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TBC program, theme to view servanthood

Tennessee Baptists will hold their 111th annual state convention Nov. 19-21 at First Baptist Church in Memphis, using the theme, "Servants ... Always and in All Ways."

Nearly 2,000 messengers and visitors are expected to attend the Tennessee Baptist Convention and related meetings.

Featured speakers selected by the Committee on Arrangements will be Dorothy Sample, Flint, Mich., president of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention; Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Jacobo Garcia, executive secretary of the Venezuela Baptist Convention; and Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Two other speakers at next month's TBC were chosen by messengers to the 1984 state convention. The convention sermon will be preached by Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, and the president's address will be delivered by Jack May, pastor of Memphis' Broadmoor Baptist Church, TBC president.

Named by the Committee on Arrangements to bring devotionals at each of the seven sessions were James Best, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greeneville; H. D. Hudson, pastor of Henry Baptist Church, Henry; Lloyd Hansen, a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Memphis; Ora Lee Love, a member of First Baptist Church, Memphis; Howard Cockrum, a member of Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville; Paul Wong, pastor of Chinese mission, First Baptist Church, Memphis; and Earl Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis.

Invocations and benedictions will be led by Tennessee directors of missions.

Between the inspirational messages and devotionals, the messengers will consider nominations from the convention's Committee on Boards and Com-

mittee on Committees, which will name Tennesseans to serve in positions related to the state convention and its institutions. (These nominations are printed on pages 12-13.)

Another major business item will be consideration of a recommended \$21-million Cooperative Program budget-goal for the November 1985-October 1986 convention year. (A summary of the Executive Board's recommendation is printed on page 13.)

The convention will open at 9 a.m. CST on Nov. 19, when President May calls the messengers to order. That Tuesday morning session will deal with reports from the Committee on Credentials, the Committee on Arrangements, and the Committee on Audits; the treasurer's report, which will include the presentation of the proposed 1985-86 Cooperative Program budget-goal; and Sullivan's convention sermon.

At the 2:00 Tuesday afternoon session, new pastors and church staff members who have come to Tennessee since the last convention will be recognized. There will be reports from the Constitution and

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Men in Mexico City murder Jim Philpot

By Mary Jane Welch and Erich Bridges
MEXICO CITY, Mexico (BP)—Southern Baptist representative to Mexico James Philpot was shot and killed in his car Oct. 11 by two men in another car which had sideswiped his car in Mexico City traffic.

Philpot, who was shot in the head, died immediately. An electrician who was in the car with him was hospitalized with gunshot wounds in the abdomen. As of Oct. 14 no arrests had been made.

Philpot, a native of Polk County, Ark., was chairman of the organization of 102 Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico. He and his wife, the former Jurhee Sheffield of Childress, Tex., had been in Mexico since 1967. He was 46 years old.

Southern Baptist Representative Guy Williamson, who arrived at the scene soon after the shooting, said witnesses told police they saw a gray or light blue Volkswagen attempt to pass Philpot on the right at high speed. There was not enough room between the right curb and the car Philpot was driving, so the two cars scraped. Molding torn from the left side of the Volkswagen was lying on the ground when he arrived, Williamson said.

Police reports said the two cars stopped and the two men in the Volkswagen got out. One of them approached the right side of the car Philpot was driving and fired through the window. The Mexican electrician was struck twice in the stomach. A single bullet entered Philpot's jaw and came out through his neck.

Medical personnel said Philpot "died immediately," according to Williamson, and "perhaps never knew what happened." Empty shell casings and bullet holes in the car roof indicated five or more shots were fired. The two men in the Volkswagen left before police arrived.

The electrician remained in a Mexico City hospital Oct. 14, but Williamson did not know his condition. Mexican Baptist leaders had visited the man during the

weekend and were staying in touch with his situation, he said.

A police investigation is proceeding. Williamson reported, and authorities are looking into several "incidents" surrounding the case, including the tampering with the ignition system on Philpot's own car.

But neither Southern Baptist officials nor the police were prepared to suggest any motive for the killing beyond anger surrounding the car accident. Shootings following traffic accidents are common in Mexico. "As far as we know right now it was not premeditated," Williamson said.

According to Sarah Beth Short, a Southern Baptist representative who was working at the mission office with Philpot that afternoon, he left the office to go to the home of a HAM radio operator to make a call, but discovered his car door lock had been removed and the ignition tampered with.

He returned to the office to get keys for the car assigned to Jean Poe, a Southern Baptist volunteer, and went to get an electrician to fix his ignition.

Ten or 15 minutes later, said Short, she and Poe heard noises down the street. She went out to investigate and saw police cars and a gathering crowd about a block away around a car that resembled Poe's.

As she approached, Short confirmed that it was Poe's car and saw two bodies lying in the street, one covered. Recognizing Philpot's clothes, she identified the body for police and went with a police officer to notify Mrs. Philpot.

Short said it appeared Philpot had gotten the electrician and was returning to the shop for a part when the attack occurred.

Southern Baptist Representative Lee Baggett, arrived at the condominium complex where the Philpots and several other Baptist representatives live just as Short and the police arrived to tell Mrs. Philpot. He accompanied her to the site of the shooting.

Philpot was the ninth Southern Baptist missionary murdered on the mission field. The last missionary murdered was Archie G. Dunaway Jr., who was killed by guerrillas in 1978 during Zimbabwe's war for independence. The Foreign Mission Board has more than 3,500 missionaries assigned around the world.

Philpot had been chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico since 1977. Before that he was an agricultural consultant and coordinator in Oaxaca.

He was a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Before his appointment, he was assistant agricultural

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Stanley cancels appearances

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention President Charles F. Stanley has cancelled appearances outside regular church responsibilities until Jan. 1 because of doctor's orders.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, told Baptist Press he "picked up a little something" when he drank river water during a hunting trip to Alaska.

"I am feeling fine, but the doctor suggested strongly that I curtail my activities until the end of the year," Stanley said, adding the cancellations included "two or three" state convention sermons.

He indicated he will continue to preach at the church and to conduct his television ministries until the end of the year.

"I plan to fulfill my obligations at evangelism conferences in January and February," he added.

SBC Peace Committee discusses 'diversity'

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — The question of how theologically diverse the Southern Baptist Convention can be and still maintain itself as a cooperative fellowship was tackled by the SBC Peace Committee during its second meeting Oct. 8-9.

The 22-member committee, created during the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC, was assigned the task to "seek to determine the sources of the controversies in our convention and make findings and recommendations regarding these controversies."

During the first meeting in August, the committee determined it would begin its work by focusing on theological issues and differences, and, during the second session, began to narrow its aim to deal with diversity in regard to the Scriptures.

Chairman Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., told Baptist Press: "That Southern Baptists have been, and are, theologically diverse is undebatable. That we will continue to be diverse is predictable, and no Biblically-sound, thinking Southern Baptist would attempt to prohibit that diversity. It is simply consistent with the nature of personal conversion and the individual indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

"The issue is not, 'Shall Southern Baptists be theologically diverse?' it is rather, 'How diverse can we be and maintain a legitimate denominational fellowship and a trustworthy base upon which to combine our support for mutual ministries?'"

Fuller added: "Southern Baptists must decide in how much accountability can a Christian be held for ministry's sake and not violate the liberty of the Holy Spirit within that Christian."

In keeping with policies adopted by the committee during its first meeting, Fuller made a statement to Baptist Press following the two-day closed meeting, which he said was more "intense" than the first "by virtue of the fact that we tackled some items of substance."

He commented the "mix" of the committee was complete in the second meeting. Five members — including leading

spokesmen for the inerrancy position — were present.

The five — Adrian Rogers of Memphis; SBC President Charles F. Stanley of Atlanta; Ed Young of Houston; Jim Henry of Orlando, Fla.; and Bill Crews of Riverside, Calif. — had missed the August meeting.

For the October meeting, 21 of the 22 members were present. Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla., was unable to attend. Fuller said, because of "a long-standing commitment."

The meeting, he added, "intensified the diversity, but did not create any disintegration. It accentuated the diversity, but also accentuated the realization that we can differ — and differ strongly — and yet have a continuing and relentless commitment ... that we are here to

do a job and that we believe it can be done."

Fuller said the committee heard a report on the Baptist Faith and Message statement from Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and SBC President 1962-63. Hobbs, as SBC president, was chairman of the committee which drafted the statement at the 1963 SBC annual meeting.

"The Baptist Faith and Message statement is a central item in our assignment," Fuller said, noting the convention directed the committee "to follow the Baptist Faith and Message in theological matters."

Fuller added Hobbs discussed "the background, the formulation, the writing, and the presentation" of the

statement, which followed on the heels of a theological controversy over the historicity of the Genesis account. Fuller added Hobbs "put a lot of emphasis" on what is generally referred to as "the preamble" to the statement.

"He (Hobbs) said that section is very important because it is there that you get the clear explanation that this is not a creed. He called the preamble 'the disclaimer' to the idea that the statement is a creed," Fuller said.

Fuller added he believes if the group is to use the statement as a point of reference in theological matters "and to determine if there has been a drift," the committee "must understand what was done, why it was done, what preceded it, and what caused it to come about."

Much of the discussion during the October meeting, he said, centered on Article I of the statement which concerns the Scriptures.

"Group discussions focused not just on whether there is a diversity of ideas about the origin of the Scriptures, but on what the impact such diversity would have" in such places as seminary classrooms, preparation of lessons, and places of denominational leadership.

He added: "We are all aware that as Baptists we firmly believe that everybody has a right to their own interpretation. What is at issue is how much diversity of interpretation can we have and still work together in denominational undertakings."

Each member was requested to prepare a 350-word statement defining the major theological matters which are at issue among Southern Baptists. Fuller said 20 of the 22 members prepared such a statement. Each, he said, agreed there is diversity of belief concerning the Scriptures and said questions about the origin, authenticity, and authority of the Scriptures "is the primary source of the conflict among us."

He said such efforts to define the limits of diversity are not aimed at Southern Baptists in general, but at those who are employed by denominational agencies and institutions. "This is not a matter of a dual standard, but it is a recognition of the fact that when someone works for Southern Baptists, they in a sense do represent them."

He added he believes the committee "can find some wording which will reflect" a balance between the accountability an employee owes to his employer and the accountability a believer owes to God and be acceptable to the convention.

The Peace Committee, Fuller said, is "the convention in miniature," but added members are "fully aware" the convention in annual session "will make the decisions regarding 'how accurate they think our findings are' and 'how to effect the recommendations we make.'"

Fuller added a four-man agenda committee composed of the chairman; Charles Pickering of Laurel, Miss.; Daniel Vestal of Midland, Tex., and John Sullivan of Shreveport, La., will meet Oct. 29-30 to synthesize the discussions of the October meeting and to plan the agenda for the third meeting, scheduled in Atlanta Dec. 10-11.

"The agenda committee will take the results and deliberations of this meeting and plan an appropriate agenda for the next meeting," Fuller said. "This way, we believe we will be moving from strength to strength."

Home Mission Board adopts \$67.3-million 1986 budget

ATLANTA (BP) — After pledging commitment to Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust, directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a \$67,324,354 budget for 1986 and appointed 18 new missionaries.

The 1986 budget represents an increase of \$3.6-million (5.4 percent) over the 1985 budget of \$63,635,082.

In discussing the budget, several board members questioned why salaries for the board's 214 national staff and 3,811 field missions personnel were increased by only 3 percent in the 1986 budget, when the cost of living rose between 4 and 5 percent. Directors voted to ask the administrative committee to study staff and missionaries' salaries and report to the board at the next meeting in March.

In his annual report to the board, HMB President William G. Tanner said the 4,125 Home Mission Board staff, missionaries, and chaplains reported a total of 103,014 decisions for Christ last year, including 59,498 first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Citing data from the board's research division, Tanner said reliable statistics indicate there are 156-million people in the United States "without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ," compared to the nation's total population of 239-million.

"We are dangerously near losing America," Tanner warned. He pointed out only two countries (India and Indonesia) where the SBC has foreign missionaries "have a total population greater than the number of unsaved people in our land. Seventy-five of the 106 nations where we have foreign missionaries have populations less than the number of lost people in the state of California," Tanner added.

Both Tanner and Richard Harris, director of the board's mass evangelism department, told board members about plans for 1986 simultaneous revivals, saying it now appears 90 percent of the denomination's 35,000 congregations will participate in next spring's "Good News America, God Loves You" revivals.

Harris said it will be the most comprehensive, coordinated mass evangelism effort in the denomination's history, much more than just another series of revivals. Harris said he expected more than 10-million Bibles and Scripture portions would be distributed through the campaign.

In major business, the board created a new information services division in the services section to include word and data processing services and records management services.

William E. Daniel, previously director of data processing for the board, was elected director of the new division. Daniel, an Atlanta native with 16 years experience in secular data processing, has directed the board's data processing services since 1978.

Responsibilities of three other national staff members were shifted in the board's church loans division: W. C. Dudley, associate director for the central region of the nation, becomes associate director of the church loans division. Paul Montgomery, vice-president of the H.M.B. Service Corp., was named to Dudley's post in the central region. William F. Reed, assistant director of the loan servicing department, was promoted to executive vice-president-treasurer, H.M.B. Service Corp.

Directors voted to appoint 10 new missionaries, six missionary associates, and two church planter apprentices and approved financial assistance to 43 mission pastors and their wives.

Directors also attended a joint commissioning service at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., for 97 home missionaries and 51 chaplains and spouses. It was the largest joint commissioning service for missionaries and chaplains in the board's history.



VOLUNTEERS — Tony and Diane Landers (at left) of First Baptist Church, Friendsville, talk with Mission Service Corps coordinator David Bunch during MSC orientation in Atlanta, Ga. The Landers will do volunteer mission work in American Samoa.

Nursing fellowship to meet in Memphis

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A love for missions combined with similar professional interests will be the major attraction drawing Baptist nurses from around the country together for their third annual Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF) meeting this fall in Memphis.

The BNF meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel in conjunction with the Oct. 31 through Nov. 3 Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship meeting. "Labourers Together with God" will be the meeting theme.

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. The BNF executive director, June Whitlow, is associate executive director for WMU.

This year's BNF meeting activities will begin Oct. 31 with a soup and salad supper featuring "The Volunteer Nurse in Missions Today." Mary Saunders, guest speaker for the supper, will share about her experiences during five months as a volunteer in Ethiopia.

The BNF will meet Nov. 1 to elect national officers and hold a forum with missionary nurses from at least five countries.

Five Tennessee couples take missionary posts

RICHMOND, Va. — Five couples with Tennessee connections were among 40 people appointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Oct. 8 at Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven B. Babcock will work in Sierra Leone, where he will be a business manager and she will be a church and home worker. Now attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., he is an accountant in Fort Worth.

Born in Flint, Mich., Babcock grew up in Mount Morris, Mich., and also lived in Milan, where he was a member of Northside Baptist Church. A graduate of Union University, Jackson, he has served as a Tennessee Baptist Convention volunteer to Burkina Faso.

Also born in Flint, Mrs. Babcock, the former Dartha (Dottie) Crocker, also grew up in Mount Morris, lived in Milan, and was a member of Northside Baptist Church. A graduate of Union, she also attended the University of Michigan, Flint,



Mr. and Mrs. Babcock



Mr. and Mrs. Cate



Mr. and Mrs. Dickey



Mr. and Mrs. Meilstrup



Mr. and Mrs. Smith

and has been a piano teacher, a kindergarten teacher, and an elementary school teacher in Milan.

The couple served together to direct youth and children's work at Northside Baptist Church. The Babcocks have two children: Dartha Dee, born in 1975, and Rebecca Jane, 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephen Cate will work in Uruguay, where he will be the mission business manager and she will

be a church and home worker. Currently, he attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Born in Knoxville, Cate considers Strawberry Plains his hometown and New Market Baptist Church, New Market, his home church. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been a marketing consultant for South Central Bell Telephone Co., Knoxville.

Mrs. Cate, the former Sharon Stallings, also was born in Knoxville and considers Strawberry Plains her hometown and New Market Baptist Church her home church. A graduate of Walters State Community College, Morristown, she has been a salesclerk and an office worker in Knoxville. The Cates have three children: Stephanie Cheyenne, born in 1980; Matthew Stephen Lee, 1981; and Amy Elizabeth, 1984.

Overseas force reaches high of 3,587

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists' overseas missionary force reached a record 3,587 as the Foreign Mission Board named 40 new missionaries and reappointed eight former missionaries at its October meeting.

The additions brought the total new personnel added so far this year to 378, or 80 more than had been named at this time in 1984.

"It's a strong year," said Louis Cobbs, director of the board's personnel selection department. "It could be a banner year in naming overseas personnel."

With more than 40 missionary candidates projected for appointment in December, Cobbs said the year's total could be as high as 415 or 420. That would

top the record 406 new missionary personnel named in 1982.

Southern Baptists, with the largest U.S.-based career foreign missionary force in the world, have a goal of 5,000 missionaries by the year 2000.

To support work in 106 countries, the board approved a record \$162.3-million budget for 1986, earmarked \$6-million in current funds to help provide for missionary housing and other urgent capital needs overseas, and continued to sharpen the focus of its home staff.

Johnni Johnson Scofield, vice-president for communications, was named to a new position as assistant to the president. The office of communications, which she has headed since 1980, will become the office of communications and public relations. The new office will have broader functions and will be added to responsibilities of William R. O'Brien, executive vice-president, effective Jan. 1.

In approving the change for Scofield, the board defeated a motion by Kenny Lewis of Brownsville, Tex., to table action until December. Lewis said he felt the board needed more information about lines of authority under the reorganization before taking action.

O'Brien will be assisted by an administrative team of Sam Pittman, who will be associate executive vice-president; Bob Shoemaker, assistant to the executive vice-president; and Bob Desbien, assistant vice-president. Their expanded roles will include previous responsibilities.

Pittman has been executive assistant for denominational relations since 1980. Shoemaker has been assistant to Scofield since that same year. Desbien came to the board in 1982 as coordinator for printed and audio-visual materials.

A boardwide public relations steering committee of about a dozen members also will be created as the new office seeks to "amplify the message of foreign missions and seek more ways to inform and involve Southern Baptists in meeting the challenges and opportunities of Bold Mission Thrust," O'Brien said.

The new office also will provide closer coordination with the board's development and intercessory prayer ministries.

Scofield's new assignment will allow her to concentrate on consultation with Southern Baptist agencies involved in strengthening missions education in the

churches. She also will assist R. Keith Parks, board president, in follow-up to the global evangelization strategy consultation attended by Baptist leaders from 21 nations at Ridgecrest, N.C., last June.

The new office of communications and public relations will include news and information services, The Commission magazine, and two new departments, audio-visual and print, to be formed from what is now the product development department. Bob Ethridge, media designer in project coordination, will direct audio-visuals. The print director has not been named.

Ken Lawson, formerly director of product development, will take on office-wide responsibilities as research and production consultant in an executive producer-type role.

Resource coordination, distribution coordination, the photographer group, and conference coordination also will become officewide.

In other personnel changes, the board named Jerry Juergens, a missionary teacher at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, as field associate to East Asia director-elect Samuel M. James. From a base in Hong Kong, Juergens will work as a liaison between the board and the 224 missionaries and other workers assigned to Hong Kong, Macao, and South Korea.

Missionary Robert Hardy, formerly field associate in East Asia for Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, will now relate to the 296 missionaries and workers in Taiwan and Japan. He will continue to live in Taipei, Taiwan.

The board accepted the resignation of Missionary Milton Womack, formerly field associate in East Asia for Japan and South Korea. Womack has accepted a position as psychologist and counselor at the Baylor University Health and Counseling Center in Waco, Tex.

The board also decided all receipts from the estate of the late Cecil B. Day Sr. will be used toward paying the operating expenses of the Cauthen Missionary Learning Center near Richmond. In 1982 the board had said the first \$6-million in funds from the estate would go for this purpose. Ultimately, the board expects to receive about \$13-million from this estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Dickey will work in Macao, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Currently, he is pastor of Alfalfa Baptist Church, Carnegie, Okla.

Dickey, a native of Oklahoma, has lived in Nashville, where he was a district sales manager. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; and Southwestern seminary.

Also an Oklahoma native, Mrs. Dickey, the former Mary Drennan, is a registered nurse. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Norman; and the University of Texas, Austin. The Dickeys have two children: Matthew Glenn, born in 1982; and Amy Kathryn, 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Meilstrup will work in Argentina, where he will be a music consultant and she will be a church and home worker. Both have served as Home Mission Board summer missionaries in Tennessee.

Born in Indiana, Meilstrup currently is associate pastor of music and youth at Superior Avenue Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton; and Southwestern seminary.

A native of Mississippi, Mrs. Meilstrup, the former Sherrie Walker, is a graduate of Mississippi College. The Meilstrups have three children: Duane Shannon, born in 1972; Devin James, 1975; and Deron Kyle, 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Smith will work in Mali, where he will be an engineer and she will be a church and home worker. He now attends Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

A native of Missouri, Smith has been a missionary journeyman in Zimbabwe and an environmental engineer in Kansas City. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Rolla.

Mrs. Smith, the former Jeannette Meredith, is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville. A native of Missouri, she has taught school in New Mexico and Texas, served as a summer missionary in Missouri and Arizona, and was a missionary journeyman in Guatemala. The Smiths have two children: Matthew Clyde, born in 1980; and Andrew Linn, 1982.

Each of the new missionary families will go to Rockville, Va., in January for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Philpot . . .

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agent in Independence County, Ark., and Ellis County, Tex.

More than 500 people crowded into a small Mexico City funeral home chapel the evening of Oct. 12 for funeral services. Both Mexican Baptist leaders and Southern Baptist representatives participated.

The reaction of the Mexican Baptists was "overwhelming," Williamson said. "(They) gave testimony of how Jim had given so unselfishly, given his life here, and given his blood on Mexican soil."

Burial was Oct. 13 in Guadalajara, at Mrs. Philpot's wish.

"Jurhee said that Jim loved Mexico so much and he'd lived here and worked here and given his life and it would be inconsistent that he should be taken back to the United States to be buried," Williamson said.

The Philpots earlier had buried a son in Guadalajara who died shortly after birth.

"Nobody can replace Jim. Pray for us," Williamson said.

Besides his wife, Philpot is survived by three daughters: Jill, who lived at home, Jodi of Fort Worth, Tex., and Jennifer, a senior at Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; his mother, Mrs. Odis Philpot of Mena, Ark.; two brothers, Nelson Philpot of Homer, La., and Larry Philpot of Heidelberg, Germany; and a sister, Odessa Dann of Livermore, Calif.

EDITORIAL

Electing messengers for the state convention

Five weeks from this time, the 111th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be in session at First Baptist Church, Memphis. The convention will begin on the morning of Nov. 19 and will adjourn at noon on Nov. 21.

No one can predict how many messengers will attend the 1985 TBC, but some estimate that the number may pass the record registration of 1,738 at the 1984 TBC at Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville.

During the business sessions, these messengers will discuss and vote on amendments to the TBC Constitution and Bylaws; a recommended record Cooperative Program budget-goal for the 1985-86 convention year; nominations to TBC boards and committees; recommendations from the Committee on Resolutions; and many other important items. There will also be the election of president, vice-president, and second vice-president.

Because there are some differences from procedures for local associations and the Southern Baptist Convention, each year questions arise concerning the registration and certification of messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Perhaps it would be well to review the registration procedure for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as provided in the TBC Constitution.

The convention in session is composed of messengers elected by and certified by churches which cooperate with the state convention. A cooperating church is defined by the Constitution as "such churches as contribute financially to the Convention or its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention."

Each cooperating church — regardless of the number of church members — is entitled to two messengers.

Then, a church is allowed an additional messenger "for each one hundred members or fraction thereof beyond the first one hundred."

Applying this provision, churches are entitled to have the following number of messengers:

- 100 or less members — two messengers.
- 101 to 200 members — three messengers.
- 201 to 300 members — four messengers.
- 301 to 400 members — five messengers.
- 401 to 500 members — six messengers.
- 501 to 600 members — seven messengers.
- 601 to 700 members — eight messengers.
- 701 to 800 members — nine messengers.
- More than 800 members — 10 messengers.

No church can have more than 10 messengers, regardless of the size of church membership.

However, there is no limit to the number of non-messenger visitors who may attend from any church. Visitors are encouraged to register as "visitors" but these, of course, are not allowed to vote.

Registration cards for messengers are available upon request without cost from the Tennessee Baptist Convention office in Brentwood or from associational offices. This year's cards are white with black printing. Other registration cards — even cards from previous years — will not be

accepted at the registration tables.

Messengers seeking to register without white registration cards automatically will be referred to the Credentials Committee for verification.

Messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention must be elected by the church of which they are members at a regular or called business meeting of that church.

A pastor is not automatically considered a messenger and should be voted on by the church along with other messengers. He must be counted in the number of messengers to which that church is entitled.

The registration card must contain the name of the church-elected messenger and the name of the church which elected the messenger.

The registration card must be signed by the moderator or clerk of that church.

Registration cards should contain the name of only one messenger, even if the church should elect a husband and wife as messengers.

The TBC Constitution does not make any provision for "alternate messengers."

—So, elect your church messengers at a regular or called business meeting.

—Secure registration cards for each messenger from the TBC office or your associational office.

—Make sure that the registration cards are completely filled out — and signed by the church's moderator or clerk.

—Present your registration card at one of the registration tables at First Baptist Church in Memphis. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. CST on Monday, Nov. 18, and will continue throughout the convention.

The price of commitment

The tragic murder of James Philpot in Mexico City last Friday should remind us once again of the constant threat our missionaries face. Philpot was shot to death on a Mexico City street after his automobile was involved in a minor accident.

As strangers in a foreign land, our missionaries are the outsiders who are often under suspicion. And yet, they never shirk their ministry to tell, to show, and to live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Philpot apparently has become the ninth Southern Baptist missionary to be murdered on a mission field during our denomination's 140-year history. As startling as this is, the number could be considered relatively small when you realize that in recent years our missionaries have labored in some of the world's foremost trouble spots — Vietnam, Lebanon, Nicaragua, and many of the developing countries in Africa and in South America:

One of the early missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention was killed in 1861 during China's Taiping Revolution.

Another SBC missionary was slain in Mexico in 1880.

Then, Bill Wallace, a missionary physician from Knoxville, was executed in a Chinese Communist prison in 1951. His physical remains were returned to Tennessee earlier this year.

During a 20-month period, four SBC missionaries met violent deaths.

—On July 7, 1971, Paul and Nancy Potter were brutally slain in their Dominican Republic home as they slept.

—On Jan. 16, 1972, missionary nurse Mavis Pate was shot to death in Gaza when the car in which she was riding was ambushed by Arab guerillas.

—On March 11, 1973, Gladys Hopewell, a Carson-Newman College graduate, was murdered in her Taiwan apartment.

Six years later, Archie Dunaway was stabbed to death by terrorists on June 15, 1979, at the Baptist hospital grounds in Sanyati, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). He is buried in Nashville.

Now, the name of James Philpot is added to our honored list of martyred missionaries.

Such tragedies are far from pleasant to consider. Yet these remind us of the price of full commitment to God. We doubt that any missionary will resign because of Philpot's death. Southern Baptist mission work will continue in Mexico — as it has in Zimbabwe, Taiwan, Gaza, and the Dominican Republic.

As we pay tribute to Philpot's dedication, let us also resolve to be more faithful in our prayers for those who serve our Lord in distant lands.

We support them financially; we must also support them with diligent prayers that God's protective hand will sustain their lives and their ministry for Him.

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Hurt for pastor's family

Dear editor:

This is in response to your Oct. 2 editorial concerning the pastor/church relationship. Your insight to this problem was to the point.

This occurred in my family a year ago. My father was asked to resign from his church with no charges placed against him. He decided not to resign, saying that God had led him to the church and that God would lead him from the church. No consideration was given to what the Lord had done through him. He established a senior adult program, began a MasterLife program, preached expositionally from the Scriptures, and saw steady growth in the church.

But when Satan begins his work and Christians sit back and hope it will go away, only terrible hurt can occur. Through secret meetings and a strong telephone campaign, enough people were either swayed or brought in (inactive members) to vote - 112 to 100. Ironically, seven of the nine deacons were behind the pastor, and since that time all but one of those men and their families have left the church.

No one can know the heartache that has occurred. First, the church was divided. Second, our family has experienced a spiritual hurt that is not easily healed. Not once, as you stated, were the feelings or future of my parents' considered. Through all of this, my father has not retaliated or spoken harshly to any of these who betrayed him.

In my humanness, I have felt much anger and hurt. The Lord promises, however, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). I hope that the Lord will soon show us the good that will come from this and that He will open a position of service for my father.

Name withheld by editor

I have taken the liberty of withholding the writer's name. I am not sure that any "good" for the future ministry of the church or your father would be accomplished by using a name. This is indeed a tragic situation. I pray that this letter will cause all of us to seriously examine the spiritual implications of the pastor/church relationship. (editor)



RECOGNIZED FOR 125 YEARS — Island Home Baptist Church in Knoxville observed its 125th anniversary Aug. 25. Above, Ted Huckaby (right), director of missions for Knox County Association of Baptists, presents a plaque of recognition from the Tennessee Baptist Convention to Ken Vogts, chairman of the deacons. Ray Klits is the pastor.

Lawsuit is absurd

Dear editor:

My comments, please, on the threatened suit against the SBC by the Crowders of Alabama.

It is absurd that anyone would even consider such action! Don't they know the Bible teaching on such subjects? In 1 Corinthians 6:1 Paul teaches, "Dare any of you, having a matter against his brother, go to law before the unjust . . ." It would be difficult to find error in so short a verse. It simply means that Christians are not to go to court in civil suit because nearly all participants would be non-Christians.

Are the rules of the SBC that important; to set us at law against one another? God's Word means more than that. Let's abide by that first.

If we take anyone to court, let it be someone like Madalyn Murray O'Hair for her ungodly and uninvited intrusions into our religious liberty, but those with money to throw away on such trivia as this seem not to be concerned about the actions of those who would take away our religious freedom, and I, for one, though I was not present, do not believe any of our people lost any religious freedom in Dallas.

It seems to me this whole matter arose over the re-election of Charles Stanley to the presidency. Should he be something besides a fundamental, Bible-believing Baptist to be president of the SBC? If that day is here, we are all deceived and the truth is not in us.

We don't have a problem when compared to a world lost in sin and on its way to a devil's hell. That's the problem and we can do something about that! The convention is over, the people have spoken, now let's get busy and serve the Lord together.

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Wayne Jamison accepts call to Lincoln Avenue

Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Newport extended a call to Wayne Jamison to serve as pastor. He accepted and began his ministry Aug. 26.

He comes to Newport from Clarksville, where he was associate pastor of the Hilldale Baptist Church. Other Tennessee pastorates include the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lebanon; First Baptist Church, Woodlawn; Brush Creek Baptist Church, Brush Creek; and Parkview Baptist Church, Clarksville.

Jamison is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.



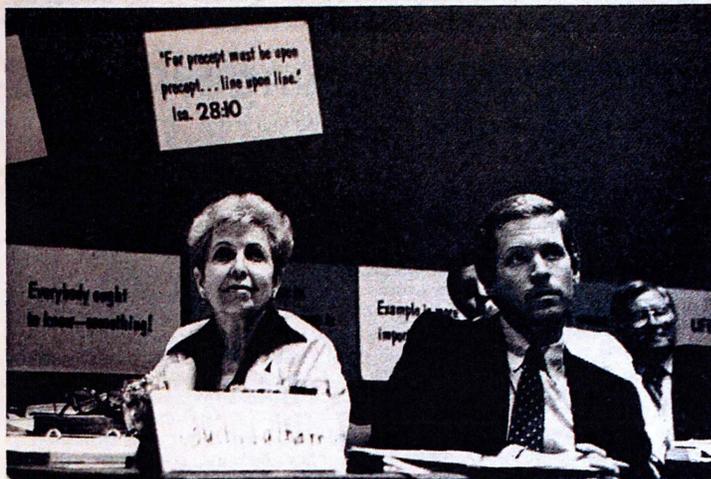
Jamison

J. Pennington leads Etowah congregation

First Baptist Church in Etowah called John E. Pennington as pastor. His pastorate became effective Aug. 4.

A native of Madisonville, Pennington is a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

He comes to the Etowah church from Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., where he was senior minister.



WRITERS' CONFERENCE — Alta Marsh (left), a free-lance writer from Nashville, and John Kramp, minister of discipleship at First Baptist Church, Garland, Tex., participated in a recent conference on writing self-instructional materials for courses in the Lay Institute for Equipping (LIFE).

BSSB develops new concept for equipping Baptist laity

NASHVILLE — A new training concept, Lay Institute for Equipping (LIFE), will be introduced in October 1986 as part of the Southern Baptist church training program.

LIFE courses will be 13 weeks long and will require daily individual study as well as weekly participation in a small group, according to Jerry Pounds, design editor in the leadership development section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department.

Comparing LIFE to a seminary for laypeople, Pounds said courses will be planned at an advanced level and will include a variety of topics.

When LIFE is launched, it will include four courses: MasterLife discipleship training for adults; MasterBuilder, multiplying leaders; MasterDesign, how to do inductive Bible study based on a study of Ephesians; and Parenting by Grace.

In October 1987, DecisionTime, a course on developing a commitment counseling ministry, will be introduced. In January 1988, a course titled Prayer-Life will be released.

Pounds said additional courses will be developed in conjunction with other Sunday School Board programs and SBC agencies.

In addition to the course materials, Pounds said an optional feature will be BTN messages providing additional information, usually by the authors of the course.

In preparing LIFE courses, Pounds said a person who is an expert in the content area will be paired with someone who has been trained in writing self-instructional materials. In a recent writers' conference, 20 persons were trained in this type of educational writing, he said.

All LIFE courses will be tested in church settings, evaluated, and revised before general release, he said.

Avery Willis, supervisor of the church training leadership development section, called LIFE "a total systems approach to learning." He said course participants will need to commit to 30-60 minutes of daily individual study and one to two hours per week participation in a small group.



Norton



Cook

Ministers' wives plan luncheon during TBC

The Ministers' Wives Luncheon during the Tennessee Baptist Convention is scheduled for noon Nov. 20 at Memphis' Peabody Hotel, according to Virginia Bailey, president of the Tennessee Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship.

The price of the luncheon is \$10.50 (including gratuity). Because hotel financial requirements necessitate early payment, advanced paid reservations are needed, Bailey said. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Shelby Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship and mailed to Mrs. Gordon Crocker, Shelby County Baptist Association, 202 South Cooper, Memphis TN 38104.

Transportation will be provided from First Baptist Church to the hotel.

The meeting is open not only to ministers' wives, but also to all church and denominational personnel and their friends.

TBC sets retreat for older adults

A senior adult retreat will be held at Camp Carson in Newport Nov. 1-2. It is led by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Bob Cook, senior adult consultant of the Florida Baptist Convention, David Ward, senior adult minister at First Baptist Church in Knoxville, and Charles L. Norton, retired church training department director at the TBC, will lead the program.

Limited to 100 persons, the retreat begins at 3 p.m. and ends the next day at 2:30 p.m. The cost of \$18 covers insurance, lodging, and meals. To register send \$5 to Donald E. Maudin, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37027.

FMB includes hunger funds in \$162-million '86 budget

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted a record \$162.3-million budget for 1986 at its Oct. 7-9 meeting to finance the work of its more than 3,500 missionaries worldwide.

For the first time, the overall budget includes funds Southern Baptists are expected to give for overseas hunger and relief efforts. In the past these have been counted apart from other receipts. Hunger and relief contributions for 1986 are projected to total \$12-million, about 7.4 percent of the budget.

The hunger-relief projections are being included to give "a complete picture of the board's total income, even though it is designated," said Carl Johnson, vice-president for finance.

Johnson emphasized that the change will not affect the way hunger funds are spent. "One hundred percent will still be sent to the mission field," he stressed. "Everything that's given for hunger and relief will be spent for hunger and relief. Not one penny will be spent for administration or promotion."

Counting hunger and relief projections for both years, the 1986 budget represents about a \$4-million increase, or 2.5 percent jump, over 1985. Excluding hunger-relief, the increase totals about \$6-million, or 4.2 percent. Either way, the percentage increase continues a downward trend in recent years. The 1985 budget reflected a 5.5 percent increase. The 1984 and 1983 budgets marked 8.5 percent and 20.15 percent jumps, respectively.

If the 1985 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$70-million is met, it will fund more than 43 percent of the 1986 budget. The Cooperative Program is expected to provide \$60.3-million, about 37 percent of the total.

Additional revenue sources will include an estimated \$3.6-million in

various designated contributions, primarily for missionary support, and a projected \$11-million in investment income.

More than 87 cents of every mission dollar will be spent for overseas ministries or directly related expenses, with \$90.1-million reserved for supporting missionaries and their families. Another \$36.8-million is earmarked for mission field operating expenses, and \$15-million will go to capital projects such as missionary housing, churches, Baptist schools, and other institutions.

The Richmond home office budget for administration and promotion totals about \$19.3-million, approximately 11.9 percent of the overall budget. That reflects a growth of about \$1.5-million over the 1985 home budget. Much of the increase will fund staff and equipment for the new Data Systems Development Department, created by the board in December 1984 to meet the need for increased computer operations.

The \$15-million budgeted for overseas capital projects and needs reflects some serious belt-tightening in field mission budgets worldwide. Directors of the board's eight geographic areas worked with missionaries on all fields to redirect more than \$8.5-million from projected operating funds to capital needs. Coupled with \$6.5-million budgeted from the 1985 Lottie Moon offering, the funds will enable missionaries to take advantage of the strong American dollar before it loses value.

Financial experts have been predicting the dollar will decline in value overseas and some devaluation is now being encouraged by the U.S. government to help the American balance of trade. No one can predict when or how much the dollar will fall. Meanwhile, the Foreign Mission Board is making more money available at this "opportune moment" to finance needed capital items, said FMB President R. Keith Parks.

"If the dollar drops 10 percent in value, we wouldn't have those extra funds to use," Parks said. "If it drops 20 percent, we're in trouble."

Union association holds annual meet

The annual meeting of Union Baptist Association at Pistole Baptist Church in Sparta on Oct. 3 had representatives from each church or mission in the association. They also had a note-burning for their debt-free new building.

The meeting had visitors from the Tennessee Baptist Convention office and United Tennessee League. A special memorial service was held for deceased members.

All of the officers were re-elected and include Don Baker, who is pastor of Pistole Baptist Church in Sparta, as moderator; Marion Arbuckle Jr., who is pastor of First Baptist Church in Spencer as assistant moderator; Greg Boston, who is a layperson of First Baptist Church of Sparta, as treasurer; and Douglas Benningfield, who is pastor of Hickory Valley Baptist Church in Sparta, as clerk.

The 1986 meeting will be Oct. 9 at Greenwood Baptist Church in Doyle.



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK — Five-year-old Emily Fisher of Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, works with *The Birth of Jesus*, a new Broadman Press children's book with 55 movable stickers and a read-along story.

TBC to meet in November...

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Bylaws Committee and the Minister's Aid Committee, before the session is concluded by Sample's message.

The Tuesday night session, which will begin at 6:45 p.m., will hear various reports and will conclude with the president's address by May.

The election of officers and the adoption of the convention's Cooperative Program budget-goal will highlight the 9 a.m. Wednesday (Nov. 20) session. There will also be a report from the Trustee/Executive Board Interrelationship Study Committee which was authorized by the 1982 TBC. The session will close with Kingsley's message.

At the 2:00 Wednesday afternoon session, the messengers will vote on nominations from the Committee on Boards

and the Committee on Committees, and on recommendations from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The messengers will hear the first of two reports from the Committee on Resolutions.

During the 6:45 Wednesday night session, the convention will hear reports on the Tennessee-Michigan Sister State Relationship, the conclusion of the Burkina Faso hunger and relief project, and the launching of the partnership mission relationship with Venezuelan Baptists. The session will end with a message by Garcia.

The Committee on Resolutions will bring its final report to the 9:00 Tuesday morning (Nov. 21) session. There will also be a report from the TBC Committee on the Journal, and the convention will conclude with Rogers' message.

Three miscellaneous business periods are scheduled during the convention — Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to President May, other convention officers are vice-president, Robert Armour, director of missions for Beulah Baptist Association; second vice-president, Marshall Gupton, pastor of Una Baptist Church, Nashville; recording and statistical secretary, Wallace Anderson, Nashville; registration secretary, Pat Porter, Brentwood; and treasurer, Tom Madden, Brentwood.

Julian Suggs, director of the TBC church music department, will be in charge of music for the 1985 convention.

May has appointed Wayne Allen, pastor of Briarcrest Baptist Church, Memphis, to serve as parliamentarian.

L. Edwards accepts Bruceton pastorate

First Baptist Church, Bruceton, recently called Leon Edwards as pastor. He comes to the Bruceton church from Ashland City, where he was pastor of First Baptist Church.

Other pastorates include Calvary Baptist Church in Nashville and several Texas churches.

Edwards is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

He is a native of Smyrna.

James Clegg assumes Tennessee pastorate

James Clegg assumed his pastorate with Pleasant View Baptist Church in Clarksville Sept. 22.

He comes to the Clarksville church from Lewis Avenue Baptist Church in Waukegan, Ill.

As a graduate of Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, La., he attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

J. Milton Knox assumes Shelbyville pastorate

J. Milton Knox assumed the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Shelbyville on Aug. 25.

Coming to Shelbyville from Fairview, where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knox previously served as associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Joelton.

He is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.



Knox

Disaster efforts in Mexico open doors for Baptist work

By Joe Westbury

MEXICO CITY — Baptist work here has received official recognition from government leaders due to the presence of Baptist Men disaster response units from four states.

In a historic meeting between representatives of the city government, local Baptists, and the Baptist Men, the validity of the Mexican National Baptist Convention was elevated from a virtually non-existent entity to that of co-workers with the government in meeting the needs of victims of the Sept. 19-20 earthquakes.

Previously Baptist work has been severely limited due to government policy toward Christian organizations, explained Larry Gay, regional disaster coordinator for Baptists and a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

However, the tide for Baptist work began to change when the convention received government approval for a disaster response van from Texas to set up a feeding operation in Mexico City, Gay explained. Texas has an on-going partnership with the convention and is familiar with the people and their customs.

Carlos Plancarte, director of social protection for the city of 18-million residents, was so impressed with the unit's ability to mass feed thousands of

homeless individuals that he began to inquire about the ministry.

As the second and third quakes rocked the city, Baptist units from Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi, under request from the convention, rolled to the Mexican border to await instructions. When Plancarte was told additional units were waiting to further help the city's growing number of homeless residents, he gave the green light for the Baptist Men to cross the border.

The three units received a military escort from the Mexican-U.S. border and began feeding operations in other parts of the city.

"The four units have been serving 10,000 meals a day since Oct. 1. Under cooperation with the Mexico City government, the Baptist Men are being utilized in the hardest hit sections of the city," said Brotherhood Commission Disaster Response Coordinator Cameron Byler.

The success of the Baptist response has led the Mexican government to ask the Mexican Baptist Convention to form a national disaster response unit. Mexican Baptists will man it. Texas Baptist Men and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission have been asked to serve as consultants in setting up the new unit.

Byler reports that tents, cooking units, and utensils are currently being purchased. He hopes the new response unit will be operational this month. At that time it will take over much of the relief work Southern Baptist volunteers are currently doing.

Local Baptist leaders are optimistic the contacts with government officials have opened the door to a more cooperative relationship which could lead to heightened visibility of Baptist work.

TBC sets seminar to help refugees

A seminar on the steps of sponsoring refugees will be held at First Baptist Church in Cookeville on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

James Redding, of the missions department at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is leading the seminar. He encouraged Tennessee churches to respond to the many refugees who are still fleeing war, persecution, famine, and other life-threatening forces. Redding added, "Jesus was a refugee when as a young child His family had to flee to Egypt."

The church is located at 18 South Walnut Avenue in Cookeville.

Union to dedicate new chapel organ

JACKSON — Union University will dedicate its new pipe organ for G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel, Oct. 21 in two services.

At 10 a.m., the college family, student body, alumni, and friends of the college will gather for a formal worship and dedication ceremony.

The 50-minute program will feature organ instructor Scott Bennett, the Union University Singers, music instructor Tim Gale, tenor, and a brass ensemble. Brief dedicatory speeches will be made by Robert Orr, chairman of the organ committee; Hyran Barefoot, vice-president for academic affairs; and Pieter Visser, designer and builder of the organ.

At 8 p.m., a formal dedication recital will be presented by Bennett. He will be assisted by the Third Avenue Vocal Consort of Atlanta, Ga. A reception will immediately follow the concert in the main lobby.

The public is invited to attend both services.

Laity abroad coordinator seeks persons visiting other countries

By Connie Davis

Gwen Davis is glad to be involved in foreign missions again although her responsibilities keep her at home in Lebanon.

Davis is the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's first laity abroad coordinator for Tennessee.

She was involved in foreign missions as a volunteer medical worker in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) as a part of Tennessee's five-year hunger and relief project, which ended recently.

Explaining that many persons who travel to other countries "leave their witness at home," Davis said Southern Baptists who are tourists, in the military, in business, and in other countries for other reasons, "can be missionaries."

Noting the many countries that will not accept SBC career missionaries, Davis added that other missionaries are unsure if they can go back or stay in their countries. The FMB's laity abroad program might be called "a sneaky way" to do missions, said Davis.

"Many servicemen's wives say, 'We are so bored,'" said Davis. "They (people in other countries) are begging for people to teach English. Then we can witness to them," continued Davis.

The Foreign Mission Board helps the

person going or already abroad by sending them information on the culture, customs, Southern Baptist missionaries, and church programs there. They also request that a church commissioning service be held for the person.

Davis, who is available to speak in Tennessee churches and to provide information on the laity abroad program, noted that the only requirement for a person to be involved is that he or she be a Christian and Southern Baptist.

Most workers receive more than they give, she said, recalling what a life-changing experience she had in foreign missions. Even her work as one of the first women to serve on the Executive Committee for the SBC and the commissioner of personnel for the state government, "did not compare to Upper Volta," Davis testified. "I'll never be the same again. There are so many ways to serve."

For persons interested in serving in the laity abroad ministry, Davis directed them contact either Jackie Hollis, Laity Abroad, Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230 or Gwen Davis, Laity Abroad, 217 Cumberland Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. They are also seeking the names of persons already in other countries.

Israeli commission counters plan to replace church in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (BP) — Three years after the Narkis Street Baptist Church was destroyed by arsonists, the congregation has learned its rebuilding plans have been rejected by a regional development commission.

However, the commission reportedly will allow a 60-seat worship center — equivalent to the one gutted Oct. 7, 1982 — and other improvements at the site.

The 300-member congregation had been seeking permission to build an up-to-date facility encompassing a 400-seat auditorium, several Sunday School rooms, and office space.

According to a statement issued by the church's pastor, Robert Lindsey, "Members of the district planning commission have privately reported that after a stormy session three members voted to grant the approval as requested (by the congregation) and six others voted to deny (it)."

Formal notice of the commission's decision has not been received, said Lindsey, a Southern Baptist representative to Israel since 1944.

"We have to accept and forgive those who voted against the church's (rebuilding) plans," Brad Young, a Southern Baptist living in Israel, exhorted fellow church members in an Oct. 5 service.

Young, referring to the arsonists, also said, "We have to love the people who persecute us."

He urged a response to the commission's decision be formulated, expressing the church's opposition but maintaining the integrity of its Christian stance. He also expressed "confidence that God is working and all will work out for good."

At the close of the service, worshipers moved from a tent-like structure, where services have been held since the fire, to the remains of the chapel. They read a section from the Old Testament, Haggai 2:1-9. Lindsey said verse 9 is of par-

ticular encouragement to the congregation. "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house."

"We feel God wants us to rebuild," Lindsey said.

The church's proposed replacement of its former chapel, which was built in 1933, would have cost \$1-million. Already, \$500,000 has been contributed by groups, congregations, and individuals in numerous countries, including many in the United States.

Approval from the city of Jerusalem came last fall and "most of the officials were extremely helpful," the pastor said. But the plans have been bogged down in the regional development commission since November 1984.

Slowing down the process has been opposition from Y'ad L'achim, a conservative Jewish organization antagonistic toward Christianity. Prior to a commission hearing earlier this year, Y'ad L'achim organized a protest in front of the church Jan. 23, promoting it with posters throughout Jerusalem. About 100 people, including women, children, and teen-agers, participated.

BSSB gives Testaments to earthquake victims

NASHVILLE — The Baptist Sunday School Board has given 15,000 copies of the Spanish Good News America New Testament to Texas Baptist volunteers for victims of the recent earthquakes in Mexico City.

The Good News America New Testaments, published by Holman Bible Publishers to support Southern Baptist outreach efforts and the simultaneous revivals next spring, were donated by the Sunday School Board to support the denomination's efforts to assist in disaster relief.

Citizen's Corner

By Jerry Self

Public Affairs and Christian Life Consultant



A House committee to study pari-mutuel gambling is now being organized. You can bet that two arguments will be dusted off and pranced before the public. "We're just letting the people vote" is a cop-out. "It will boost the economy" is a deception.

The people already have the right to vote. Any county can call a referendum on most issues. But they cannot vote on pari-mutuel gambling because betting on races in Tennessee is illegal. For that to change, the General Assembly will have to legalize it. The elections which would follow would simply determine where the betting could take place. The bogus argument, "We're just letting the people decide," misinterprets the facts.

A high percentage of people in the racing industry lose money. Breeders, owners of horses, owners of tracks lose money just like bettors do. If pari-mutuel gambling does anything to the agriculture business of Tennessee, it will send millions of Tennessee dollars to Kentucky. Racetrack betting may boost an economy, but that is more likely to be Lexington, Kentucky's than ours.

The arguments for racetrack gambling are hollow and treacherous.

Missions retirees note milestones, rewards

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Mail was carried in a backpack to Stockwell and Darlyne Sears in remote Indonesia years ago. "We were at the ends of the earth ... but we found God was there to greet us," Sears recounted in a service honoring 36 retiring Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

The Seares, now of Rosenberg, Tex., were among the first missionaries who, in 1951, opened Southern Baptist evangelistic work in Indonesia.

Numerous milestones, rewarding experiences and humorous instances from the 36 missionaries' 1,202 total years of work were mentioned during the Oct. 7 service in Richmond.

Sears, for example, was a missionary to China, as was his aunt, Mary Sears Connely, and his grandfather, George Sears. Sears was among about 200 Southern Baptist missionaries who left the country when the Communist government came to power. Other new retirees who also worked in China are Mildred Lovegren, now of Gaston, Ore., and Ruby Wheat of Wichita Falls, Tex.

Lovegren, who later did student and social work in Hong Kong and Macao, told of a return trip to China in June 1983 and said, "Thousands of churches in China are open again. The Lord God Who opened those churches can also keep them open."

Wheat, who later worked in Pusan, Korea, was made an honorary citizen of the city and given a solid gold key in January 1984 for her 30 years of nursing and administrative work at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital there.

Another emeritus couple, Alvin and Doris Spencer, now of Charlotte, N.C., were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to begin evangelistic work in Okinawa in 1960. Juanita Harper, now of Corpus Christi, Tex., and her late husband, Wimpy, were Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Tanganyika, now Tanzania, in 1956. Her most recent place of service was Nairobi, Kenya.

Don and Vi Orr, who worked 34 years in Cali, Colombia, were the first music missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Orr, of Midland, Tex., noted the "miracles" that led to his missions service, such as his conversion to Christianity, surviving 203 bombing runs during World War II, and the sense of call that struck him and his wife when they were students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. "With this many miracles to get us to the mission field," Orr said, "you can imagine how many it took to keep us there."

"There were times," said Bryant Durham, now of Lithonia, Ga., "in which I wondered if I would ever make it to a retirement service." During civil strife in Nigeria in the late 1960s, for example, the missionary evangelist remained in the country while his wife, Ina, and their family returned to the United States for two years. The Durhams later worked in Upper Volta, now called Burkina Faso.

"We witnessed the birth of several nations as they moved from colonial status to independence" during their 34 years in Africa, Durham said. But more important, he said, was "the rebirth of dozens and dozens of people" from paganism or Islam.

Three generations of missions work in Brazil are connected with Edward and Lois Berry, now of Benton, Ark. His parents, William and Olga Anne Berry of Memphis, worked in Brazil 41 years and his daughter, Laura Anne Spiegel and her husband, David, are missionaries



LIKE EGGS? — Newly retired Missionaries Logan and Ginny Atnip (center and right) tell Minette Drumwright of the Foreign Mission Board staff about an experience in their first worship service in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) many years ago. "Do you like eggs?" the Atnips were asked. After answering affirmatively, they were given two live chickens. The Atnips were among 36 emeritus missionaries honored Oct. 7 in Richmond, Va.

there now. The new retirees worked in Brazil 32 years. He did mass media work, then religious education, while she was a teacher, mission treasurer, and historian.

Another missionary to Brazil, David Mein, now of Valdosta, Ga., succeeded his late father, John Mein, as president of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary. David Mein also is a former president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Mein's wife, Lou Demie, laughed in telling of a stray bullet that stung her three years ago and dropped into her open Bible while her husband was preaching on "How to Deal with Your Problems." The incident occurred during an outdoor meeting of a new congregation. The bullet did not pierce her skin and must have flown a considerable distance.

Virginia Wingo, missionary to Italy who now lives in Pineville, La., was honored during the service even though she retired in 1982. "It just took me a long time packing," she quipped. The past three years, she has been associate pastor of a church near Turin, Italy. For 20 years, she directed a girls' school in Rome.

Other new retirees, their places of service and current residences are Tom and Mary Gullatt, Japan, Fairburn, Ga.; Hugo and Doris Parkman, Philippines, Decatur, Ga.; Victor Davis, Brazil, Richmond, Va.; Fred and Mariruth Hawkins, Brazil, Columbia, Tenn.; John and Jean Poe, Brazil, Newton, N.C.; Jo Stover, Brazil, Green Acres, Fla.; John and Maurine McTyre, Chile, Tampa, Fla.; Antonina Canzoneri, Bahamas, Jackson, Miss.; E. V. and Frances May, Caribbean, Livingston, Tex; Morris and

Joyce Wright, Caribbean Christian publications in El Paso, Tex.; El Paso; Stella Austin, Nigeria, Lenoir, N.C.; and Logan and Ginny Atnip, Zimbabwe, Houston.

Several of the retiring missionaries have Tennessee connections.

Mrs. Berry, the former Lois Roberts, was born in Maryville. She is a graduate of Maryville College, also attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and taught school in Walland and Maryville from 1942 to 1946.

Canzoneri is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville.

Hawkins, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was a draftsman with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga prior to appointment in 1955. Earlier he served as minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville (1944-45), and as minister of education and music at First Baptist Church, Clinton (1946-49).

Mrs. Hawkins, the former Mariruth Barker, was born in Columbia. A graduate of Carson-Newman, she also attended UT Knoxville, taught school in Clinton, and did office work in Columbia and Nashville before appointment.

May was pastor of Flewellyn Baptist Church, Springfield (1953-54), and First Baptist Church, Trezevant (1954-56).

Mr. and Mrs. Poe are both Carson-Newman graduates. He was director of missions (then called associational missionary) for the Jefferson County Baptist Association (1947-48) and was pastor of several Tennessee churches from 1946 to 1951. Mrs. Poe, the former Wilma Jean Howard, is a native of Knoxville.

Literacy workshop set for Jackson

Two Southern Baptists are teaching at a literacy workshop directed by Literacy Missions Volunteers Inc., a non-denominational organization. It will be held on Nov. 8-9 in Jackson and is recommended by the missions department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Sue Stansell from Shelby County Baptist Association and Nancy Tilley of Madison-Chester Association of Baptists are both active in literacy programs in their associations. They will teach the "English for Speakers of Other Languages" workshop for teachers.

The fee of \$15 includes materials and \$5 pre-registration fee which is due Nov. 1. Contact office at 416 E. Lafayette St., Jackson, TN 38301.

Maddox reports on record gifts

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College President J. Cordell Maddox, in his report to the executive committee of the board of trustees at their Oct. 4 meeting on campus, noted a record year for gifts to the Tennessee Baptist college. Gifts from all sources were up 24.6 percent and topped the \$4.2-million mark.

Maddox also reported that the college ended the 1984-85 fiscal year with an excess of income over expenditures. This marks the ninth straight year that the college has ended the year in the black.

The Baptist college president also reported a slight decrease in enrollment. Carson-Newman, in the process of tightening academic standards and raising admission requirements, had anticipated the drop in enrollment during this period of flux.

Valentine urges Baptists to push for alcohol taxes

NASHVILLE (BP) — An Oct. 1 increase in federal alcohol excise taxes is "grossly inadequate," according to a Southern Baptist ethicist who has called for significant increases in alcohol taxes.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said the 19 percent increase solely on distilled spirits represents "only token action when dramatic initiatives are required to deal with the unacceptable budget deficit and to help reduce our country's epidemic problem of alcohol abuse."

The National Alcohol Tax Coalition (NATC) has proposed major increases in the excise tax and the equalization of the tax rate for all forms of alcoholic beverages, recommendations strongly endorsed by Valentine, whose agency deals with alcohol-related issues.

With the 19 percent increase on distilled spirits, the liquor tax, adjusted for alcohol content, will be 17 times the tax on table wine and four times the tax on beer. Even doubling the tax on liquor would only restore federal liquor taxes approximately to their 1974 level, ac-

ording to a study by the NATC.

Until Oct. 1, the alcohol excise tax had not been increased since 1951. In the meantime, the report said, the value of the alcohol tax dollar has shrunk by 75 percent, depriving the Treasury of billions of dollars.

Federal taxes now amount to less than three cents on a can of beer and less than a penny on a glass of wine. Increases proposed by NATC would raise the taxes to about 23 cents per serving.

Supporters of the proposals argue such actions could help cut the federal budget deficit by bringing in more than \$10-billion a year in new revenue. They also believe the proposals would reduce drinking — and drinking-related problems — especially among teen-agers.

Valentine urged Southern Baptists to express their views to elected representatives on two key committees, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. "Support of these measures can literally save lives as well as billions of dollars," he said. "We must be diligent in our efforts to stem the tide of alcohol abuse."

Stanley urges students to focus on Jesus Christ

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — A minister's main priority should be developing an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, Southern Baptist Convention President Charles Stanley told students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10. Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, was guest speaker during chapel at the seminary.

"The wisest thing you can do as a student is to make your priority developing

a warm, personal relationship with Christ. Then you have something to give," Stanley told the audience. Basing his message on Colossians 4:17, Stanley said Paul reminded his readers the call to ministry is an act of God's grace.

Stanley warned students against entering the ministry grudgingly.

"Friends, you and I need to see God's calling as an act of wonderful, matchless, incomparable grace. It is an act of God's love that He called you and when the going gets rough, that doesn't mean that the grace has disappeared," he said.

Stanley noted that Paul urged ministers to be constant in their service. "Don't take it (the ministry) for granted and don't be careless about it," he said.

Stanley said he believes when a person commits his or her life to full-time ministry, "Satan has befooled up his strategy and his attack on you. The more successful you are in the ministry, the more Satan is going to work you over."

He said Christian servants need each other's prayers and support in battling Satan. "There's no single one of us to reach any level of life where we don't need one another," he said, adding, to be an effective servant, a minister needs to

be fruitful, fervent, fearless, and faithful.

Stanley related a time in his early ministry at First Baptist Church, Atlanta. He and his wife spent a week's vacation setting goals for and evaluating their lives and ministry. As they sought God's guidance, Stanley said he kept notes on their decisions and goals. He said he still reads these every four months to evaluate himself.

The SBC president urged seminarians to take time for evaluation. He suggested they pray, "Show me the truth about me. What do You want me to do with my life?" pointing out, "It will put punch and excitement and fire and enthusiasm in your ministry where you may not be so excited."

Stanley also said a desire to fervently know God deeply is the most important thing in a minister's life. Through dependence upon God, ministers should be fearless in their service, Stanley said. "Fear is devastating in the ministry. It can cause a man to compromise his convictions," he noted.

He also urged ministers to be fearless in their preaching, but warned against

dogmatism. "There is only one thing we ought to be dogmatic about: the only way of salvation is the sacrificial, substitutionary, all sufficient, atoning death of Jesus Christ — period," Stanley stressed. The crowd applauded.

Stanley also noted ministers should be faithful in their service. He said a minister's prayer life supersedes all other activity. "Friend, when that's right, there's no limit to what God can do. When it's not there, forget it."

He reminded students of God's faithfulness as they consider their future ministry, urging, "Quickly come to the place in your life where you are willing to say, 'Lord, I choose to obey You, no matter what,' and God will place you where He wants you, no matter what."

Stanley joined faculty, trustees, and staff for lunch and dialogue following chapel. He also spoke in an ethics class of C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics. Stanley had Scudder as a professor while a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Midwestern has hosted every SBC president since the seminary began classes in 1958.

Criswell's church gets \$1.8-million

DALLAS (BP) — A record \$1.85-million offering was given by members of First Baptist Church, Dallas, on Pastor W. A. Criswell's 41st anniversary at the church Oct. 6, in what was thought to be the largest one-day cash offering ever collected by a church.

Criswell had appealed to the congregation for a special \$1-million offering to enable the church to meet its budget requirements, noting that "we are behind in the payment of our local program." The church's recently adopted 1986 budget totals about \$11.2-million.

After receiving offerings during both morning worship services, First Baptist Church's financial officers spent at least six hours counting \$1.8-million in checks and cash. About \$50,000 was collected at the evening worship service.

Of the total \$1,857,453.44, undesignated budget offerings totalled \$795,165.16. Oran Gentry, director of business and finance at First Baptist Church, would not release information concerning how the remaining \$1,062,288.28 was designated.

In his weekly newsletter column, Criswell had urged church members to participate in the "Day of Agreement" service by making a "sacrifice for the triumph of the day." He reminded members of expenses incurred in maintaining and operating the church's multimillion-dollar downtown complex.

"It pleased our Lord to create us earth-bound. Our hearts may be in heaven, but our feet are still on the earth," he wrote. "There are bills that we must pay, and to be faithful to them is as much in the praise and service of God as it is to pray or to sing a song."

Holston Valley holds annual '84-85 meeting

Holston Valley Baptist Association met for their annual meeting Oct. 3-4 at First Baptist Church in Church Hill and McKinney's Chapel in Rogersville.

For the first time Gary Gerhardt, who is pastor of First Baptist Church in Church Hill, was elected as moderator replacing Floyd Looney, who is pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church in Rogersville. Also John Parrott Jr., who is pastor of Henard's Chapel in Rogersville, is vice-moderator for the first time.

Other officers that were re-elected were Linda D. Williams, who is a layperson of Choptack Baptist Church in Rogersville, as treasurer/clerk; Audrey Forgety, who is a layperson of East Rogersville Baptist Church in Rogersville, as assistant treasurer; and Wilma Bennett, who is a layperson of Howe's Chapel in Rogersville, as assistant clerk.

The 1986 meeting will be Oct. 23 at East Rogersville Baptist Church and Oct. 24 at First Baptist Church in Sneedville.

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Supreme Court returns; rejects religion cases

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP)— Returning to the bench Oct. 7 for what is expected to be another historic year in church-state law, the U.S. Supreme Court nevertheless rejected a dozen newly appealed disputes in religion cases from across the nation.

Already scheduled for argument and decision in the new term — which runs from October through June — are four church-state cases, including a key dispute over "equal access" to public school property for student-initiated religious clubs on secondary school campuses.

In disposing of some 1,000 cases overall on its first day back after the traditional summer recess, the high court without comment disposed of religion cases in several categories. By declining to hear the disputes, the court left in place lower court rulings in the cases.

The justices refused to review a decision of the Texas Supreme Court that the state's requirement for a license to operate a childcare facility did not violate the religious rights of the Corpus Christi People's Baptist Church, an independent congregation. Appealing to the nation's high court, attorneys for the church had argued the licensing law violated the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment.

Likewise left standing was a decision of the Virginia Supreme Court involving another independent Baptist congregation that objected to a state judge's appointment of a commissioner to resolve an internal dispute over whether to dis-

miss the pastor. The commissioner was authorized to oversee a congregational meeting where the issue was to be decided, accompanied at his discretion by a deputy sheriff. Although a faction of the New Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., objected, the state's high court ruled the judge was within Constitutional limits in appointing the commissioner.

In two other internal church disputes, the justices declined to disturb rulings by the Pennsylvania Supreme

Court and an Illinois appeals court that local Presbyterian congregations may retain their church property despite voting to withdraw from their mother denomination, the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Under so-called "neutral principles of law" regarding disputed property, both lower panels held, state courts may intervene in such disputes.

The high court also refused to intervene in a family dispute over the

religious upbringing of children. A Massachusetts woman whose former husband was awarded custody of the couple's daughters sought review of the custody decision, claiming the judge discriminated against her because of her zeal as a "born-again" Christian. But the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the state's highest tribunal, upheld the lower judge's action.

In an unusual copyright case, the high court upheld a jury's award of \$190,000 to a publisher of religious music for actual damages inflicted by unauthorized reproduction of music from hymnals and songbooks by Catholic parishes in and around Chicago, Ill. At the same time, the justices agreed with the trial court's refusal to award the larger sum of \$1.5-million sought by the music company, which claimed each of the Chicago archdiocese's parishes could be sued as a separate legal entity.

In a case involving a Jehovah's Witness who died on the operating table after refusing a blood transfusion, the high court left standing a decision by the Washington Supreme Court upholding a jury's award of limited damages for negligence on the part of the attending physician before the transfusion became necessary. The jury nevertheless determined that 75 percent of the fault for the woman's death was attributable to her refusal to permit the transfusion.

The justices also let stand a ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upholding a classroom teacher who assigned a student to read an alternative book to Gordon Parks' *The Learning Tree* after the student protested the volume's alleged ridiculing of Jesus Christ. The student took the teacher and school district to court, claiming that despite the option to read another book, inclusion of Parks' work on a required reading list enshrined secular humanism as a state religion.

Likewise upheld was a decision by the Florida Supreme Court that ruled earlier in favor of a state law banning pari-mutuel betting on Sundays.

And in three separate cases in which religious discrimination in employment was claimed by a Catholic, a Jew, and a Baptist, the justices upheld lower rulings disallowing the claims on grounds that none of the three demonstrated that religion was a relevant factor.

BJCPA opposes removal of charitable deductions

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP)— Acting as congressional debate heats up over President Ronald Reagan's tax reform package, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs went on record Oct. 7 opposing a provision that would remove deductibility for contributions made to charities by taxpayers who do not itemize deductions.

Responding to an urgent appeal from Executive Director James M. Dunn, the BJCPA Executive Committee adopted a resolution supporting continuation of income tax deductions for all taxpayers who give to charities and opposing "any tax law change that would abolish such incentives for charitable giving."

Current law allows taxpayers who itemize their deductions to deduct up to one-half of their adjusted gross income for gifts to charitable organizations, including churches. Taxpayers who file the so-called "short form" and do not itemize deductions will be permitted to deduct 50 percent of their gifts to charities for tax year 1985 and 100 percent in 1986. But the provision for non-itemizers expires after 1986.

In taking the action, the BJCPA Executive Committee made plain its appeal for deductions extends to deductibility for contributions to all charities, not churches alone. Dunn cited published projections that more than 80 percent of American taxpayers are expected to file the short form if President Reagan's tax reform package becomes law.

In a related action, the 12-member committee — which meets semiannually

and acts for the full, 44-member BJCPA between the latter's annual meetings — instructed its staff to develop an "apology" for charitable tax exemption to counter the notion set forth in recent Supreme Court decisions that such exemption amounts to governmental subsidy. The staff was asked to present its findings at the next meeting of the full BJCPA in March 1986.

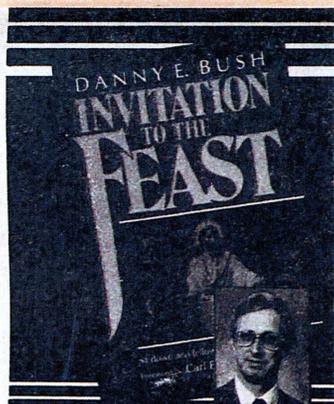
Other actions taken by the Executive Committee included authorization of a panel to study BJCPA representation from its eight constituent bodies, establishment of a law library, and adoption of a budget for 1985-86.

The study panel is expected to recommend streamlining representation to reflect more accurately the relative numerical strength of and financial contributions by member bodies.

Action establishing the John W. Baker Memorial Law Library followed announcement that Mary Baker, widow of the late BJCPA general counsel, and her four sons have donated Baker's collection of legal volumes to the agency he served for 15 years before his death last January.

Newly elected general counsel, Oliver S. (Buzz) Thomas, will seek donations in the form of additional volumes from other Baptist attorneys across the nation. The agency also will use memorial funds honoring Baker to expand the specialized, church-state collection.

Executive Committee also adopted a \$575,600 budget for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1985, a figure that includes \$418,900 from the SBC Cooperative Program.



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Dr. Dorothy Sample

HCBA announces dates for preachers' school

SEYMOUR — Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy will open its second session of the academy's weekend preachers' school on Oct. 19 at 8 a.m. in the Ogle Building.

The session will end Dec. 7.

Subjects offered include "Hebrews," "New Testament Survey: Acts," and "Evangelism 3: How To Build an Evangelistic Church." Raymond Smith, retired pastor, will continue to teach.

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Tennessee Scene

LEADERSHIP . . .

Bob Elliot is serving as interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Newbern. He is business manager for Union University, Jackson.

Danny Davis, minister of music for Calvary Baptist Church in Alcoa, has moved to Pineville, Ky., where he is associate pastor and minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church.

Pastor of Allegheny Baptist Church, Maryville, Dennis Robinson has resigned.

Rick Sparks has accepted the position of minister of media at First Baptist Church in Alcoa. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Arthur Ridge, pastor of Birchfield Baptist Church in Maryville, has resigned.

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Springfield has called Troy Birdwell as minister of music. Terry Lee Whiteside is the pastor.

Effective Sept. 15, John Norris resigned at Center Point Baptist Church, Springfield, as pastor.

Litz Manor Baptist Church in Kingsport has called Nancy Lynn Sager as minister of music. A native of Big Stone Gap, Va., she is a graduate of Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Winchester, Va. Johnny F. McKinney is the pastor.

On Sept. 29, J. Harold Stephens was called to serve as interim pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Manchester.

William D. Dockery and Rocky A. Hodge have joined the staff of McCalla Avenue Baptist Church in Knoxville. Dockery is associate pastor — administration, education, and outreach. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Hodge is associate pastor — music and youth. He comes to the McCalla Avenue church from Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville, where he was director of youth, young adults, and youth choirs.

Church in Ridgely, was evangelist for the week at the church where Jimmy Allison is pastor. There were four additions to the church by baptism, four by letter, and five rededications.

Adriel Baptist Church in Bean Station had two additions by baptism at a recent revival led by Gary Beeler. Billy Carroll is pastor of the church.

There were three additions by baptism and two by letter to Barnard's Grove Baptist Church during recent revival services. Otto Giles, director of missions for Grainger County Association of Baptists, led the services at the Bean Station church where Marvin Phillips is pastor.

Mission Project . . .

A team from Mount Harmony Baptist Church in Knoxville assisted with Vacation Bible Schools in two churches in Berea, Ky. The group provided literature, crafts, and staff for the Blue Lick and Knob Lick Baptist churches. There were two professions of faith in the schools which enrolled 155. Jerry Heflin is serving as interim pastor of the Knoxville church.

CHURCHES . . .

Point Pleasant Baptist Church of Buchanan held a dedication service for the new addition to the church on Oct. 6. Earl Wilson, president and treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, was the featured speaker. Jimmy Allison is the pastor.

First Baptist Church of Lewisburg has voted to sponsor a mission church. Members of the church have been working to renovate the Bethlehem Cumberland Presbyterian Church building where they will be meeting. The pastor of the Lewisburg church is Paul W. Woodford.

REVIVALS . . .

There were 350 decisions with approximately 100 professions of faith at the revival at Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville, Sept. 12-15. J. Harold Smith, from Orlando, Fla., was the evangelist for the week at the church where Paul Durham is pastor.

Gerald Stow, executive director-treasurer of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, recently led revival services at First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, where Paul W. Woodford is pastor. Julian Suggs, director of the church music department for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, led the music during the revival that led to three professions of faith and several other decisions.

Point Pleasant Baptist Church, Buchanan, recently held revival services. Noel Edwards, pastor of First Baptist

Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden
TBC Executive
Secretary-Treasurer



Recently as I read again the account about John the Baptist being in prison, I was impressed with his loneliness and doubt. "And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art Thou He that should come? or look we for another?" (Luke 7:19). I have thought of some of the things that might have caused John the Baptist to doubt.

There was concern about being imprisoned. There was a seeming failure of goodness. John was in jail, not for doing bad, but because he had preached the truth. Herod was living in sin and was very wicked, yet he was free and was enjoying the luxurious life while John was imprisoned.

Another reason that might have caused him to doubt was the pressure of public opinion. People were beginning to turn away from Jesus. They were finally going to crucify Him and there were few who shared John's convictions about righteous living.

Of course, there is always the fact of shared loneliness. He was shut in alone. He had been so active and now he was inactive. He was a man of the desert. Now, he had a great deal of time on his hands.

There is also in the account some suggestions for a cure for honest doubt. First of all, there was the honest search for truth. John really wanted to believe and his questions were sincere. Was Jesus the Christ or was he to look for another?

Another thing that helped John was his total willingness to accept evidence rather than to deny proof. Christ sent word about what He was doing.

"Tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." John drew his own conclusion.

Our Lord said, "And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me" (Luke 7:23). John was not offended in Christ. His faithfulness to Christ cost him his life. Christ still cures honest doubt.

Crockett County meets for '84-85

A layperson was elected for his first term as moderator at the annual meeting of Crockett County Baptist Association Oct. 7-8 at Three Way Baptist Church in Bells.

Jim Austin of First Baptist Church in Maury City replaces Bill Burks, who is pastor of Barker's Chapel in Friendship, as moderator. Also elected for the first time was David Green, who is pastor of Cairo Baptist Church in Alamo, as vice-moderator. Re-elected were Mrs. Jim Austin, who is a layperson of First Baptist Church in Maury City, as treasurer; and Mrs. R. V. Via, who is a layperson at Cross Roads Baptist Church in Bells, as clerk.

The 1986 meeting will be Oct. 6-7 at Walnut Hill Baptist Church in Bells.

PEOPLE . . .

Paul Childress, Phillip Dalton, and John Roberts were ordained as deacons at First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, on Sept. 29. Paul W. Woodford is the pastor.

Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, ordained Gordon Fisher, Tom Street, and Ken Parker as deacons Sept. 29. Bill Wilson is the pastor.

Glenn Schmitz was ordained as a deacon on Sept. 29 at South Gate Baptist Church, Nashville, where Forrest Jackson is pastor.

West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, recently ordained Lenny Ellis, W. O. Herndon, and Jim Stephenson as deacons. John Lee Taylor is the pastor.



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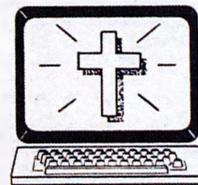
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Bold Face type indicates person nominated.

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- Emerson Wilas, Jr., Fayetteville
- Lloyd Lawrence, Nashville

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Term Expiring 1988

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- M.W. Egerton, Knoxville
- Don Early, Brentwood
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Term Expiring 1986

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- Joe Swaim, Covington
- William Coles, Jr., Nashville
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Term Expiring 1985

- Anderson McCulley, Niota
- Charles Gibbs, Jr., Athens
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- Bill Baird Griffith, Cookeville
- Ronnie Batchelor, Greenfield
- Ivan Roley, Knoxville
- James Henry, Knoxville
- Mary Hutson, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1987

- Bill Powell, Brownsville
- Don T. Wilson, Jr., Memphis
- Mrs. Gordon Crocker, Memphis
- Norris Smith, Memphis
- W. Clark Gross, Chattanooga
- Mrs. M.K. Cobble, Knoxville
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8. Lloyd Comer, Lawrenceburg

9. Mrs. Betty Suiter, Cookeville

Term Expiring 1986

- William Blackwell, Brentwood
- Robert W. Segrest, Chattanooga
- W.D. Thomason, Smyrna
- James Best, Greeneville
- Kenneth Newman, Oakfield
- E. Lowell Adams, Memphis
- Don W. Bowman, Apison
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- Jack Land, Memphis

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Term Expiring 1988

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Term Expiring 1987

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- Jerry Heffel, Nashville
- Ed Kennedy, Nashville
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- William J. Gregg, Nashville
- George L. Holmes III, Brentwood
- Tom Drake, McEwen
- Robert Woody, Hendersonville
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Term Expiring 1986

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- Stephen Hewlett, Nashville
- David Moore, Goodlettsville
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Term Expiring 1988

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- Maxfield Bahner, Chattanooga
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Term Expiring 1987

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- Mrs. W.H. Catlett, Jefferson City
- Franklin Hawkins, Kingsport
- Carl Nelson, Knoxville
- A. Douglas Watterson, Knoxville
- Lanas Tarr, Jefferson City
- Fred Lawson, Maryville
- Marion Cook, Cleveland
- Clifton Ward, Chattanooga
- Andrew J. Prince, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1986

- Richard Cardin, Nashville
- L.P. Gregory, Kingsport
- Winford Hendrix, Chattanooga
- Joseph Johnson, Knoxville
- James McSween, Jr., Newport
- Jack Stewart, Morristown
- Truett Pierce, Sneedville
- William D. Cloud, Knoxville
- Richard Emmert, Morristown
- James Bush, Knoxville
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Term Expiring 1988

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- Maurice Coleman, Waverly

5. J. Edward North, Humboldt

6. Dale Treadway, Jackson

7. William Sewell, Memphis

8. James H. Patrick, Memphis

9. James Witherington, Memphis

10. Jerry Glisson, Memphis

11. Phillip D. Jett, Jackson

12. Mrs. Thomas Freels, Memphis

13. Kenneth Leathers, Jackson

14. William Adcock, Newbern

Term Expiring 1987

- Mrs. Jane Alderson, Jackson
- Bill Cockcroft, Memphis
- Polk Glover, Obion
- Bernard Blasingame, Adamsville
- John Pippin, Savannah
- Wayne Allen, Memphis
- Raymond W. Rhear, Jackson
- James L. Thomas, Jackson
- James Terry, Jackson
- Mike Adams, Union City
- H.K. Sorrell, Brownsville
- Benny Fesmire, Jackson
- William P. Oakley, Memphis
- Kenneth Hawkins, Selmer
- Bob Hensley, Memphis
- Michael Garner, Paris

Term Expiring 1986

- Robert Lamons, Jackson
- Mack Forrester, Ridgely
- John McRee, Memphis
- Ray Newcomb, Millington
- Charles Van Snider, Memphis
- Donald Stephenson, Jackson
- William H. Walker III, Brownsville
- Ollie Holmes, Lexington
- Hardy Graham, Union City
- Mrs. Solon Freeman, Memphis
- John Drinnon, Germantown
- Walton West, Huntingdon
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- Don Whitt, Milan
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HARRISON CHILHOWEE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Term Expiring 1988

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- Roy Gilleland III, Nashville
- James W. McCammon, Seymour
- A.C. Maslingill, Knoxville
- Don Dills, Dyersburg
- William Scandiya, Harrison
- Larry Ledbetter, Townsend

Term Expiring 1987

- Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Memphis
- Morris Frank, Smyrna
- Mrs. Breck Ellison, Knoxville
- Robert Ward, Cookeville
- Henry Guy Jackson, Jr., Kingsport
- Russ Dunham, LaFollette
- D. Vance Martin, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1986

- McKinley Braden, Knoxville
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- Jim Niceley, Knoxville
- Mrs. Roberta Dorr, Maryville
- Wesley Goddard, Louisville
- W.F. Hall, Seymour
- Glenn Grubb, Alcoa

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Term Expiring 1988

- Hugh Willson, Niota
- Milton Magee, Dyersburg
- William S. Cockcroft, Memphis

Term Expiring 1987

- J. Ralph McIntyre, Nashville
- David Nunn, Halls
- N. Bob Carpenter, Memphis

Term Expiring 1986

- Robert Flowers, Memphis
- Irvin Hays, Bartlett
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BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Term Expiring 1988

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- W. Fred Kendall, Sr., Nashville
- Osta Underwood, Nashville
- Edmond Tipton, Nashville
- Joe Bistowiah, Nashville
- Gary Sisco, Nashville
- Virgil H. Moore, Jr., Columbia

8. H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville

9. Guy Bates, Sr., Joelton

Term Expiring 1987

- George Bennett, Nashville
- William E. Crook, Old Hickory
- Walton Smith, Clarksville
- Richard D. White, Franklin
- James L. Sullivan, Hermitage
- DeVaughn Woods, Nashville
- David Buchanan, Franklin
- Willie K. Davis, Nashville
- Harold Allen, Gallatin

Term Expiring 1986

- Russell Birmingham, Nashville
- William Fox, South Pittsburg
- Tom Hitt, Columbia
- Kenneth Ross, Nashville
- H. David Smith, Nashville
- J. Harold Stephens, Shelbyville
- Courtney Wilson, Hendersonville
- L. Bruce Campbell III, Nashville
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Term Expiring 1988

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- John D. Wallace, Morristown
- David R. Myers, Maryville
- Jack Easterly, Knoxville
- John Sample, Nashville
- Wayne Nicholson, Knoxville
- Bruce Marston, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1987

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- William A. Fortune, Knoxville
- Mrs. Lyle Moore, Jr., Newport
- Mrs. Patricia Davis, Knoxville
- James Temple, Sevierville
- Paul E. Walker, Knoxville
- Byrl Logan, Knoxville
- Glenn Sullivan, Concord
- Charles P. Crawford, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1986

- Robert Calloway, Knoxville
- Robert Hill, Knoxville
- Lawrence Trivette, Jr., Knoxville
- Robert McCray, Dandridge
- Robert Johnson, Knoxville
- J.C. Parrott, Powell
- George Childs, Knoxville
- William Cope, Pigeon Forge
- Mrs. Jewell Rule, Knoxville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.

Term Expiring 1988

- George Thompson, Nashville
- William Shelton, Jr., Jackson
- Charles LaFavor, Nashville
- William Branan, Memphis
- Ron Phillips, Hixson
- Lloyd Johnson, Nashville

Term Expiring 1987

- M. Taylor Harris, Nashville
- Kenneth Hubbard, Knoxville
- Harold White, McMinnville
- Joe Sanford, Jefferson City
- Thomas Walker, Paris
- Bill Bates, Jackson

Term Expiring 1986

- Ron Lowrey, Nashville
- Joe Hampton, Nashville
- Mrs. Marvin Hughes, Nashville
- John Langlois, Franklin
- Jerry King, Harrison
- Art Mason, Manchester

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Term Expiring 1988

- Bill Roberts, Pikeville (E)
- William Swafford, Elizabethton (E) (Temporary Chairman)
- James Clapp, Murfreesboro (M)
- Charles Brown, Shelbyville (M)
- Mrs. James Hadley, Humboldt (W)

Term Expiring 1987

- William Fox, South Pittsburg (E)
- James McCluskey, Knoxville (E)
- Robert E. Brown, Winchester (M)
- J.T. Drace, Adamsville (W)
- W.A. Farmer, Como (W)

Term Expiring 1986

- Donald Strother, Johnson City (E)
- Randy Sledge, Lebanon (M)
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4. (W)
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1985-86

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1988 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

Bold Face type indicates person nominated.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

- Term Expiring 1988**
 1. Wayne Nicholson, Knoxville (E)
 2. Vernon Fielden, Kingsport (E)
 3. Walter Taylor, Jackson (W)
 4. Joe Franklin, Bells (W)
 5. Max Walker, Selmer (W)

- Term Expiring 1987**
 1. William E. Owens, Chattanooga (E)
 2. Edwin Hollis, Springfield (M)
 3. William H. Enoch, Watertown (M)
 4. John Humphrey, Madison (M)
 5. James A. Kinsey, Union City (W)

- Term Expiring 1986**
 1. John Perkins, Elizabethton (E) (Temporary Chairman)
 2. Carroll Golden, Seymour (E)
 3. Larry Duke, Nashville (M)
 4. (M)
 5. Paul Clark, Jackson (W)

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

- Term Expiring 1988**
 1. E. W. Barnes, Johnson City (E)
 2. Mrs. Ruth O'Leary, South Pittsburg (E)
 3. Leonard Markham, Sweetwater (E)
 4. Carl Scarlett, Levensville (M)

5. James Roberts, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Merrill Moore, Jr., Alcoa (E)
 2. Thomas L. Baines, Murfreesboro (M)
 3. Emery Farmer, Springfield (M)
 4. Pat Kaugh, Bemis (W)
 5. William A. Foote, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Gary Anderson, Dunlap (E)
 2. H.D. Knight, Bumpas Mills (M)
 3. Paul Woodford, Lewisburg (M) (Temporary Chairman)
 4. Kenneth Story, Germantown (W)
 5. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg (W)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

Term Expiring 1988

1. Pat Fife, Delano (E)
 2. Aubrey Parks, Knoxville (E)
 3. Larry Haggard, Waynesboro (M)
 4. Wayne Perkins, Greenfield (W)
 5. Michael Owens, Munford (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Richard Powell, Johnson City (E)
 2. James M. Gregg, Nashville (M)
 3. Charles L. Nail, Lawrenceburg (M)
 4. John B. McCammon, Jackson (W)
 5. Jerry Legg, Dyer (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Joe Ingram, Maryville (E) (Temporary Chairman)
 2. Ron Mouser, Knoxville (E)
 3. John Lowrance, Fairview (M)
 4. Roy Babb, Hendersonville (M)
 5. Trevis Otey, Jackson (W)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

- Term Expiring 1988**
 1. Marcella Adams Knoxville (E)

2. Margaret Lewis, South Pittsburg (E)
 3. J. D. May, Cowan (M)
 4. Jerry Neely, Murfreesboro (M)
 5. Roy Stinson, Gates (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Haven Lowe, Johnson City (E)
 2. Lloyd Johnson, Nashville (M)
 3. James H. Youree III, Waynesboro (M)
 4. Teddy H. Evans, Covington (W)
 5. (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Roy Lillard, Cleveland (E)
 2. John M. Toomey, New Market (E)
 3. Fred Rolater, Murfreesboro (M)
 4. George Webb, Jr., Paris (W)
 5. William S. Bates, Jackson (W)

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Term Expiring 1988

1. Wayne Markham, Lake City (E)
 2. Ted Taylor, Lenoir City (E)
 3. Steve Merrill, Jasper (E)
 4. Fred M. Wood, Memphis (W)
 5. Michael Agee, Kenton (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Eugene Hattaway, Knoxville (E)
 2. (E)
 3. Don L. Peek, Lafayette (M)
 4. James Daniel, Whiteville (W)
 5. Truman Spurgin, Halls (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Robert A. Dowdy, Nashville (M)
 2. Kenneth Collier, Nashville (M)
 3. John Segree, Estill Springs (M) (Temporary Chairman)
 4. Ronald D. Lowrey, Antioch (M)
 5. Joe Littlefield, Memphis (W)

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- Term Expiring 1988**
 1. Wayne Heatherly, Concord (E)

2. Joe Little, Sweetwater (E)
 3. (M)
 4. Ron Cannon, Nashville (M)
 5. Robert Jalks, Paris (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. John C. Dotson, Kingsport (E)
 2. Jerry N. Putman, Lawrenceburg (M)
 3. Lawrence Cameron, Madison (M)
 4. Jack Knox, Germantown (W)
 5. William H. Walker III, Brownsville (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Maryville (E)
 2. Paul Nolan, Signal Mountain (E)
 3. James Yarborough, Nashville (M)
 4. Howard Guthrie, Dyersburg (W) (Temporary Chairman)
 5. George B. Jones, Memphis (W)

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Term Expiring 1988

1. Karen Bibbins, Knoxville (E)
 2. Robert E. Jones, Bluff City (E)
 3. Charlie Boggan Newport (E)
 4. Fred M. Wood, Memphis (W)
 5. Jerrell White, Union City (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Dwayne Sheumaker, Nashville (M)
 2. David R. Wall, Tullahoma (M)
 3. Jerry R. Smith, Mt. Juliet (M)
 4. Ray Newcomb, Millington (W) (Temporary Chairman)
 5. Ray Green, Covington (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. (E)
 2. (E)
 3. Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville (M)
 4. (M)
 5. Wesley Pitts, McKenzie (W)

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- Term Expiring 1988**
 1. Michael Moore, Maryville (E)

2. Joe Chandler, Knoxville (E)
 3. George Horton, Nashville (E)
 4. M. J. Strickland, Lawrenceburg (M)
 5. Osta Underwood, Nashville (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Marvin G. Cameron, Gatlinburg (E)
 2. Edward Futrell, Johnson City (E)
 3. Michael M. Christian, Cookeville (M)
 4. D. M. Renick, Memphis (W)
 5. John Pippin, Savannah (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Robert L. Dalton, Hixson (E)
 2. Harold Gregory, Madison (M)
 3. Frank Ingraham, Franklin (M) (Temporary Chairman)
 4. Mel Mason, South Fulton (W)
 5. H.D. Hudson, Henry (W)

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Term Expiring 1988

1. James Holloway, Vanore (E)
 2. Amos Jarman, Alexandria (M)
 3. (M)
 4. Mike Boyd, Jr., Memphis (W)
 5. Charles Halliburton, Finley (W)

Term Expiring 1987

1. Bruce A. Yates, Alcoa (E)
 2. Albert South, Jonesborough (E)
 3. Bobby G. Johnson, Lebanon (M)
 4. J. Milton Knox, Shelbyville (M)
 5. Jerry M. Lee, Paris (W)

Term Expiring 1986

1. Joyce Goodman, Harrison (E)
 2. Ron Owens, Kingsport (E)
 3. David Keel, Nashville (M) (Temporary Chairman)
 4. Thomas Pirle, Martin (W)
 5. David Bartholomew, Union City (W)

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE

Executive Board

TO THE

Tennessee Baptist Convention

- We recommend that the basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1985-86 be set at \$21,000,000.
- We recommend that 36.75 percent of the Cooperative Program budget receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 63.25 percent be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
- We recommend that a challenge budget goal of \$1,000,000 beyond the basic budget be adopted and that it be divided 40 percent for Southern Baptist Convention causes and 60 percent for Tennessee Baptist Convention causes.
- We recommend that the 60 percent for Tennessee Baptist Convention causes beyond the basic budget goal be distributed as follows: \$175,655 for Tennessee Baptist educational institutions; \$23,500 for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc.; \$29,256 for the reserve and contingency funds in the Executive Board budget; and the remaining amount be used for Bold Mission Thrust (creative ministries). We further recommend that the above items in the challenge budget be funded pro rata.
- We recommend that, after reviewing budget requests submitted by the various Executive Board committees, the following Cooperative Program budget for 1985-86 be adopted:

BUDGET REQUESTS — OPERATING AND CAPITAL

Administration, Central Admin. Depts., and Agencies

	Budget 1984-85	Proposed 1985-86
Convention Services (Gen. TBC & Ex. Bd.)	\$ 374,200	\$ 391,500
Annular Board Programs (Office)	86,578	92,596
Executive Offices	365,133	386,719
Central Admin. Departments	953,301 ¹	1,039,103
Baptist and Reflector	735,675	738,548
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	213,801	228,980
Contingency Fund	21,810	16,422
Executive Board Reserve Fund	25,000	0
Operating Funds - Administrative	\$ 2,775,498	\$ 2,893,868
Less refunds - outside sources:		
Annular Board SBC	(34,413)	(34,418)
BSSB for Church-Min. info	(4,500)	(4,400)
BSSB for Conv. Min. Div. office	(4,500)	(4,400)
GSMO for Conv. Min. Div. office	(0) ³	(0)
B&R Anticipated Income	(520,000)	(520,000)
Earned Interest - Accounting office	(116,165) ⁴	(122,135)
Earned Interest - Ex. Sec.-Treas. office	(68,000) ⁵	(73,000)
Total refunds-outside sources	(747,578)	(758,353)
Total Operating - Administrative	\$ 2,027,920	\$ 2,135,515
Capital Expense:		
Office Equipment, Ex. Bd. Bldg.	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
TOTAL Administrative	\$ 2,069,920	\$ 2,177,515

Convention Ministries Division

Departments	Budget 1984-85	Proposed 1985-86
Brotherhood	\$ 159,234	\$ 168,180
Media Ministries	63,111 ¹	125,119
Church Music	126,555	135,744
Church Training	235,755	248,242
Evangelism	151,408	159,214
Missions - Office	202,545	213,889
PACL, Historical	62,096	65,447
Student - Office	112,099	118,778
Sunday School	251,500	263,828
TOTAL	\$ 1,364,303	\$ 1,498,441
Statewide Ministries	Budget 1984-85	Proposed 1985-86
Annuity Board Programs	\$ 1,088,190	\$ 1,161,681
Camps	397,900	421,330
Church Building and Loan	9,619	9,855
Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund	75,000	65,000
Missions - Program	697,720 ²	749,538
Student - Campus	647,348	680,279
Pastoral Counseling	2,500	2,500
Ministers Aid	25,000	25,000
Properties-Maintenance Mgr. office	41,966	44,596
	\$ 2,985,243	\$ 3,159,779
Contingency Fund	\$ 21,357	\$ 16,422
Auxiliary (WMU)	\$ 428,251	\$ 435,995
Total Operating Funds	\$ 4,799,154	\$ 5,110,637
Capital Expense:		
Camps	\$ 206,000	\$ 210,200
Student - Campus	91,960	95,802
Total Capital Expense	\$ 297,960	\$ 306,002
Total Operating and Capital	\$ 5,097,114	\$ 5,416,639
Less refunds - outside sources:		
BSSB for State Mission Depts.	(66,000)	(74,800)
HMB for Mission Office	(36,312)	(36,264)
HMB, GSMO, & Local for Mission Prog.	(128,052) ¹	(143,916)
GSMO for Mission Lot & Bldg. Fund	(75,000)	(65,000)
GSMO for Brotherhood Disaster Van	(10,000)	(10,000)
GSMO for Camps - Capital	(168,000)	(170,000)
Anticipated Income - Camps	(363,000)	(387,000)
Self-liquidating, Church Bldg. & Loan	(9,619)	(9,855)
GSMO for Sunday School Dept.	(21,500)	(22,000)
GSMO for Student Campus work	(19,500)	(19,500)
GSMO for WMU Campus work	(93,000)	(95,250)
HMB for Evangelism	(8,220)	(10,716)
GSMO for Media Ministries	(7,200) ³	(6,200)
Total Refunds - Conv. Ministries Div.	(1,005,403)	(1,050,501)
TOTAL Convention Ministries	\$ 4,091,711	\$ 4,366,138

Educational Institutions

Operating Funds	Budget 1984-85	Proposed 1985-86
Carson-Newman College	\$ 1,486,871	\$ 1,590,952
Belmont College	1,098,728	1,175,639
Union University	1,098,728	1,175,639
Harrison Chilhowee Academy	316,489	338,643
CRV Scholarship Fund	79,860	79,860
Audits	37,840	38,500
Total Operating Funds	\$ 4,118,516	\$ 4,399,233

Capital Funds

Carson-Newman College	\$ 481,963	\$ 506,061
Belmont College	268,452	281,875
Union University	268,452	281,875
Harrison Chilhowee Academy	93,730	98,417
Total Capital Funds	\$ 1,112,597	\$ 1,168,228
TOTAL Educational Institutions	\$ 5,231,113	\$ 5,567,461

Benevolent Institutions

Operating Funds	Budget 1984-85	Proposed 1985-86
Hospitals	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes	109,586	109,586
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes	850,000	926,500
Audits	34,545	35,300
Total Operating Funds	\$ 994,131	\$ 1,071,386
Capital Funds		
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000
TOTAL Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,069,131	\$ 1,171,386
GRAND TOTAL Cooperative Program	\$12,461,875	\$13,282,500

RECAP OF REQUESTS, 1985-86

	1984-85	1985-86
Administration, Adm. Depts. & Agencies	\$ 2,069,920	\$ 2,177,515
Convention Ministries Division	4,091,711	4,366,138
Educational Institutions	5,231,113	5,567,461
Benevolent Institutions	1,069,131	1,171,386
Total TBC	\$12,461,875	\$13,282,500
1985-86 Cooperative Program Request:		
Tennessee Baptist Convention 63.25%	\$ 13,282,500	
Southern Baptist Convention 36.75%	7,717,500	
TOTAL	\$ 21,000,000	

¹This item in the 1984-85 budget was \$959,301. The Executive Board transferred \$6,000 from this item to "Media Ministries" under the Convention Ministries Division.

²This item in the 1984-85 budget was \$6,000. The Executive Board transferred this amount to be included in "GSMO for Media Ministries" under Convention Ministries Division's "refunds-outside sources."

³Through a typographical error, the figures for "Earned Interest - Accounting office" and "Earned Interest - Ex. Sec.-Treas. office" were swapped in the budget approved by last year's convention. This item should have read \$68,000.

⁴Through a typographical error, the figures for "Earned Interest - Accounting office" and "Earned Interest - Ex. Sec.-Treas. office" were swapped in the budget approved by last year's convention. This item should have read \$116,165.

⁵This item in the 1984-85 budget was \$52,911. The Executive Board transferred \$10,200 to this item (\$6,000 from "Central Administrative Departments" under Administration, and \$4,200 from "Mission - Program" under the Convention Ministries Division).

⁶This item in the 1984-85 budget was \$701,920. The Executive Board transferred \$4,200 from this item to "Media Ministries."

⁷This item in the 1984-85 budget was \$129,252. The Executive Board transferred \$1,200 from this item to "GSMO for Media Ministries."

⁸This item was not listed here in the 1984-85 budget. The Executive Board transferred to this item \$6,000 from "GSMO for Conv. Min. Div. office" in the Administration area of the budget and \$1,200 from "HMB, GSMO, & Local for Missions Program."

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Lesson for Oct. 20

False prophets

By Fred M. Wood
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Memphis

Basic Passage: Ezekiel 12:1 to 15:8
Focal Passages: Ezekiel 12:22-28; 13:3-6, 9-10a

The Israelites sought security from three sources: their Temple, their prophets, and their king.

Ezekiel, in chapters 6-11, dealt mainly with the Temple. He showed the people they had abused it so greatly it ceased to be that which could give them confidence.

In chapters 12-19, which contain a series of warnings showing the moral necessity for Jerusalem's destruction, he dealt with the prophets and kings.

In this lesson, we look at how those prophets sought to undercut Ezekiel and minimize his message. Though the expression "false prophet" does not occur in the Old Testament, this is the term by which scholars have agreed to call those who continued to tell the nation their future was bright when the clouds of judgment were gathering and complete captivity was almost upon them.



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Time is running out! (vv.22-28)
In 12:1-20, Ezekiel dramatized a hurried flight from a city, representing Jerusalem, and then intensified the warning by trembling and shaking when he ate and drank. Next, he attacked the false prophets who made light of his warning that Jerusalem was about to fall, using a formula he often employed, "the word of the Lord came to me" to emphasize the divine authority of his message.

Many times proverbs or spiritual motifs arise in a land to express how people feel about a subject. Ezekiel attacked one such phrase in Israel, "The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth," indicating the people had become skeptical about the prophetic warnings which had been given to them about Jerusalem's imminent fall. They preferred to believe only those prophets that said good things about them and failed to condemn their sins.

Speaking for God, Ezekiel said that such optimistic prophecies would cease from the land, for God would demonstrate His holiness as He punished the people. Another group in Jerusalem conceded that Ezekiel might be right about coming judgment, but they believed the time was way out in the distant future.

God declared He was through delaying His punishment. He would act soon. Though we do not know the exact date these words were delivered, we do know Ezekiel was called to preach in 592 B.C., and the city fell in 586 B.C. This means

not much time could have remained for Jerusalem!

Condemnation of false prophets (13:3-6)

The entire 13th chapter deals with those who brought untrue messages. Verses 1-16 concern the prophets and verses 17-23, the prophetesses. Perhaps we have a play on words with the expression "foolish prophets" (v.3) since the Hebrew words are similar - nabal, nabim. The "foolish" applies to moral judgment rather than intellectual deficiency.

Ezekiel compared them to foxes among ruins. The analogy may apply several ways. When a person enters a breach in a ruined building, a fox flees and will not take a stand against him. So the prophets would not take a stand for that which was morally right in a controversial matter. Another proposed interpretation is that as a fox enters a vineyard and destroys the fruit, so the prophets added to the decay of the nation by leading astray the weak. Perhaps the application most generally accepted, however, is that foxes find their natural place among decaying conditions. They dig about as their instincts direct. They thus add to the decay and undermine anything that is still standing.

The prophets found, among the morally and spiritually bankrupt people, many who were anxious to latch on to anything that would give them any measure of security. They eagerly listened to anyone that gave them any kind of hope. Those prophets, by preaching like this, gave no reason for the people to repent.

Punishments of false prophets (13:9-10a)

Since these speakers for God had compromised their message, they had forfeited their place of spiritual leadership in the nation. No longer could they counsel the people. Their names would not even appear in the registry of genuine Jewish citizens. This latter punishment was a serious thing in Jewish life. To them, this concept was virtually equivalent to the Christian concept of the Book of Life - a list of people who were approved by God.

Verse 10 shows us that the famous "peace, peace, when there is no peace" of Patrick Henry originated not with the American patriot but with a Hebrew prophet. We find great difficulty in believing he was not consciously quoting either Ezekiel (13:10) or Jeremiah (6:14, 8:11).

The more familiar we become with the Bible, the more we realize John Greenleaf Whittier was right when he said that, after our search for world wisdom, we come back from our quest "to find that all the sages said - is in the Book our mothers read!"

UNIFORM LESSON SERIES
Lesson for Oct. 20

In conflict with culture

By David J. Irby, chairman
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Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 8:1 to 11:1
Focal Passages: 1 Corinthians 10:6-14, 31 to 11:1

Two words, conflict and culture, stand out in this week's lesson and call for definition and amplification. What is culture? What does conflict mean?

Culture is difficult to define. One dictionary lists six possibilities. As used in this lesson it refers to "the ideas, customs, skills, arts, etc. of a given people in a given period." It refers to the way these are reflected in the lifestyles of people.

The word "conflict" is defined as "a fight, or protracted struggle; a sharp disagreement or opposition, as of interest, ideas, etc."

The church's conflict with culture

There was a conflict between the church and the kind of pagan, immoral, and godless culture in the city of Corinth. Two opposing sets of interests, values, and lifestyles are represented in such a conflict.

Culture seeks to infiltrate and influence the church and the church resists these efforts and seeks to keep itself "pure and unspotted" from the world. The conflict was real then and it is real now.

Many Scriptural admonitions call for Christians to "come apart and be sepa-

rate" from a godless culture (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18), and to "love not the world, neither the things in the world" (1 John 2:15-17).

Where there is no conflict between the church and a godless culture it can only mean that the church has capitulated to its culture.

The church's ministry to culture

Conflict alone, however, does not fully indicate the church's stance regarding culture. The church has a mission to the world, Christians are called to be in the world (culture) but not of it. While standing apart from it, they live within it. But they are there for a purpose.

That purpose is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to call people to forsake their evil ways and come to God for salvation. To be "saved" means to be rescued not only from sin but also from a culture that stands in opposition to God - a "crooked generation" as it is called by Peter in Acts 2:40.

The church's witness to the world, however, involves more than mere proclamation; it involves the Christian's lifestyle while he is in the world. What a Christian does and does not do in the world validates or invalidates his witness for Christ. He, therefore, is called upon to "avoid immorality like the plague" (1 Corinthians 6:18, Phillips), and to do the same for idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:14).

But what about matters that are not clearly identified as being either right or wrong? What is the Christian to do in such cases? What about eating meat that had been offered to pagan idols? What about matters that may not be wrong or harmful to the individual but may have a harmful influence upon others?

Paul's answer is that other considerations are involved in how a Christian should live in the world. There is more involved than whether or not something is right or wrong for the individual. What about his witness to the world? How will his actions be interpreted by unbelievers? What about his witness and influence within the church? Even though something may not be wrong for the individual, if it causes a weaker brother to stumble, should he do it? Are we really our brother's keeper?

Church deaf ministry celebrates 40 years

First Baptist Church in Memphis has been providing a ministry to the deaf for 40 years. Oct. 13 was designated Deaf Ministry Day in the church and special services were held.

Activities included an anniversary celebration for deaf members Oct. 12 and dinner on the grounds following the morning worship service Oct. 13. Silent Praising Hands, the church's deaf choir, provided special music during the evening worship service.

Eighteen deaf people attended the first interpreted worship service and Sunday School class in 1945. Presently, the deaf ministry provides eight Sunday School classes for ages three to 80 with a total enrollment of 119.

The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf was founded at the church in 1948. The church was also instrumental in establishing the Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf almost 30 years ago.

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, is Earl C. Davis. Claude Burgess has been serving as full-time minister with the deaf for the past three years.

Rockford Baptist Church calls Galyon as pastor

W. A. Galyon began his pastorate at Rockford Baptist Church in Rockford on Sept. 15. He comes to the church from Sever County where he was pastor of Knob Creek Baptist Church.

A graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Galyon has pastored churches in Blount, Jefferson, and Sevier counties.

William F. Hall has been serving as interim pastor of the Rockford church.

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Praising God for salvation

By Paul Woodford, pastor
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Basic Passage: Exodus 14:1 to 15:21
Focal Passages: Exodus 14:29 to 15:2; 15:11-13, 17-18

Did you ever play "Did you ever?" While driving, did you ever glance away from the road ahead to adjust the radio or air conditioner? Did you ever suddenly find yourself almost colliding with a ditch, an abutment, or another vehicle? Did you ever make a sudden jerk of the wheel and find yourself safely restored on the right road? Did you ever after such a happening make the natural response of "Thank God, I am okay and no real harm has been done?"



Woodford

If so, then you can identify with the way the Israelites experienced their deliverance from the pursuing Egyptians. Though the circumstances vary in kind and seriousness, the emotional road traveled and the requirement of faith is much the same. Our chosen Scripture passages illustrate the emotional reaction elicited in this act of faithfulness on the part of God and manifested in the faith of the children of Israel in the God Who is reliable and Who keeps His promises.

The threat of the pursuing Egyptians coupled with the seeming insurmountable sea ahead most certainly filled the recently freed slaves with fear. But the very act of deliverance, the parted waters, the dried sea bed, the engulfing waters pouring over their enemies also filled them with strong emotions, a gamut of emotions. First there was fear bordering on terror, then a believing trust, and finally a joy that had to be expressed in knowing God better and praising Him more.

Seeing the mighty hand of God elicits the fear of the Lord (14:29-31). The children of God experienced a real event of deliverance. The Hebrews had left Egypt after years of bondage (recall last week's prediction by God to Abraham of a 400-year slavery.) Urged to leave by the Egyptian leaders, they set forth. But the mood changed and the Egyptian army was sent to bring back this principal portion of Egypt's labor force. Certainly Israel's situation seemed hopeless as they were caught be-

tween the sea and the advancing army of the enemy. But the God of hope acted visibly in a definite way and at a definite time in their history. Justice was not only done, it was seen to be done. "And Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore."

The very human emotion of fear approaching terror was turned into a reverential awe at "that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord." It is but a short step from such reverential awe to an active faith and truth.

Fear of the Lord leads to faith and trust (15:1-2)

"And the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and His servant

Moses" is a description of the process of trusting faith. The basic meaning of belief is to lean upon something or someone for support, or to depend upon.

Many years ago, a Bible translator was at a loss for the word to translate faith into a native African dialect. He reports that he observed a tired runner cast himself upon a bench and use the native dialect word for what he was doing. Then the translator had his word to translate faith, "to lean one's whole weight upon or rest one's whole weight upon."

There is an added dimension here also. The children of Israel had an increase of trust in their appointed leader, Moses. But the emotion that welled up and sustained was expressed in the Song of Moses and of Miriam.

God's deliverance evokes a great joy (15:1-2, 11-13, 17-18)

Slowly the shock of the experience began to wear off and the terror and awe were replaced by an overwhelming joy that wanted to know God better and to

praise Him more. As one man has wisely observed, "The Red Sea was not an unfortunate barrier that somehow thwarted them. It became the very center of deliverance." How reminiscent of Paul's observation in 2 Corinthians 2:16 is this statement. Their songs of praise and gratitude center on three major ideas: the affirmation that the deliverance was the result of God's action, that there is a great hope and future for Israel, and that God's nature is revealed to be glorious, fearful, wonderful, and eternal.

Someone has noted that the hymn in Exodus 15 is like the rainbow after the storm. Even so, reverential awe, trusting faith, and songs of joy are the natural phenomena after a deliverance from danger. In other words, all of these are the natural result of salvation.

Truly Christianity is a faith that sings with joy. More pointedly, Christians bear their best and most effective testimony when their lives are lives of praise and joy to God and are lives which seek to know and serve Him better.

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Church starter reveals paradox of new work

By Jim Lowry

KALISPELL, Mont. (BP)— Southern Baptists, in their enthusiasm to start churches in new work areas, may need to exercise patience or risk reflecting an image of a struggling, suffering denomination.

For Butch Adcock, pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, Mont., there is a paradox of loneliness for more contact with other pastors while at the same time not favoring the location of a new church within a few miles of another small, struggling church.

"Our basic philosophy has been to establish churches in towns which have no Southern Baptist witness," Adcock said. "Instead, we should establish area churches and let the church reach out where it can be strong, rather than spreading out the leadership."

"Missions efforts for the most part are ineffectual when there is one church with an average attendance of 14 and another church three miles away with about the same number," he said.

"We have to exercise patience, even if it might mean not having a mission for 10 years," he explained. "In the Northwest, we need the strong Southern Baptist witness of good preaching, good teaching, and good training."

"I'm for starting churches with good possibilities," explains Adcock, whose church members have been involved in helping with the construction of 14 churches in the northwestern United States in the last nine years.

"A church needs to be running about 200-250 in Sunday School before you can establish a mission by moving leaders to

the new church," Adcock said. "You nurture the mission church and keep a strong mother church. When the mission church gets strong, you establish another mission."

In the northwestern part of the U.S., many people are not oriented to attending church, according to Phil Turner, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Dishman, Wash., one of the churches constructed by workers from Easthaven Baptist Church.

"We have a generation or two where people moved here and church is not a part of their lives," Turner said. "Southern Baptists who move here are shocked by the small Baptist churches and go to bigger churches."

To point out the high mobility of people in the area, Turner said his church had enrolled 900 people in Sunday School in the last nine years while their Sunday School enrollment has grown to 261.

Some persons criticize churches for counting members and dollars, but to survive, a church must reach people to support ministries, according to Adcock. With the scarcity of church goers in the area, a fact of life is competition for members.

In Deer Park, Wash., Pastor Charles Hargrove said his church, with an average attendance of just over 100, is the second largest church in the town of about 1,800. There are 12 churches in the immediate area.

Hargrove's wife, who recently attended a conference at Glorietta Baptist Conference Center, said other wives of mission pastors in the conferences expressed loneliness because of the difficult circumstances in the Northwest.



EXPERTS IN PATIENCE — Butch Adcock (right), pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Mont., and Charles Hargrove, pastor of Deer Park (Wash.) Baptist Church, agree that Southern Baptists should be patient in starting new churches.

"There is strength in numbers," she said. "Numbers represent souls, but they also pay the bills. There is no strength in some churches here."

Deer Park Baptist Church is one of the churches in the area which is making gains in enrollment and finances, with attendance increasing from 60 to the present average of 103 in two years.

According to Adcock, Southern Baptists may be "forcing" their missions efforts with a mentality of a church in every city. Area churches might reach

more people and have a greater impact on communities.

"Southern Baptists are known for being a strong, evangelical denomination, noted for Bible teaching and Christian growth," Adcock said. "We're not reflecting Southern Baptist work, however, when some of our churches are projecting an image of defeatism and struggle."

"Christians are victorious," Adcock concluded. "We need to project what we preach — a victorious life, a victorious Saviour, a victorious salvation."

Professor teaches Kenyans about cows

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)— Seminary Professor Vance Kirkpatrick teaches Kenya Baptist seminary students how to raise milk cows.

"We are developing good breeding stock and will sell them a heifer at reduced rates when they graduate," the Louisiana Baptist missionary-in-residence said, noting the Kenyan pastors can raise a cow on one-third acre of land and double their income by selling the milk. "Also they have milk for the children to improve nutrition."

Raising dairy cattle in Kenya is not new but cattle that will produce four or five gallons per day are a rarity. "Most of their cattle produce one or two quarts. People sit around and watch us milk because of the quantity," he said.

Kirkpatrick teaches pastors in the

Baptist Theological Education by Extension program where he is director of the Kenya branch of the International Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa. Enrollment is about 725.

He and his wife, Cherry, are on furlough until June.

Of course, Kirkpatrick's main ministry is training Kenya national pastors for ministry. This is done by an extension program where students remain on their fields of ministry except for a periodical two-week study on a campus.

"Our philosophy of theological education focuses on keeping pastors in their communities where they can minister and make a living for their families," said Kirkpatrick. He said most of them remain in their communities even after seminary education is complete.

Interpretations

A good soldier

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Thou therefore endure hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3).

Paul was fond of using military and athletic terms to express spiritual truth. He also used mixed metaphors for that purpose. These are amply illustrated in 2 Timothy 2:3-6.

The Greek text reads "suffer hardship with me." Climaxing all his hardships for Christ was Paul's present predicament — in a Roman dungeon facing death. He and Timothy are fellow-soldiers, so they should share sufferings as such. The life of a soldier at war is fraught with danger and difficulty. To be effective, the soldiers must share equally in it. To illustrate this Paul uses three metaphors.

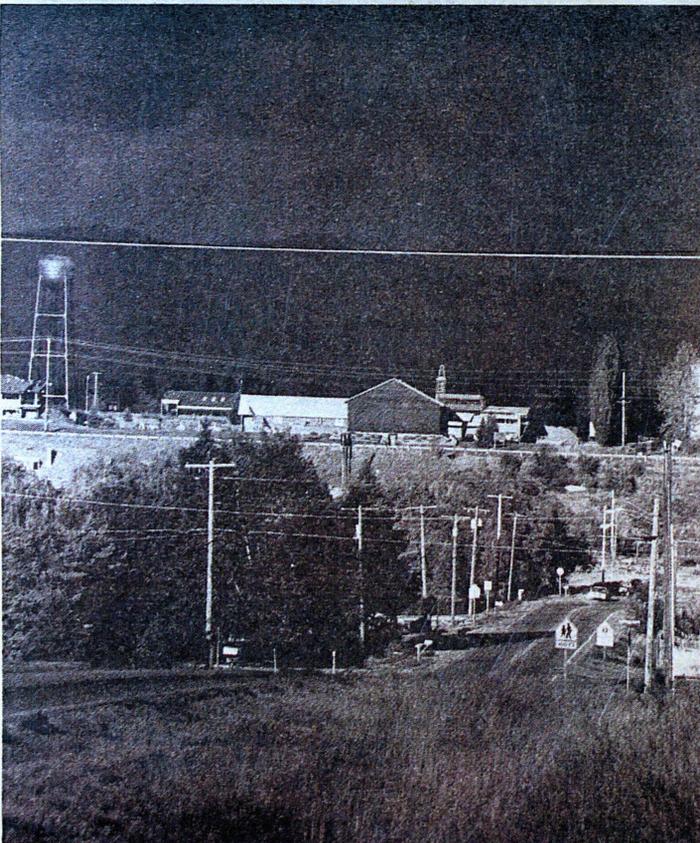
First, he used the figure of a soldier (v.4). "Warreth" (KJV) means to serve as a soldier. The soldier must concen-

trate on military life, thus he does not become involved in civilian life, business, and the like, to the point of giving Christ second place. Giving his all to being a good soldier, he endeavors to please those under whom he serves. Christians should do the same for Christ.

Second, Paul uses the figure of an athlete (v.5). "Strive" renders athlete, note athlete. He denies himself in training, and does his best to win the contest. Unless he plays by the rules of the game, he is not crowned as the victor. Serving Christ calls for self-sacrifice and diligent effort within God's will.

Third, he uses the figure of a farmer (v.6). The one who tills the soil has the right to be the first in partaking of the harvest. Here is the note of reward for faithful Christian service.

All three metaphors call us to face the price we must pay if we are to be faithful servants of the Lord.



FRONTIER FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS — The Rocky Mountains, only 60 miles from the Canadian border, form a beautiful backdrop for Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Mont. Members of Easthaven have helped build 14 SBC churches in the last nine years in an area where Southern Baptists are rare. Photo by David Haywood.