prayers of obedience and praise. The prayer of dedication was led by Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

James Smith, Brotherhood Commission president, read Scripture, and Lloyd Elder, Sunday School Board president, led in a responsive reading.

Full use was made of the three-story complex, as guests filled the 400-seat auditorium and spilled over into conference rooms equipped with closed circuit broadcast of the dedication.

Although 600 people were present, "all WMU members everywhere dedicate this building," Miss Weatherford said. "Let us also dedicate our lives so that dry places of the earth will bound forth in our glory to God," she said.



**GRAIN FOR AFRICA** — Jim Green, missionary to Kenya, distributes corn and beans to villages in Maundi Ni Meri in a region of Kenya hit by droughts and food shortages. Money for the grain and for a water project came from Southern Baptist hunger and relief funds. In the background, Green's wife, Ruth Ann, greets a Kenyan woman.

children in Ethiopia made the world reach for their pocketbooks, Baptist missionaries in other parts of Africa had been allocated more than \$3-million to help prevent similar conditions from developing in drought-stricken countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta), and Zimbabwe.

"We have done some extraordinary things because of the special need," said R. Keith Parks, board president, noting especially a \$1-million grain distribution program in Mali, another African country particularly hard-hit by drought. Missionaries Norman and Beverly Coad had been in the country only a few months when they set up a distribution program that took 5,000 tons of grain to needy parts of the country.

The representative for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Mali called their program the most effective distribution program of that size he had ever seen, said Cheyne. The Coads mobilized evangelical churches in the country to distribute the grain with less than 0.1 of 1 percent loss, an unusually low figure for relief programs, said Cheyne.

"Foreign missionaries as long ago as Lottie Moon have been doing things about world hunger," said Parks, but only in recent years have Southern Baptists given missionaries the resources to carry out major relief and development programs. Lottie Moon, a pioneer missionary to China, shared her own food with the needy Chinese with whom she worked.

Southern Baptists have developed a missionary system supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program which enabled the Foreign Mission Board to spend "100 cents of every dollar" given for relief for just that, Parks said. Missionaries, in place, familiar with the community and area churches, are able to move aid quickly when needed.

Parks said because the Foreign Mission Board is a mission agency, not a relief agency, its first priority must be evangelism that results in churches. "But at the same time, the Christian compassion that causes us to want to evangelize, causes us also to want to minister to people," he said.

Like many other Christians, he has been torn by the appalling need in Africa and has had to ask whether the Foreign

Mission Board needs hunger funds more than it needs Lottie Moon or Cooperative Program funds, he said.

"We feel that we must have the support through the Lottie Moon offering to keep the missionaries in place and enable them to minister, but we really believe that the crucial nature of the situation challenges Southern Baptists to give above and beyond their other giv-

ing," the FMB president said.

He compared the Foreign Mission Board to a church with a crisis in its community. That church can choose to use its staff salaries to respond to the crisis, endangering its whole program, or it can ask members to give over and above regular offerings, helping the needy while preserving the system to help again.

Cheyne said Baptists can be proud of their response to the African famine, but the board must continue to put a priority on development programs that deal with the root causes of hunger. "Better to hear that the starvation never came than that we were able to rush after it happened to see what we could do about it," he said.

The philosophy of the Foreign Mission Board's human needs program has been to provide a holistic ministry meeting both physical and spiritual needs, he said, and the board has tried to provide it before it is desperately needed. "Sending food in relief is only a Band-Aid ministry," he said.

Although Africa's situation is the world's worst, Cheyne stressed there are pockets of starvation in places like Bangladesh and Brazil, and the Foreign Mission Board continues to aid them also.

And the board has acted in other African countries to prevent the situation from worsening to Ethiopian conditions. "Many people don't know we put \$290,000 worth of relief in Kenya this year," he said. Although Kenya is prosperous by African standards, many sections suffered devastating drought during 1984.

## National seminar presents PGG as key to Bold Mission Thrust

DENTON, Tex. (BP) — Planned Growth In Giving was presented as the key to the success of Bold Mission Thrust during a mid-January national seminar in Denton, Tex.

Planned Growth In Giving is a 15-year plan to challenge Southern Baptists to increase their level of giving to their local churches and through their churches to mission causes throughout the world.

Cecil Ray, national director of Planned Growth In Giving, said the purpose of these meetings is to equip chosen leadership in states to become trainers and leaders for about 475 state seminars which will be attended by pastors and congregational representatives.

Three-day seminars are planned in every association in Tennessee during March, April, and May. The seminars are for the pastor and a layperson from each Tennessee Baptist church.

Ray said the state seminars will key upon the "Church Event" — a part of the Planned Growth In Giving emphasis when church members are introduced to Planned Growth In Giving and asked to make a 15-year commitment to increase their percentage level of giving to the local church.

Over the past 30 years, Southern Baptist families have not changed their pattern of giving which is about a 2 percent average, according to Ray.

He said the 2 percent translates into the membership of SBC churches giving in excess of \$3-billion in 1983. By the year 2000, Ray said that figure needs to be about \$20-billion to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust tasks.

Bold Mission Thrust is an effort by Southern Baptists to present the mes-

sage of Jesus Christ to every person in the world by the year 2000.

"This (Planned Growth in Giving) would allow the entire denomination — the churches and other entities — to take on the dreams of Bold Mission Thrust which we have been talking about," he said. "At the sustained level (2 percent), we can't pull off what we (as a denomination) have planned."

He said Planned Growth In Giving is not "a fund-raising drive" but an emphasis which begins with "personal commitment" and has a compounding effect throughout the denomination, beginning in the local church.

## USSR receives Russian Bibles

MOSCOW (BP) — A shipment of 10,000 Russian-language Bibles dispatched from the United Bible Society's headquarters in Stuttgart, West Germany, arrived in Moscow Dec. 11 and have been distributed among the churches of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

"The believers have offered their thanksgiving to God for this blessed gift," a Baptist spokesperson said. The Bibles were financed with UBS funds along with European Baptist Federation contributions.

Also in December 1984, the AUCECB printed and distributed some 15,000 hymnals with music, to be used primarily by church choir members. The collection, "an absolutely new hymnbook," was prepared by the Union's music commission.

## National Baptists break ground for headquarters in Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP)—The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. broke ground Jan. 24 for a multimillion-dollar facility adjacent to the campus of American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville.

National Baptists have sponsored ABTS jointly with the Southern Baptist Convention since 1924. The NBC Inc. is the largest black religious organization in the world with 30,000 churches and 7-million members worldwide, according to Cecilia Adkins, executive director of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the NBC Inc., which is located in Nashville.

The facility, to be known as the World Baptist Center, is the first building to be constructed by the NBC Inc. since 1935 when the publishing board headquarters were built, according to T. L. Jemison, president of the NBC Inc.

In an article published in the National Baptist Voice, the convention's news organ, Jemison said a national headquarters is needed because the convention has grown in number and in the range of programs and ministries.

"We must bring the office of our boards and auxiliaries together in one place. This will allow them to work more effectively together," Jemison said. Various components of the convention are located in different parts of the country although the official headquarters are in Jemison's hometown of Baton Rouge, La.

The 90,000-square-foot building will house office space, conference rooms, classrooms, residential space, and a 500-seat chapel which also will be used by ABTS. Jemison said the facility is expected to be completed sometime in 1986.

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the SBC Education Commission and head of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, welcomed Jemison and National Baptists to Nashville following the groundbreaking at a dedication service for ABTS's new Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will honor outstanding alumni of ABTS.

Walker cited ABTS as a "jewel of cooperation between two great conventions" and pledged continuing cooperation in working with National Baptists and ABTS in order to provide "outreach to a needy world."

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want these people to be representative of their county."

Such organizations do not reflect "the people with whom we normally work in Israel and the official words of welcome and cooperation we have received from government leaders on numerous occasions," Ballenger added.

But extremists' activity against Christians "seems to be increasing and their influence over others in Israel may be increasing," he declared, "and this is alarming."

A loudspeaker was used during the Jan. 23 demonstration, and one activist was quoted as declaring, "This is just the beginning of making trouble in this area." Among the slogans on the protesters' signs were "Get Out, Get Out" and "There is no room in this neighborhood for a congregational church and center which is missionary."

The protest license reportedly was granted in the name of one or more persons in the community, but Ballenger said most of the neighbors in the vicinity did not participate and some even voiced resentment of outsiders coming in and inciting the disturbance. About a dozen Jerusalem police were on hand to maintain order.

"We have had opposition expressed against us by ultraconservative religious people from time to time," Lindsey said, "but we also have had many expressions of encouragement by neighbors and friends who consider our church to be a very positive part of the neighborhood."

Ballenger notified the Department of State after being alerted about plans for the demonstration and was told American officials in Israel would monitor the situation. "Because of the anxiety created by this (protest), many of the Christians in Israel were fasting and praying Jan. 23," he said.

Ballenger believes Yad Lachim also was involved in generating negative press accounts last fall against Jewish congregations in Israel, including one in Ashkelon with which Southern Baptist representatives James and Elizabeth Smith work.

The Smiths reported they were "accused of poisoning" innocent young people with our religious beliefs and baptizing them into 'Gentile Christianity.'"

A congregation in Tiberias was evicted from the building in which they had been meeting.

## Alaska dismisses missionary for Nicaragua involvement

ATLANTA (BP)—James H. Gamble, a Baptist missionary in Anchorage, Alaska, has charged that he was dismissed in January by the Alaska Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board because of his intention to visit areas of conflict in Nicaragua.

Alaska Baptist leaders, however, claim Gamble was dismissed for not doing the job he was hired to do and for stepping out of the line of supervision.

Gamble, a Christian Social Ministries worker, had planned to use his vacation starting Feb. 11 on a "Witness for Peace" on the Nicaraguan-Honduran border.

The intended visit to Nicaragua "was a catalyst" which precipitated the dismissal, according to John Allen of Anchorage, executive director for the Alaska Baptist Convention. Allen charged Gamble had contacted HMB personnel over the heads of his local supervisors, adding "I don't even know who Witness for Peace is."

Witness for Peace is an ecumenical faith group, with regional offices throughout the U.S., opposing the "undeclared U.S. war against Nicaragua by participating in a continual, non-violent presence in the areas of conflict."

Volunteers, usually in groups of 18, have been spending two weeks in Nicaragua since 1983. Other Southern Baptists have participated, and Glen Stassen, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has been on the group's advisory counsel.

Gamble said he had contacted Paul Adkins of Atlanta, director of Christian social ministries department of the HMB, early in January about his intentions. "I had a 14-day vacation coming up and there was a two-and-a-half-week Witness for Peace tour scheduled at the same time. I thought it would be a meaningful way to use my vacation time," he explained.

When he told Adkins he would need two additional days, Adkins warned him the trip was controversial and he could not give him permission for the extra days, only his Alaska supervisors could. Adkins remembers Gamble saying he was not asking him for permission, just informing him he was going.

Adkins advised him to notify his supervisors — Ferrell Mills, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, a sponsor of a center

Gamble was to establish; Judy Rice, state Baptist director for CSM work; and Allen.

A few days after talking with Adkins, Gamble reached Judy Rice who was in Birmingham, Ala. She told him he was to be fired. The dismissal came in a meeting with Allen, Mills, and the president of the Alaska Baptist Convention, Neil Thompson.

According to Gamble, he was given three reasons for the dismissal: (1) his lifestyle was incompatible with the goals and directions and the policy of the HMB and the ABC, (2) he had been counseled not to go to Nicaragua, and (3) his protocol was incorrect.

Gamble admitted by-passing his supervisors, saying he and Mills were not getting along. "I felt he was looking for a reason to dismiss me," he said. Gamble reported nothing was said in the meeting about not doing his job. He did recall Allen had insisted early last year he complete quickly a needs survey, but the survey had taken four and a half months of work.

Allen takes exception to Gamble's report. "We hired him to start a center in Mountain View, and a year later we still don't have it going," he said.

Gamble said he opened the Mountain View Ministry Center in October, meeting in the buildings of two missions of Faith Baptist Church, and serving about 35 children.

Gamble said in September his state supervisor, Miss Rice, had given him an above average evaluation on his performance appraisal, a copy of which he had. He had met monthly with her, and she had given no indication of displeasure with his work.

Gerald Palmer, vice-president for missions at the HMB, said the decision to dismiss Gamble was a joint decision, based on Allen's recommendation.

"The Home Mission Board has not taken any action concerning his relationship to us, but based on our information relative to the administrative problems, we concurred with John Allen in the termination of his relationship to that work in Alaska," Palmer said.

Allen said Gamble was given 30 days' severance pay, 30 days' vacation pay, and would be given \$1,000 relocation pay if he chooses to leave Alaska.

## PGGE pilot . . .

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church by the end of the 15-year emphasis.

"The pastor must set the example," Watterson believes.

The Knoxville pastor says Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism provides a way for a church to respond to the mission crisis in the world and in its own community. This crisis is matched by a crisis in stewardship in churches and throughout the denomination, he stated.

Watterson urged every Tennessee pastor to attend one of the PGGE seminars during the March-May period, to receive full information about the concept.

The Knoxville pastor praised Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism for its "togetherness" theme. "At First Baptist Church it became our church and our mission program; our direction and our goals."

This "our" concept has led to several changes in the church's budget planning process for next year to involve more church members and to hold public discussions during the planning. Watterson feels this will reduce designations.

Watterson added, "That could mean for us upwards to \$200,000 more this year that our members will give to our church for local and world needs."

What about using Planned Growth in Giving-Evangelism next fall? The Knoxville church will follow the plan again "pretty much the same — but not as hurried," Watterson said.

"We will move to the second emphasis, evangelism, preparing for the nationwide simultaneous revivals in 1986," he added. "We also want to be 'stewards of our witness.'"

## International church experiences rapid growth, begins new work

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (BP)—On Nov. 21, 1982, 30 internationals, including Filipinos, Polish Americans, and Japanese, met in a home in Jersey City, N.J., to worship. Before the day was over, Bible Church International was born.

Two years later, the church, reportedly the only primarily Filipino congregation on the East Coast, has grown over 300 percent. The chapel, sponsored by Madison Baptist Church, Madison, N.J., is affiliated with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association in New York City, and the Baptist Convention of New York, Syracuse.

The church has outgrown the rented facilities it uses. A \$300,000 capital funds campaign has been launched for a building site and structure.

The feeling of excitement was amply evident during the recent second anniversary celebrations, when over 200

persons gathered for a time of rejoicing. Those present were challenged to keep sight of their vision for Christian ministry by Pastor Romeo Manansala.

The young congregation already has initiated efforts to start new work among Filipinos in the greater New York City area.

In cooperation with Metropolitan New York Baptist Association and Madison Baptist Church, Bible Church International has begun work with Filipinos in Manhattan with Pastor Job Tacadena as head of the project. "We are seeing results. Several people have responded to the gospel and are ready to be baptized," Tacadena reported recently.

Other new outreach work is being developed by Bible Church International in Passaic, N.J., and other parts of greater New York.

EDITORIAL

# Support your church — 'weather' or not

The winter of 1985 has already made history by establishing new records for low temperatures and for excessive snow, sleet, and freezing rain.

These figures have sent weather bureau officials deep into their record books — searching for comparable numbers. Old-timers have been forced to agree that indeed this year's weather rivals any winter in their memories.

The low temperatures and snowfall have adversely affected commercial businesses and schools — and church attendance and participation.

The last three weekends have experienced bitter cold and frozen precipitation. Many churches in all parts of Tennessee have had to cancel or at least curtail their Sunday services.

The church bulletins and newsletters which are sent to our office indicate that the inclement weather on the last three Sundays have handicapped attendance and ministry in these churches.

Churches which did hold services report that on these Sundays, attendance at Sunday School and worship services were as low as 10 percent of the normal.

In addition, this low attendance — or cancelled services — has resulted in a financial crisis in many of these churches. Baptists have been taught to "bring" their tithes and offerings with them to their churches — but what happens when they are unable to get to these services?

Unfortunately, some church members seem to have the same attitude toward their churches as they would have toward a theater or athletic event — "If I don't attend, I don't pay!"

Obviously, this cannot be the level of our commitment to our churches or to the Lord's work.

Even when a church service is cancelled, the church's expenses continue. With the possible exception of saving a little on utility bills, the church's budget needs are unaltered.

For example, the building debt, salaries, literature costs, basic utilities, and all other expenses continue — whether the services are cancelled or very few of the faithful can make it to the building. In fact, the recent bad weather may cause additional expenses, such as broken water pipes and resulting damage, snow removal, overtaxed furnaces, etc.

We would urge our church members to be faithful in their financial support of their churches — even when



they are unable to be faithful in their attendance. Our pledge to our church and to the Lord is not diminished nor cancelled because of wintry weather!

Whether or not your church has a "Catch Up Sunday," please honor your commitment to God's work through your church. Malachi 3:10 does not have an exception clause for weather — either in its requirement nor its promised rewards: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Kindness in race relations

By W. David Lockard, SBC Christian Life Commission  
 One of the first Bible verses that we learned as children is this simple, yet profound, admonition from Paul, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Because the need for kindness is universal and the power of kindness is so great, it is appropriate for us to place this Scripture in the very center of all human relationships.

True kindness includes genuine respect and will influence how we treat other people. "Be ye kind one to another" in the home, in the community, at work, and in every dimension of life. "Be ye kind" to those who are different in terms of race and culture.

Children usually know why they are being kind, and they unmistakably know when they are being treated with kindness. They also know when there is anger and bitterness. Paul urges kindness as a replacement for bitterness, wrath, and anger. What a timely word for all of our human relationships!

Improved race relations are encouraged and made more likely by justice in laws and regulations. It is people, however, who create true harmony across racial barriers and other lines which divide and separate.

"Be ye kind" is also translated "become kind." It is never difficult to recognize kindness in action. Kindness prompts us to lift the burden of another person, and it may require that we seek to uplift other people as persons. As God seeks to bless and uplift persons, He invariably does it through His people.

The kindness that Paul urges is like God's kindness. God is the God of the tenderhearted, and we badly misrepresent Him when we fail to be kind to one another — tenderhearted and forgiving. What a fantastic personal strategy this is to challenge every Christian as Race Relations Sunday is observed in Southern Baptist churches on Feb. 10.

**Cicero's  
comment**



By the editor

Because of interest in my middle name "Cicero," this column is devoted to the man for whom I am named, Nathan Cicero Shackelford.

Next Saturday would have been his birthday.

On Feb. 9, 1890, he was born on a farm in rural Carroll County, Ga. From that date until his death in 1968, his life took many turns — farmer, country store merchant, World War I doughboy, school teacher, automobile salesman, hardware store owner, and tractor dealer.

Along the way, he had other titles — such as husband, father, mayor, dean, and "Pop" to his grandchildren.

Throughout all those 78 years there was one thing that remained constant — his love for poetry.

Among his prized possessions were poems he had clipped from newspapers and magazines in his youth. It took little — if any — encouragement to get him to recite the many poems he had memorized over the years.

And Dad loved to write poetry too.

Oh, by literary standards these were not great poems. The meter was never exactly right, unless he read them. His subjects were personal — his experiences, his thoughts, and his family.

One was written as he stood guard at a WWI warehouse; another on the occasion of his parents' 60th wedding anniversary; one in response to our pastor's New Year's sermon; and even one noted my fifth birthday.

After declining health had forced his retirement in the early 1970s, Dad turned more and more to his poetry. Advanced senility robbed him of his memory, mobility, and mental alertness. Yet, he had one supreme desire — to print a booklet of his poems.

Through the loving labors of my sister-in-law Louise and a friend, 58 of Pop's poems were compiled in a small paperback booklet. It was the last task that occupied his attention.

The Baptist and Reflector does not print poetry, but here is one — in honor of another Cicero's birthday.

**HOPE**

Of all the words most beautiful;  
 meaning most to us through life,  
 Lending aid to all our struggles;  
 strengthening us for the strife;  
 Giving courage and inspiration;  
 giving vision a broader scope;  
 Soothing all our anxious longings;  
 'tis the beautiful word called Hope.

When all around us seems gloomy,  
 and we feel doomed to despair;  
 When all the future looks darkened,  
 and nothing seems blooming and fair;  
 When life's storms 'round us are raging,  
 and o'er us dark billows roll,  
 'Tis Hope that gives us new courage  
 and peace and strength to the soul.

When the journey is long and perilous,  
 and the heart is sore and depressed,  
 Hope whispers, Press onward, my brother,  
 in the end you will find sweet rest,  
 Hope ever keeps guiding us onward,  
 and cheers us each step of the way,  
 And bring us at last with rejoicing,  
 to the realms of endless day.

N. C. Shackelford  
 Written in 1916

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## BSSB conference on aging explores attitude changes

ATLANTA (BP) — American attitudes toward aging have changed from respect to fear and misunderstanding in the last 100 years, leaders of senior adults were told in Atlanta.

### Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden  
TBC Executive  
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Some time ago a friend gave me a jar of honey. I happily brought it home and our family enjoyed it, especially at breakfast.

Not long ago, I read again the account where Jacob and his family had looked to Joseph, who was in Egypt, for food. The brothers knew that no corn would be given unless Benjamin was brought to Joseph. Reluctantly, Jacob consents to send Benjamin. Jacob tells the brothers to take some gifts with them to Egypt. "And their father Israel said unto them, ... carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: And take double money in your hand; ..." (Genesis 43:11-12).

Carry a little honey. I think another way to put it would be to carry some little extras in our own lives. Our Lord wants us not only to be good, but also to be kind. He wants us as His followers to carry sweetness wherever we go. He wants us to do those things which are not generally expected of us.

It impresses me that Jacob did not know at the time he said, "Carry a little honey," that he was sending honey to his own flesh and blood, to the son he had longed for and had given up as dead.

We ought to carry "a little honey" to those of our own home.

It would be well if we would carry "a little honey" to those who cross our paths daily. Among those we meet are the sad, the lonely, the sick, the disappointed, the discouraged, and the many who have been defeated by life. We can carry "a little honey" by having an understanding heart and mind.

Perhaps another way to carry honey is to express honest appreciation. I've been impressed as I read the gospel of how Jesus was always saying nice things about others. He said of Nathaniel, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" (John 1:47).

He said of the woman who anointed His feet, "She loved much" (Luke 7:47). He said about John the Baptist, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). It must have thrilled Peter when He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). He said to the centurion whose servant was sick, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (Matthew 8:10). He said of the poor widow that she "hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury" (Mark 12:43).

"A little honey" can represent the little extras in life. Let all of us try to carry "a little honey."

"In the 1980s we have become afraid of the future," said Ben Dickerson, director, gerontological studies program, Waco, Tex. "This fear creates barriers to ministry." Dickerson spoke at the first National Conference on Aging sponsored by the family ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Dickerson said Southern Baptists must redefine aging as a potential opportunity for growth instead of a period of life solely characterized by problems. "If we are going to become all God intends for us to be, we must accept the totality of life which includes growing old."

According to Dickerson, today's society attaches social norms and stereotypes to senior adults, thereby limiting ministry opportunities. "The Bible speaks of the rewards of old age, but in our society we have focused too much attention on the problems," he explained.

He noted natural biological processes may bring about some declines in hearing, eyesight, muscle flexibility, oxygen levels, and blood pressure. "But senior adults are not a homogenous group. Some people may not experience any of these problems while another experiences all of them to some degree."

Age grading of senior adults is misleading, he feels because, "As persons grow older they have fewer similarities. The gospel recognizes the individuality of persons and stresses a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is how we must approach senior adults."

Dickerson admonished leaders to consider the evangelism challenge the senior adult group poses. He noted there will be 32-million persons 65 or older by the year 1990.

"Our potential for ministry is unlimited," he said. "By the year 2020, one out of every four adults in the United States will be 65 or older. July 1, 1983, marked the beginning of a new time because for the first time there were more older people in this country than youth."

### Provence accepts call to Lenoir City church

Kingston Pike Baptist Church, Lenoir City, called Wayne Provence to come as its pastor.

Provence, of west Knoxville, is a former pastor of churches in Church Hill, Nashville, Norris, and North Carolina. He is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

### Ruschlikon inaugurates Newell

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — The seventh president in the 35-year history of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Ruschlikon called in his inaugural address Jan. 11 for the seminary's mission and identity to be catholic, apostolic, reformed, and evangelistic.

James Altus Newell based his address on 1 Corinthians 13 and told the solemn convocation that being catholic should "embrace God's care for all kinds of persons"; the apostolic tradition should contain "the historic witness of the church grounded upon Biblical authority"; and being reformed means "we are not simply recipients of the Reformation but participants in the continuing reformation which God wants to bring."

But he insisted the institution should be "unashamedly evangelical." "We exist at a community to be an instrument of God's redemption in the world, to train for ministry, to bear witness and to be witnesses, and to lead others to become Christ's disciples and to grow in faith," he said.

Newell was elected president in July 1984. He formerly was pastor of First Baptist Church of Opelika, Ala.

## Beirut missionary stops trips across green line

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Southern Baptist Missionary David King no longer risks going to preach at University Baptist Church in West Beirut. Now he sends his sermons to church by cassette tape.

His change in routine came after Lawrence Martin Jenco, American Catholic relief worker, was kidnapped within a block of the church in early January. Until then, King had been riding in the backseat of a non-American doctor's car as a safety precaution. Now his wife, Maxine, takes cassette tapes of his sermons across the green line into Muslim-dominated West Beirut each Sunday.

King says no American men are attending the services now. A Baptist layman leads the worship.

Jenco is the latest of five American men being held hostage. Presbyterian Missionary Ben Weir, a friend of many of the Southern Baptist missionaries, has been missing since May. American women and children have not been victims of kidnappings.

King says he had prayed the fighting factions in West Beirut would overlook University Baptist Church. "We still pray that prayer ... but we feel we also should use the common sense the Lord has given us and not presume upon His grace," he explains.

Southern Baptist Missionary Jim Ragland still lives in West Beirut but stays close to the Beirut Baptist School compound where he is principal. He says this latest kidnapping will not affect his work except to limit his shopping for school supplies in that area of town.

Although news reports suggest about 100 Americans remain in West Beirut, Ragland estimates only about 15 to 20 are there who are not either part Lebanese or married to Lebanese. Ragland, his wife, and two single women are the only Southern Baptist missionaries who still live west of the green line.

Eighteen missionaries lived in West Beirut at the beginning of this 10-year civil war in which more than 100,000 people have been killed.

## Missionary couples in Nigeria get extension despite new quota

IBADAN, Nigeria (BP) — Two Southern Baptist missionary couples who expected to leave Nigeria Jan. 29 because of a new quota system have been granted an extension.

Coy and Vivian Sample, and Loretta and Urban Green, who have been unable to get permanent visas, were told they would have to leave by Jan. 31, but the Foreign Mission Board received a telex Jan. 24 saying the couples could stay until April 25.

No one yet knows what the move means for the couples or the future of missionary quotas in Nigeria, said John Mills, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for west Africa.

Fred Levrets, executive secretary of the Baptist Mission of Nigeria, and S.T. Ola Akande, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, got confirmation of a quota in a meeting Jan. 17 with the principal immigration officer in Lagos, Nigeria's capital.

Mills said details related to the quota would be worked out in coming months, but it will probably mean a reduction in the number of missionaries as new missionaries are unable to obtain residence permits. How it will affect missionaries already in the country is unknown.

Another couple, Jim and Donna Haney, returned to the United States from Nige-

ria in July 1984 after they also were unable to obtain residence visas.

Mills said two journeymen in orientation preparing to go to Nigeria are being reassigned. Marianne Miles, who was to teach missionary children in Ogbomoso, has been reassigned to work at a Baptist center in The Gambia. Tracey Smith, who was to be a nurse at the Baptist hospital in Eku, will go instead to Gaza.

## ACTS establishes regional offices

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — The American Christian Television System opened regional offices in New York City and Atlanta Jan. 15.

These are the first regional offices for ACTS, which is operated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. In its first six months of operation, the network has signed 136 TV systems to carry its family and Christian entertainment programs 24 hours a day.

The purpose of the offices, according to Ron Dixon, ACTS' vice-president of media services, will be to assist state ACTS directors in those areas in their efforts to sign new cable TV affiliates and get churches involved in local programming. The offices are necessary because of "accelerated growth and geographic expansion," he said.

The New York office will be managed by Bill Nichols, ACTS director of broadcast services and regional manager for the Northeast. Nichols, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Albany, Ga., has been with ACTS three years. The office will cover Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The Atlanta office will be managed by Mike Wright, southeastern regional manager, who has been a consultant for ACTS for two years. The office will cover Alabama, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

# Tennessee Scene

## PEOPLE . . .

Ralph Bryant was ordained as a deacon of First Baptist Church, Celina, during a January service. The pastor of the church is Crosby Dobson.

A Jan. 27 tea at First Baptist Church, Greenfield, was held in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams. The couple are members of the church, where Dan G. Farmer is the pastor.

First Baptist Church, Elizabethton, ordained Mike Pierce and Terry Roe Sams Jr. as deacons Jan. 27. Participants in the ordination service included Pastor William L. Safford; Deacon officers Chick Pless, Woody Taylor, and John L. Bowers; and Jack Hill, who delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher observed their 50th wedding anniversary during a Dec. 1 reception. The Fishers are members of Elim Baptist Church, Ripley, where Jimmy D. Clay is the pastor.

Brookhill Baptist Church, Etowah, ordained Scott Thompson into its deacon

## Clarksville church forms, calls King

Maplewood Baptist Mission of Clarksville officially became Maplewood Baptist Church during a Dec. 9 constitution service during which the congregation also welcomed its new pastor, Jim King.

The church, which was a joint mission of Kenwood Baptist Church in Clarksville and the Cumberland Baptist Association, was constituted with a membership of 50. Participants in the service included King, CBA Director of Missions Harold Shoulders, Tennessee Baptist Convention Missions Department Director Leslie Baumgartner, and Charles Norton, who served as the congregation's interim pastor.

King came to Clarksville from the pastorate of Centerview Baptist Church, Guthrie, Okla., and is a former associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Guthrie, Okla. He has served on committees of Oklahoma's Capital Baptist Association, including the liaison committee for Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

A native of Oklahoma, King is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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ministry during a Jan. 27 service. The church's pastor is R. B. Bryan.

Sam Saeed was licensed for the ministry by Parkway Baptist Church, Athens, Dec. 30. Kenneth Charles is the church's pastor.

A Jan. 13 ordination service was held at Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis, for a staff member and four of the church's newly elected deacons. Tony Ludlow, associate minister of youth, was ordained into the ministry; while Martin Gavrock, Danny Harlow, Mickey Harlow, and David Thompson were ordained as deacons. Participants in the service included Pastor Jerry Glisson, Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelism Director Forrest H. "Woody" Watkins, and Chairman of Deacons Amos Sides.

First Baptist Church, Bolivar, ordained Doug Howell and Donnie Sipes as deacons Jan. 13. The pastor of the church is George C. Johnson Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Young celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Jan. 24. The Youngs are members of Memorial Baptist Church, Hixson, of which Robert L. Dalton is the pastor.

Millican Grove Baptist Church, Sevierville, ordained Bobby Gibson and Michael Spence into its deacon ministry recently. Kyle Rule is the pastor of the church.

Joel Tilson was licensed for the ministry recently by Piney Grove Baptist Church, Maryville. Tilson is a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

William Patrick "Pat" Van Dyke was called as minister of music by Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, a position he began in January. Van Dyke came to the church from River Oaks Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., where he was also minister of music, and was previously minister of music and education and minister of music and youth at Range Hills Baptist Church, Memphis. He has served as a member of the evangelism and resolutions committees for the Shelby County Baptist Association and as treasurer of the Shelby County Baptist Religious Education and Music Association. A native of Memphis, he is a graduate of Memphis State University there and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. The pastor of Whitehaven Baptist Church is Jim Meredith.

Hilldale Baptist Church, Clarksville, called Wayne Jamison as associate pastor and minister of education. Jamison is a former pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Clarksville; Brush Creek Baptist Church, Brush Creek; First Baptist Church, Woodlawn; and Hillcrest Baptist Church, Wuerzburg, Germany. Verlon W. Moore is the pastor of Hilldale Baptist Church.

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Shady Valley Baptist Church, Shady Valley, accepted the resignation of Pastor Brice Barton, which was effective Dec. 30. Barton resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of a Virginia church.

Larry Taylor resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, to accept the pastorate of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La. While in Tennessee, Taylor served as a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board and as a member of the TBC Hunger Committee, which was appointed in 1979 to work with the Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) hunger and relief project.

Billy Justiss resigned as minister of singles and properties administrator of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, to accept a position as minister of education and administration at Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex. Justiss' resignation was effective Feb. 3. Roy Edgemon is the interim pastor of the Nashville church.

## CHURCHES . . .

Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, held a note-burning service Jan. 13 to mark the end of payments on the church's debt. Mike McGinnis is the pastor of the church.

Members of Crieveewood Baptist Church, Nashville, recently voted to build a Christian life center. The building will be comprised of a suspended running track, a fireside room, a game room, kitchen, racquetball/handball courts, arts and crafts room, snack room, and locker and shower facilities. Construction will begin on the center this spring. The pastor of the church is Dwayne Cole.

## Loudon Baptists call Hopson to pastorate

First Baptist Church, Loudon, called Cecil R. Hopson as pastor, a ministry he began Feb. 3.

Hopson comes to the church from the pastorate of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Maryville, and is a former pastor of Deep Springs Baptist Church and Wolf Valley Baptist Church, both of Clinton; Longfield Baptist Church, Lake City; and Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Owen-ton, Ky.

Hopson has served as chairman of the evangelism committee for Midland Baptist Association, as chairman of the stewardship committee for the Clinton Baptist Association, and as a member of the evangelism committee for the Chilhowee Baptist Association.

A native of Tazewell, Hopson is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

## Citizen's Corner

By Jerry Self

Public Affairs and  
Christian Life  
Consultant



The Tennessee General Assembly is off to the races, at least figuratively that is so and literally if SB-604 should be passed.

The Racing Control Act of 1985 will not be a surprise to regular readers of this column. This bill would allow the legislative body in any county or municipality to call for a referendum on the issue of pari-mutuel gambling on horse racing. As yet, a House companion bill has not appeared, but that will soon be the case. You can expect to hear more about this piece of legislation in the future.

Several bills relating to the use of alcohol have been filed. A needed piece of legislation is SB-11 and HB-4 which would prohibit an open container of any alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle.

At present when a municipality approves liquor-by-the-drink, the hours of beer sales in the whole county are extended. This applies even if only a small portion of the municipality is in a given county. House Bill-104 will bring a needed corrective to current law. This bill would disallow extended hours of beer sales in a county if less than 25 percent of the municipality which passed liquor-by-the-drink is in that county.

Senate Bill-568 represents another attempt to allow the sale of alcohol at the Knoxville Airport which is located in neighboring dry Blount County.

Tennessee's strong DUI laws will come under attack during this session. Two examples are SB-349 which would allow community service instead of jail for first offense DUI, and SB-573 which would allow a judge to exercise discretion on second offense DUI on whether jail sentences would be served on consecutive days.

Write your state senator and representative at The State Capitol, Nashville, TN 37219.

## Gabhart to receive Brotherhood Award

NASHVILLE — Herbert C. Gabhart, chancellor of Belmont College, has been named as one of three outstanding Nashville civic leaders who will receive the National Conference of Christians and Jews' prestigious Brotherhood Awards for 1985.

The awards are given in recognition of efforts to promote better understanding between people of all races and faiths.

The award will be presented on April 20 at a dinner at the Opryland Hotel.

Before being named chancellor in 1982, Gabhart was president of Belmont for 23 years.

## Correction

Mike Higgins, pastor of River-view Baptist Church in Knoxville, was incorrectly identified in the Jan. 9 issue of the Baptist and Reflector as a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. Higgins has taken extension courses from Southern seminary through Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, but is not a graduate of the seminary. We apologize for any confusion caused by this error.

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# Sight for the blind

By Philip Dougan, pastor  
Gath Baptist Church, McMinnville

**Basic Passage:** John 9  
**Focal Passages:** John 9:1-3, 5-7, 35-41

In Jesus' day, it was a commonly held opinion that suffering was a direct result of a person's sins — thus the question the disciples asked, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" (v.2).

They were not unlike many people today who still persist in the notion that sickness or other crises are God's judgments for sin. There is a false "peace and prosperity gospel" circulating which teaches that good Christians who have faith will be healthy and wealthy while people who sin will get punished with sickness or poverty.

If this were true, we should have no problem at all discerning the good guys from the bad guys. This is poor theology and is a direct contradiction of New Testament Christianity.

**Jesus' explanation**

Jesus answered, "neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (v.3).

In Luke 13:1-5, Jesus told of two mass disasters and then stated that the victims were not sinners more than anyone else.

The palmists were disturbed over the suffering of the righteous and prosperity of the wicked!

No one suffered more than the disciples and the early church.

The Bible's message on suffering seems to say that good and bad things alike can fall on anyone, Christian and non-Christian, and rather than trying to find out why it happened, we should find out what can happen when we turn it all over to God, so that "His works may be made manifest in us."

**The Light of the World (9:4-7)**

Jesus announces that He is the Light of the World and promptly demonstrates the claim by healing the blind man. The subsequent controversy between the Pharisees and the blind man, then his

parents, and finally Jesus, is fascinating dialogue.

In answer to the Pharisees' skepticism, the blind man simply responds, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see" (v.25).

Is it not strange that the very ones who teach and uphold the Bible are often the ones who most vigorously attack a belief in miracles?

Recently, I heard a Baptist minister say, "I have no problem with praying for people to be healed in my church. It's when they get healed and give credit to God that the trouble starts!"

Are some of us guilty of the same sin as the Pharisees? We pray for people to get well and then listen with skepticism or unbelief, when one testifies of divine healing. What hypocrisy! If we do not believe God can still reach down and touch someone physically or spiritually, then we should quit praying for what we do not believe can happen. If God is not still in the miracle business, then the churches have no business.

**Spiritual vision (9:35-41)**

Cast out by the Pharisees (v.34) but not by Jesus, the healed man is asked to believe on the Saviour and worship Him.

To receive sight after a lifetime of blindness must surely be a wonderful experience, greater than we can imagine. Yet it is not the greatest thing that hap-

pened to this man. The greatest and most needed miracle is the receiving of spiritual sight and life through Christ.

It is a tragedy to be blind, but it is worse to be spiritually blind. Even worse is to be spiritually blind and not know it, as the Pharisees who ask, "Are we blind also?" (v.40). Jesus' response, "If ye were blind, ye should have no sin" (v.41), means that if the Pharisees will recognize and admit their blindness,

they can be forgiven of their sins. But they say, "we see." They know all the answers, therefore their "sins remain."

They are like the one who says, "Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind's made up."

How sad it is to see people aimlessly groping in spiritual darkness when they could be walking in the light. Jesus is still the Light of the World for those who want to see.



Dougan

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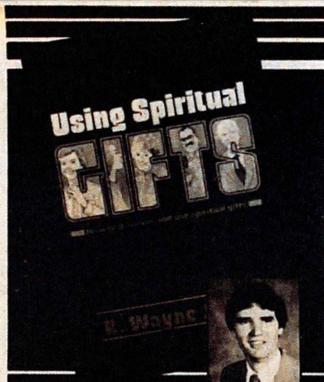
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# The great sermon

By Rice Pierce  
deacon and Sunday School teacher, Mt. Juliet

Basic Passage: Luke 6:12-49  
Focal Passages: Luke 6:27-28, 32-42

John W. was a very successful, self-made businessman in his small town. He owned much of the commercial real estate downtown, plus surrounding farmland.

Everybody knew "Old John" was hard-hearted, closed-fisted, and greedy. He did not go to any church. He had no real friends and lived with his sister.

Finally, John got seriously sick. Many people wished that he soon would go to his final reward. The only person who had gone out of his way through the years to be civil to John on every occasion, even when cheated once, was Bill S.

Bill owned a small store at the end of Main Street and had been a deacon for many years in the small Baptist church there. Knowing how little concern everyone else was showing over John's illness, Bill began going by to see if he could take care of some things for John or help the sister.

John did have things Bill could help with, for John had always run his business close to the vest. Bill even succeeded in getting John's permission to pray for John and his sister, as they sat around John's bed. Bill soon detected a softening of John's manner.

After some months, John recovered. To everyone's surprise, one Sunday John and his sister appeared at the little Baptist church. John dropped a \$20-bill in the offering plate.

After Bill and the pastor visited John and his sister once or twice, both of them accepted Christ and were baptized.

The undeserved kindness (love) which John had received from a child of God (Bill) had melted his hardened heart so that God could forgive and redeem him. This illustrates the Scripture truth before us.

Jesus had asserted His authority and proclaimed His mission. Now He turned to healing and teaching. Coming down from a night of prayer on the mountain, Jesus found people from as far away as Judea and the seacoast, waiting to hear Him and to be healed of various diseases. He cured them all (v.19). Then He preached beatitudes and woes to the throng.

A new standard for relating to others  
(6:27-38)

Jesus' words here were radical, especially from the Jewish standpoint. Good Jews hated the Romans. Self-respecting men wanted revenge upon those who cheated or harmed them and their families. But Jesus had just healed everyone who had come to Him, with no questions asked (of course they had come with faith). Thus Jesus had shown the 12 apostles and the other disciples what God's unbounded love meant. Now they, too, were to begin treating others, even enemies, the same way.

In healing the many strangers that day, Jesus had "loved" them all. Even without knowing them personally, He had given them His best kindness and care. Now, He said, His disciples were to make a practice of showing this kind of love to everyone, even enemies.

Jesus' words in verses 32-34 helped explain what He had said in verses 27-28 about the special, different way His disciples were to act toward others. His followers were to be so different from the world's way that people could see God reflected in their lives - God's love, forgiveness, and grace.

What grace would they possess and show to others if they only loved and showed kindness to those who loved and ministered to them? "Sinners" did this well. Kingdom persons were to go far beyond the world's quality of love, responding to the needs of the dirty, the hateful, the cruel, the ungrateful.

Christians are to help these because they need help, and because God is love toward all. His children (v.35) are to keep trying to demonstrate to suffering people what God's love is like (v.36).

Jesus then told them that as they seek to demonstrate God's special kind of life-style, they should not judge others who are not living up to this higher level of living (v.37). Do not pronounce others guilty, He warned them, and you yourselves will not be condemned. Forgive others and you yourselves shall be forgiven by God.

Notice that our being forgiven by God depends upon our forgiving others. Have you ever tried to express affection to a child or other person who was filled with resentment, hatred, or jealousy? You could not "love" them, for they were unready, incapable of receiving your love at that time.

God cannot forgive us if we are incapable of receiving His forgiveness because of our hateful, resentful, rebellious hearts. But with the same generosity that we show toward others, we shall be blessed of God. The generous heart never goes bankrupt. It fills itself ever fuller and fuller (v.38) with God's blessings.

Warning against hypocrisy (6:39-42)  
Jesus then, as if moving to another phase of His great sermon, warned His disciples against hypocrisy. He seemed to say, "I know that the standards for loving and forgiving are high and impossible to reach at first. But do not fake it. Never act like you have reached spiritual levels that you have not reached."

Our teacher is Christ. We are to become as much like Him as possible (v.40) as we become "perfect" (nourished, mended, restored, qualified for usefulness by the Holy Spirit). In our spiritual growth process throughout life, witnessing, teaching, ministering, we are to be humble. We cannot help another overcome minor faults if we are beset with major flaws to which we are blind and give no attention (vv.39-42).

Love may caution and plead, but it does not criticize and tear down. Love helps and builds up.



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**UNIFORM LESSON SERIES**  
Lesson for Feb. 10

# The Shepherd of Life

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Basic Passage: John 10  
Focal Passage: John 10:1-16

Our basic passage for today's lesson begins with the words, "Truly, truly."

These words are not ordinarily used by Jesus at the beginning of a new discourse. They are usually spoken within one of His discourses. (Check earlier uses in John 1:51; 3:3; 5:24; 6:25; 8:34.)

This use indicates that chapter 10 is a continuation of the Temple incident in chapter 9. The Lord is still speaking in the context of making the blind man well as He speaks of sheep and shepherds, thieves and hirelings. His message is that of a caring shepherd, addressed to the person who has been cast out by the hiring priests.

"Verily, verily" is a translation of the Greek "Amen, Amen" which means "it is dependably true." Jesus repeats this phrase frequently in His teachings to prepare the minds of His hearers for vital truths He is about to proclaim.

It probably should be translated as "listen carefully" because the teaching I am about to give is of vital significance for you. As Jesus introduces His metaphor of the sheepfold, He wants the hearers to understand the difference between the bad leadership of the religious leaders as contrasted with that of the "Good Shepherd."

The sheepfold (10:1-6)

The story Jesus tells in these verses is relatively simple. Jesus is the true leader of the believers and they know Him. Because they know Him, they will follow Him. This situation is contrasted with the false leaders who try to lead the sheep but fail because they are blind guides.

John refers to this story as a "parable" (v.6). The word translated "parable" is not the same word used for parable in the other gospels. It is a word that can be used for different kinds of figurative language. It is used again in John 16:25, when Jesus says, "I shall no longer speak in figures."

John's Gospel does not include any of the story parables that are found in the other gospels, but he does show Jesus teaching through the use of illustrations. Here, He uses an analogy in the sense that several aspects of one reality (sheep, shepherds, and hired workers) are used as aids to understand another reality (Jesus, believers, and priests).

The story draws several themes together as any good figure of speech can do. It begins with the image of the sheepfold which has one door. The gatekeeper only allows the true shepherd to enter. The sheep know the true shepherd and he calls them by name. The shepherd leads the sheep and they follow him. Then, the negative possibility is also introduced. There is a stranger whose voice is not recognized and the sheep do not follow him.

John points out that the hearers do not

understand Jesus (v.6), so Jesus explains the meaning of the story by enlarging the story line. The explanation offers two different figures 10:7-10 and 10:11-16). In the first, Jesus is the Door to good pasture and through the Door, people find abundant life. In the second, Jesus is the Good Shepherd as opposed to hiring shepherds who do not protect the sheep.

The Door (10:7-10)

The sheepfold has only one door or gate for maximum security. As the Door (in contrast to the "other way"), Jesus is the proper way of access to the Father. This theme appears consistently throughout the gospel. "No one cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

John is teaching that every doctrine and every teacher must be tested by how it relates to the Door which God has revealed. The criterion for true teaching about God and the true teacher from God is clearly set forth. For the sheep to have abundant life, they must enter the correct Door.

The contrast with the false teachers is continued. They are the ones who try to mislead the believers and are "thieves and robbers" (v.8). The contrast is not so much to single out the false shepherds for condemnation, but to call attention to the fact that there is only one Door, not many. The contrast is extended to the motives of the two kinds of shepherds. The false shepherd seeks to deprive the sheep of the good life. In contrast, the Good Shepherd comes to give and to preserve life.

The Good Shepherd (10:11-16)

Jesus further develops His interpretation of the sheepfold in this paragraph. He is not only the Door but also the Shepherd. The word for "good" carries with it the sense of winsome, attractive, competent, and excellent. He is the Shepherd Who is capable is taking care of His sheep as opposed to the hirelings who do not own the sheep and do not protect them.

The picture of Jesus in the role of Shepherd has long been appealing to His followers. In Him, the good and the attractive are merged. His goodness is clear in that He spares not even His own life in caring for the sheep. This verse clearly refers to the cross that looms ahead. Thus, the Good Shepherd is placed in contrast to the thief who destroys and the hireling who is more concerned for his own safety than with the welfare of the flock.

In verses 14 and 15, the point of the whole lesson is made. The relationship between the Shepherd (Jesus) and His sheep (believers) is parallel to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Believers belong by their new nature to the One Who reveals the Father. It is the false teachers who lead people away from their relationship with God in Christ.

All of the figures of speech John uses hammer this point home. Comparison upon comparison contrasts the legitimate ownership of believers by Jesus with the destructive and illegitimate claims of false leaders. The criterion by which people can know the True Shepherd is His willingness to give Himself to care for them while the false leaders flee when a threat comes.

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Cooperative Program	4,509,978.62	4,856,545.76	346,567.14
Designated & Reported	3,152,570.39	3,820,645.19	668,074.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,662,549.01</b>	<b>\$8,677,190.95</b>	<b>\$1,014,641.94</b>

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    Jan. 31, 1984    \$2,444,680.24

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**Tom Madden**  
Treasurer

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated	Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Alpha</b>					
<b>Associational Chairman:</b>					
Centerville, First	210.00	14.00	Johnsons Grove	247.14	118.03
Cross Roads	202.17	334.26	Lakeview	123.50	144.26
East Hickman	88.55	.00	Macedonia	336.95	422.00
Edgewood	63.00	.00	Marrin, First	5,000.00	9,108.44
Fairfield	536.40	229.00	Mooring	522.99	100.00
Garrett	66.60	28.75	Mount Moriah	30.00	50.00
Highland	140.15	15.64	Mount Olive	1,348.76	720.40
Hohenwald, First	1,015.63	850.00	Mount Pelia	2,231.24	2,348.95
Lick Creek	77.72	42.60	New Concord	151.00	261.37
Linden, First	585.00	.00	New Home	320.00	425.00
Lobelville, First	.00	151.00	New Salem	957.64	600.31
Maple Valley	37.00	.00	Obion, First	2,445.24	2,250.00
New Hope	99.06	.00	Phillippy	30.00	.00
Pine Grove	84.20	75.86	Pleasant Hill No. 1	660.00	246.00
Piney	73.40	.00	Pleasant Hill No. 2	501.90	561.28
Toms Creek	667.86	283.00	Reelfoot	.00	260.00
Wrigley	437.91	557.07	Ridgely, First	5,015.99	3,466.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,384.65</b>	<b>2,581.18</b>	Samburg	208.00	.00
<b>Beech River</b>					
<b>Associational Chairman: Hoyt Wilson</b>					
Both Springs	868.33	235.14	South Fulton	4,804.42	985.70
Beacon	25.00	25.00	Tiptonville, First	1,593.69	3,562.97
Bear Creek	613.48	744.62	Troy, First	1,083.11	1,390.34
Bible Hill	273.95	.00	True Faith	90.00	.00
Calvary	1,841.03	91.00	Union City, First	8,785.26	2,260.68
Chapel Hill	207.15	125.00	Union City, Second	4,446.00	3,464.64
Corinth	120.00	.00	Walnut Log	.00	.00
Cub Creek Hall	.00	54.95	Willingham Memorial	181.91	.00
Darden	.00	220.88	Woodland Mills, First	2,824.60	3,207.00
Decaturville, First	200.00	400.00	Wynnsburg	748.80	350.00
Flatwoods	538.63	338.92	<b>Total</b>	<b>47,985.39</b>	<b>39,918.84</b>
Hopewell	.00	.00	<b>Big Emory</b>		
Huron	.00	.00	<b>Associational Chairman:</b>		
Judson	.00	.00	Beech Park	1,867.48	1,286.74
Lexington, First	10,714.97	7,663.24	Bethel	89.32	.00
Lone Chestnut	.00	.00	Big Emory	1,875.53	310.00
Luray	.00	.00	Calvary	150.00	1,092.00
Mount Ararat	363.08	396.80	Canev Ford	591.00	2,263.00
Mount Gilead	555.00	1,166.71	Cardiff	150.33	250.34
Mount Zion	.00	125.60	Cedar Grove	2,000.00	.00
New Beech Grove	60.00	300.00	Central	1,360.47	1,025.98
New Chapel	.00	.00	Childs Memorial	535.12	.00
New Hope	110.00	210.00	Clax Gap	150.00	20.00
New Prospect	.00	.00	Clymersville	1,126.10	467.75
Parsons, First	3,621.10	1,503.05	Coal Hill	341.36	150.00
Perryville, First	137.66	320.43	Crab Orchard	850.00	1,023.89
Pine Grove	285.38	291.00	Daysville	40.00	.00
Poplar Springs	55.21	100.00	Deer Lodge, First Manry	143.95	.00
Ridge Grove	.00	.00	Dyllis	888.35	539.20
Rock Hill	1,235.33	338.75	Eureka	812.05	935.65
Salem	.00	25.00	Fairview	.00	258.50
Saltville, First	353.54	.00	Grace Chapel	50.00	.00
Sand Ridge	1,025.40	1,358.00	Kellytown	987.63	985.62
Sardis	273.00	.00	Kingston, First	7,260.00	9,055.61
Scotts Hill, First	470.26	132.50	Lakeview	401.00	250.00
Tomlin Chapel	.00	75.00	Laurel Bluff	151.02	219.18
Iwin Oaks	85.60	187.00	Lee Village	1,022.35	637.03
Union	294.94	1,217.76	Liberty	2,656.76	3,271.37
Union Grove	50.00	95.71	Middle Creek	1,456.75	972.98
Wildersville	669.83	689.50	Mossy Grove	331.32	1,519.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,047.87</b>	<b>18,431.56</b>	Oakdale, First	671.00	267.50
<b>Beehiv</b>					
<b>Associational Chairman: James Harrison</b>					
Alamo	306.92	115.18	Orchard View	.00	119.00
Adridge	150.58	89.60	Palms	1,251.26	488.00
Bethel	.00	90.00	Pine Orchard	632.43	603.76
Blessed Hope	159.99	625.00	Piney	1,075.04	880.86
Brookway	75.00	100.00	Piney Grove	569.91	1,399.21
Calvary	1,707.25	.00	Pleasant Grove	1,913.00	1,833.75
Chattanooga	150.00	100.00	Pond Grove	334.89	150.00
Chattanooga Grove	425.51	1,181.75	Riggs Chapel	.00	.00
Cypress Creek	25.00	25.00	Riverside	1,753.30	522.41
Darlow	92.00	186.00	Rockwood, First	12,535.09	1,441.40
Dornbeak	130.00	447.75	Rockwood, Second	43.16	80.00
			Shiloh	5,007.95	3,800.96
			South Harriman	7,895.88	8,331.58
			Sunbright, First	1,161.53	1,502.00
			Trenton Street	10,676.65	4,506.08
			Union	466.00	510.00
			Union Chapel	392.10	636.15
			Walnut Hill	1,196.60	375.73

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated	Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Warburg, First	720.00	338.20	<b>Big Hatchie</b>		
Whites Creek	566.39	519.08	<b>Associational Chairman: Ray Green</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,104.43</b>	<b>55,333.37</b>	Ashport	380.38	85.00
<b>Bradley County</b>					
<b>Associational Chairman: Sam Brooks</b>					
Bellefonte	2,829.94	3,018.50	Beaver	171.43	25.00
Bethel	.00	.00	Brighton	9,342.27	3,489.00
Big Spring	9,714.47	724.45	Calvary Hill	664.51	219.20
Blue Springs	585.00	163.00	Charleston	2,640.51	2,184.21
Brittsville	.00	351.00	Covington, First	8,835.04	13,976.47
Calvary	40.70	.00	Durhamville	85.00	125.00
Candler Creek	721.94	900.00	Eastland	354.54	.00
Center Point	225.00	.00	Elim	60.55	56.75
Charleston, First	1,750.00	2,233.25	Faith	375.00	3,129.70
Chestnut	.00	.00	Fellowship	2,017.10	1,454.51
Cleveland, First	19,248.42	2,124.48	Fulton	189.45	.00
Clingan Ridge	811.00	900.00	Garland	1,147.10	1,057.07
Chuhalla	.00	700.00	Goldust	.00	.00
Carinth	489.50	.00	Grace	754.79	1,056.58
Council	.00	.00	Henning	474.00	1,369.50
Dalton Pike	295.01	282.50	Keeling	.00	.00
Dockery Heights	.00	300.00	Liberty	2,860.88	3,679.59
East Cleveland	.00	.00	Mason, First	190.35	.00
East View	335.41	106.63	Mount Lebanon	484.30	555.50
Elkmont	.00	.00	Munford	2,166.56	1,834.33
Emmanuel	.00	.00	Oak Grove	5,547.00	2,341.78
Fairview	150.13	116.00	Pleasant Branch	112.19	132.93
Four Point	626.40	.00	Pleasant Grove	1,537.20	1,738.20
Galilee	171.10	.00	Rialto	4,924.24	13.01
Georgetown	1,352.00	2,225.00	Ripley, First	3,984.81	3,984.81
Goodwill	188.09	125.00	Ripley, First Indian	64.15	317.37
Gum Spring	302.53	216.00	Salem	25.00	.00
Hopewell	2,295.30	.00	Smyrna	3,204.14	3,405.25
Lebanon	508.57	1,155.00	Trinity	.00	.00
Macedonia	508.15	260.00	Walnut Grove	529.69	502.70
Maple Street	1,362.53	624.50	Western Valley	.00	.00
Michigan Avenue	1,062.89	1,442.03	Woodlawn	60.00	1,259.00
Mount Carmel	2,526.91	2,543.17	<b>Total</b>	<b>49,528.37</b>	<b>48,017.46</b>
New Fellowship	.00	.00	<b>Bledsoe</b>		
New Friendship	1,586.55	.00	<b>Associational Chairman: Jack Dewees</b>		
New Hope Missionary	.00	.00	Antioch	.00	.00
North Cleveland	3,856.71	746.45	Bledsoe Creek	58.80	71.80
Oak Grove	299.67	401.00	Chestnut Grove		

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Allegheny	33.31	.00
Armada	4,644.60	711.10
Beech Grove	5,755.83	405.73
Bethel	1,027.42	3,261.98
Birchfield	.00	.00
Broadway	8,293.00	4,380.00
Calderwood	90.00	85.00
Calvary	2,015.79	1,136.14
Carpenters	.00	.00
Carson Island	.00	.00
Caylors Chapel	187.13	.00
Cedar Grove	3,420.00	800.50
Centenary	348.45	1,309.02
Central, Alcoa	3,710.84	2,742.19
Central Point	589.56	320.75
Cold Springs	1,037.07	1,001.99
Datson Memorial	4,453.22	3,898.59
East Alcoa	866.73	819.00
East Maryville	9,000.00	4,816.44
East Walland	93.12	198.00
Ellejoy	334.25	359.25
Everett Hills	8,783.06	5,263.68
Faith And Hope	97.27	.00
Forest Hill	1,292.33	.00
Four Mile	1,061.00	600.00
Friendship	65.58	.00
Friendship, First	249.74	212.96
Friendship, First	10,802.00	3,159.05
Grandview	2,681.96	2,220.32
Greenback Memorial	788.92	1,126.00
Happy Valley	233.94	300.00
Hillview	251.42	675.80
Hopewell	305.50	.00
Immanuel	.00	1,040.00
Kagley's Chapel	542.12	880.08
Keebles Chapel	351.53	100.00
Kinzel Springs	.00	366.00
Lakeview	.00	.00
Laurel Bank	1,238.52	844.88
Liberty	289.58	601.84
Louisville, First	.00	.00
Macedonia	.00	.00
Madison Avenue	2,000.00	4,690.59
Maple Grove	155.00	1,668.34
Marble Hill	.00	.00
Maryville, First	34,359.65	29,633.76
Meadowbrook	51.39	66.00
Memorial	3,390.04	2,536.73
Midway	.00	.00
Millers Cove	550.34	218.25
Monte Vista	15,622.36	9,113.74
Mount Carmel	918.37	437.60
Mount Lebanon	10,248.94	9,956.97
Mount Zion	.00	.00
Niles Ferry	2,572.66	1,552.56
Oak Street	851.74	1,061.81
Oak View	1,490.14	2,341.25
Old Chisholme	194.61	.00
Old Piney Grove	875.65	1,400.00
Pilgrim	224.49	713.25
Piney Grove	3,089.32	1,653.45
Piney Level	558.00	664.50
Pleasant Grove	3,604.87	3,097.72
Prospect	1,152.46	2,557.33
Providence	2,182.88	3,847.54
Rockford	1,446.66	673.25
Rocky Branch	984.22	526.59
Salem	754.90	1,237.06
Seymour, First	12,828.00	5,330.41
Six Mile	1,999.00	2,625.00
Smoky View	363.39	1,268.45
Springview	1,098.50	1,512.06
Stock Creek	9,592.28	8,783.00
Trinity	.00	.00
Union Grove	.00	100.37
Unity	1,679.31	1,934.44
Village Missionary	100.00	91.00
West Maryville	1,276.15	1,414.04
Wildwood	2,532.41	1,971.65
Zion Chapel	1,410.96	1,283.53
Total	209,172.49	163,016.27

**Clinton**

**Associational Chairman:**

Andersonville, First	2,926.36	345.00
Batley	.00	400.00
Beech Grove	147.35	294.70
Bethel	1,200.00	1,122.00
Black Oak	1,400.83	310.34
Blowing Springs	675.00	200.00
Briceville, First	.00	248.60
(H) Calvary	1,016.00	43.94
(OR) Calvary	4,430.69	1,448.94
Central	19,068.23	3,317.13
Clear Branch	3,307.00	1,684.22
Clinch River	904.00	1,704.00
Clinton, First	10,000.00	4,053.93
Clinton, Second	8,625.82	7,705.37
Dutch Valley, First	.00	100.00
Edgemoor	1,514.66	1,662.00
Fairview	2,049.97	571.05
Farmers Grove	565.85	567.55
Frost Bottom	131.70	364.40
Glenwood	2,198.00	3,129.36
Grave Hill	.00	.00
Guiding Star	.00	.00
Indian Bluff	630.77	.00
Island Ford	149.50	.00
Island Home	.00	.00
Jarnigans Chapel	.00	.00
Lake City, First	1,643.00	1,690.00
Lakeview	30.00	100.00
Laurel Branch	409.38	100.00
Laurel Grove	103.00	80.00
Longfield	.00	.00
Main Street	1,274.91	2,737.89
Mineral Springs	.00	.00
Mount Pleasant	332.02	784.73
Mountain View	1,198.82	736.00
New Mountain View	703.31	158.61

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
New Salem	930.64	701.11
Norris, First	631.00	711.10
North Clinton	.00	.00
Oak Ridge, First	9,851.79	11,237.68
Oliver Springs, First	4,951.60	6,337.94
Pine Hill	.00	738.65
Pleasant Hill	653.76	319.00
Pleasant View	373.60	597.84
Poplar Creek	341.13	502.22
Red Hill	.00	.00
Riverview	1,244.45	.00
Robertsville	8,457.06	5,553.50
Royce	1,762.07	911.94
South Clinton	4,298.00	2,646.20
Springhill	.00	120.21
Tuppertown	55.50	.00
Union Valley	.00	.00
Valley View	104.00	204.00
Waldens View	.00	.00
Willow Brook	.00	527.94
Woodland Park	1,556.00	462.00
Zion	1,434.25	338.60
Total	103,281.02	67,569.69

**Concord**

**Associational Chairman:**

Barfield	.00	516.00
Belle Aire	8,131.50	6,654.75
Bradleys Creek	108.03	.00
Brinkley Road	675.74	691.98
Christiana, First	354.03	790.00
Eagleview	120.00	176.00
Fellowship	.00	206.00
Florence	352.81	235.20
Giles Creek	694.35	167.40
Grace	357.70	234.00
Green Hill	232.20	218.50
Hillview	578.90	1,500.00
Holly Grove	131.28	400.00
Immanuel	1,001.00	900.00
Lascassas	1,387.95	2,269.00
Lavergne, First	1,177.02	779.06
Maney Avenue	339.93	112.00
Midland	226.62	100.00
Milton	494.00	652.00
Miracle	2,107.52	1,875.48
Mount Carmel	.00	.00
Mount Hermon	1,308.00	144.00
Mount Pleasant	208.48	658.05
Mount View	1,115.00	413.00
Murfreesboro, First	17,439.20	19,939.77
Murfreesboro, Third	4,816.51	2,763.86
New Hope	238.30	174.00
Nolensville	477.00	215.00
Patterson	156.00	521.00
Powells Chapel	3,395.64	1,792.80
Rucker	16.68	64.85
Smyrna, First	6,938.00	834.86
Southeast	4,540.81	4,417.87
Stones River	1,114.00	660.83
Taylor's Chapel	.00	115.00
Victory	.00	.00
Walter Hill, First	150.00	100.00
Wards Grove	686.70	181.25
Wayside	.00	.00
Westgate	207.00	.00
Woodbury Road	1,251.00	1,040.20
Total	62,528.90	52,513.71

**Copper Basin**

**Associational Chairman: Eulan Brooks**

Bethlehem	.00	.00
Colletown	786.57	324.63
Isabella	146.47	301.78
Maple Grove	.00	.00
Mine City	5,691.84	7,033.37
Mount Harmony	.00	40.00
Mount Vernon	.00	.00
Mount Zion	266.90	291.00
New Zion	179.77	200.00
Pleasant Hill	.00	100.00
Turtletown	599.99	300.00
Zion Hill	957.43	816.00
Total	8,628.97	9,406.78

**Crockett County**

**Associational Chairman:**

Alamo, First	4,840.60	3,517.85
Barkers Chapel	121.15	45.85
Bells, First	4,086.76	6,983.43
Cairo	239.69	245.00
Cross Roads	1,567.24	1,100.50
Friendship	1,082.00	887.53
Gadsden, First	500.00	1,420.00
Johnson Grove	.00	160.00
Mary City, First	1,323.02	1,633.36
Midway	62.17	225.00
Providence	199.88	724.00
South Fork	.00	.00
Three Way	.00	50.00
Walnut Hill	250.00	1,216.00
Total	14,272.51	18,208.52

**Cumberland**

**Associational Chairman: John Bartee**

Aiva	.00	.00
Blooming Grove	850.00	906.00
Canaan, First	698.00	214.00
Charlotte, First	453.84	640.16
Clarksville, First	10,000.00	17,585.34
Cross Creek	640.20	596.46
Crossland Avenue	409.50	83.77
Cumberland City, First	227.00	100.00
Cumberland Drive	5,211.61	270.72
Dotsonville	.00	.00
Erin	1,098.00	1,828.50
Excell	2,136.56	1,335.35
Gracey Avenue	863.87	889.30
Gum Springs	581.50	.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Harmony	400.55	400.00
Hillcrest	1,928.72	578.28
Hilldale	3,833.33	5,023.70
Immanuel	188.15	.00
Kenwood	610.67	254.28
Kirkwood	765.87	609.07
Little Hope	1,115.05	490.05
Little West Fork	.00	443.77
Memorial	471.53	520.00
Mount Hermon	196.00	269.20
Mount Hermon	997.62	309.00
New Canaan	.00	.00
New Providence	5,846.85	744.00
Northeast	712.25	607.00
Northside	206.91	.00
Parkview	614.02	118.00
Pleasant View	2,723.39	2,407.40
St. Bethlehem, First	.00	.00
Sloyden	433.06	29.00
Spring Creek	600.00	.00
Tabernacle Missionary	210.00	.00
Trinity	38.89	217.82
Vanleer	220.32	405.17
Woodlawn	201.34	.00
Total	45,484.60	37,470.17

**Cumberland Gap**

**Associational Chairman:**

Albanus Hill	143.45	.00
Bethel	.00	.00
Big Spring Union	.00	25.00
Blairs Creek	.00	98.50
Brooks Memorial	.00	.00
Calvary	.00	100.00
Carrs Chapel	158.18	519.69
Cave Spring Missionary	.00	.00
Cedar Fork	.00	45.43
Cedar Grove	170.00	40.00
Chadwell Station	104.44	178.35
Cumberland Gap, First	.00	.00
Dogwood Heights	310.95	140.00
Duncan Chapel	.00	82.45
East Hopewell	.00	50.00
Fairview	100.00	.00
Forgo Ridge	.00	55.00
Gap Creek	.00	.00
Gibson Station	.00	200.00
Goin's Chapel	.00	76.00
Greens Chapel	.00	384.36
Harrogate, First	1,204.89	384.36
Haystack	20.00	705.92
Head of Barron	.00	.00
Hope Missionary	.00	.00
Hopewell	.00	.00
Howards Quarter	.00	.00
Indian Creek	.00	.00
Liberty Missionary	.00	.00
Liberty Hill	42.00	63.00
Little Mulberry	.00	657.05
Little Valley	.00	.00
Lone Hill Missionary	.00	.00
Lone Holly	.00	.00
M C M	.00	.00
Midway Missionary	1,355.16	117.00
Mount Gilead	.00	.00
Mount Pleasant	.00	244.00
Mount Zion	173.30	88.87
Mountain View	.00	.00
New Hope	.00	.00
New Salem	.00	100.00
New Tazewell, First	1,129.36	1,053.00
Oak Grove	.00	100.00
Peoples Missionary	.00	.00
Pleasant View	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	.00	.00
Providence	.00	.00
Pump Hollow	.00	.00
Pump Springs	471.94	420.00
Raven Hill	.00	.00
Red Hill	.00	.00
Riley Memorial	.00	.00
Riverside	.00	.00
River View	.00	756.59
Shawnee	636.51	1,062.00
Springdale	.00	67.72
Springfield	.00	.00
Straight Creek	.00	.00
Sugar Grove	.00	.00
Summeys Bridge	.00	.00
Sunrise Missionary	.00	.00
Tazewell	584.59	800.00
Town Creek	.00	143.66
Underwood Grove	193.02	641.97
Union Chapel	.00	209.39
Walnut Hill	50.00	200.00
Westside Missionary	.00	.00
Wienberger Chapel	.00	115.88
Total	6,847.79	9,540.83

**Cumberland Plateau**

**Associational Chairman: Tom Page**

Bethlehem	75.00	2,170.45
Calvary	30.00	.00
Central	604.19	1,195.75
Clear Creek	89.80	775.00
Crossville, First	7,749.68	4,943.35
Cumberland Homestead	3,392.74	1,995.61
Emmanuel	322.85	466.00
Fairfield Glade	690.95	1,133.00
Fairview	.00	.00
Fredonia	502.31	113.00
Haleys Grove	333.34	359.88

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Fayette Association: Associational Chairman: Jessie Price. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Gibson County Association: Associational Chairman: Randy Wheeler. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Giles County Association: Associational Chairman: Mack Pinkelton. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

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Grainger County Association: Associational Chairman: Guy Moore. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Hamilton County Association: Associational Chairman: Bob Mounts. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

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Hardeman County Association: Associational Chairman: James Smith. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Haywood Association: Associational Chairman: E. B. Bowen. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Miwassee Association: Associational Chairman: Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Holston Association: Associational Chairman: Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

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Holston Valley Association: Associational Chairman: Aubrey Floyd. Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated.

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Providence	.00	.00
Rogersville, First	12,493.95	1,935.08
Shady Grove	.00	589.00
Shepards Chapel	.00	1,005.25
Sneedville, First	1,740.31	2,747.06
Speedwell	.00	97.00
Surgoinville	1,732.52	1,173.36
Tar Pine Valley	.00	240.00
Tunnell Hill	382.57	822.15
Valley View	470.79	750.00
War Creek	430.92	1,014.00
West View	56,029.23	64,158.17
Total		

**Indian Creek**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Bethlehem	196.55	144.00
(S) Calvary	36.61	.00
(W) Calvary	754.43	310.55
Cedar Grove	.00	.00
Clifton, First	341.13	224.45
Collinwood, First	231.00	20.00
East View	5.00	.00
Friendship	16.42	.00
Green River	642.39	1,194.70
Houston	20.70	.00
Kelleys Chapel	75.00	125.00
Leatherwood	75.00	150.00
Lutts	152.09	217.00
Memorial	13.47	.00
Oak Grove	53.34	15.00
Oak Ridge	625.76	202.50
Philadelphia	.00	.00
Rays Chapel	51.53	.00
Upper Green River	892.16	1,028.00
Waynesboro, First	.00	606.22
Zion	4,182.78	4,237.42
Total		

**Jefferson County**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Antioch	.00	150.00
Beaver Creek	173.39	1,260.19
Buffalo Grove	591.88	.00
Calvary	.00	.00
Central Heights	1,267.04	2,400.00
Dandridge, First	6,898.00	11,137.15
Deep Springs	660.27	253.05
Dumplin	2,132.15	4,027.43
Emmanuel	.00	100.00
Flat Gap	472.81	1.12
French Broad	.00	2,420.00
Friendsview	94.97	272.47
Good Hope	94.97	272.47
Hill Top	.00	54.00
Holston Memorial	655.54	2,000.00
Jefferson City, First	19,272.97	17,033.07
Mansfield Gap	.00	618.32
Mill Springs	380.57	68.79
Mountain View	.00	734.09
Mullins Chapel	.00	.00
Nances Grove	.00	10.00
New Hope	.00	.00
New Market	680.79	300.00
Nina	.00	310.60
Oak Hills	57.31	260.00
Piedmont	7,833.49	1,653.48
Pleasant Grove (N.M.)	.00	798.00
Pleasant Grove, Piney	2,706.00	4,035.11
Rocky Valley	199.73	400.00
Strawberry Fls., First	802.94	1,860.99
Swanns Chapel	.00	3,726.26
Talbot	1,633.00	1,944.00
White Pine, First	2,871.00	4,648.56
Total	49,383.85	62,476.68

**Judson**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Harmony	.00	.00
Liberty	.00	.00
Maple Grove	.00	.00
Missionary Ridge	30.00	.00
Mount Zion	15.00	.00
New Hope	983.40	232.50
Old New Hope	450.00	40.00
Pleasant Ridge	.00	.00
Pomona	.00	.00
Walnut Grove	.00	61.69
Total	1,478.40	334.19

**Knox County**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Alice Bell	355.02	1,703.24
Arlington	10,587.74	14,516.81
Atkins	665.83	200.00
Ball Camp	6,485.89	681.82
Basswood	66.55	465.00
Beaumont Avenue	.00	319.00
Beaver Dam	7,500.00	5,392.62
Bell Avenue	1,300.00	3,080.52
Belmont Heights	946.45	2,052.42
Bethany	.00	.00
Black Oak Heights	8,658.00	.00
Blount Avenue	.00	.00
Bon View	10.00	.00
Bronville	168.31	324.73
Broadway	2,400.00	5,329.94
Buffat Heights	2,347.82	8,224.48
Burnetts Creek	.00	.00
Callahan Road	.00	.00
Calvary	19,136.69	19,124.09
Cedar Bluff	178.27	.00
(B) Central	26,250.00	34,602.54
Central of Ftn. City	18,433.34	41,542.96
Churchwell Avenue	30.00	201.00
City View	3,204.36	1,384.90
Clear Springs	3,547.96	2,793.16
Community	.00	.00
Concord, First	21,346.77	27,577.68
Copper Ridge	85.75	60.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Cornerstone	.00	.00
Corryton	6,484.81	2,459.18
Cumberland	7,016.91	7,589.66
East Sunnyview	.00	150.00
Eastwood	341.09	.00
Ebenezer	1,156.01	928.57
Elm Street	275.98	.00
Euclid Avenue	2,096.59	2,041.51
Fairview	1,440.53	879.32
Fair Hovens	.00	.00
Faith Baptist Temple	.00	.00
Farragut, First	30.00	24.00
Fellowship	50.00	1,525.00
Fifth Avenue	1,500.00	6,901.52
Flint Gap	438.97	842.98
Fort Hill	2,559.95	900.00
Fort Sanders	228.51	800.00
Fountain City, First	1,793.81	3,099.00
Galilee	2,450.02	6,858.07
Gallaher Memorial	945.72	510.00
Gayland Heights	475.75	1,060.00
Gillespie Avenue	2,547.60	12.00
Glenwood	4,852.20	100.00
Grace	8,000.63	10,394.99
Grassy Valley	1,493.70	1,624.10
Greystone	1,082.96	172.00
Greenway	1,499.91	1,192.01
Grove City	.00	.00
Grove Heights	.00	.00
Grove Hill	389.81	.00
Hillcrest	129.59	30.50
Hines Valley	.00	.00
Hoit Avenue	.00	.00
Hollywood Hills	300.00	875.00
Holston	1,203.45	.00
House Mountain	.00	1,307.16
Immanuel	2,591.51	2,044.27
Inskip	6,016.69	.00
Island Home	745.14	1,850.75
John Sevier	357.50	2,760.00
Jones Chapel	95.00	1,379.76
Knoxville, First	15,000.00	48,817.45
Knoxville, Second	3,664.97	4,577.40
Knoxville, Third	158.45	.00
Lake Country	519.88	147.00
Lake View	.00	.00
Lincoln Park	11,648.90	23,496.64
Linden Avenue	.00	214.35
Little Flat Creek	1,678.92	1,589.07
Lonsdale	194.18	597.32
Loveland	452.07	946.00
Lyons Creek	1,720.17	.00
Marble City	332.89	1,118.87
Marbledale	841.14	145.57
Mars Hill	2,676.81	2,298.43
Mascot	869.75	720.00
McCalla Avenue	10,916.95	1,054.25
Meadow View	.00	9,502.80
Meridian	8,307.11	80.00
Middlebrook Pike	80.00	.00
Midway	.00	.00
Miracle	.00	.00
Mooreland Heights	.00	.00
Mount Carmel	1,824.53	4,302.56
Mount Harmony	4,572.44	2,718.65
Mount Olive	15,211.72	2,337.69
Mount Olive, East	.00	.00
Mountain View	1,092.08	451.00
New Hope	.00	.00
New Hopewell	3,571.71	2,905.25
New Salem	.00	.00
North Acres	74.78	328.71
North Hills	.00	.00
North Knoxville	5,529.35	.00
North Side	.00	.00
Northwest	116.51	107.24
Norwood	1,725.69	3,003.57
Oakwood	833.33	346.28
Park Lane	507.66	439.50
Parkway	4,215.79	1,087.00
Peoples Missionary	.00	.00
Piney Grove	.00	225.06
Powell, First	4,389.65	3,397.25
Ramsey Heights	.00	.00
Reunion	242.90	421.00
Ridgedale	590.00	.00
Ridgeview	3,567.92	2,796.53
Riverdale	1,249.98	1,253.00
Riverview	800.22	1,056.21
Rocky Hill	1,875.00	2,921.36
Roseberry	649.04	.00
Salem	9,240.00	13,689.75
Scottish Pike	.00	.00
Seven Islands	.00	1,107.10
Sevier Heights	6,875.01	1,558.24
Sevier Home	125.00	.00
Sharon	4,504.00	13,116.55
Smithwood	7,171.23	15,650.01
South Knoxville	6,500.00	11,417.50
Stoney Point	65.00	.00
Sunset Heights	.00	.00
Tarklin Valley	.00	112.26
Tennessee Avenue	487.00	585.00
Third Creek	277.84	1,250.00
Thorn Grove	206.61	100.00
Three Point	.00	.00
Timothy Street	302.18	1,458.05
Tower Heights	.00	.00
Trinity	546.77	524.70
Tuckahoe	.00	.00
Tyson	.00	.00
Union	2,994.18	297.71
Unity	421.77	857.74
(BC) Valley Grove	.00	.00
(CH) Valley Grove	4,510.91	7,493.00
Vestal	.00	.00
Wallace Memorial	36,829.28	65,902.57
Washington Avenue	653.45	397.50
Washington Pike	2,391.86	2,422.10
West End	844.08	660.70
West Haven	3,865.96	.00
West Hills	3,833.34	7,189.53

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
West Knoxville	1,881.94	792.35
West Lonsdale	7,704.97	.00
West Side	.00	738.95
Association	.00	1,835.00
Total	408,969.96	504,367.58

**Lawrence County**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Associational Chairman: James Jolly		
Barnesville	.00	.00
Beach Grove	.00	50.00
Bethel	.00	.00
Blooming Grove	80.00	225.00
Bonnertown	200.00	270.00
Brace	.00	1,188.92
Center Point	.00	111.25
Deerfield	527.74	1,145.65
Ehridge, First	239.87	500.00
Evas Chapel	20.00	.00
Faith	725.00	2,034.52
Five Points	85.00	.00
Gum Springs	620.03	60.00
Highland Park	2,175.03	1,450.34
Immanuel	1,208.68	1,031.00
Iron City, First	467.66	730.99
Lawrenceburg, First	4,746.84	3,668.55
Leonto	1,136.27	224.78
Liberty Grove	.00	.00
Loretto, First	935.30	2,198.33
Macedonia	110.02	.00
Mars Hill	240.00	190.00
Meadow View	1,286.38	1,081.79
Mount Horeb	510.00	1,090.43
New Prospect	1,134.00	2,385.90
O. K.	.00	477.95
Oak Hill	.00	150.00
Park Grove	645.35	425.00
Pine Grove	70.00	.00
Pleasant Grove	.00	.00
Ramah	124.00	71.00
St. Joseph, First	612.01	281.64
Summertown	491.67	.00
West Point	91.00	260.05
Total	18,481.85	21,302.49

**Loudon County**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Associational Chairman: Jeff Myers		
Antioch	.00	531.67
Ballards Chapel	197.00	55.50
Beals Chapel	258.69	288.02
Bell Avenue	.00	.00
Bethany	866.03	880.68
Blairland	3,975.31	5,329.73
(L) Calvary	6,330.02	1,754.64
(L) Calvary	.00	.00
Corinth	1,287.87	4,744.92
Dixie Lee	1,862.15	1,501.25
East Hills	394.56	293.94
Everett Road	.00	85.40
Friendship	.00	2,072.42
Highland Park	.00	1,713.43
Kingston Pike	1,638.37	101.66
Lenoir City, First	15,000.00	10,645.58
Lenoir City, Second	343.83	80.00
Loudon, First	2,722.44	2,330.75
Marganton	419.90	1,550.50
Mount Pleasant	26.70	245.20
Mountain View	424.30	2,515.00
Nelson Street	.00	200.00
New Midway	186.72	948.22
New Providence	3,667.00	1,000.00
Oral	1,248.93	962.34
Philadelphia, First	905.32	768.00
Pine Grove	.00	328.00
Pleasant Hill	3,902.37	1,696.77
Prospect	597.43	1,234.86
Riverview	337.00	200.00
Silver Ridge	.00	182.00
South Holston	.00	.00
Stockton Valley	283.00	863.00
Stoney Point	.00	.00
Union Fork Creek	.00	546.00
Vaughns Chapel	1,061.41	536.50
West Broadway	.00	60.00
Total	47,936.35	46,614.30

**McMinn-Meigs**

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Associational Chairman: Pete Mullins		
Antioch	1,630.90	3,321.25
Athens, First	30,637.67	12,956.00
Bethel Springs	107.00	.00
Bethsadia	.00	.00
Brookhill	774.92	240.00
Calhoun, First	3,795.56	1,877.49
(D) Calvary	.00	500.00
(E) Calvary	60.00	307.00
Cambria	1,765.56	200.00
Central	.00	.00
Clay Hill	.00	.00
Clear Springs	715.00	350.00
Clearwater	816.93	806.00
Cog Hill	566.80	678.90
Conasauga	180.00	.00
Cotton Port	.00	100.00
Decatur, First	485.00	540.00
Diety	.00	51.59
Dixon Avenue	.00	165.00
Double Springs	.00	320.00
East Athens	13,509.74	121.93

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Viola	103.27	353.00
WillamSPORT	58.18	36.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,044.86</b>	<b>37,476.41</b>

Midland

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman:</b>		
Beaverville	99.25	.00
Bells Camp Ground	1,221.00	1,000.00
Bethany	.00	200.00
(C) Bethel	187.22	.00
(K) Bethel	377.65	100.00
Blshopville	298.47	.00
Black Oak Ridge	661.00	156.00
Cedar Grove	.00	.00
Central View	.00	.00
Clear Springs	.00	500.00
Deep Springs	75.00	10.00
Emory Valley	.00	58.22
Highland	1,000.66	.00
Hilltop	.00	.00
Hillsdale	.00	.00
Hinds Creek	203.67	.00
Hines Creek Missionary	.00	675.12
Mount Zion	192.82	.00
New Liberty	228.50	.00
New Pleasant Gap	52.67	.00
Old Beverly	.00	.00
Pleasant Gap	121.88	.00
Pleasant Hill	.00	.00
Riverview (B.C.)	.00	.00
Ruggles Ferry	70.50	.00
Solid Rock	.00	42.28
Stonewall	.00	.00
Sutherland Avenue	.00	.00
Texas Valley	.00	.00
Union	793.43	108.00
Valley Grove	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,583.72</b>	<b>2,849.62</b>

Mulberry Gap

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman:</b>		
Beech Grove	.00	.00
Bethel	.00	.00
Big Creek	.00	.00
Big Hill Missionary	.00	.00
Blackwater Union	.00	.00
Brewers Chapel	.00	.00
Briar Creek	.00	.00
Bridgeport Missionary	.00	.00
Carpenters Chapel	.00	.00
Cedar Flat	.00	.00
Cedar Grove	.00	.00
Chestnut Grove	.00	.00
Chinquapin	.00	.00
Clinch River	.00	.00
Clinchdale	.00	.00
Cobbs Chapel	.00	.00
Community Chapel	.00	.00
Cool Branch	.00	.00
Davis Chapel	.00	.00
Dry Valley	.00	.00
Fair View	.00	.00
Faith Missionary	.00	.00
Flat Gap	.00	.00
Fox Branch	.00	.00
Friendlies Chapel	.00	.00
Friendship	.00	.00
Gaps Chapel	.00	.00
Gronie Lifeboat	.00	.00
Grassy Springs	.00	.00
Grissoms Island	.00	.00
Huberts Chapel	.00	.00
Idas Chapel	.00	.00
Lake Shore	.00	30.15
Liberty	.00	.00
Livesays Chapel	.00	.00
McBride	.00	.00
Midtown Missionary	.00	.00
Mount Pisgah	.00	.00
Mountain View No. 1	.00	.00
Mulberry Gap	305.97	151.48
New Bethel	.00	.00
New Hope	.00	.00
New Life	.00	.00
New Salem Missionary	.00	.00
Northside Missionary	.00	200.60
Oak Hill	.00	.00
Old Spruce Pine	.00	.00
Panther Creek	.00	.00
Paw Paw Grove	.00	.00
Piney Grove	.00	.00
Pleasant Valley	.00	.00
Pleasant View	.00	.00
Pond Hill	.00	.00
Power House	.00	630.00
Providence	.00	.00
Richardson Creek	.00	.00
Rock Bridge	.00	.00
Rock Haven	.00	.00
Rocky Summit	.00	.00
Sandy Springs	.00	.00
Sartain Springs	.00	.00
Sharon Missionary	.00	.00
Solid Rock	.00	.00
Spruce Pine	.00	.00
Stoney Gap	.00	.00
Stoney Ridge Msny	.00	.00
Thorn Hill	.00	.00
Trent Valley	.00	.00
Union	.00	.00
Walkers	.00	.00
Wallans Bend	.00	.00
Yellow Branch	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>305.97</b>	<b>1,012.23</b>

Nashville

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman:</b>		
Alta Loma	650.00	484.00
Antioch, First	1,578.19	1,549.50

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Arrington, First	750.98	.00
Ashland City, First	3,102.71	2,212.55
Bakers Grove	974.29	551.10
Bell Road	3,024.50	.00
Bellevue	4,059.92	3,572.15
Bellshire	1,301.35	630.00
Belmont Heights	11,541.63	8,683.44
Ben Allen Road	202.30	336.70
Bending Chestnut	.00	30.00
Bercan	.00	.00
Berryville	390.38	.00
Bluegrass	10,864.99	6,353.02
Bordeaux	507.00	.00
Brentwood	48,654.67	42,654.67
Broadmoor	854.76	55.00
Brook Hollow	8,293.32	10,894.49
Calvary	452.97	594.10
Central	.00	.00
Charlotte Road	3,212.69	1,941.00
College Grove, First	706.53	296.72
Concord	1,361.50	2,336.45
Crievewood	21,739.37	519.00
Cross Keys	104.62	5.75
Dalemere	.00	153.00
Dalewood	17,137.39	21,609.23
Dickerson Road	4,566.36	2,596.24
Dickson, First	8,246.10	3,822.00
Donelson View	18,297.69	12,555.41
Donelson, First	8,746.27	450.06
Eastland	481.47	500.00
Eastside	283.27	100.76
Edgefield	2,609.03	3,036.14
Elkins Avenue	419.57	.00
Fairview, First	2,433.42	527.95
Faith Temple	120.00	211.83
Fern Avenue	71.55	57.00
Forest Hills	1,769.01	9,150.51
Franklin, First	13,752.55	1,036.95
Freeland	.00	.00
Friendly Chapel	39.36	57.05
Gallatin Road	2,172.94	2,686.89
Glendale	5,008.50	2,382.70
Glenwood	4,459.00	1,789.35
Goodlettsville, First	18,344.29	50.00
Grace	11,835.68	10,868.43
Grandview	4,568.48	3,575.39
Grassland Heights	2,283.32	390.00
Grays Point	55.49	.00
Green Hill	3,794.51	5,106.09
Harpeth Heights	2,622.26	3,000.03
Harpeth Valley	137.67	85.00
Harsh Chapel	1,729.49	789.88
Haywood Hills	19,013.76	12,883.14
Hendersonville, First	31,067.96	35,421.53
Hermitage, First	755.08	204.53
Hermitage Hills	13,545.39	843.00
Hillcrest	796.31	587.45
Hillhurst	3,844.20	.00
Hillsboro	37.88	.00
Holiday Heights	1,937.44	2,167.67
Immanuel	14,485.61	12,397.45
Inglewood	6,774.44	125.00
Ivy Memorial	1,246.56	.00
Joelton, First	5,230.60	2,342.73
Judson	33,706.17	3,629.72
Lakeview	3,050.45	191.53
Lakewood	5,360.00	820.80
Liberty	.00	20.00
Lincova Hills	8,710.68	9,721.55
Lockeland	5,396.44	1,518.25
Long Hollow	7,239.28	86.55
Lyle Lane	351.78	48.46
Madison Heights	2,780.41	495.00
Madison, First	4,832.11	761.00
Mill Creek	1,479.75	422.06
Nashville, First	61,163.00	4,195.94
Nashville, Third	1,195.22	343.00
Neelys Bend	3,389.11	627.25
New Hope	2,498.51	.00
Old Hickory, First	10,831.99	19,686.53
Park Avenue	4,125.00	11,347.58
Parkway	6,951.00	5,451.65
Pegram, First	89.34	539.94
Paytonville	83.00	.00
Pleasant View, First	1,843.47	444.93
Radford	.00	.00
Radnor	3,900.00	1,963.13
Rayon City	999.39	796.00
Richland	1,000.00	.00
Riverside	911.27	752.50
Rosedale	2,015.03	1,262.00
Salem	.00	200.00
Saturn Drive	3,854.07	2,514.50
Scottsboro	608.12	152.04
Shelby Avenue	1,435.57	2,620.00
Smith Springs	936.32	1,007.00
South Gate	303.36	435.00
Temple	580.00	774.00
Tulip Grove	750.00	2,747.25
Tuscumum Hills	11,214.91	10,726.82
Twelve Robes	.00	.00
Two Rivers	51,438.55	2,209.00
Uma	833.30	197.50
Union Hill	1,418.78	650.26
Valley View	2,561.83	94.10
Walker Memorial	10,180.52	1,691.60
West Nashville	188.13	100.00
West Trinity Lane	330.82	84.70
Westview	.00	315.00
Westwood	.00	.00
White Bluff, First	100.00	151.56
Whitsett Chapel	971.00	663.41
Whitworth Memorial	.00	.00
Woodbine	5,924.02	5,480.61
Woodcock Memorial	735.89	4.50
Woodmont	97,753.80	11,064.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>725,478.96</b>	<b>346,269.09</b>

New Duck River

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman: Tom Summers</b>		
Bell Buckle, First	222.52	.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Calvary	.00	2,152.79
Charity	78.00	131.06
Cornersville, First	1,906.53	1,367.50
Eastview	464.08	447.00
East Commerce	2,647.26	2,298.69
Edgemont	1,118.67	757.52
El Bethel	1,083.95	1,073.27
Farmington	65.00	.00
Fosterville	397.00	.00
Friendship	157.50	34.00
Hannahs Gap	175.00	.00
Hickory Hill	426.11	369.00
Holts Corner	202.45	379.00
Hurricane Grove	191.50	130.00
Immanuel	95.98	197.85
Lakeview	383.23	.00
Lewisburg, First	5,607.10	5,358.97
Longview	1,143.35	532.25
Lynchburg, First	895.50	577.90
Mount Lebanon	.00	57.00
New Bethel	635.15	640.79
New Hope	50.00	210.00
Normandy	167.30	90.00
North Fork	879.74	685.07
Parkview	2,811.61	1,254.00
Rover	757.15	872.81
Shelbyville, First	11,190.42	9,459.00
Shelbyville Mills	3,545.44	5,501.40
Short Creek	240.00	58.59
Singleton	94.15	245.00
Smyrna	1,092.05	759.02
Southside	1,124.38	1,113.22
Unionville, First	130.68	90.00
Wartrace	1,166.53	948.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,145.33</b>	<b>37,810.95</b>

New River

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman: John Shepherd</b>		
Antioch	.00	.00
Bethlehem	2,221.51	7,896.00
Black Creek Cross Rds	.00	.00
Calvary	381.07	150.00
Elizabeth	102.40	.00
Emmanuel	.00	.00
Fairview	66.40	.00
Fellowship	.00	.00
Glenmary Missionary	.00	.00
Huntsville, First	789.23	3,943.21
Ivy Grove	.00	.00
Lone Mountain	.00	.00
Low Gap	448.03	.00
Mount Pleasant	.00	.00
Mountain View	.00	.00
New Haven	743.31	713.72
New River	533.99	.00
Nicks Creek	.00	.00
Norma	152.00	.00
Oneta, First	3,672.92	3,834.09
Red Oak Gap	.00	.00
River View	.00	.00
Robbins, First	108.83	36.00
Slick Rock	.00	.00
Smokey Creek	.00	44.00
West Robbins	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,219.69</b>	<b>16,617.02</b>

New Salem

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Associational Chairman: Jones Taylor</b>		
Brush Creek	455.00	275.00
Carthage, First	2,175.00	3,770.40
Gardonsville, First	896.60	1,482.00
Hickman	660.00	2,374.00
Lancaster	50.00	50.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Ebenezer	1,109.20	3,874.33
Flawelyn	979.98	1,292.00
Grace	1,825.31	1,236.35
Greenbrier, First	9,958.22	6,887.15
Hopewell	1,000.03	3,971.13
Lights Chapel	1,086.53	20.00
Mount Carmel	10,417.95	850.00
North Springfield	3,852.22	1,136.20
Oak Grove	5,232.20	2,647.57
Oakland	950.50	473.50
Orlando	4,326.71	8,050.98
Pleasant Hill	1,835.03	1,280.00
Red River	610.02	445.21
Ridgetop, First	1,077.70	219.69
Rock Springs	467.09	426.46
Springfield	17,756.41	11,175.54
Springhill	122.00	642.39
White House, First	2,750.00	2,179.78
Williams Chapel	317.00	869.18
Association	0.00	16.50
Total	84,348.15	58,503.08

Salem

Associational Chairman: Paul Taylor		
Auburn	949.58	1,247.50
Burt	760.00	171.00
Calvary	968.08	643.42
Center Hill	75.00	86.19
Coopers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Dale Ridge	305.27	0.00
Downtown	142.50	96.41
Dry Creek	322.00	76.02
Elizabeth Chapel	213.19	0.00
Indian Creek Memorial	424.32	156.00
Malones Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mount Herman	320.45	141.30
Mount Zion	329.00	81.00
New Home	242.92	100.00
New Hope	82.29	131.10
Open Bible	174.27	0.00
Plainview	127.00	0.00
Pleasant View	381.54	0.00
Prosperity	1,260.41	775.00
Salem	1,480.74	6,228.00
Shiloh	234.28	0.00
Smithville, First	1,630.00	1,220.60
Snow Hill	576.04	602.00
Sycamore	258.27	412.73
Upper Hellon	398.01	266.00
West Main	1,674.07	4,484.82
Whorton Springs	426.85	486.28
Wolf Creek	0.00	480.49
Woodbury, First	5,752.00	6,821.00
Woodland	0.00	0.00
Association	0.00	90.00
Total	19,508.08	24,796.86

Squatzie Valley

Associational Chairman: William Fox		
Baptist Hill	246.51	615.00
Cartwright, First	1,091.37	335.00
Cold Springs	204.26	200.00
Daus	191.78	100.00
Dunlap, First	2,692.66	1,047.34
East Valley	35.00	62.00
Ebenezer	932.14	507.28
Ewtonville	1,169.47	861.53
Flat Mountain	308.36	140.00
Harmony	108.45	0.00
Grace	283.39	311.57
Jasper, First	4,047.36	3,638.09
Kimball	852.47	980.25
Laager	150.03	0.00
Lees Station	180.53	250.00
Midway	181.70	28.00
Mineral Springs	45.00	150.00
Mount Calvary	70.00	76.00
Palmer, First	184.50	0.00
Pikeville, First So.	2,157.08	2,454.00
Richard City, First	150.00	750.00
Squatzie, First	217.28	29.28
South Pittsburg, First	7,761.78	8,447.13
South Whitwell	484.10	1,554.00
Whitwell, First	2,076.86	3,474.14
Total	25,822.08	26,010.61

Sevier County

Associational Chairman: Henry Woody		
Alder Branch	1,629.89	2,110.00
Antioch	512.67	568.04
Banner	490.15	215.00
Beech Springs	468.00	2,362.50
Bells Chapel	126.08	207.01
Bethel	366.83	607.94
Blowing Cave	10.98	0.00
Boys Creek	687.26	674.00
Bradleys Chapel	0.00	0.00
Calvary	177.97	0.00
Conner Heights	0.00	0.00
Covenant	21.00	0.00
Dripping Springs	331.94	0.00
Dupont	1,018.42	0.00
French Broad Valley	512.61	1,589.76
Friendship	30.00	0.00
Gatlinburg, First	1,800.00	4,919.26
Gists Creek	195.14	227.77
Gum Stand	97.47	0.00
Henderson's Chapel	790.27	250.00
Hills Creek	59.20	250.35
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hurst's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Jones Chapel	0.00	300.00
Knob Creek	385.80	1,517.03
Laurel Branch	38.00	280.00
Laurel Grove	39.00	128.50
Lebanon	214.90	0.00
Little Cove	0.00	0.00
Maples Branch	30.00	0.00
Millican Grove	184.52	1,068.17

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Mount Zion	166.41	0.00
Mountain View	362.87	350.35
New Era	289.74	0.00
New Salem	180.00	93.00
Oak City	531.68	2,801.00
Oldhams Creek	0.00	0.00
Paw Paw Hollow	125.07	0.00
Pearl Valley	0.00	0.00
Pigeon Forge, First	2,000.00	0.00
Providence	0.00	89.00
Red Bank	310.88	0.00
Red Bank, First	112.72	113.30
Richardsons Cove	294.45	88.97
Roaring Fork	985.30	985.30
Savierville, First	23,732.62	11,362.26
Savierville, Second	516.71	618.15
Shady	315.00	241.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Sims Chapel	300.00	370.70
Sugar Loaf	0.00	0.00
Trinity	40.00	0.00
Union Valley	415.71	530.00
Valley View	0.00	335.00
Waldens Creek	100.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	135.08	188.25
Wears Valley	439.67	0.00
Zion Grove	644.39	107.29
Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
Total	42,216.40	35,548.90

Shelby County

Associational Chairman: Charles Baker		
Agape	2,101.28	0.00
Ardmore	16,835.38	8,400.69
Arlington	842.94	0.00
Audubon Park	12,977.87	10,955.74
Balmoral	7,734.83	8,267.17
Bartlett	16,471.42	6,265.97
Bellevue	56,075.00	6,217.10
Bennington Park	884.21	1,199.40
Berclair	9,190.49	12,614.41
Beverly Hills	4,818.02	888.30
Big Creek	1,505.86	100.00
Blue Ridge Park	7,180.25	894.61
Briarcrest	22,092.86	5,101.00
Broadmoor	35,942.28	20,153.51
Broadway	0.00	1,744.00
Brunswick	6,119.00	4,541.11
Buntyn Street	0.00	0.00
Calvary	150.00	566.00
Capleville	22.46	0.00
Charjean	151.63	1,235.39
Cherokee	4,502.73	0.00
Cherry Road	10,926.00	6,775.68
Collierville, First	24,652.76	0.00
Colonial	17,832.04	2,950.95
Cordova	4,339.17	3,644.65
Cottonwood Heights	75.42	37.71
Covington Pike	2,093.36	1,541.69
Crestview	481.57	0.00
Dellwood	1,200.00	601.00
Eads	514.10	0.00
East Acres	0.00	0.00
Egypt	353.62	366.65
Ellendale	9,318.64	9,953.99
Elliston	400.00	1,450.00
Eudora	13,332.00	10,781.31
Fairlawn	2,010.36	1,208.15
Fellowship	1,404.82	430.00
Fisherville, First	2,809.67	3,138.21
Forest Hill	1,000.00	2,006.00
Frayser	4,456.13	2,352.40
Georgian Hills	8,604.13	8,058.98
Germanatown	52,248.40	34,529.38
Graceland	5,876.74	32.00
Graham Heights	0.00	346.66
Greenhills	1,166.42	261.58
Greenlaw	0.00	0.00
Havenview	750.00	97.00
Hickory Hills	3,447.98	97.00
Hickory Ridge	1,200.00	2,799.00
Highland Heights	20,226.70	3,631.40
Hollywood	1,554.00	654.75
Holmes Street	0.00	525.00
Kensington	2,912.95	538.36
Kirby Woods	3,000.00	5,047.87
LaBelle Haven	4,227.47	4,157.22
LaBelle Place	5,333.66	20.50
Lakeshores	200.10	212.00
Lamar Heights	6,184.28	6,254.81
Lamar Terrace	0.00	0.00
Leaclair	9,062.86	4,887.26
Leawood	26,766.32	19,898.36
Liberty	356.00	0.00
Longcrest	420.98	470.73
Lucy	1,526.97	1,546.16
Macon Road	0.00	0.00
McLean	750.00	1,792.50
Memphis, First	33,646.50	81,458.80
Memphis, Second	14,843.24	3,024.26
Merton Avenue	5,323.19	5,268.82
Millington, First	13,801.78	7,879.90
Millington, Second	1,025.38	0.00
Mountain Terrace	2,030.00	1,163.00
Mullins Station	1,976.07	4,917.78
National Avenue	6,408.14	5,519.43
New Allen Road	0.00	0.00
North Frayser	195.00	0.00
Northview	3,093.06	2,155.21
Oakhaven	2,100.00	607.00
Oaklawn	1,600.82	1,272.24
Oakville Memorial	7,661.04	3,849.25
Orchi	740.22	282.50
Park Ave	7,470.66	7,330.26
Parkway Village	10,760.10	4,841.67
Peabody	910.00	185.00
Poplar Avenue	155.35	537.00
Prescott Memorial	77.50	1,749.50
Raleigh	13,616.43	16,012.71
Raleigh Heights	63.00	0.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Raleigh North	0.00	489.03
Range Hills	3,438.12	2,450.55
Richland	2,028.98	100.00
Ridgecrest	734.75	29.36
Ridgeway	17,368.34	29,276.74
Rose Hill	384.75	0.00
Rosemark	786.65	220.00
Rugby Hills	4,375.37	1,240.60
Scenic Hills	2,663.04	422.62
Shelby Forest	2,147.50	924.75
Sherwood	537.70	614.49
Sky View	50.00	0.00
Southland	9,381.17	3,076.63
Southmoor	250.00	0.00
Speedway Terrace	1,747.21	1,500.00
Summer Ave	309.05	0.00
Tchulahoma	0.00	0.00
Temple	10,881.16	7,984.36
Towering Oaks	3,734.14	1,446.59
Trafalgar Village	1,211.49	81.78
Trinity	12,260.33	0.00
Union Avenue	11,671.25	11,568.00
Victory Heights	0.00	200.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00
Wells Station	8,004.05	0.00
West Frayser	690.86	1,258.10
White Station	2,730.00	2,688.84
Whitehaven	16,103.40	18,324.24
Whitten Memorial	2,749.00	3,344.75
Woodstock	221.78	95.00
Association	0.00	241.10
Total	703,097.49	467,786.97

Shiloh

Associational Chairman: Donnie Scarlett		
Adamsville, First	1,680.00	2,524.99
Bethel Springs, First	626.75	190.35
Butler Chapel	130.00	344.00
Calvary	746.01	335.04
Center Hill	0.00	0.00
Chapel Hill	0.00	0.00
Chewalla	865.66	1,105.22
Clear Creek	0.00	424.58
Counce, First	2,047.45	2,789.61
Crump, First	1,168.39	1,950.70
Eastview	430.33	457.75
Falcon	140.00	11.00
Forty-Forks	12.00	0.00
Friendship	213.00	500.00
Good Hope	0.00	224.37
Gravel Hill	0.00	375.00
Hopewell	1,987.00	2,816.74
Lakeview	225.00	1,409.75
Lorraine	0.00	0.00
Michie, First	0.00	0.00
Milledgeville	15.00	0.00
Morris Chapel	422.74	262.00
Mount Gilced	988.31	178.21
Mount Herman	466.00	188.00
Mount Zion	224.61	207.50
New Harmony	458.11	147.05
(P) New Hope	49.67	0.00
(S) New Hope	15.75	0.00
Olive Hill, East	305.00	138.00
Olive Hill, West	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Site	58.31	0.00
Ramer	1,284.35	693.45
Savannah, First	2,162.00	216.74
Savannah, Second	179.83	130.00
Selmer, First	4,749.99	4,694.00
Sharon	696.73	424.23
Southside	1,369.65	706.00
Trinity	398.24	571.24
Turkey Creek	1,231.89	1,391.00
West Shiloh	25,357.77	25,406.52
Total	70,357.77	70,357.77

Stewart County

Associational Chairman: Kirkland Wyatt		
Bear Springs	75.00	27.75
Big Rock	100.00	656.00
Calvary	271.81	0.00
Carlisle	45.00	53.00
Corinth	0.00	127.58
Dover, First	3,392.23	2,339.94
East Oak Grove	0.00	25.00
Fairview	47.00	25.00
Hurricane Creek	261.92	250.00
Lakeview	480.32	518.97
Little Rock	0.00	0.00
Midway	0.00	0.00
Mount Sinai	35.00	75.00
New Haven	75.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	59.18
Pugh Flat	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	110.00
Total	4,783.28	4,242.42

Stone

Associational Chairman: Charlie Pollard		
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Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Central	1,158.00	448.00
Clear Creek	593.00	155.11
Cranmore Cove	39.38	.00
Dayton, First	6,879.05	1,852.36
Garrison	410.00	760.00
Grandview	.00	.00
Greenville, First	809.53	379.95
High Point	125.29	271.00
Lake Drive	.00	.00
Mount Vernon	155.11	800.32
Mount Zion	163.96	129.37
New Union	2,161.78	728.07
Ogden	.00	1,187.74
Pennine	25.14	766.09
Saint Clair	238.94	237.00
Sale Creek	509.32	235.00
Salem	719.30	686.00
Smyrna	280.50	1,070.50
Spring City, First	4,934.40	1,849.97
Walden's Ridge	661.00	1,532.00
Washington	424.25	100.00
Wolf Creek	1,759.04	1,000.54
Yellow Creek	473.59	2,064.08
Total	22,712.36	16,603.10

**Truett**

Associational Chairmen:		
Cedar Grove	425.00	.00
Immanuel	433.19	128.00
Liberty	108.83	353.56
McEwen, First	1,181.26	2,751.51
Oak Grove	329.12	270.00
Sylvia	975.99	320.81
Trace Creek	4,075.31	501.40
Waverly, First	3,407.06	357.11
Total	10,935.76	4,682.39

**Union**

Associational Chairman: Don Baker		
Bear Cove	1,490.33	2,230.03
Boiling Springs	105.79	129.00
Cherry Creek	114.24	410.00
Doyle, First	368.24	200.00
Greenwood	264.00	245.35
Gum Springs	896.22	720.00
Hickory Valley	130.07	100.00
Laurel Creek	200.00	200.00
Liberty	70.87	181.00
Ole Bethel	.00	.00
Pistole	236.02	318.00
Pleasant Hill	.00	138.68
Quebeck	220.44	.00
Sparta, First	4,072.00	552.00
Spencer, First	296.69	293.11
Total	8,464.91	5,717.17

**Watauga**

Associational Chairman: Kenneth Jordan		
Bakers Gap	80.94	114.00
Beck Mountain	682.32	.00
Bethany	535.72	2,315.60
Bethel	247.00	334.00
Big Spring	1,768.35	1,993.35
Bilmore	1,767.55	1,116.85
Butler	539.38	215.31
Caldwell Springs	.00	.00
Calvary	3,368.28	4,352.56
Cedar Grove	1,207.13	943.08
Cobbs Creek	312.00	650.00
Doe River	1,444.38	1,215.00
Dungan Chapel	1,276.00	425.11
East Side	675.00	1,265.62
Elizabethton, First	24,100.28	7,064.16
Elk River	149.96	480.93
Fairview	1,586.47	673.63
Groce	3,285.90	3,240.35
Hampton, First	1,833.00	829.28
Happy Valley	968.41	177.00
Harmony	.00	.00
Hunter, First	2,000.00	1,566.00
Hunter Memorial	679.18	467.20
Immanuel	6,091.25	3,319.87
Little Doe	1,209.31	736.52
Little Milligan	997.98	314.00
Little Mountain	232.69	56.00
Lynn Valley	626.10	1,675.17
Meadow View	.00	553.18
Mountain City, First	4,402.30	5,417.68
Nelsons Chapel	629.86	228.76
North Side	94.07	.00
Oak Street	3,212.41	3,202.84
Pine Grove	138.67	188.75
Pleasant Grove	1,473.54	2,000.41
Pleasant Home	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	132.53	784.30
Powder Branch	143.04	701.00
Rittertown	1,549.67	725.00
Riverview	144.42	336.12

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Roan Creek	570.00	625.00
Roan Mountain, First	505.00	100.00
Roan Park	490.00	.00
Rock Springs	174.31	150.00
Shady Valley	.00	150.00
Siam	7,534.50	6,705.55
Sink Valley	.00	.00
Sinking Creek	1,626.00	.00
State Line	494.32	612.00
Stoney Creek	1,768.00	.00
Sugar Grove	.00	.00
Unaka	1,509.45	844.50
Union	1,179.15	.00
Walnut Grove	221.92	125.00
Watauga, First	287.62	610.00
Willow Springs	.00	.00
Zion	431.84	317.10
Total	86,477.20	59,917.78

**Weakley County**

Associational Chairmen:		
Adams Chapel	1,010.00	955.00
Beech Springs	584.30	109.15
Bethel	5,200.00	1,600.00
Bethlehem	.00	2,727.96
Bible Union	40.00	200.00
Calvary	221.00	75.00
Central	5,780.00	6,825.52
Corinth	263.00	450.00
Davis Memorial	160.00	155.00
Dresden, First	2,864.86	3,263.65
Eastside	.00	200.59
Fellowship	103.09	581.09
Gearins Chapel	90.00	288.89
Geason, First	379.48	277.80
Greenfield, First	3,450.23	2,109.05
Hodges Chapel	41.35	64.43
Jolly Springs	1,144.16	735.45
Liberty	.00	.00
Long Heights	.00	909.41
Macks Grove	500.00	306.60
Moore's Chapel	30.00	.00
New Hope	200.00	385.00
New Prospect	230.16	.00
New Salem	275.80	134.00
Northwestern	182.77	100.00
Oak Grove No. 1	300.00	1,127.30
Oak Grove No. 2	.00	116.77
Old Bethel	88.23	100.00
Palmersville	607.25	316.08
Pleasant Grove	537.00	1,012.05
Pleasant View	70.41	70.41
Public Well	.00	221.14
Ralston	373.44	227.80
Ruthville	45.00	59.00
Sand Hill	.00	75.00
Sharon, First	2,072.00	2,000.06
Sidonia	150.00	747.84
Southside	3,560.24	2,365.00
Thompson Creek	.00	185.00
Tumbling Creek	420.76	140.00
Union Grove	15.00	118.00
West Union	195.00	382.00
Total	31,184.53	31,717.04

**Western District**

Associational Chairman: Lynn Paschall Sr.		
Bethlehem	535.99	157.22
Big Sandy, First	899.31	646.30
Birds Creek	332.38	300.00
Buchanan	148.73	.00
Central Point	350.67	88.70
Cottage Grove	699.48	466.32
Fairview	4,000.00	1,705.76
Friendship	309.18	.00
Henry	225.00	250.00
Jones Chapel	390.00	316.61
Mansfield	390.38	121.35
Maplewood	2,761.56	2,471.37
McDavid Grove	60.00	251.00
Mount Sinai	422.03	69.25

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
New Bethel	22.50	.00
New Harmony	2,084.49	1,488.12
New Hope	90.00	215.05
North Fork	751.74	241.75
Oak Hill	.00	.00
Paris, First	21,171.00	12,211.49
Point Pleasant	1,363.94	462.27
Puryear	3,600.00	3,450.00
Ramble Creek	125.01	400.00
Shady Grove	45.00	35.05
Spring Creek	150.00	200.00
Springhill	549.01	590.50
Springville	769.00	187.00
Temple	2,383.98	2,637.03
Union Friendship	594.01	345.00
West Paris	5,667.28	767.75
Total	50,891.67	30,074.89

**William Carey**

Associational Chairman: E. R. Stephenson		
Brogan Avenue	261.46	115.00
Calvary	15.00	.00
Cash Point	1,429.00	2,385.56
Community	60.00	163.75
Donaldson Grove	465.93	120.00
Elora, First	30.00	205.00
Fayetteville, First	7,191.30	972.98
Flintville, First	1,816.10	3,969.40
Friendship Southern	245.97	160.00
Hickory Grove	51.90	.00
Hilldale	35.57	64.29
Howell, First	.00	103.00
Howell Hill	80.00	.00
Kelly's Creek	171.44	.00
Kirkland	294.81	125.00
Lexie Cross Road	204.26	.00
Lincoln	719.53	780.08
Macedonia	452.44	397.50
Molina	.00	31.00
Mulberry, First	15.00	94.00
New Grove	120.00	200.57
New Hope	.00	.00
Oak Grove	200.00	125.00
Oak Hill	554.00	.00
Parks City	1,333.32	1,500.75
Petersburg, First	310.68	123.00
Pleasant Grove	45.00	532.00
Pleasant Hill	654.02	.00
Pleasant Ridge	472.98	199.32
Prospect	1,360.00	.00
Stewarts Chapel	574.42	723.79
Taft, First	.00	.00
West End	1,728.90	1,202.34
Total	20,893.03	14,293.33

**Wilson County**

Associational Chairman: Curtis Woods		
Alexandria, First	1,274.27	1,502.92
Bartons Creek	1,038.69	1,755.00
Bellwood	46.73	.00
Calvary	315.94	.00
Cedar Creek	464.28	849.68
Cedar Grove	521.26	500.00
Chandler	38.72	40.00
Fairview	3,528.85	5,084.75
Fall Creek	2,940.00	3,123.25
Gladeville	2,825.80	1,591.12
Greenville	118.25	.00
Hillcrest	1,923.14	1,396.02
Hurricane	446.97	972.00
Immanuel	9,012.19	8,938.78
LaGuarda	1,841.82	1,799.54

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Lebanon, First	13,536.75	8,793.65
Linwood	112.00	.00
Macedonia	312.76	1,011.50
Mount Juliet, First	8,166.70	13,564.75
Mount Olivet	799.62	153.12
Ramah	137.72	.00
Rocky Valley	600.00	.00
Round Lick	2,250.00	2,443.20
Saulsbery	576.21	292.81
Shop Springs	649.98	1,822.95
Silver Springs	1,347.96	.00
Smith Fork	.00	.00
Southside	763.74	350.11
Trinity	461.09	10.00
Vine	52.73	171.38
Walertown, First	1,269.19	783.19
Total	57,373.36	56,949.72

**Miscellaneous Churches**

Brinkley Heights	74.56	256.17
Cave Creek	.00	45.00
Coverton	300.00	.00
Cumberland View	.00	30.00
Eleven-E	12.00	.00
Grace	58.66	163.00
Grace Community	250.00	.00
Grantsboro	.00	371.34
Lawrenceburg	.00	442.75
Northwood	.00	180.30
Pleasant Grove	.00	60.00
South Soddy	163.44	.00
Trinity	.00	2,329.25
Trinity	372.35	1,051.27
Vanderbilt Avenue	1,271.26	.00
Total	2,502.27	4,929.08

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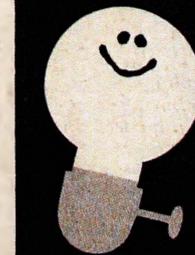
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# Medical pioneer recalls many new 'starts'

By Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Some people might say Franklin Fowler was destined to be a pioneer.

His parents were the first Southern Baptist foreign missionaries appointed from Florida and one of the first couples to arrive in Argentina. But that was not enough.

"Father always felt any other missionary within 500 miles was too close," says Fowler. His father moved the family from Buenos Aires to Santa Fe, from Santa Fe to Rosario, and finally, when Fowler was one year old, from Rosario to Mendoza. They stayed there for 16 years until his father died and he and his mother returned home to Tennessee, settling in Harriman, for him to finish high school.

His father's love for moving on, starting something new, left its mark. As Fowler retired Dec. 31 after 37 years as a medical missionary and consultant with the Foreign Mission Board, he felt his biggest accomplishment through the years has been "getting things started." He has started plenty.

As a medical missionary in Paraguay, he started the first Baptist hospital in South America. Then he started a church in the hospital laundry. Before he left Paraguay to help stabilize a new Baptist hospital in Mexico, he and his co-workers set up internship and nurses' training programs which would have a lasting impact on medical work in Paraguay.

Today, a Foreign Mission Board directory would list numerous consultants, but Fowler was the first. He suggested the title in 1961 after he was asked to join the home office staff and give guidance to a medical missions program which was beginning to grow out of control. Because someone was also needed to pull together missionary medical files and interpret them for missionaries and staff, he soon added that to his portfolio.

Within a year, Fowler began an annual missionary loss study aimed at a better understanding of why missionaries leave the field and started a medical volunteer program to fill gaps which career medical missionaries could not cover.

Throughout the years, Fowler has nudged the Foreign Mission Board to keep up in the rapidly changing medical field, according to Winston Crawley, who first met Fowler when he rented a room from Fowler and his mother. Crawley was a graduate student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where Fowler was attending medical school.

They never dreamed they would work together someday, but since 1961, Crawley has depended on Fowler's medical expertise when making decisions as an area director, as director of all the board's overseas work, and most recently as vice-president for planning.

He says Fowler has helped the board become aware of trends in medical ministry. He has kept terminology up-to-date and has encouraged the board to grasp opportunities to add community health and primary health care to its more traditional hospital and clinic programs. He has eased the board through the transitions which have come as overseas governments have exerted stronger control over medical work in their countries.

Fowler admits medicine has changed a good deal since his first days as a missionary doctor. Besides the move toward more sophisticated equipment and techniques, the very idea of what constitutes good health care has changed. When Fowler went to the mission field, sick people went to hospitals and clinics to have doctors cure them. Although the

Baptist hospital gave vaccinations when it could, preventing disease was not the primary concern of doctors anywhere.

That began to change, says Fowler, in the early 1970s. Today, the medical community puts an increasing emphasis on prevention, especially in Third World countries where poor health practices can send a patient to the doctor over and over with a preventable disease.

One of Fowler's major contributions to health care ministries has been a continuing emphasis on the evangelistic ministry of health care institutions and health care workers. "He has all along had this holistic view of our mission work. Long before we began to use the term very much, the concept was central in his approach to our health care ministries," Crawley said.

Fowler admits that evangelistic potential was a major consideration in choosing a site for the Baptist hospital in Paraguay. A look at the map made it clear that all roads — and rivers — in Paraguay lead to Asuncion and most of the people live there or nearby.

He and his colleagues realized a hospital in a rural area would reach only a few people. In the capital, it could serve most of the nation — and open doors to the gospel in a country with only two young



**EMERGENCY CARE** — During his career, Franklin Fowler has helped fill emergency needs, such as caring for earthquake victims like this baby in Guatemala.

Baptist churches. In the capital, it could also serve as a training center for young doctors and nurses.

Today, Fowler feels their decision was wise. There are more than 110 churches and preaching points in Paraguay. About 20 Paraguayan doctors, most of them Christians, work on the hospital staff. During the hospital's early days, there were only four evangelical Christian doctors in the country — and three of them were missionaries at the hospital.

Fowler's concern that evangelism and health care be combined is reflected in one of his last projects before retirement — drawing up a proposed health care curriculum for Baptist seminaries around the world. The aim is to prepare ministers in Third World nations to provide basic health care as well as spiritual care for their people.

Fowler would be the first to say being a pioneer is not always easy. Many of his career highlights were reached only after he overcame a major obstacle.

To become licensed to practice medicine in Paraguay, Fowler had to pass tests on every one of the 36 subjects offered in medical school there — and he had to do it in Spanish. Studying for and taking the exams was one of the more difficult periods of his career, he says, but the hard work paid off.

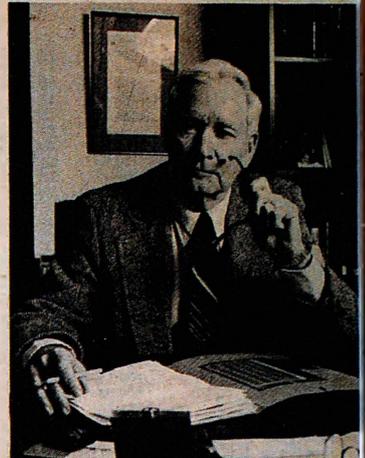
Shortly after passing his last exam, Fowler was walking downtown and ran into a Paraguayan doctor he barely knew. The man gave him the Paraguayan hug, shook his hands, and said, "Now you are one of us."

It made the whole thing worthwhile, said Fowler. He believes he and fellow missionary physicians, William Skinner and Don McDowell, were the first foreigners to pass the exams.

Starting the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion was not easy either. He and his colleagues could not even get in to see the secretary, much less the minister of health who had to give permission for them to build the hospital.

But they woke up one morning to find the government had changed overnight and a man friendly to evangelicals had been installed as minister of health. They were ushered into his office and less than 24 hours later received written permission to build the hospital.

Then the search for a hospital site was a story of dead ends until the search team offered a ride home to the man helping them locate property. On the way, he asked them to pull over at a site he thought might be for sale. The proper-



**PIONEER RETIRES** — Franklin Fowler retired Dec. 31 as senior medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board. He had served with the board for 37 years.

ty, an orange orchard, was an instant hit. Initially, the owner did not want to sell. He had bought the land as a gift to his late wife, who had loved the flowers and trees. But Fowler explained they wanted to build a hospital, primarily to take care of babies. A few days later, the man sent a note saying he would sell.

Some would say Fowler now looks at a time of endings, but he does not seem to feel his days of starting things are over. He has a collection of materials on the Foreign Mission Board's medical missions program he would like to organize. And there is seminary — he never went, but he would like to start now.

He has dabbled in art, but would like "to find out how you really do it." And then there is one other thing he has wanted for years to do — write his memoirs of his years as an MK to help MKs and MK parents go through similar experiences today.

## Long Island gets ACTS on cable

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — Virtually all of the one-half million cable TV subscribers on Long Island, N.Y. can see the American Christian Television System as a result of a recent affiliate agreement.

Telicare, a non-profit group which provides programming to six cable TV systems on the island adjacent to New York City, will use ACTS' family and Christian entertainment programs an average of 10 hours a day. This will add 417,000 to the number of homes which can receive ACTS, which now totals about 2.5-million households nationwide or more than 6.5-million potential viewers.

Not only does the Telicare agreement represent more ACTS viewers, it also reinforces the network's commitment to reach people outside the Bible Belt, said Lloyd Hart, ACTS' national cable affiliate manager. "We are now in 25 states, and some of the more important recent gains have been in areas like the Northeast," Hart said.

The largest of the six Long Island cable systems, in Woodbury, N.Y., is the second largest cable system in the country, with 233,000 subscribers. Other systems involved in the agreement are in Brookhaven (44,000 subscribers), Central Islip (94,000), Islip (12,000), Lynbrook (5,000), and Riverhead (29,000).

## Interpretations

### How Jesus died

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34).

The Jewish leaders requested that the bodies of Jesus and the two thieves not remain on the cross over the Sabbath (19:31). So to hasten death, soldiers broke the legs of the thieves. Coming to Jesus, they found Him dead, so they did not break His legs (v.33). But to make certain that He was dead, a soldier ran a spear into His side. And there came out blood mingled with water.

Many years ago a physician wrote a book on the physical cause of the death of Jesus. From this verse, he concluded

that Jesus died from a rupture of the heart. Some challenge this on the basis that blood would not flow from a dead body. John says it merely "came out." Gravity could have caused this.

One thing is certain. Jesus died sooner than was normal (Mark 15:44). Death by crucifixion usually came slowly. So Jesus' death was out of the ordinary. John saw a significance in "blood and water," which gives credence to the heart-rupture theory. Jesus was no weakening as seen in the rigorous life He led.

Regardless of differing opinions about "blood and water," one thing is certain. Jesus died of a broken heart — a heart broken by man's sin.