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**CONFERENCE CROWDS** — Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, had a near capacity crowd for the opening session of the Knoxville area regional Sunday School leadership conference. See story on page 2.

## Peace Committee sets day of prayer Oct. 19

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — Sunday, Oct. 19, has been designated as a day of prayer and fasting for the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee on the eve of its three-day prayer retreat with executives of SBC agencies.

The request for the special, convention-wide prayer effort came from Peace Committee Chairman Charles Fuller in a report to the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., urged all Southern Baptists "to seek the face of God on behalf of all of those who will participate in the special prayer retreat" Oct. 20-22 at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center near Santa Fe, N.M.

The prayer retreat has been planned to bring together the special 22-member convention-created committee and the executives of the 20 national SBC agencies in an effort to seek reconciliation of the seven-year controversy in the nation's largest evangelical denomination.

Fuller told Executive Committee members, agency executives, and more than 200 other persons present for the meeting: "I call upon us all, including the Peace Committee chairman, to ask of our motives, 'Is it reconciliation we seek, or only victory?'"

He urged his listeners to consider the example of Christ, Who "although it was us who had offended Him, took the initiative in reconciliation."

Following the report, Executive Committee Chairman David Maddox called all agency executives and members of the Peace Committee to the front of the meeting hall for a time of special prayer, for the persons individually, for the convention, and for the prayer retreat.

During his report, Fuller told the Executive Committee that the Peace Committee "hopes to have a preliminary report to present to the Executive Committee in its February 1987 meeting. At that point, we would hope to profit from your response and, if the schedule we have made for ourselves progresses as planned, will attempt to release a final report with recommendations at least two months prior

to the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis."

He commented the full Peace Committee has met once since the 1986 annual meeting and that five of its members met in mid-September with the presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, whom he thanked for "their cooperative part" in the session which was "preparatory to the prayer retreat at Glorieta."

During the Executive Committee meeting, Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and chairman of the seminary presidents' informal organization, reported on the meeting.

"We (the presidents) responded with enthusiasm to the invitation from ... the Peace Committee," Ferguson said. "Our meeting ... was very helpful. Our conversations were frank and productive. We did not seek to reach any specific conclusions; nevertheless, the seminary presidents feel that significant progress was achieved in understanding and perspective."

Ferguson also said: "We are aware

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## Johnson City to host annual TBC meeting

By Al Shackelford

The 112th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 11-13 at Freedom Hall in Johnson City with an expected attendance of nearly 2,000 messengers and visitors.

The theme for the 1986 state convention will be "A People of a Great Heritage, Great Heart, and Great Hope."

Featured speakers selected by the Committee on Arrangements will be William O'Brien, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Christine Gregory of Danville, Va., former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union; Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School department for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; D. E. King, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.; and Frank Pol-

lard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Two other speakers at next month's TBC were chosen by messengers to the 1985 state convention. The president's address will be delivered by James G. McCluskey, pastor of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, and the convention sermon will be preached by Dillard Mynatt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge.

Chosen by the Committee on Arrangements to bring devotionals at each of the seven sessions were John Budlong, pastor of Mullins Station Baptist Church, Memphis; John Carpenter, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Jonesborough; Warner Fusselle, retired pastor and college president, Jackson; Reece Harris, pastor of Sinking Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethton; Albert Jewell, pastor of Saulsbury Baptist Church, Saulsbury; Ralph Norton of Chattanooga, retired TBC executive secretary-treasurer; and Mack Pinkleton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Pulaski.

Between the inspirational messages and devotionals, the messengers will consider nominations from the convention's Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees, which will name Tennesseans to serve in positions related to the state convention and its institutions. (See nominations on pages 11-13.)

Another major business item will be consideration of a recommended \$22.5-million Cooperative Program budget goal for the November 1986-October 1987 convention year. (A summary of the Executive Board's recommendation is printed on page 11.)

The convention will open at 9:15 a.m. EST on Nov. 11, when President McCluskey calls the messengers to order. That

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James G. McCluskey

## CP gifts approach \$21-million goal

With one month remaining in the convention year, Tennessee Baptists are in "striking distance" of reaching the \$21-million Cooperative Program goal, according to Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

When the books for September were closed on Tuesday of last week, Madden reported that receipts for the first 11 months of the current convention year were \$18,714,250.84.

To reach the \$21-million convention-approved goal, October's Cooperative Program gifts would need to total \$2,285,749.16.

Madden is optimistic that this amount will be reached, noting that October is traditionally one of the highest months in Cooperative Program mission giving by TBC churches and their members. For example, he observed that \$2,189,236.30 was given in October 1985 and \$2,006,757.79 was given in October 1984 — both of which were the highest months in TBC history at the time these amounts were given.

The current TBC record month was January 1986, when \$2,418,303.10 was received.

Messengers to the 1985 TBC set a \$21-million Cooperative Program goal for the November 1985-October 1986 convention year.

The 11-month goal would be \$19.25-million (eleventwelfths of \$21-million). Cooperative Program mission gifts for the last 11 months were \$18,714,250.84, which is \$535,749.16 below (2.78 percent below) the 11-month goal.

However, this amount is 7.76 percent larger than the \$17,365,826.27 given during the November 1984-September 1985 period.

Cooperative Program gifts for September barely missed the \$2-million plateau. Madden reported that last month \$1,999,763.71 was received in the TBC office. This amount is 14.27 percent above the monthly goal of \$1,750,000 (onethird of \$21-million).

September's Cooperative Program gifts were the eighth highest month in TBC history.

Last month's Cooperative Program mission gifts were \$738,039.74 (58.49 percent higher) than the \$1,261,723.97 given in September 1985.

# Church training leaders launch new start project

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — When one-third of the 37,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention report having no church training program, somebody needs to do something about it, national church training leaders determined.

They launched a controlled four-year project in August to go into the offices and homes of pastors whose churches have no church training program. They are telling pastors about the many training options, and if the pastors are interested, they provide information on how to start a church training program.

A statewide new-start project, the brainchild of state church training directors and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, already has begun to make its mark, said Steve Williams, growth consultant in the board's church training department.

The pilot project state was Alabama, said Williams, who noted about 300 pastors were contacted and visited during one week in August by 38 consultants enlisted to branch out into all areas of the state.

Of the pastors contacted, 127 agreed as of Sept. 10 to start a new church training program, and 33 already have training programs, Williams said.

"We have never done a project like

this before," Williams said. "The response was overwhelmingly positive. Most pastors were a little surprised that we would take the time to come see them instead of vice-versa. Lots were surprised to learn there were so many different ways to have church training."

He said many pastors were unaware of equipping centers, "survival kits," and other materials provided by the church training department.

This "massive undertaking" was conceived three years ago during a mid-year meeting of state church training directors and Sunday School Board church training department leaders, Williams said.

Nine state directors from states with the largest number of churches not having church training agreed to participate in the program, Williams said.

Two statewide new-start projects will be held per year, one week in the spring and one in the fall, he said. The two new-start projects to be held in 1987 are Missouri in the spring and South Carolina in the fall.

Other participating states include Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Illinois.

Williams said the informal goal for each state is to reach one-half of the number of churches that do not have church training programs.

Tennessee has about 900 churches without church training programs. Tennessee's project will be in the spring of 1988. The goal for the number of Tennessee churches that consultants will attempt to reach will be determined in January during a meeting with Tennessee directors of missions, according to Johnnie Hall, director of church training for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Consultants who visit the pastors come from all areas of church life, Williams said. "Some come out of our department, and the rest are selected by the state church training directors," Williams said. "They can be pastors, ministers of education, associational leaders, and others."

Consultants are in charge of scheduling appointments with pastors of churches in their assigned areas. Most of the pastors contacted thus far have been bivocational with church membership of between 75 and 150, Williams said.



**AGE GROUP SESSION** — Even the age group sessions drew capacity crowds at the Knoxville area Sunday School leadership conference. John Sisemore (left), Sunday School growth specialist, led a conference for general officers and adult department officers.

## Regional Sunday School meetings attract more than 4,000 leaders

Regional Sunday School leadership conferences, held in eight locations across Tennessee this fall, registered a whopping 53 percent increase over last year's enrollment, with 4,212 persons attending.

Memphis attracted the most with 963, followed closely by Knoxville's 901. Nashville and Chattanooga conferences each drew more than 500 people. Other cities hosting conferences were Dyersburg, Jackson, Johnson City, and Tullahoma.

F. Greer Ruble, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Sunday School department which sponsored the events, credited much of the success for the high attendance to the support and promotion-

efforts of directors of missions, other associational staff members, association Sunday School directors, pastors, ministers of education, other church staff members, and church Sunday School directors.

The general theme for the 1986 regional meetings was the Challenge 10/90 emphasis, a Southern Baptist plan to reach a total Sunday School enrollment of 10-million by Sept. 30, 1990. Tennessee's goal is to reach a Sunday School enrollment of 600,000 by that date.

Next year's regional leadership conferences will increase to nine locations, with many of the successful format changes from this year being included again next year, according to Ruble.



**"M" NIGHT PLANS** — Allison Aaron (left), Ruby Upchurch (center), and Annette Aaron, members of Etter Baptist Church, Byrdstown, create posters promoting Riverside Baptist Association's "M" Night or Mobilization Night is an annual effort, sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church training department and local associations, to remind church members that church training is alive and well.

## W. Godsey begins Westside ministry

Westside Baptist Church in McMinnville called Wayne Godsey as pastor. He began his ministry there Aug. 24.

Previously, Godsey served as pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Sparta.

His denominational service includes serving one term as president of the pastors' fellowship for Central Baptist Association.

## Carson-Newman's enrollment climbs 5 percent over '85-86

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College has increased its enrollment by 5 percent, according to statistics for fall registration released by C-N Registrar and Director of Records Paul W. Roden.

Total enrollment for the 1986-87 academic year is 1,742. This figure includes 1,681 students registered in degree programs and 61 special non-credit students. This year's total represents a 5 percent increase over last year's figure of 1,662.

This rise in enrollment included a 12 percent increase in new students.

"This large group of new students gives us a solid foundation on which we can build over the next few years," said Carson-Newman President J. Cordell Maddox.

Full-time equivalent enrollment was increased from 1,528 to 1,567. Boarding

students were up from 1,005 to 1,064. Funds allocated for financial aid are also on the rise. The dollar amount expended by the college to assist students with records of academic achievement has increased significantly.

"We have gone from awarding 28 percent of our institutional scholarship funds for academic achievement during 1985-86 to 63 percent in 1986-87," said Roy Dobyns, vice-president and academic dean. "This represents an aggressive commitment to academic excellence."

"It's worth noting that this increase only reflects awards for academic achievement coming from current unrestricted scholarship funds," said Director of Financial Aid Don Elia. "All of the funds in the restricted scholarship pool — which are tied to specific vocations, majors, or other requirements — are awarded for academic excellence."

## Terrorist attack in Togo delays volunteers' return

LOME, Togo (BP) — Three Southern Baptist volunteers were delayed in returning to North Carolina after gunmen attacked sections of Lome, Togo, the night of Sept. 23, killing six civilians, a Foreign Mission Board official reported.

None of the volunteers or the 11 South-

ern Baptist missionaries was endangered, said John Mills, Foreign Mission Board director for West Africa.

One couple and a woman volunteer had been working in community development projects in Moretan, Togo. Roadblocks and disrupted airport service delayed by several days their return to North Carolina. The volunteers, Bill and Evelyn Reece of Thomasville and Liz Doles of Burlington, left for North Carolina Sept. 29.

Five gunmen were reported killed and 19 captured during the fighting in Lome, the nation's capital city. The Togo government claims the gunmen are international terrorists; others have looked upon the attack as an apparent coup attempt.

About 150 to 200 French troops were flown in to search the city after the gunmen attacked. "Everything's back to normal," Mills said.

Missionary Larry Bailey said the border between Ghana and Togo was closed. After the incident, Lome residents stayed in their homes as the Togo government had advised. Togo air force jets flew over the area.

The Baileys did not hear any of the fighting. Attacks of this nature are infrequent in Togo, which is one of the more stable countries in West Africa.

Four missionary couples, a journeyman, and a long-term volunteer couple are stationed in Lome.

# Editors approve resolution on open board meetings

NASHVILLE (BP)— Editors of Southern Baptist state convention news journals have passed a resolution which brands as "absolutely unacceptable" closed sessions of Southern Baptist Convention board meetings.

The Southern Baptist Press Associa-

tion, comprised of editors of 37 state periodicals, unanimously passed the resolution during its late-September meeting, said Lynn P. Clayton, president of the organization and editor in Louisiana.

The resolution stresses the associa-

tion's members "view with deep concern the practice of a board, commission, or committee having meetings, for the purpose of discussing or conducting business, that are closed to any Southern Baptists."

It continues by urging "Baptist agencies at every level to review their bylaws to make certain that 'executive sessions' and closed business discussions are absolutely unacceptable except when sensitive personnel matters are concerned." It requests "assurances be given to Southern Baptists that full and accurate reports be issued of all actions taken in their behalf by every board, commission, and committee related to" the SBC.

The editors' action was prompted by recent closed board meetings at SBC agencies and institutions, Clayton said. He specifically cited closed meetings at the Home Mission Board in Atlanta; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louis-

ville, Ky.

The resolution lists four reasons for open meetings:

—"Southern Baptists believe that a democratic polity is the form of government nearest to the New Testament model;

—"Democracy functions best when people have free access to facts concerning (SBC) agencies and institutions and can make informed decisions;

—"Baptists consistently have affirmed their belief in the axiom, 'Trust the Lord and tell the people';" and

—"A free flow of information is possible when Baptist business is conducted in full view of all Southern Baptists."

"We felt like this action was important at this time, because it is increasingly important that Baptists make intelligent decisions and be fully informed," Clayton said.

Copies of the resolution have been sent to chief executives and trustee chairmen of all SBC agencies and institutions.

## Johnson City to host . . .

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Tuesday morning session will deal with reports from the Committee on Credentials, the Committee on Arrangements, and the TBC treasurer, which will include the presentation of the proposed 1986-87 Cooperative Program budget-goal. McCluskey's president's address will conclude the session.

At the 2:00 Tuesday afternoon session, new pastors and church staff members who have moved to Tennessee since the last convention will be recognized. There will be reports from the Committee on the Journal, Minister's Aid Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, before the session is concluded by O'Brien's message.

The Tuesday night session, which will begin at 6:45, will hear a report from the Historical Committee and will conclude with Mynatt's convention sermon.

The election of officers, consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and adoption of the convention's Cooperative Program budget-goal will highlight the 8:50 a.m. Wednesday (Nov. 12) session. It will conclude with Gregory's message.

At the 1:50 Wednesday afternoon session, the messengers will vote on nominations from the Committee on Boards and the Committee on Committees. Also, the Committee on Resolutions will present the first of its two reports. In a change from recent conventions, the Wednesday afternoon session will contain a sermon. The message by Piland will conclude the session.

During the 6:45 Wednesday night session, the new TBC film, "Mosaic in Missions" will be premiered. There will also be reports on Tennessee's involvement in Michigan and Venezuela, and a report from the Church Staff Compensation Study Committee. The session will end with King's message.

The Committee on Resolutions will bring its final report to the 9:00 Thursday morning (Nov. 13) session. There will also be a report from the Committee on Audits, and the convention will conclude with Pollard's message.

Three miscellaneous business sessions are scheduled during the Nov. 11-13 convention — Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon.

Throughout the convention, there will be reports from TBC institutions, agencies, and various Executive Board programs.

In addition to President McCluskey, other convention officers are vice-president, Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City; second vice-president, Bill Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dayton; 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 1986 convention.

## Presidents delay Rigdon retirement

NASHVILLE (BP)— Raymond Rigdon's plans for "life after the seminaries" will have to wait.

He has been employed by all of the Southern Baptist seminaries since 1969, when he became director of the Seminary Extension Department. In 1982, the department was merged into the new Seminary External Education Division and Rigdon was named executive director of the division.

Earlier this year, Rigdon informed the seminary presidents of his intention to retire next spring. He and his wife began making plans for travel and new vocational challenges.

When the presidents met in Nashville in late September, however, they unanimously urged Rigdon to extend his leadership for at least another year. After two days of consideration, he agreed to their request.

The seminary presidents cited several factors in asking Rigdon to continue. "This is a strategic time for theological education in our convention," said Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. "A task force is looking at ministry education needs in the Northeast. Joint off-campus programs on a master's level are still a relatively new venture for the division. Thousands of persons are getting their first taste of serious theological studies through seminary extension.

"We feel we need someone with Raymond Rigdon's experience and solid leadership skills heading up the Seminary External Education Division in these days," added Ferguson, current chairman of the seminary presidents, who comprise the governing board for the division.

## SBC Peace Committee . . .

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that we (the seminaries) are perceived to be at the heart of the controversy in our SBC fellowship. We acknowledge that fact and are ready and committed to become partners in achieving a solution which will allow us to devote our energies once again to evangelism, missions, and education."

Ferguson said the presidents are preparing a proposal to present at the prayer retreat which will include "our plans to help resolve the controversy, unite our hearts and minds, and enable us to move ahead with our primary task of proclaiming the gospel to a lost and dying world."

In addition to reporting on its plans for the prayer retreat and final report, Fuller also reminded the Executive Committee of the assignment given the Peace Committee, which is "to discover the causes of the controversies in our convention, to make findings and statements about those causes and to make recommendations about ways to accomplish reconciliation."

Fuller added: "There has been a great deal of political activity outside of the Peace Committee work. In my opinion, there have been violations of the convention's call for reduced politicizing on the part of individuals involved in both major factions of our controversy.

"Considering the nature of our Baptist view of freedom, we can only call upon each other's conscience and self-discipline," he said, adding: "Frankly, I would like to reply to my own detractors, those who are only too glad to evaluate my performance, but such excursions become time-consuming detours."

Later, in an interview with Baptist Press, Fuller did comment to "set the record straight" on recent criticisms of the Peace Committee made during a meeting of laymen in Fort Worth, Texas. During that meeting, speakers lambasted the Peace Committee for meeting in a "clandestine atmosphere" and for sealing the records for 10 years in what speakers called an attempt to deny Baptists access to the deliberations.

"It is important to know that the Peace Committee chose of its own volition to invite Baptist Press to be present throughout each of its meetings and to release a statement at the close through the chairman. That is an attempt on our part to fulfill our responsibility to keep Southern Baptists informed while at the same time trying to maintain an atmosphere which allows people to speak freely and not be cramped," Fuller said.

Fuller said he feels "compelled" to respond to the charges the Peace Committee has met "clandestinely. I interpret that word to mean 'sinsiter' or 'subterfuge.' We have met and released statements to try to inform Baptists about what we have done. I do not feel we have been clandestine."

He also said the committee had decided to keep detailed minutes and to make tape recordings of its meetings in order to fully inform Baptists of its activities, rather than attempting to deny them access to the deliberations.

"Our intention has not been to deny Southern Baptists access, but to the contrary. Any other interpretation would be a misreading of our purpose. We adopted the idea of sealing the records for 10 years to allow the committee to be able to function freely, while at the same time trying to keep faith with Baptists of the future," he said.



**PLANS DEFERRED** — His retirement plans deferred, Raymond Rigdon (right) discusses plans for the future of the Seminary External Education Division with Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern seminary and chairman of the division's governing board. Despite Rigdon's announced retirement plans, the governing board asked him to continue for at least another year as director of the seminaries' joint off-campus education programs.

## EDITORIAL

## Electing messengers for November's TBC

Five weeks from this time, the 112th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be in session at Freedom Hall in Johnson City. The convention will begin on the morning of Nov. 11 and will adjourn at noon on Nov. 13.

No one can predict how many messengers will attend the 1986 TBC, but with the large number of Baptist church members in upper east Tennessee, it is possible that we will surpass the record registration of 1,738 messengers 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 1986-87 convention year; nominations to TBC boards and committees; recommendations from the Committee on Resolutions; and many other important items which will determine the direction and emphases of our state convention. 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 by the TBC Constitution.

The convention in session is composed of messen-

gers 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 and its agencies and subscribe to and support the principles, programs, and policies of the Convention" (Article II).

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 members or less — 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.

It is hoped that many church members from the area will attend the night sessions as visitors.

Registration cards are available without cost upon request from the Tennessee Baptist Convention office in Brentwood or from associational offices. This year's registration cards are yellow. Other registration cards — even from previous years — will not be accepted at the registration tables.

Messengers seeking to register without our yellow 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 a called business meeting of the church.

A pastor is not automatically considered a messenger and should be voted on by the church along with the other messengers. The pastor 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 a called business meeting of the church.

—Secure registration cards for each messenger from the TBC office of 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 Tennessee Baptist Convention in Johnson City. Registration tables will be set up at University Parkway Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 10, beginning at 2 p.m. EST, and at Freedom Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, and continuing throughout the convention.

### Cicero's comment



By the editor

"Cicero, I have come to you because I am finally ready to admit what I am," announced A. C. Crett as he kept an appointment in my office, after cancelling seven times.

Cicero opened the conversation cautiously, not wishing to discourage the young man, who obviously was uneasy with this encounter.

"Cicero, something happened in my life several years ago that I have not been able to tell anyone," A. C. acknowledged. "I figured it is about time to 'come out of the closet.'"

I nodded, saying something like, "That's fine."

A. C. Crett took three deep breaths and hesitantly stammered, "Somehow I believe that I will be better off if I 'go public,' rather than trying to live a life of deceit and sham."

Trying to remember my college psychology courses, I responded, "You will feel better if you talk about it, rather than trying to keep it secret."

Crett began by explaining that when he was about eight or nine, he had come in contact with a certain type of individual. "I started going to this place where they frequently hung out."

"They attracted you?" I asked.  
"That is true," Crett stated. "They seemed to thoroughly enjoy their lifestyle and began to encourage me to join in with them."

"What happened?" I inquired.

"Well, I resisted for several years," A. C. answered, "even though I must confess that I had a definite tendency toward their lifestyle."

A. C. Crett paused — accepting a glass of water — and finally continued. "This put tremendous pressure on me in my formative pre-teen years — the internal conflict between the convictions of my family and associates, and the convictions of my new 'friends.'"

"Surely, it did," I agreed, taking a glass of water myself.

A. C. charged on. "Then at the age of 12, I made a definite decision in my heart and felt a great relief that I really was 'different.' It was a revolutionary change," he announced.

However, Crett added that he was afraid to tell anyone, because of what others might think.

"Oh," said Cicero.

"It could have been embarrassing — especially among the group I had grown up with," a shaken A. C. Crett relayed. "Since that time, I have been leading a double life — acting one way when I was with my family and my old friends, and acting another way when I was around this 'different' group."

Crett said that the teen-age years were especially hard. "Deep down I knew I was one of them, but I really did not want to admit that publicly."

"But now you do?" Cicero asked.

"Yes," A. C. Crett acknowledged.

"The attitude of our nation today is such that people can openly admit to a different lifestyle without fear of being looked down upon — so, I would like to announce to you and everyone that I am a CHRISTIAN!"

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# Tax changes affect church, ministers, religious bodies

WASHINGTON (BP) — Despite last-minute threats of blockage, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have given final approval to a wide-sweeping revision of the federal tax code.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986, which is expected to be signed into law by President Ronald Reagan within days, contains several provisions that will affect churches, church-related institutions, and ministers.

Senate and House conferees — headed by Sen. Bob Packwood, and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski — worked throughout the summer to hammer out a compromise between the House bill approved last December and the Senate version passed in June.

Both bodies voted by wide margins to approve the compromise version of H.R. 3838. The House approved the bill 292-136, with the Senate following suit by a vote of 74-23.

The legislation will retain the tax-exempt status of church pension and welfare groups, including the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. The House version would have stripped such boards of their federal tax exemption.

The compromise bill also will restore clergy housing benefits. Under a current Internal Revenue Service ruling — Revenue Ruling 83-3 — only ministers who occupied their residence or had a contract to purchase one by Jan. 1, 1983, are eligible to declare mortgage interest and property tax deductions in addition to tax-exempt housing allowances. Even

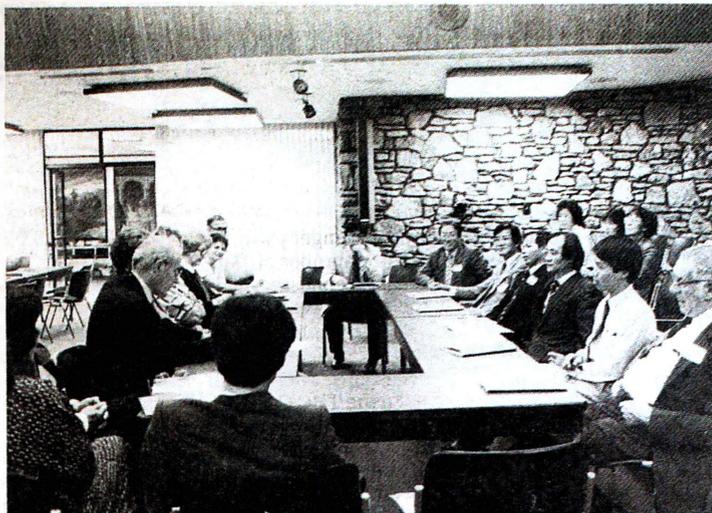
that limited eligibility is scheduled to extend only through tax year 1986.

Revocation of that IRS ruling will enable ministers receiving housing allowances who failed to claim deductions for interest and real estate taxes paid since 1983 to file amended tax returns seeking refunds.

The new law package will end the eligibility of non-itemizing taxpayers to claim deductions for charitable contributions. That benefit, which has been available to non-itemizers for the past three years, will end Dec. 31, 1986.

Other provisions of H.R. 3838 that will affect church-related institutions and employees include:

- denying a participant in a pension plan — such as offered by the Annuity Board — from deducting contributions to individual retirement accounts;
- adding non-discrimination rules that will require employers to equalize benefits for employees at all compensation levels, set more restrictive limits on the amounts that can be credited to an employee's retirement program, and revise the system under which ministers and churches can participate in the Social Security system;
- imposing new penalty taxes on most early withdrawals from pension plans; and
- restricting the amount of "catch-up" contributions a participant may make to a retirement income account to make up for years in which he was able to contribute little or nothing.



**REACHING ASIANS** — This discussion group was just one of several that met during the Language Leadership Conference Oct. 3-4 at the TBC Executive Board Building in Brentwood. The 64 participants represented nine of the 13 language groups including the deaf that have churches, missions, or ministries in the state.

## Union adds 13 to faculty

JACKSON — Thirteen instructors have joined the faculty of Union University full time for the 1986-87 academic year.

New faculty members are James Bittner, instructor in biology/chemistry; David Burke, instructor in communication arts and director of the theatre; Robin Flood, assistant professor of music; Norma Humphreys, instructor of music; Pat Laffoon, instructor in mathematics and computer science; Don F. Laney, assistant professor of business administration; Terry Lindley, assistant professor of history and political science; Melanie Matthews, assistant professor of nursing; Joyce Roberts, assistant professor of business administration; Bill Robertson, head librarian; Bob Shuttleworth, assistant professor of communication arts; Beth Ann Wright, instructor of sociology; and Sharon Younger, instructor of business administration.

Bittner, a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Mississippi, previously taught at the Episcopal Day School in Jackson.

Flood, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, the University of Colorado, and Texas Tech University, previously taught voice at the University of Colorado, Wayland Baptist University, and Texas Tech University.

Humphreys, a graduate of Union and Arkansas State University, has served as band director for the McNairy County Schools in Selmer.

Laffoon, a graduate of Lindenwood College and Memphis State University, was

an instructor in business at Jackson State Community College.

Laney comes to Union from Memphis State University where he served as an instructor in managerial finance and management and as a graduate assistant in the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Memphis State.

Lindley, a graduate of Texas Christian University, the University of New Orleans, and Texas A & M University, was previously an instructor of history at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, Texas.

Matthews, a graduate of the University of Tennessee and the University of Mississippi School of Nursing has served as part-time instructor in the department of nursing at Union.

Roberts, a graduate of Jacksonville (Ala.) State University, previously worked as an associate broker for Heritage Homes, Memphis.

Robertson comes to Union from Midland, Mich., schools where he served as coordinator of instruction and media library administrator. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and Indiana University.

Shuttleworth, previously a minister of music in Mississippi, is a graduate of Millsaps College and Mississippi College.

Wright, a graduate of Union and Memphis State, has been working as social worker and resident assistant for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Memphis.

Younger comes to Union from the Bendix Corporation where she was senior pricing administrator for Bendix Aftermarket Brake Division in Jackson. She also worked as an instructor of accounting and economics at Jackson State Community College. She is a graduate of Union and Memphis State.

## New Orleans reports increased enrollment

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Enrollment is up at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, with 1,443 students enrolled in degree programs during the first academic term.

Total enrollment, including non-degree program students, was up to 1,901, as of Oct. 1.



### Tennessee/Venezuela Prayer Net Partnership

- Missionary Eva Nell Kimler has a birthday Oct. 10. She is church/home worker living in Trujillo.
- Missionary Patsy Davis and the WMU leaders of Venezuela are continuing work begun by the Tennessee WMU training team.
- Leaders in the cities of Ciudad Bolivar, Acrigua, and Maturin need prayer support.
- The officers for 1986-87 of the Venezuela mission, which is the organization of the missionaries, are Thomas Vassar, chairman; Ben Kirby, vice-chairman; Annette Jackson, secretary; John Murphy, assistant secretary; Dave Browder, treasurer/business manager; and Mason Bonduant, assistant treasurer.



**THREE C-N PRESIDENTS** — The three presidents who have guided Carson-Newman College for the past 40 years will be honored at homecoming Oct. 10-12. The presidents and their years of service are (left to right) Harley Fite (1948-68), CordeLL Maddox (1977-present), and John Fincher (1968-77).

## Don Baker ministers with Central Baptists

Central Baptist Church in Spring City extended a call to Don Baker to serve as pastor. He began his ministry there on Sept. 8.

The native of Athens attended Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, and Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburg, Ind.

Former pastorates include Rogers Creek Baptist Church in Athens, and Pistole Baptist Church in Sparta.

While serving as pastor in Union Association of Southern Baptist Churches, Baker served as moderator and on the stewardship committee.

# Baptists honor Luther Rice 150 years after his death

By Jim Newton

**SALUDA, S.C. (BP)** — American, Southern, and South Carolina Baptist leaders honored the life and influence of Luther Rice on the 150th anniversary of his death in rural South Carolina in 1836.

The Luther Rice sesquicentennial memorial service was held at Pine Pleasant Baptist Church, about 50 miles northwest of Columbia, S.C. Rice is buried in the Pine Pleasant church cemetery.

Rice, who lived from 1783 to 1836, is considered by historians as the father of American Baptist missions. He and Adoniram Judson were Congregational missionaries to India, and both became Baptists in India in 1812. Rice returned to the United States in 1813 to raise financial support for the Judsons and other Baptist missionaries who followed. Rice was instrumental in organizing the Triennial Convention in 1814, officially called the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions.

During the memorial service, Southern Baptist Historical Commission Executive Director Lynn E. May said Rice, more than any other person, planted the seeds of the Baptist missionary movement and was the founder of Baptist cooperation on state and national scales.

During most of his 23 years of ministry, Rice traveled throughout the eastern seaboard states, visiting Baptist churches and associations, telling them about mission work, and challenging them to give to missions, May said.

Wendell Belew, associate vice-president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told of Rice's last missionary journey in 1836. Belew said he recently retraced Rice's 2,000-mile journey. He said he was exhausted afterwards, even though he made the trip in a late-model air-conditioned car. "I can scarcely imagine how Luther Rice must have felt making the trip in a horse-drawn surrey," Belew admitted.

He said Rice died of appendicitis in the home of a Baptist friend in rural South

Carolina. His dying wish was to be buried at the Pine Pleasant church cemetery, which he called "the most peaceful spot on earth."

John Douhan, associate executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, said Rice had a dream that was larger than himself. It was his dream for Baptists united in support of world missions that kept him going. His dream was never fulfilled or completed, for Baptists are still trying to carry out his dream, Douhan said.

Harold C. Bennett, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, described Rice as a "denominational statesman who reminds us of the importance of reaching around the world for Jesus Christ."

Bennett said Rice died nine years before the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, but the things Rice stood for impacted the creation of the convention.

SBC Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford said although Rice never married, Baptist women today are the spiritual daughters of Luther Rice. One of the major contributions he made was strong support of the belief that women could and should be missionaries, she said.

John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier, news journal of South Carolina Baptists, said Rice was not only a mission supporter but was the editor of what later became the first Baptist state weekly newspaper in America.

In 1822, Rice founded the Columbian Star, the third-oldest weekly religious publication in America. In 1833, the paper was moved to Georgia and the

name was changed to the Christian Index, now the weekly publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Roberts said one of Rice's greatest contributions was informing Baptists, through his publication and his travels.

Glen Clayton, professor at Furman University and curator of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society, pointed out the 150th anniversary memorial service was small in comparison to the 100 anniversary observance in 1936. That occasion lasted all day, featured a major address by the late George W. Truett which was broadcast live by CBS radio. Representatives from 33 Baptist bodies involved in the Baptist World Alliance participated in the day-long observance, Clayton said. More than a dozen Baptists who attended the 1936 service were present for the 150th anniversary observance.

The 150th anniversary service was held mostly inside the air-conditioned Pine Pleasant Baptist Church, constructed of handmade brick in 1840. The old wooden church burned in 1839, three years after the death of Rice, said retired Navy Chaplain J.C. Brown Jr., pastor of the church which was organized in 1832.

## Blankenship assumes supervisor position

**NASHVILLE** — Mark Blankenship, a 12-year employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, has been named supervisor of the youth/adult/general materials development section in that department.

## Baptist colleges face turnover as many faculty members retire

**NASHVILLE (BP)** — Southern Baptist colleges are facing a major turnover of faculty members who will retire within the next five years, according to a group of Baptist college deans and academic vice-presidents.

Academic representatives from 13 Southern Baptist colleges met in Nashville recently to air concerns and seek ways to recruit new faculty members.

The meeting, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission, was necessitated by the Sept. 30 retirement of Howard G. Kirksey, part-time placement consultant since 1975.

Kirksey has been responsible for finding applicants for the commission's placement registry, a major source used by Baptist colleges in finding qualified professors who identify with the concerns of a Christian institution.

The placement registry is not an employment agency. It simply provides the names of individuals with specific qualifications colleges need.

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission, estimated that between 20 and 50 percent of faculty members at various Southern Baptist colleges will retire within five years.

He observed many faculty members began their careers during the decade following World War II, when college enrollments rose dramatically. When enrollments began to decline several years later, those who began after the war had gained tenure. Thus the younger professors frequently lost their jobs, he said. Now, Walker explained, colleges are faced with a large group of professors retiring

at the same time.

The deans called for Walker and the Education Commission staff to find ways to continue the level of services provided by the placement registry.

## Volunteers leave for Venezuela

Four Tennesseans will visit in Venezuela in October to assist in MasterLife workshops there.

Previously, 243 volunteers from 101 churches in the state have served as a part of the Tennessee/Venezuela partnership which began in November 1985.

Adam and Patricia Hall of First Baptist Church in Martin will be going Oct. 13-26; Chuck Padilla of Judson Baptist Church in Nashville will be going Oct. 13-18; and Ray Maynard, director of missions of Union Association of Southern Baptist Churches, will be serving Oct. 20-25.

The volunteers will be leading seven to eight Venezuelan Baptist MasterLife leaders in a co-leaders workshop. They also will attend a workshop the trained leaders will hold for other pastors and laypersons.

The three-year partnership, which is coordinated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, needs volunteers for construction, crusades, training, evangelism, camp work, and conferences in WMU work and stewardship also. Persons interested should contact Clarence Stewart, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37027.



**BAPTIST HERITAGE** — Harold Bennett (left, holding Bible), president of the SBC Executive Committee, prepares to lay a wreath on the tomb of Luther Rice at the Pine Pleasant Baptist Church near Saluda, S.C. A service honoring Rice was held on the 150th anniversary of his death.

## SBTS ethics forum features DeVries on artificial heart

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)** — Weighing interests is a key issue in ethical questions concerning the artificial heart, surgeon William DeVries told participants in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's student ethics forum Sept. 24.

DeVries, who attained worldwide recognition by performing artificial heart implantations on Barney Clark, Bill Schroeder, and Murray Haydon, asserted that while the patient is the center of artificial heart decisions, other interests must be examined.

"What are the family's interests?" he asked students at the Louisville, Ky., school. "What are the doctors' interests? What are the hospital's interests? What are Jarvick's (the creator of the Jarvick artificial heart) interests?"

DeVries admitted society must honestly confront questions of interest. "Is this for me or for him?" he reflected. "Is the interest (of the hospital) the same as the patient's?"

The Louisville surgeon said a primary ethical issue is the distinction between experimentation and therapy. Experimentation, he explained, is concerned with gathering data, while therapy is

concerned with trying to help the individual patient. The line of distinction, he added, will never be totally clear.

According to DeVries, three particularly important ethical issues surface with the artificial heart: informed consent, termination of life, and society's needs and costs versus benefits and risks.

DeVries pointed out that when Barney Clark, the first person to live after an artificial heart implant, regained consciousness after surgery, the doctors had to be prepared to make the decision to turn off the heart if Clark's pain were unbearable.

While DeVries acknowledges that society will have to answer some hard questions about the ethics of the artificial heart, he also pointed out the high risk for heart disease, which kills 1,000 persons a day.

"We want to know if the heart works," he said, "but we also want quality of life for the patient."

He recalled Bill Schroeder's words on Christmas day, two weeks after his first stroke — "Thank you for giving me this day."

## FMB plans to fight 'hunger holocaust'

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Only daring plans and stronger financial support will allow Southern Baptists to help counteract a "hunger holocaust" that could sweep through every developing nation, insists John R. Cheyne, director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's world hunger program.

Cheyne and other board leaders are attempting to consider more imaginative ways to help the whole person — body, mind, and spirit.

"All the worldwide projections regarding population, economics, food production, and drought would indicate no other possibility than a major famine, a hunger holocaust," Cheyne predicts. The poverty problem throughout the world is growing faster than the world is able to respond, he adds.

This year between 13-million and 18-million people will starve to death, experts say. That is 35,000 people a day, or 24 people a minute. The number of people who die from hunger every two days equals the number who were killed instantly by the atom bomb in Hiroshima. And 50 percent of them live in just five countries — India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

The hunger crisis in many countries stems from a mind-set that assumes people can be taught to live better without being freed from their natural tendency to sin, Cheyne says, adding worldwide "modernization" falls short of being an answer to world hunger because it does not reach individuals at this point.

For example, while Africa grows in population faster than any place in the world, secular aid programs there seek to build up national economies. In contrast, Southern Baptist relief efforts seek to help individuals understand their relationship to God and their environment. Because their priorities change, these transformed people have a different mind-set which motivates them to accept new ideas for helping themselves.

Millions of people moving into cities are creating mass ghettos worldwide,

making it hard to reach them with the gospel using traditional methods. Many cities throughout the developing world are swelling at a rate of 15 percent per year, while their economic growth is about 3 percent.

Migrants to the cities find no jobs and own few assets to sell for income. Their caloric intake is low, and their motivation wanes. If something is not done to help them become self-sufficient, they will become a collective welfare state for the world to nurture, Cheyne says. At present, no one has developed a system to reach them with help.

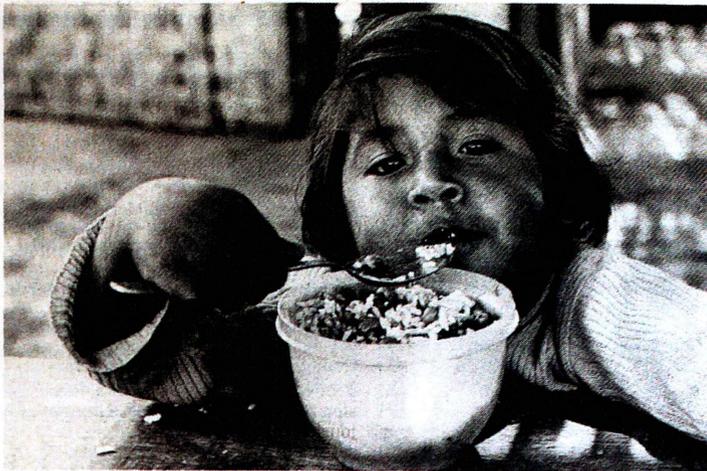
Cheyne advocates a new set of personal lifestyle priorities for Southern Baptists who want to give enough of their income to help these masses. The urgency of such a lifestyle change will be emphasized in many churches Oct. 12 as the denomination observes World Hunger Day.

Southern Baptists gave a record amount for world hunger last year because of the acute needs in Ethiopia and other famine-stricken African countries. Many joined in the conventionwide "Pray for Rain" effort, and rains have brought temporary relief to Ethiopia and other countries.

Cheyne emphasizes it will take regular giving to world hunger relief to provide the funds necessary to make a lasting impact.

Through the first eight months of this year, world hunger gifts are lagging about 42 percent behind those for the same period in 1985. Last year, Southern Baptists had given just more than \$7.5-million through August. Through August of this year they have given about \$4.4-million, about the pace for the same period in 1984.

The ministry of Missionary Edith Vaughn in Brazil shows how people can be reached for Jesus Christ through relief programs. In the state of Pernambuco, hundreds of families have been spiritually transformed and have learned to use their new philosophy of life to better themselves, after being reached



**A BOWL OF PLENTY** — Southern Baptist world hunger funds through the Foreign Mission Board began a program that feeds this little girl and others in Comas, on the outskirts of Lima, Peru. This is the only nutritious food some of the children get. Now a self-supporting program of Jordan Valley Baptist Church, the program provides breakfast five times a week and lunch twice a week.

through Southern Baptist-funded programs outside of churches.

Vaughn, in addition to working with seven churches in Pernambuco, has started several programs to help Brazilians live free of need. Once she was told she would be stoned if she began work in the rural village of Canaan. But five years ago she was driving through the town when her tire went flat. As she was getting it fixed, the Brazilian Baptists with her started a Bible study in the village square.

From that beginning, Vaughn invited women in Canaan to a "mothers' club" in the village. She began teaching the Bible and sometimes gave the mothers little helps, such as packages of milk or cereal.

One day the priest confronted several of the women about their attendance at the mothers' club. "A nice group of them have accepted Jesus, only they are scared to become Baptists," says Vaughn. "This one lady looked the priest right in the eye and said, 'I am not going to stop going to her classes. I like them, and besides that, when I was hungry your church did nothing for me. This lady brought in food to help us.'"

Vaughn tells also about a Brazilian pastor who opened a small clothing-production project using world hunger funds left from another project. He taught women how to sew clothes, and they began making money. Lifted above the starvation level, the women's families learned to tithe, and now they have money in the church treasury.

Cheyne does not believe such programs will prevent the world hunger crisis he sees coming. But he does say they will serve as models for other programs and offer hope for more people as times get worse. He sees even more widespread use of gospel-based self-help programs. For instance, he hopes highly placed national Baptists in government and industry can be taught how to use their business contacts to start self-help programs for needy people.

"The important thing is that these people can become self-sustaining and enabled to survive in a way that brings them the most joy and fulfillment," he says. Cheyne doubts whether any other organization, in terms of number or quality of personnel overseas, can compare with Southern Baptist missionaries who already are in place and ready to help.

"I think we have a very vital contact with the peasant farmer in most of these countries through the organization of the national churches. If you're going to pro-

duce any kind of effective program, you've got to have a local peer structure to work with. The very fact that we have conventions of churches in these countries gives us an entrance into the social structure that others might not have."

## ACTS fund-raiser brings \$280,000

SAN JOSE, Calif. (BP) — More than \$280,000 was pledged by about 1,100 persons in the first "ACTS-Good News America" telemissions dinner in San Jose, Calif., Sept. 19.

Jimmy R. Allen, president of ACTS and its parent organization, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said the "event is by far the largest dinner we have had in a single community, both in terms of attendance and financial support."

Funds derived from the pledges will go to pay the costs of the dinner — estimated to be about \$40,000 — and the remainder will be divided evenly between the local ACTS board and the ACTS satellite network.

The telemissions dinner was the first of about 20 to be held across the nation as ACTS attempts to raise \$10-million to fund operational costs above and beyond the \$5-million per year the commission receives from the SBC Cooperative Program.

## Seal to direct Louisiana WMU

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Nelda Seal of Bogalusa, La., has been elected director of the Louisiana Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, succeeding Kathryn Carpenter who will retire Oct. 31 after 43 years in the office.

Seal, elected by the Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board, will assume office Nov. 1.

The new leader is a self-employed speech pathologist in Bogalusa. She was elected vice-president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in 1985 and is a member of the organization's finance committee this year. She has held numerous leadership positions, including being president of Louisiana Baptist WMU.

Seal is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

## Baptist-Jewish group suggests 'sure justice' for terrorists

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptists and Jews attending a Baptist-Jewish conference on family problems lamented terrorist attacks on a Pan Am airliner in Pakistan and a synagogue in Turkey, and called for "quick and sure justice" for the terrorists.

"These terrible acts are expressions of impersonal hate brought to a focus in the latter case (the synagogue in Istanbul) upon the Jews," said George C. Sheridan, northeast regional director for the interfaith witness department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Sheridan's statement was approved by about 25 Jewish and Southern Baptist participants in the conference, although no official action was taken. The two-day conference was sponsored by the interfaith witness department of the SBC Home Mission Board and the Synagogue Council of America, a national coordinating agency for Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations.

Although most of the conference at Emory University was devoted to scholarly papers and discussion of problems facing Baptist and Jewish families in

America, Sheridan drew the most enthusiastic response from participants with his closing statement condemning the recent terrorist acts in Istanbul and Karachi.

"Religion must not be used as a ruse for acts of terrorism," the statement said. "It is not love of God nor of humanity that impels terrorists to strike. It is hatred and evil, and from a religious standpoint, unrighteousness."

Insisting that these acts of terrorism must stop, the Baptists and Jews present agreed "the terrorists must be brought to quick and clear justice. The value of the rule of law and the intolerance of chaos must be communicated strongly," they said.

Sheridan said that since the terrorist attacks, many Baptists in their worship services and in private devotions had prayed for comfort for the grieving families of the victims of both terrorist attacks, for the healing of those injured, and for "a change of heart of all those who consider such unjust and violent acts acceptable."

# PGG national seminar notes need for strong commitment

NASHVILLE (BP)—Talk of commitment dominated the Planned Growth in Giving National Seminar held in Nashville in late September.

Planned Growth in Giving is a 15-year Southern Baptist Convention spiritual growth-stewardship emphasis campaign. Created in 1983 and launched in local churches a year ago, it is designed to help increase annual gifts to SBC churches from \$3-billion to \$20-billion by the year 2000.

"What we do about Planned Growth in Giving likely will come down to commitment. Our goal is a higher level of commitment," Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told about 85 denominational stewardship and program leaders at the seminar.

"Commitment is really measured by behavior and actions, not by comments and words," Elder insisted. "Behavior is the truest expression of one's commitment."

Commitment will be required if Southern Baptists are to complete the 15-year goals of Planned Growth in Giving, he added, noting commitment is "stable, not emotional, lifelong, solid."

Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, challenged Baptists to commit themselves to worldwide missions and evangelism, and let dollars take care of themselves. "We need the level of commitment to reach out and share Jesus with people," he said. "And once we reach that level of commitment, money won't be a problem."

"Our whole purpose is to tell people about Jesus," Parks added. "The purpose, the only purpose that I know that will galvanize the people of God, (is to proclaim) that Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost."

Although God has given Southern Baptists "a stewardship responsibility that is as heavy as has been laid on any people at any time," Parks promised Planned Growth in Giving can "enable us to fulfill the task to which God has called us."

Commitment to that task also is vital for the future of the United States, said Robert Hamblin, vice-president for evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "Not only can we witness to America; we must," he said. "We do not have time to fail. This generation will either win America to Christ, or it is lost."

Hamblin called on Southern Baptists to have a "witnessing, giving lifestyle" that will be reflected in the second phase of Planned Growth in Giving, Witnessing Giving Life, set to begin in 1990. That emphasis will focus on both evangelism and

stewardship as a total approach to Christian living.

"God wants us to be like Himself . . . holy and generous," said T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo., and chairman of the National Planned Growth in Giving Task Force.

"The basic philosophy of Jesus was that it is more blessed to give than to receive," Crabtree explained. "Until we imitate that lifestyle of giving, we will be Christian in name only. (But) if we could help people see God as He really is, they would want to be like Him in the here and now."

## PGG starts in 1,000 churches; planners stress its potential

NASHVILLE (BP)—About 1,000 of the Southern Baptist Convention's 36,979 churches have participated in their denomination's year-old Planned Growth in Giving emphasis. The percentage may be low, but planners say the campaign is on track for realistic success.

Planned Growth in Giving is designed to raise combined contributions given to Southern Baptist churches from \$3-billion to \$20-billion annually by the year 2000. The campaign was approved by messengers to the SBC annual meeting in 1983 and was launched throughout the convention last fall.

Conducted on the local church level, it calls for increased contributions to churches. It also seeks greater participation by churches in the Cooperative Program, the Southern Baptist Convention unified budget which supports missions, ministry, and education endeavors worldwide.

"The churches which have used it have responded with a great deal of excitement," said Cecil Ray, national Planned Growth in Giving director. "They have given a very favorable assessment of the program, as have state, denominational,

and associational leaders."

Participating churches have experienced offering increases ranging from 12 to 45 percent, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Statistics are not yet available on involvement in Tennessee churches, but churches that have participated so far have been enthusiastic and have experienced measurable success, according to Orvind Dangeau, director of Cooperative Program and stewardship promotion for Tennessee Baptists.

"For Planned Growth in Giving ultimately to be successful, we'll have to stay with it over a long period of time, and more of our churches will have to be enlisted," Ray noted.

**BOOK REVIEW**  
By Michael Davis

## Introduction to ethical concepts

*Christian Ethics: A Primer* by William M. Tillman with Timothy D. Gilbert; Broadman; 132 pages.

Here is how William M. Tillman introduces his book to his readers: "This book is aimed primarily at college students, pastors, and other church staff, and laypersons with little or no background in Christian ethics. Church training groups, seminary extension students, and short-term study groups particularly will find it useful."

Tillman defines Christian ethics in a comprehensive manner, including a Biblical and theological foundation, insights from philosophy and the social sciences, personal and social aspects, and surrender to the will of God. From within the scope of this definition, ethical concepts are introduced that will help individuals to make ethical decisions that are Christ-centered.

Christians will be called upon to make many decisions that are ethical in nature.

Tillman and Gilbert demonstrate with clarity and understanding how decisions are formed. There is a brief but fine discussion of the presuppositions, expectations, motivations, tolerance levels, and competing values that are a vital part of our decision-making process. Since our decisions are usually made with little or no awareness of what is involved in this regard, the chapter, "You, the Decision Maker" is an excellent way for readers to receive insight into their own decision making.

The areas for applying one's ethical concepts are presented with a sense of perspective. Consider the way Tillman and Gilbert relate the Bible, ethics, and economics. This is an important ethical

consideration because so much time and energy is devoted to our vocations. One's vocation is an economic enterprise that not only can be shaped by Christians but an undertaking that has a significant influence in shaping Christians as well.

"Does this mean there is a Biblical system," writes Tillman, "of economics that is to be put into place? A definite no! The Bible does not propose a socialist system or a capitalist system nor any in between. The Biblical perspective is one which brings all economic systems into judgment."

In this book, William M. Tillman Jr., assistant professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has divided the study of Christian ethics into three sections: Part I, The moral dimensions of life is concerned with understanding what Christian ethics is, the complexity of ethical decisions, and the place of the Church in the world; Part II, Resources for Christian ethics, shows how to understand and use the Bible, intertestamental literature, the ethics of Jesus and the early church, newspapers, and other reading material as resources for cultivating and developing a well-informed ethical perspective; Part III, Areas for application, deals with ethical issues relating to human sexuality, the changing role of women, technology, citizenship, bioethical matters, and other concerns of importance to Christians.

This work is an interesting and practical introduction to Christian ethics. The fact that it is a "primer" is reason enough for its brevity. Those who wish for greater discussion of Christian ethics and more detailed information on ethical issues are provided with a good bibliography at the end of each chapter.

## Architects hear projections on church designs for future

By Charles Willis

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP) — Changes in Southern Baptist churches of the future will require revisions in church building designs, Gary Cook told more than 80 architects meeting in Williamsburg, Va., for an annual national workshop.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church architecture department, the meeting was designed to acquaint architects with the functions, purpose, and space needs of Southern Baptist churches.

Cook, director of the board's church and staff support division, said creative ministries in a "back to basics" mind-set is a growing trend. Church emphases increasingly are centered in the basics of Bible study, prayer, missions, evangelism, and discipleship, he said.

Also, "the idea that ministry begins at home may be more true in the future than it has ever been in the past," he added. "We are likely entering a time in which more and more churches are going to insist that the work be done first at home. Churches will want unique facilities for their specific community needs."

At the same time, more laypersons are likely to be involved in volunteer and short-term missions with supporting

funds coming in part from church budgets, Cook continued.

"The implication for those who are concerned with designing facilities is the need to ensure that facilities do not take away from mission support," he said.

Cook observed Americans "may be in the first stages of learning to get by on less money. Churches need to be aware of a trend toward slower growth in available funds. Program, budget, and facility planning becomes a far more serious undertaking when there is not a seemingly unlimited supply of financial resources.

"The money will be available for the well-planned, productive projects, but resources will quickly dry up for the superficial and insignificant," he noted.

Cook said an obvious implication of an austere national economy is the need for churches to meet human needs that are no longer met by the government.

"There are definite implications for church facilities in a world that is looking for ways to meet diverse needs. Ministers and church members must work together, making conscious decisions about the kind of church they want to be, which ministries they will emphasize, and then have facilities designed to match," he explained.

# Belmont student relates visit to Eastern Europe

By Susan Coker

*"But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid. Just stand where you are and watch, and you will see the wonderful way the Lord will rescue you today'"* (Exodus 14:13, TLB).

The text on God's deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea was not unfamiliar to John Robinson. But as the self-appointed missionary stood before the tiny congregation of the Baptist Church of Moscenica, Yugoslavia, preaching in the Serbo-Croatian language, he realized the Scripture verse was particularly relevant.

Before him were a group of people who did not share all of the freedoms the Belmont College student had grown accustomed to in his home state of Tennessee.

Though the Yugoslavs enjoy more freedom than most of their Eastern European neighbors, they are not entirely free. The government supervises all church activities and public witnessing is not allowed.

Yet, everywhere Robinson went, the Christians were filled with joy. One joyful Christian lady shared her testimony after Robinson's sermon on deliverance.

"God uses our problems for His glory," she said, telling Robinson how God had used her to start a prayer group while she was in the hospital.

"Persecution" and "suffering" are two words that now have new meaning for Robinson after his four-week missions trip to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. He met many people for whom persecution and suffering are a way of life.

"If you take the title of Christian in Communist Eastern Europe, you're branded for life," said Robinson. "People really think about it, make serious commitments, and give up some privileges. Many devout, godly people are willing to sacrifice to be Christians."

The beatitude, "Happy are those who are persecuted" (Matthew 5:10, TLB), has new meaning for Robinson.

"The Eastern European Christians were smiling, friendly, happy people, yet they were the ones suffering the problems. I saw the beatitudes put into practice.

A senior music education major from Waynesboro, Robinson knows six languages and corresponds with about 30 people in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia. He had the opportunity to practice his languages and meet several of his pen pals during his trip.

In all of the countries he visited except Austria, public witnessing is not allowed. In Yugoslavia, the government-supervised churches have Sunday School, youth Bible studies, and other activities.

Robinson worked at the Baptist youth camp, Cinja, in Ugljan, Yugoslavia.

In Czechoslovakia, churches are small. There are only a few thousand Baptists in the entire country. No Christian instruction for children is allowed.

Churches also are small in Hungary, where there is a shortage of pastors. One pastor might serve five churches many miles apart.

Robinson's duties varied in each country, but included assisting pastors, teaching Sunday School, preaching, conducting youth Bible studies, witnessing to refugees in prison camps, and working at the Baptist youth camp.

He even had the opportunity to sing and preach in Romanian with a Roma-

nian summer missionary, Timotei Marza, who was serving as acting pastor of the Romanian Baptist Church in Vienna, Austria. Marza is presently a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

During his trip, Robinson received a few inquiries concerning the source of his faith.

One of his Czechoslovakian pen pals, Josef Sanitrak, invited some friends to meet "a real American." Over dinner, Robinson asked the two friends "if they believed." One said he believed in himself; the other was silent.

Later, they started asking questions about the Bible and about life in general. This gave Robinson a chance to share his faith in Jesus Christ.

"Josef later told me that one of the people was considering becoming a Christian because of the things I had said," said Robinson. "I feel seeds were planted there, and it was special to me because it made me feel very useful. I might be the only Christian that person will ever meet."

Robinson plans to become a career missionary upon graduation from Belmont in May 1987. He hopes to return one day to Communist Eastern Europe.



**TRAVELER** — Belmont student John Robinson poses in front of the Palace of the Bohemian Kings in Prague, Czechoslovakia, one of the cities he visited during his summer missions trip.

## Smothers leads ministry for Poplar Corner Baptists

Jerry L. Smothers assumed the pastorate of Poplar Corner Baptist Church in Brownsville on Aug. 24.

The Carroll County native most recently served as pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Jackson. Other pastorates include Oak Grove Baptist Church, Milan and Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington. He also served as pastor in Missouri in the First Baptist churches of Weston, Princeton, and Gallatin.

Smothers is a graduate of Union University in Jackson and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

He has served as associational VBS director in Tennessee and Missouri. For three years, Smothers served as camp pastor in special camps for the mentally retarded.

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# Tennessee Scene

## CHURCHES . . .

On Sept. 21, Dalton Pike Baptist Church had a note-burning and dedication service. The message was brought by Raleigh Brady, director of missions for Bradley County Baptist Association. Jethero D. Smith is pastor of the Cleveland church.

Fairview Baptist Church in Obion began broadcasting "The Gospel in Minutes," on Sept. 21. The radio program is on WALR FM-105 on Sundays from 9-9:15 a.m. Phillip Senn is the pastor.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Cookeville dedicated a new building addition on Aug. 24. Michael Prowse, director of missions for Stone Association of Baptists participated in the service at the church where Donny Stewart is pastor.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville, had a note-burning service Sept. 21, to mark paying off a \$45,000 five-year note. The church paid the note off in two years and seven months. Joe Chandler is the pastor.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Dave Countess has been called as minister of music at Harvest Baptist Church in Dyersburg. Jeff Paxton has been called as minister of youth at the church where Don Hicks is pastor.

Tom Pope is serving as interim pastor of RoEllen Baptist Church in Dyersburg.

Larry Crisp resigned as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Maryville.

Michael Moore has resigned as pastor of Wildwood Baptist Church in Maryville, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church in St. Paul, Va.

Antioch Baptist Church of Humboldt has extended a call to Jerome Teel to serve as minister of youth and activities. He is a sophomore at Union University in Jackson. Teel began serving Sept. 22 at the church where Dennis Lunsford is pastor.

Max French resigned as interim pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Henderson, effective Oct. 5.

E. Lowell Adams began serving as interim pastor of National Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis Sept. 28. This is his second time to serve the church as interim pastor.

Tommy Foster Jr. resigned as minister of music and youth of Spring Creek Road Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Sept. 21, to accept a call as minister of music and activities of Wylam Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. He begins his ministry in Birmingham Oct. 19.

South Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, has called Raymond Sanderson as interim pastor.

Wynburg Baptist Church, Wynburg, recently called Steve Pentecost as associate pastor. He will work in the youth and music programs. He is a student at Union University, Jackson, and comes to the Wynburg church from Woodland Baptist Church in Brownsville. Ernest Mayo is the pastor.

Glen Holifield recently resigned as pastor of Williamham Memorial Baptist Church in Ridgely.

Mark Branson has been called as associate pastor in charge of youth and music at First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. William Oakley, pastor of the church, has resigned, effective Oct. 5, to assume an administrative role with Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark.

First Baptist Church, Concord, recently called Bobby Brown as youth director. He comes to the Knoxville church from Greenwich Baptist Church in Connecticut. Glenn Sullivan is pastor of the Concord church in Knoxville.

Clear Branch Baptist Church, Lake City, has called Kenneth Duggan as minister of youth, Charlie Ivey is pastor.

## First Baptist Church Jefferson City HOMECOMING October 12

Morning Worship 10:45  
On the lawn of  
Henderson Humanities Building  
Carson-Newman campus  
Following the morning service,  
there will be an old-fashioned  
dinner on the grounds on the  
church lawn.

**All former members and  
friends are invited.**

J. Ralph McIntyre has accepted the position of interim pastor at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga. He is a former pastor of the church and is now working at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. The resignation of Michael Goodner, minister to youth and young adults at the church, will be effective Oct. 29.

Joe C. Estes is serving as interim pastor of Charlotte Road Baptist Church in Nashville.

## Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden  
TBC Executive  
Secretary-Treasurer



I recall as a youth hearing our pastor preach on the subject, "The First Five Minutes After Death." I wish I could still recall all he said, but I do recall the indelible impression that sermon made on me. I have reflected often upon the probable experiences of a redeemed soul after death.

I believe one of the experiences will be a convincing of the supremacy of the spiritual over the material. While we are in this body, there is a constant struggle not to let the material overshadow the spiritual. When the redeemed soul is absent from the body and present with the Lord, there is no longer any doubt about the reality of the spiritual world.

I believe another experience of a redeemed soul will be a realization that struggling with sin is over. You and I recognize that here the struggle is unending. There is not any day without it. We must always be on the defensive for Satan roams like a wounded lion. There are temptations from within and temptations from without. What a joy it will be to recognize that we can live an eternity without sin.

One other observation is that we will have the feeling that we are at home. I do not believe our heavenly home will be nearly as strange to us as the present world in which we live, for there we will find a companionship with the redeemed of all ages and the strangeness and uncertainties of this world will be missing. The temptations and sorrows of this present world will be missing. We are strangers and pilgrims in this world but we will be home there.

I know that you rejoice with me to recognize that the time will come when we will pass out of the realm of the material, out of the power of temptation, and will enter into an eternal glory with a gladness for a life which will never know darkness and will be spent in the presence of the Lord forever.

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Lowell Elkins has resigned as pastor of Island Ford Baptist Church in Lake City.

Pastor of Red Hill Baptist Church in Andersonville, Fred Long has resigned.

## PEOPLE . . .

Verda and Richard Wilson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are members of First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, where Norris Hite is pastor.

East Commerce Baptist Church in Lewisburg ordained Joe Sturn as deacon on Sept. 28. James Hickey is the pastor.

First Baptist Church, Obion, recently ordained John Berry as deacon. Joe Gardner is the pastor.

Hornbeak Baptist Church, Hornbeak, recently ordained Tony Bullion as deacon. Kenneth Basham is the pastor.

## REVIVAL PRAYER REQUEST . . .

Rocky Valley Baptist Church, Lebanon, is having a revival Oct. 20-26 with Nick Holman, pastor of Round Lick Baptist Church, Watertown, as evangelist, and Wayne Ray, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lebanon, as music director. Services are at 10:45 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Randy Sledge is pastor of the church.

## Brotherhood worker dies in Knoxville

W. C. (Bill) Brooks, who for 12 years served as the Brotherhood director of Knox County Association of Baptists and was state Brotherhood vice-president for mission study and mission activity, died Sept. 17 in Knoxville. He was 75 years old.

Brooks was a member of North Knoxville Baptist Church in Knoxville. He had served as a lay renewal coordinator for many lay renewal weekends.

Brooks had led numerous mission groups to do construction work and had helped remodel about 10 buses for the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. He had also helped provide a food bank for mission pastors in Michigan.

In his church, Brooks had been Brotherhood director and on the long-range planning committee.

The Sept. 21 funeral was led by Pastor Guy M. Milam of the Knoxville church and Troy Cody, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Maryville.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two sons; a daughter; and several grandchildren.

## Fate Morris retires

Fate Morris Jr., minister of music/administrator at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Memphis, retired Sept. 21.

Morris served the church for almost 17 years. Other churches in the Memphis area he has worked with include Raleigh Baptist Church, Park Avenue Baptist Church, and Broadway Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Lambuth College, Jackson, and Peabody College for Teachers, now of Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Morris is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARDS FOR 1986-87

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1989, 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. The church and church's city is listed for each nominee.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Term Expiring 1989

##### EAST

1. Fred Steelman, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga
2. Billy Ellison, First Baptist Church, Jasper
3. C. David Brown, Mine City Baptist Church, Ducktown
4. Charles R. Wright, Macedonia Baptist Church, Cleveland
5. Aubrey Floyd, First Baptist Church, Rogersville
6. Theodore Swingle, Sr., Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga
7. James Walker, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Spring City
8. Calvin Metcalf, Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville
9. Joe Wren, First Baptist Church, Sevierville
10. John Burlison, Dixie Lee Baptist Church, Lenoir City
11. Howard Olive, Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville
12. Donald R. Givens, St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga

##### MIDDLE

13. James Davis, Money Ave. Baptist Church, Murfreesboro
14. John Langlois, Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Franklin
15. William E. Selesman, Central Baptist Church, Crossville
16. Michael Bennett, Bellevue Baptist Church, Nashville
17. Murray Mathis, Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro
18. Emerson Wiles, Jr., First Baptist Church, Fayetteville
19. Lloyd Lawrence, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville
20. James Growden, First Baptist Church, Hartsville
21. Fate Wilson, Gum Springs Baptist Church, Sparta
22. James Porch, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma

##### WEST

23. Lynn Egan, Morris Memorial Baptist Church, Moscow
24. David Drumel, Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis
25. Arlis Grice, Balmoral Baptist Church, Memphis
26. Jerry Barker, First Baptist Church, Alamo
27. James Strayhorn, First Baptist Church, Tiptonville
28. Randy Isbell, Hopewell Baptist Church, Savannah
29. Fred Ward, First Baptist Church, Huntingdon
30. Paul Williams, First Baptist Church, Somerville
31. Raymond Boston, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg
32. James Chatham, Jr., Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown
33. Clint Oakley, Mt. Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis

#### Term Expiring 1988

##### EAST

1. John Holland, Salem Baptist Church, Knoxville
2. Fred Isaacs, English Creek Baptist Church, Newport
3. Elmer Allan, First Baptist Church, Greeneville
4. James E. Robertson, Sharon Baptist Church, Knoxville
5. James R. McPherson, Second Baptist Church, Clinton
6. Kenneth Richey, First Baptist Church, White Pine
7. Moncrief Jordan, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
8. Ronald Hicks, Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Kingsport
9. Mrs. Jack McEwen, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga
10. Mrs. Dan Farmer, Southwestern Baptist Church, Johnson City
1. Herschel Chevallier, Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville
2. Donald C. Pharris, North Etowah Baptist Church, Etowah

##### MIDDLE

3. Carl Price, Lakewood Baptist Church, Donelson

14. William M. Madewell, First Baptist Church, Byrdstown
15. Gerald Bland, First Baptist Church, Monterey
16. Paul Durham, Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville
17. Perry Michel, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville
18. J. Arnold Porter, First Baptist Church, Centerville
19. Mrs. James Kimbrough, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
20. Larry Gilmore, College Heights Baptist Church, Gallatin
21. Donald Owens, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lebanon
22. C. William Palmiter, First Baptist Church, Smithville
23. John Laid, First Baptist Church, Clarksville

##### WEST

24. Mickey Basham, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church No. 1, Martin
25. Baylon Hilliard, First Baptist Church, Covington
26. Frank Kemper, First Baptist Church, Kenton
27. Calvin Harvell, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis
28. Lawrence E. Brown, Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis
29. Paul Barkley, Puryear Baptist Church, Puryear
30. Paul Bryant, North Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
31. Wrex Hauth, Jr., Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis
32. Ray Fowler, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis
33. John Lee Taylor, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson

#### Term Expiring 1987

##### EAST

1. Grant Jones, Unaka Ave. Baptist Church, Johnson City
2. Mrs. Munford Turner, West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville
3. Mrs. Kelver Mullins, Gray Southern Baptist Church, Gray
4. Clay Frazier, Alpha Baptist Church, Morristown
5. Fred Pinckard, First Baptist Church, Cleveland
6. Bill Delaney, South Seminole Baptist Church, Chattanooga
7. Patterson Ellis, First Baptist Church, Dayton
8. Lon Shoopman, Jr., First Baptist Church, Madisonville
9. E.V. Cullum, Grace Baptist Church, Knoxville
10. Earl McCosh, Central Heights Baptist Church, Jefferson City
11. Jim Hutson, First Baptist Church, Rockwood
12. Larry Reeves, First Baptist Church, Jacksboro
13. Elmer Sharp, West Maryville Baptist Church, Maryville

##### MIDDLE

14. George Coaker, Milton Baptist Church, Milton
15. Mrs. Richard Hawkins, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
16. Lamar Moore, Leoma Baptist Church, Leoma
17. Jere Plunk, First Baptist Church, Carthage
18. Tim Floyd, First Baptist Church, Columbia
19. Charles Norton, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
20. Marshall Gupton, Una Baptist Church, Nashville
21. Guy Farris, Wilhite Baptist Church, Cookeville
22. Robert Leonard, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
23. John D. Lambert, First Baptist Church, Lewisburg

##### WEST

24. George Hill, Ararat Baptist Church, Jackson
25. Dennis Pulley, First Baptist Church, Ripley
26. Hoyt Wilson, First Baptist Church, Lexington
27. Ron Davidson, Calvary Baptist Church, Brownsville
28. Jerry Boswell, Natchez Trace Baptist Church, Camden
29. Irvin Hays, Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett
30. Thomas Robinson, First Baptist Church, Henderson
31. Leon Bolton, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis
32. Otis Hinton, Temple Baptist Church, Paris
33. William Northcott, First Baptist Church, Bradford

## TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

### Term Expiring 1989

1. Stanley Brumfield, Brook Hollow Baptist Church, Nashville
2. Hoyt Wilson, First Baptist Church, Lexington
3. William Coles, Jr., Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
4. Marshall Gupton, Una Baptist Church, Nashville
5. Leyton Wright, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis

### Term Expiring 1988

1. Edwin E. Deuser, First Baptist Church, Selmer
2. Hallie Riner, First Baptist Church, Elizabethton
3. Fred Steelman, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga
4. Tom Jensen, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville
5. Gene Taylor, First Baptist Church, Jackson

### Term Expiring 1987

1. Howard Cockrum, Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville
2. Rudy Newby, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma
3. M.W. Egerton, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
4. Don Early, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood
5. Paul Clark, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson

6. Verlan Moore, Hilldale Baptist Church, Clarksville
7. O. Eugene Mims, First Baptist Church, Cleveland

### Term Expiring 1988

1. Anderson McCulley, First Baptist Church, Niota
2. Charles Gibbs, Jr., Trace Creek Baptist Church, New Johnsonville
3. Edward L. Jennings, First Baptist Church, Nashville
4. Pat Landrum, Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton
5. Bill Baird Griffith, Bangham Heights Baptist Church, Cookeville
6. Ronnie Batchelor, First Baptist Church, Greenfield
7. Ivan Raley, Grassland Baptist Church, Franklin
8. James Henry, Buffat Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville
9. Mary Hutson, First Baptist Church, Knoxville

### Term Expiring 1987

1. Bill Powell, Allen Baptist Church, Brownsville
2. Don T. Wilson, Jr., Kensington Baptist Church, Memphis
3. Mrs. Gordon Crocker, Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis
4. Norris Smith, Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis
5. W. Clark Gross, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga
6. Mrs. M.K. Cobble, Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville
7. Mrs. Thomas E. Downey, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield
8. Lloyd Comer, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg
9. Mrs. Betty Sultter, First Baptist Church, Cookeville

## BELMONT COLLEGE

### Term Expiring 1989

1. David Moore, Donelson View Baptist Church, Nashville
2. Joel B. Spaulding, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
3. George A. West III, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood
4. Clinton H. Swofford, First Baptist Church, Winchester
5. Clarence Edmonds, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood
6. Bill Sherman, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
7. Dwayne Cole, Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville
8. Donald B. McCoy, First Baptist Church, Dickson

9. Drew Maddux, Sr., First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
10. Mrs. Spence Wilson, Second Baptist Church, Memphis
11. Gordon Inman, First Baptist Church, Franklin
12. Robert Lee Wood, Tulp Grove Baptist Church, Old Hickory

### Term Expiring 1988

1. Norris Hite, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory
2. Mrs. Wilborn Strode, First Baptist Church, Nashville
3. Randall Baskin, Sr., Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
4. Mrs. Hortense Medlin Downard, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville
5. James Randolph Smith, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
6. W. Criswell Freeman, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
7. John C. Flynt, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
8. Steve H. Horrell, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
9. Mrs. Ted Jones, Bethel Baptist Church, Greenbrier
10. Richard Patton, First Baptist Church, Portland
11. Bernard Barkley, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory
12. J. Milton Knox, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville
13. Joe L. Evans, Orlinda Baptist Church, Orlinda

### Term Expiring 1987

1. Warren Johnson, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
2. John Hartin, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma
3. Jerry Heffel, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville
4. Ed Kennedy, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
5. Frank Houston, First Baptist Church, Lewisburg
6. Charles A. Wheeler, Jr., Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville
7. William G. Wilson, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood
8. William J. Gregg, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
9. George L. Holmes III, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood
10. Tom Drake, First Baptist Church, McEwen
11. Robert Woody, Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville
12. Joseph C. Huttis, Jr., Judson Baptist Church, Nashville
13. William Looper, Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Columbia

## CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

### Term Expiring 1989

1. James C. McEwen, Jr., First Baptist Church, Newport
2. Truett Pierce, First Baptist Church, Sneedville
3. Odie Major, Smithwood Baptist Church, Greeneville
4. Richard H. Emmert, Manley Baptist Church, Morristown
5. James S. Bush, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
6. C.E. Harris, Central Baptist Church (Bearden), Knoxville
7. Elbert Willson III, First Baptist Church, Athens
8. George Lockett, Trenton St. Baptist Church, Harriman
9. David Sharp, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Maryville
10. Mrs. Leo Walker Yokaum, Tazewell Baptist Church, Tazewell
11. Dillard Mynatt, First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge

### Term Expiring 1988

1. William I. Powell, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
2. Harry D. McNealey, First Baptist Church, Kingsport
3. T. Maxfield Bahner, Signal Mountain Baptist Church, Signal Mountain
4. Jodie H. Brown, First Baptist Church, Erwin
5. Samuel D. Dean, First Baptist Church, Clinton
6. Amon L. Swanger, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga
7. R. Clyde Fox, First Baptist Church, Oliver Springs
8. Henry Blanc, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
9. J. Reed Dixon, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
10. Theron H. Hodges, First Baptist Church, Sevierville
11. Harlan F. Reynolds, First Baptist Church, LaFollette

### Term Expiring 1987

1. Leroy Barclay, First Baptist Church, Morristown
2. Mrs. J. Kent Blazier, First Baptist Church, Kingsport
3. Mrs. W.H. Catlett, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
4. Franklin Hawkins, First Baptist Church, Kingsport
5. Carl Nelson, First Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville
6. A. Douglas Watterson, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
7. Lonas Tarr, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
8. Fred Lawson, Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville
9. Marion Cook, First Baptist Church, Cleveland
10. Clifton Ward, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga
11. Andrew J. Prince, West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville

## UNION UNIVERSITY

### Term Expiring 1989

1. Robert Lemons, First Baptist Church, Jackson
2. Argyle Graves, Fellowship Baptist Church, Milan
3. Shelby Massey, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown
4. Mrs. Salon Freeman, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
5. John Drinnon, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown
6. Walton West, First Baptist Church, Huntington
7. Harold Brundige, First Baptist Church, Martin
8. Don Whitm, First Baptist Church, Milan
9. E.T. Palmer, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg
10. David R. Nunn, First Baptist Church, Halls
11. Cecil Ebersold, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown
12. Mrs. Glenn Raines, Freyzer Baptist Church, Memphis
13. Wesley Pitts, First Baptist Church, McKenzie
14. Marvin Sandidge, First Baptist Church, Memphis
15. James Threlkeld, Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis
16. Joe H. Walker, Jr., First Baptist Church, Ripley

### Term Expiring 1988

1. Wayman Jones, First Baptist Church, Jackson
2. Judson Lambert, First Baptist Church, Tiptonville
3. Mrs. Mildred M. Kesterson, West Paris Baptist Church, Paris
4. Maurice Coleman, First Baptist Church, Waverly
5. J. Edward North, First Baptist Church, Humboldt
6. Jesse Price, First Baptist Church, Somerville
7. William Sewell, Berclair Baptist Church, Memphis
8. Dale Treadway, Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson
9. James H. Patrick, Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis
10. James Witherington, Ellendale Baptist Church, Memphis
11. Jerry Glisson, Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis
12. Philip D. Jeff, Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson
13. S. Powers Smith, First Baptist Church, Henning
14. Mrs. Thomas Freels, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
15. Kenneth Leathers, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
16. William Adcock, First Baptist Church, Newbern

### Term Expiring 1987

1. Mrs. Jane Alderson, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
2. Bill Cockroft, Second Baptist Church, Memphis
3. Palk Glover, First Baptist Church, Obion
4. Bernard Blasingame, First Baptist Church, Adamsville
5. John Pippin, First Baptist Church, Savannah
6. Wayne Allen, Briarcrest Baptist Church, Memphis
7. Raymond W. Rhear, Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson
8. James L. Thomas, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
9. James Terry, Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson
10. Mike Adams, First Baptist Church, Union City
11. H.K. Sorrell, Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville

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- Benny Feasimre, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
- Kenneth Hawkins, First Baptist Church, Selmer
- Bob Hensley, Parkway Village Baptist Church, Memphis
- Michael Garner, First Baptist Church, Paris

### HARRISON CHILHOWEE BAPTIST ACADEMY

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Jim Niceley, Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Mrs. Roberta Dorr, Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville
- Wesley Gaddard, Armona Baptist Church, Maryville
- W.F. Hall, First Baptist Church, Seymour
- Glenn Grubb, Madison Ave. Baptist Church, Alcoa
- Mrs. Steve Litz, Buffalo Trail Baptist Church, Morristown
- Luther Ogle, Rolling Fork Baptist Church, Gatlinburg

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Mrs. John T. Bible, First Baptist Church, Morristown
- Roy Gilleland III, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville
- James W. McComman, First Baptist Church, Seymour
- A.C. Masingill, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Don Dills, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dyersburg
- William Scandlyn, Trenton St. Baptist Church, Harriman
- Larry Ledbetter, Bethel Baptist Church, Townsend

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis
- Morris Frank, First Baptist Church, Smyrna
- Mrs. Breck Ellison, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Robert Ward, Washington Ave. Baptist Church, Cookeville
- Henry Guy Jackson, First Baptist Church, Kingsport
- Russ Dunham, First Baptist Church, LaFollette
- D. Vance Martin, Calvary Baptist Church, Knoxville

### BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Robert Flowers, First Baptist Church, Memphis
- W. Fred Kendall II, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- S. Powers Smith, First Baptist Church, Henning

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Hugh Willson, First Baptist Church, Niota
- Milton Magee, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg
- William S. Cockroft, Second Baptist Church, Memphis

#### Term Expiring 1987

- J. Ralph McIntyre, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- David Nunn, First Baptist Church, Halls
- N. Bob Carpenter, Cherry Road Baptist Church, Memphis

### BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Michael Seshul, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
- L. Breacy Campbell III, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Howard Butler, Park Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville
- Gaye McGlothlen, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
- Elbert Conrad Shackelford, Jr., First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- Joe Casey, Eastland Baptist Church, Nashville
- James W. (Bill) Owen, Jr., Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Cross Plains
- Roy Babb, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville

#### Term Expiring 1988

- D. Ed Moody, Jr., First Baptist Church, Franklin
- W. Fred Kendall, Sr., First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Osta Underwood, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville

- Edmond Tipton, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville
- Joe Bistowish, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Gary Sisco, Park Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville
- Virgil H. Moore, Jr., First Baptist Church, Columbia
- H. Franklin Paschall, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Guy Bates, Sr., First Baptist Church, Joelton

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Frank McGregor, First Baptist Church, Clarksville
- William E. Crook, Grace Baptist Church, Nashville
- Walton Smith, First Baptist Church, Clarksville
- Richard D. White, First Baptist Church, Franklin
- James L. Sullivan, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- DeVaughn Woods, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville
- David Buchanan, Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Franklin
- Willie K. Davis, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Charles Page, First Baptist Church, Nashville

### EAST TENNESSEE BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Lawrence Trivette, Jr., Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville
- Robert Johnson, Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville
- J.C. Parrott, Black Oak Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville
- William Cope, First Baptist Church, Pigeon Forge
- Mrs. Jewell Rule, Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Robert Burch, Calvary Baptist Church, Knoxville
- John Way, Jr., First Baptist Church, Powell
- William B. Stokely III, West Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Joe McHenry, Sr., First Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Aubrey Hay, First Baptist Church, Erwin
- Mrs. Howard B. Cockrum, Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville
- John D. Wallace, First Baptist Church, Morristown
- David R. Myers, First Baptist Church, Maryville
- Jack Easterday, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville
- John Sample, West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Wayne Nicholson, McCalla Ave. Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Bruce Marston, Inskip Baptist Church, Knoxville

#### Term Expiring 1987

- M.L. White, English Creek Baptist Church, Newport
- Mrs. Lyle Moore, Jr., First Baptist Church, Newport
- Mrs. Patricia Davis, First Baptist Church, Knoxville
- James Temple, First Baptist Church, Sevierville
- Paul E. Walker, Central Baptist Church (Bearden), Knoxville
- Byrl Logan, Central Baptist Church (Bearden), Knoxville
- Glenn Sullivan, First Baptist Church, Concord
- Charles P. Crawford, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville

### TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Ron Lowery, First Baptist Church, Antioch
- Kenneth Clayton, Tulip Grove Baptist Church, Old Hickory
- Arry Mason, First Baptist Church, Manchester
- Marvin Jennings, First Baptist Church, Woodbury
- L. Paul Hardaway, Jr., First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- Oble Campbell, New Providence Baptist Church, Loudon

#### Term Expiring 1988

- George Thompson, Dalewood Baptist Church, Nashville
- William Shelton, Jr., West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson

- Chester LaFever, Grace Baptist Church, Nashville
- William Branyan, Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis
- Ron Phillips, Central Baptist Church, Hixson
- Lloyd Johnson, Dickerson Road Baptist Church, Nashville

#### Term Expiring 1987

- M. Taylor Harris, First Baptist Church, Nashville
- Kenneth Hubbard, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Harold White, First Baptist Church, McMinnville
- Joe Sanford, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City
- Thomas Walker, First Baptist Church, Paris

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1986-87

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1989 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. The church and church's city is listed for each nominee.

### COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

#### Term Expiring 1989

- John Parrott, Jr., Menard's Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville (M)
- Joseph T. Nickell, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Maryville (E)
- Albert Jewell, Salsbury Baptist Church, Watertown (M)
- Nathan Hale, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Lebanon (M)
- Davy Henderson, Ridgeway Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Wayne Nicholson, McCalla Ave. Baptist Church, Knoxville (E)
- Vernon Fielden, First Baptist Church, Kingsport (E)
- Steve Bain, Philadelphia Baptist Church, Waynesboro (W)
- Joe Franklin, First Baptist Church, Bells (W)
- Max Walker, First Baptist Church, Selmer (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- William E. Owens, Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga (E) (Temporary Chairman)
- Edwin E. Hollis, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield (M)
- William H. Enoch, First Baptist Church, Watertown (M)
- John L. Humphrey, Madison Heights Baptist Church, Madison (M)
- James A. Kinsey, Calvary Baptist Church, Union City (W)

### COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Mrs. Jesse Masters, First Baptist Church, Jonesborough (E)
- Mrs. Nancy Holmes, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Whiteville (E)
- Dwight Mercer, Highland Baptist Church, Pulaski (M)
- Martin Bowlin, First Baptist Church, Hillsboro (M)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Pat Fife, Delano Baptist Church, Delano (E)
- Joe Blankenship, Oak Hill Baptist Church, Jonesborough (E)
- Larry Haggard, Philadelphia Baptist Church, Waynesboro (M)
- Wayne Perkins, Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Richard Powell, North Johnson City Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- James M. Gregg, Sr., Dalewood Baptist Church, Nashville (M) (Temporary Chairman)
- Charles L. Nail, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg (M)
- John B. McComman, Johnson Grove Baptist Church, Jackson (W)
- Jerry Legg, First Baptist Church, Dyer (W)

### COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Mary Elizabeth Longmire, Coryton Baptist Church, Coryton (E)
- Ray Cleek, First Baptist Church, Lebanon (M)

- Bill Bates, First Baptist Church, Jackson

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Gary Gerhardt, First Baptist Church, Church Hill (E)
- Eugene Cotey, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro (M)
- Paul Moody, Erin Baptist Church, Erin (M)
- David Sparrow, Southland Baptist Church, Memphis (W)
- Joe Littlefield, White Station Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Bill Roberts, First Baptist Church, Pikeville (E)
- William Swafford, First Baptist

- Robert M. Ward, Jr., Washington Ave. Baptist Church, Cookeville (M)
- Jerry Foust, Mt. Tizah Baptist Church, Newbern (W)
- Ronald Wylie, Southside Baptist Church, Dyersburg (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- E.W. Barnes, Boone Trail Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- Mrs. Ruth O'Leary, First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg (E)
- Leonard Markham, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater (E) (Temporary Chairman)
- Carl Scarlett, Miracle Baptist Church, LaVergne (M)
- James Roberts, Oakville Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Merrill Moore, Jr., Monte Vista Baptist Church, Maryville (E)
- Carl Martin, Shelby Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville (M)
- Emery O. Farmer, Flewellyn Baptist Church, Springfield (M)
- Pat Kaugh, Zion Baptist Church, Brownsville (W)
- William A. Foote, Calvary Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

### CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Ruth Robinson, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga (E)
- Sara Walters, Grace Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- Charlie Carter, Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, Shelbyville (M)
- Jim Austin, First Baptist Church, Maury City (W)
- Maurice Keathley, National Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Wayne Heatherly, First Baptist Church, Concord (E)
- Joe Little, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater (E)
- Porter Rauth, First Baptist Church, Nashville (M) (Temporary Chairman)
- Ron Cannon, Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville (M)
- Robert Jelks, First Baptist Church, Paris (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- John C. Dotson, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel (E)
- Jerry N. Putman, Park Grove Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg (M)
- Lawrence Cameron, Neely's Bend Baptist Church, Madison (M)
- Jack Knox, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown (W)
- William H. Walker III, Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville (W)

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Johnny Young, First Baptist Church, Gordonsville (M)
- Robert Carroll, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Springfield (M)
- William Suddarth, Jr., Elkton Baptist Church, Elkton (M)
- Ron Harber, Trinity Baptist Church, Manchester (M)
- Thomas Pirtle, First Baptist Church, Newbern (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Wayne Markham, First Baptist Church, Lake City (E)
- Steve Merrill, First Baptist Church, Jasper (E)
- Edward Crawley, Northview Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

- Church, Elizabethton (E)
- James Clapp, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro (M)
- Charles Brown, North Fork Baptist Church, Shelbyville (M)
- Mrs. James Hadley, First Baptist Church, Humboldt (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- William D. Fox, First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg (E)
- James McCluskey, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville (E) (Temporary Chairman)
- Robert E. Brown, First Baptist Church, Winchester (M)
- J.T. Drace, Pleasant Site Baptist Church, Adamsville (W)
- W.A. Farmer, Thompson Creek Baptist Church, Como (W)

- Michael Ayes, Macedonia Baptist Church, Kenton (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Eugene Hottaway, First Baptist Church, Knoxville (E)
- B. Willard Warfield, Central Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- James S. Daniel, Harmony Baptist Church, Whiteville (W)
- Truman Spurgin, First Baptist Church, Halls (W)

### CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Charles W. Sullivan, First Baptist Church, Lenoir City (E)
- Mrs. Jewell Jennings, First Baptist Church, Lebanon (M)
- R. Trevis Orey, Jr., First Baptist Church, Trenton (W)
- Mickey Hanks, First Baptist Church, Maury City (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Michael Moore, Wildwood Baptist Church, Maury City (E)
- Joe Chandler, Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville (E)
- George Horton, Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville (M) (Temporary Chairman)
- M.J. Strickland, Desfield Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg (M)
- David Miller, First Baptist Church, Rutherford (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Marvin G. Cameron, First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg (E)
- Edward Futrell, Southside Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- Michael M. Christian, Stevens St. Baptist Church, Cookeville (M)
- D.M. Renick, Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis (W)
- John Pippin, First Baptist Church, Savannah (W)

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Harley Fite, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City (E)
- Olin Baxter, Clearbranch Baptist Church, Erwin (E)
- Arthur Walker, Jr., Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville (M)
- Joe Acuff, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Moscow (W)
- Dan Farmer, First Baptist Church, Greenfield (W)

#### Term Expiring 1988

- Marcella Adams, South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville (E)
- Margaret Lewis, First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg (E)
- J.D. May, First Baptist Church, Cowan (M)
- Jerry Neely, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro (M)
- Roy Stinson, Gates Baptist Church, Gates (W)

#### Term Expiring 1987

- Haven C. Lowe, Central Baptist Church, Johnson City (E)
- Lloyd Johnson, Dickerson Road Nashville (M) (Temporary Chairman)
- James H. Youree III, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro (M)
- Teddy H. Evans, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington (W)
- Wallace Bryan, Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett (W)

### COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL

#### Term Expiring 1989

- Mark Hearn, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Morristown (E)
- Sam Brooks, Candies Creek Baptist Church, Charleston (E)
- Jerry Tracey, First Baptist Church, Manchester (M)

- 4. James D. Gaines, First Baptist Church, Dresden (W)
  - 5. Tommy Stevens, Fairview Baptist Church, Newbern (W)
- Term Expiring 1988**
- 1. James Holloway, First Baptist Church, Vona (E)
  - 2. Amos Jarman, West Main Baptist Church, Alexandria (M)
  - 3. Mark DeBoard, First Baptist Church, Winchester (M)
  - 4. Mike Boyd, Jr., Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis (W)

- 5. Charles Halliburton, First Baptist Church, Finley (W)
- Term Expiring 1987**
- 1. Bruce A. Yates, Armono Baptist Church, Alcoa (E)
  - 2. Albert South, Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Jonesborough (E)
  - 3. J. Milton Knox, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville (M)
  - 4. Bobby G. Johnson, LaGuarda Baptist Church, Lebanon (M) (Temporary Chairman)
  - 5. Jerry M. Lee, New Harmony Baptist

- Church, Paris (W)
- COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**
- Term Expiring 1989**
- 1. R. J. Seal, Lebanon Baptist Church, Talbot (E)
  - 2. James Lindsay, First Baptist Church, Roan Mountain (E)
  - 3. Mrs. George Horton, Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville (M)
  - 4. Jimmy Terry, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Clarksville (M)
  - 5. Suzanne Ebersold, Germantown

- Baptist Church, Germantown (W)**
- Term Expiring 1988**
- 1. Karen Bibbins, Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville (E)
  - 2. Robert E. Jones, First Baptist Church, Bluff City (E) (Temporary Chairman)
  - 3. Charlie Boggan, First Baptist Church, Newport (E)
  - 4. Fred M. Wood, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis (W)
  - 5. Jerrrell White, Second Baptist Church, Union City (W)

- Term Expiring 1987**
- 1. Dwayne Shaumaker, Valley View Baptist Church, Nashville (M)
  - 2. David R. Wall, Center Grove Baptist Church, Tullahoma (M)
  - 3. Jerry R. Smith, Fellowship Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet (M)
  - 4. Ray Newcomb, First Baptist Church, Millington (W)
  - 5. Ray Green, Liberty Baptist Church, Covington (W)

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE Executive Board TO THE Tennessee Baptist Convention**

- We recommend that the basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1986-87 be set at \$22,500,000.
- We recommend that 37.00 percent of the Cooperative Program budget receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 63.00 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, after reviewing budget requests submitted by various Executive Board committees, the Cooperative Program budget for 1986-87 be adopted:

**BUDGET REQUESTS — OPERATING AND CAPITAL**

**Administrative, Central Admin. Depts., and Agencies**

	Budget 1985-86	Proposed 1986-87
Convention Services (Gen. TBC & Ex. Bd.)	\$ 391,500	\$ 406,600
Annuity Board Programs (Office)	92,596	100,091
Executive Offices	386,719	414,003
Central Admin. Departments	1,039,103	1,141,344
Baptist and Reflector	738,548	780,865
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	228,980	242,844
Contingency Fund	16,422	16,422
Executive Board Reserve Fund	0	0
<b>Operating Funds - Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 2,893,868</b>	<b>\$ 3,102,169</b>
<b>Less refunds - outside sources:</b>		
Annuity Board SBC	(34,418)	(34,418)
BSSB for Church-Min. info	(4,400)	(4,600)
BSSB for Conv. Min. Div. Dir. office	(4,400)	(4,600)
B&R Anticipated Income	(520,000)	(550,000)
Earned Interest - Accounting office	(122,135)	(128,179)
Earned Interest - Ex. Sec.-Treas. office	(73,000)	(74,000)
<b>Total refunds-outside sources</b>	<b>(758,353)</b>	<b>(795,797)</b>
<b>Total Operating - Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 2,135,515</b>	<b>\$ 2,306,372</b>

**Capital Expense:**

Office Equipment, Ex. Bd. Bldg.	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
<b>TOTAL Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 2,177,515</b>	<b>\$ 2,348,372</b>

**Convention Ministries Division**

Departments	Budget 1985-86	Proposed 1986-87
Brotherhood	\$ 168,180	\$ 177,821
Media Ministries	125,119	133,630
Church Music	135,744	143,991
Church Training	248,242	262,585
Evangelism	159,214	192,866
Missions - Office	213,889	232,269
PACL, Historical	65,447	66,761
Student - Office	118,778	123,219
Sunday School	263,828	281,970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,441</b>	<b>\$ 1,615,112</b>

**Statewide Ministries**

	Budget 1985-86	Proposed 1986-87
Annuity Board Programs	\$ 1,161,681	\$ 1,389,066
Camps	421,330	394,500
Church Building and Loan	9,855	9,855
Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund	65,000	100,000
Site Fund for New Churches	0	100,000
Missions - Program	749,538	865,032
Student - Campus	680,279	729,085
Pastoral Counseling	2,500	2,500
Ministers Aid	25,000	25,000
Properties-Maintenance Mgr. office	44,596	46,911
Foreign Mission Ministries	0	60,566
	\$ 3,159,779	\$ 3,722,515
<b>Contingency Fund</b>	<b>\$ 16,422</b>	<b>\$ 16,422</b>
<b>Auxiliary (WNU)</b>	<b>\$ 435,995</b>	<b>\$ 466,781</b>
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,110,637</b>	<b>\$ 5,820,830</b>

**Capital Expense:**

Camps	\$ 210,200	\$ 210,000
Student - Campus	95,802	97,550
<b>Total Capital Expense</b>	<b>\$ 306,002</b>	<b>\$ 307,550</b>
<b>Total Capital and Operating</b>	<b>\$ 5,416,639</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,380</b>

**Less refunds - outside sources:**

BSSB for State Mission Depts.	\$ (74,800)	\$ (76,800)
HMB for Mission Office	(36,264)	(49,344)
HMB, GSAMO, & Local for Mission Prog.	(143,916)	(217,452)
GSAMO for Mission Lot & Bldg. Fund	(65,000)	(100,000)

**GSAMO for Site Fund for New Churches** 0 (100,000)

**GSAMO for Brotherhood Disaster Van** (10,000) (10,000)

**GSAMO for Camps - Capital** (170,000) (170,000)

**Anticipated Income - Camps** (387,000) (357,654)

**Self-liquidating, Church Bldg. & Loan** (9,855) (9,855)

**GSAMO for Sunday School Dept.** (22,000) (25,575)

**GSAMO for Student Campus work** (19,500) (19,500)

**GSAMO for WNU** (95,250) (105,750)

**HMB for Evangelism** (10,716) (35,436)

**GSAMO for Media Ministries** (6,200) (7,600)

**Spec. Appropriation, FM Minist.** 0 (60,566)

**An. Bd. Liab. Fund for An. Programs** 0 (160,453)

**Total Refunds - Conv. Ministries Div.** (1,050,501) (1,505,985)

**TOTAL Convention Ministries** \$ 4,366,138 \$ 4,622,395

**Benevolent Institutions**

Operating Funds	Budget 1985-86	Proposed 1986-87
Hospitals	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes	109,586	109,586
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes	926,500	1,019,150
Audits	35,300	37,600
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,166,336</b>

**Capital Funds**

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000
<b>TOTAL Benevolent Institutions</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,336</b>

**GRAND TOTAL Cooperative Program** \$13,282,500 \$14,175,000

**RECAP OF REQUESTS, 1986-87**

	1985-86	1986-87
Administrative, Adm. Depts. & Agencies	\$ 2,177,515	\$ 2,348,372
Convention Ministries Division	4,366,138	4,622,395
Educational Institutions	5,567,461	5,962,897
Benevolent Institutions	1,171,386	1,241,336
<b>Total TBC</b>	<b>\$13,282,500</b>	<b>\$14,175,000</b>
<b>1986-87 Cooperative Program Request:</b>		
Tennessee Baptist Convention 63.00%		\$ 14,175,000
Southern Baptist Convention 37.00%		8,325,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 22,500,000</b>

**House passes bill to counter religious violence, vandalism**

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP)— Despite opposition from the Reagan administration, the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would impose criminal penalties on persons damaging religious property or injuring anyone in the free exercise of religious beliefs.

The bill would amend the U.S. Code so that persons who damage any religious property because of its religious character or who obstruct, by force or threat of force, any person's free exercise of religion could receive federal fines up to \$15,000 and prison sentences up to life.

The administration said it opposes the legislation because it believes such offenses should be investigated and prosecuted at the state level. Jurisdiction by the federal government in this area also would violate the principles of federalism, said the administration.

During House hearings on the subject, the Justice Department also opposed such legislation. The department argued that since the legislation would protect only religious property and activity, it would advance the cause of religion and serve no secular purpose, thus violating the First Amendment's establishment clause.

The Justice Department also contended such legislation is not within congressional power under the First Amendment's religion clauses since Congress is not empowered to prohibit purely private interference with religious freedom.

The House Judiciary Committee — which reported the bill, H.R. 4980, to the full House — has disagreed with the Justice Department's arguments. In the report accompanying the bill, the Judiciary Committee said the legislation

does not violate the establishment clause because it does not promote any particular activity of a religious organization. The bill, according to the report, also serves the legitimate secular concern of protecting individuals in the exercise of a protected right and does not create excessive entanglement since the government's involvement with religious institutions would be no greater than when it provides other protections against criminal acts.

The House committee also argued that Congress has the power, under the Constitution's commerce clause, to prohibit private intrusion on First Amendment rights.

The report pointed to a growing problem of religiously motivated violence. It added that while states have primary responsibility for law enforcement in

such cases, the federal government also has a responsibility since many groups that appear to be behind such violence have members in several states and operate across state lines.

Before being enacted, the bill would have to be approved by the Senate and signed by the president.

**Carson-Newman hosts youth night**

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College observed an RA, GA, and Acteen night Sept. 13.

Youth groups were invited to attend the C-N versus Georgetown football game held at Carson-Newman's Burke-Tarr Stadium.

Baileytown First Baptist Church, Greenville, had the largest number of youth present, with 70 persons. McKinney's Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville, had the highest percentage of their youth present, with 32.

There were 29 youth groups attending the game and over 600 total youth and counselors from the churches present.

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**BIBLE BOOK SERIES**  
Lesson for Oct. 12

# John prepares the way

By Danny Bush, associate minister  
First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge

Basic Passage: John 1:19-51  
Focal Passages: John 1:21-23, 32-37, 43-49

From earlier days of construction work, I recall that finish carpenters were preceded by rough carpenters and/or framing crews. It was the task of the framing crew to prepare foundation footing, install floor framing and wall studs, and to construct the rafters for the roof. Their important tasks when completed made it possible for the finish carpenters to put into place all of the more decorative construction materials, such as paneling and trim, which would cover the rough materials.



Bush

In a sense, John the Baptist, of whom the writer of the Gospel of John is writing, was a rough carpenter preparing the way for the Finish Carpenter. His teaching, his proclamation provided valuable structure for the Messiah to build upon. The Baptist knew that the rough hewn teaching he delivered pointed not to who he was but to the superior insights and powers of the One of Whom Isaiah had written centuries earlier.

Other than the historical Biblical information you and I can glean from this passage, it seems to me some fundamental truths applicable to our days of discipleship are apparent. Some poignant questions can be raised for us to consider.

The emphasis in this Biblical material is upon preparation, the preparing of the way by Christians so that non-Christians can be pointed to and guided to Jesus. Although it is not popular to basic human nature to take the backseat, that is precisely what the people of God are to do when it comes to their role as followers, servants of the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. The baptizer willingly stepped aside and pointed to an unusual citizen from Nazareth.

When religious leaders of today question Who Jesus is, do you, like John, have a clear declaration (1:19-28)?

Is your identification of Jesus similar to the one John the Baptist gave (1:29-34)?

Are you willing, as John was, to point people who have confidence in you to Jesus and not to yourself (1:35-39)?

Do people whom you lead to Christ seek to bring other people to Christ or to you or your church or some program or some other personality (1:40-42)? Someone has said, "The product of a Christian is another Christian."

The work of the Spirit of God is no respecter of time, place, or culture. Like these early disciples, do you simply encourage other people to "come and see" Who is this Jesus, or do you think of reasons why witnessing is just not your cup of tea (1:43-46)?

Like Nathanael, are you impressed with what little you know of God's power or will you allow yourself to be awed by what God is able to do (1:47-51)?

Followers of Christ are to grow in their understanding of the work and ways of God and become more absorbed in doing the Christian life rather than merely talking the Christian life. The epistle of James has some challenges in this regard as do verses like 2 Timothy 2:15.

Maturing in the faith is what Jesus was encouraging Nathanael to do. In essence Jesus told him, "You haven't seen anything yet!" or "This is just a little thing compared to what bigger things I have in store for you!"

Then as now, God calls His children to be people of faith, people who live in great anticipation as to what He can yet do in, with, and through us and all of creation!

**UNIFORM LESSON SERIES**  
Lesson for Oct. 12

# Renewal of a covenant

By W. Clyde Tilley, professor of religion and philosophy  
Union University, Jackson

Basic Passage: Joshua 24  
Focal Passages: Joshua 24:1, 14-24

To speak of someone as having a high resolve is to pay that person a great compliment. This compliment fits both Joshua and Israel in this passage, for it reflects a high resolve for both of them. This resolve is stated four times, once on the part of Joshua and three times on the part of Israel, with the words, "we will serve the Lord" (vv. 15, 18, 21, 24).

The setting is at Mt. Ebal, a mound of curses, and Mt. Gerizim, a mound of blessing, near Shechem. The occasion is a covenant renewal ceremony following Israel's conquest of Canaan under Joshua. Both this occasion and setting had been dictated by Moses prior to his death (Deuteronomy 27:11-13).



Tilley

Joshua's precedent for resolve (14:1, 14-15)

That covenant which God had made, first with Abraham and later with the nation Israel, frequently had to be renewed at crucial periods in Israel's history. This is one of those times.

Joshua, who had proven himself to be quite a warrior, now proves himself to be a great orator as he stands before the victorious tribes at Shechem.

After a recital of Israel's amazing deliverance at the hands of God (vv. 2-13), Joshua makes a strong appeal to the tribal people to "fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and faithfulness" (v.14a). Such a resolve will involve negatively the renouncing of Mesopotamian and Egyptian gods with whom they had flirted in their unstable history (v.14b).

Nevertheless, Joshua wants it to be their own considered choice. He calls them to decision by reminding them what their options are: The polytheistic gods of Mesopotamia, where Abraham had his roots; the Amorite gods, which the people had been exposed to since their entry into Canaan; or the Lord, the God of Israel, Who had delivered them (v.15a).

More forceful, however, than anything that Joshua said was what he did - the precedent he set for Israel by announcing his own choice and that of his family (v.15b). Joshua's choice for his family is more than just a strong testimony to his influence as a family head. It is a reflection of the strong solidarity of the He-

brew family under its head and the absence of our contemporary individualism which would arise much later (cf. Jeremiah 18:1-4).

Israel's pronouncement of resolve (14:16-18)

Benefiting both from Joshua's example and from his recitation of the many things that God had faithfully done on their behalf, the Israelites match the resolve of Joshua with their own exalted pronouncement: "therefore we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God" (v. 18b). The strength of their resolve is underscored with their words, "far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods" (v.16, RSV). Their own enumeration of God's saving deeds is given as the reason for their choice (vv.17-18a).

Israel's persistence in resolve (14:19-24)

Following Israel's pronouncement of resolve, she persists in withstanding two challenges that Joshua makes to her decision.

The first has to do with some reservations that Joshua has about Israel's ability to be true to her commitment. He recalls her checkered record of unfaithfulness to God, reminds her of it, and raises the question about His capacity for carrying through (v.19). He reminds Israel that God's goodness cannot be presumed upon, that in spite of His past tolerance and blessing, God will not indefinitely forgive their predictable backsliding. This same God Who rained blessings upon them is also capable of storming judgments for their sins (v.20). Despite the warning, Israel persists in her resolve.

Joshua's second challenge is to remind them of the solemnness of their understanding. "You are witnesses against yourself . . ." (v.22) has the effect of saying that what they were doing was no routine promise but a solemn vow before God. To treat it lightly will be accompanied by the same seriousness as perjury would be in contrast to a mere lie in our own society. They were under oath; they had solemnly sworn to uphold it.

Again they persist with the words, "We are witnesses." Having met these challenges, Joshua then charges them to purify themselves by putting away their foreign gods (v.23) and once again they comply with high resolve (v.24).

We may find ourselves indicted at two levels by this lesson about Israel, who shared a common fickleness with us. First, we like they are often better at pronouncing high resolve than we are at maintaining that same level of resolve in our style of living. Second, we who stand in a covenant relationship to God stand also in frequent need of renewing those broken covenants.

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**LIFE AND WORK SERIES**  
Lesson for Oct. 12

# Responsible to God

By Fred M. Wood  
author, preacher, teacher, Memphis

Basic Passage: Genesis 1:26 to 2:14  
Focal Passages: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7

What is life and why are we here? Someone cynically described life as "a joke that isn't even funny." Another called it "a long headache in a busy street."

A greater spirit, however, said "Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal."

Another cynical person spoke of man as a "forked radish taking a dizzy ride on a gigantic fly-wheel." A wiser person, however, spoke of redeemed people as "now we are the sons of God" and some day we shall be "like Him for we shall see Him as He is."



Wood

To a large extent, we value ourselves in terms of how we feel about why we are here on earth in the first place.

The Bible makes it clear, stating as forcefully as possible, that humanity began as a direct act of God. Though we reproduce through the biological process God ordained, every woman who has experienced motherhood and come forth with her baby will, if honest and thoughtful, say "My baby's birth was an act of God!" Every new life is a fresh miracle from our Heavenly Father.

God's divine masterpiece (1:26-28)

No better definition has ever been given for the first man than "the crown of creation." He is indeed "God's greatest signature."

The best of scholars disagree on the phrase "Let us make." Some are certain this represents the Trinity at the very dawn of the world's existence as they worked cooperatively. Others, though believing in the Trinity, see this as an editorial use of the word or suggest the plural of majesty.

The New Testament certainly makes it clear that Christ was a participator, if not the complete agent in creation (John 1:1-3). The second verse of this Genesis chapter likewise states that the Spirit of God was present.

An ancient rabbi spoke of "in our image" as "in the mold which we have prepared for his creation" and "after our likeness" as with "discernment and understanding." Another spoke of these as referring to the qualities of man's soul wherein it is similar to God... "it is immortal and fills man's body entirely, just as God fills the universe."

An old cliché spoke of man as having

similarity to both his origins, being bodily like the earth from which he was taken and his spirit immortal like God Who breathed into him.

Our generic use of "man" for both sexes has Biblical support since the text reads, "God created man... both male and female created He them."

The phrase "have dominion" has been described metaphorically as "ensnare them by nets... and compel them to serve you." God made the earth for us to enjoy and control. We, therefore, have a responsibility to care for it so succeeding generations may enjoy the same privilege.

Provision for food (1:29-31)

The word translated "meat" means "food." God provided for both the animals and human beings. Most scholars see these verses as teaching that originally both were vegetarians. We have no record of any killing of either animals or man until after the fall of man because of sin. Some scholars contend man did not eat flesh until Noah offered burnt offerings after the flood.

After telling of the sixth day's creative activity, the writer added "very" to the description of God's good work. This indicated that the perfection of the total creation exceeded that of its separate parts. The finishing touch was the creation of humanity, for in this way God added the finite person that corresponded to His infinite Person.

The tenderness of creation (2:7)

The account of God breathing His own life into man is a beautiful picture of the closeness that should exist between the

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Creator and His creation. As we consider our human nature, we should bear in mind both the earth's dust and God's breath. The combination gives us a two-fold picture which we may accept with pessimism or optimism.

One cynical poet spoke of man as "half dust, half deity, alike unfit to sink or soar." The Christian knows better! Though we are related to dirt, we also are related to God. This means we have the possibility of fellowship with Him. An awesome responsibility is thus thrust upon us.

As the poet told the Queen, "Be loyal to the royal that is in thee," so we must seek the God Who made us in His image.

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# Canadian 'recycles' trip to Southwestern

By Mark Wingfield

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (BP)— The road to seminary is rougher for some than others.

George Ward chose to take some of the roughest roads to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary twice.

Ward, a 73-year-old retired minister

from Lethbridge, Alberta, returned to the seminary campus in September, exactly 50 years after he first came as a student. He traveled from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Fort Worth, Texas, the same way he did before — on bicycle.

Cheering students and friends greeted Ward on the seminary oval drive as he finished the 2,500-mile journey through eight states. He rolled to a stop and said, "It's still quite a long ride."

In 1936, Ward was a Canadian Baptist minister with little money but a strong desire to attend Southwestern. Because of the Great Depression, Ward decided his one-speed bicycle would be the cheapest transportation.

With the encouragement of family and friends, Ward set out for Fort Worth on Aug. 17, 1936. He sent his few belongings ahead by freight and took with him the \$100 he had scraped together.

Ward recalled that the seminary at that time encouraged prospective students to "get \$100 and a lot of faith and come on."

The first trip took him 19 days and cost \$10.52. The second took 24 days and a lot more money.

But this time he helped raise funds for others, including Southwestern seminary, the Canadian Hunger Foundation, and his hometown Kiwanis Club. Friends and other interested people pledged certain amounts per mile.

On his first journey, Ward spent the night wherever he stopped each day. Because of the depression, "many people were on the roads," he said.

For the second trip, Ward meticulously plotted his course and stayed in motels along the way. Family members accompanied him by car on most of the trip.

Although the 12-speed bicycle he used this time is more suited to long distance rides than his old bike, it is "a very ordinary unit," Ward said. The Lethbridge Kiwanis Club gave it to him for the trip.

Along the way, Ward patched about a dozen leaks and wore out two rear tires. But that was more pleasant than 50 years ago, when he had to air up leaky tires every three hours from the Texas border to Fort Worth, he said.

Lavelle Kennedy was one of the first to meet Ward after he arrived in 1936. Kennedy, who became Ward's roommate, came back to Southwestern to greet him on his second arrival.

Kennedy recalled Ward would often ride his bicycle 90 miles to preach at Lois Baptist Church near Gainesville. Ward said bicycles were not "a popular means of getting around," but continued to be economical for him.

Ward met his wife, Velma, while at Southwestern. He received the master of theology degree in 1941 and they returned to Canada, where he was pastor of Baptist churches until retirement in 1980.

He did not ride a bicycle for about 20 years, and then picked up the sport again in the 1960s. He also runs competitively in the Masters program for older adults.

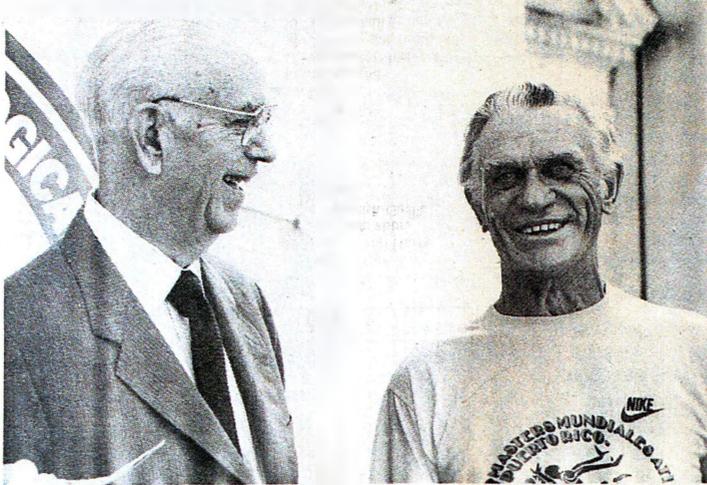
To train for the repeat trip, Ward rode 100 miles per week for one year.

Georgenne Terrell, a Fort Worth resident, read about Ward's ride in the Denver Post while on vacation. The next day as she was traveling home, she spotted Ward on the highway.

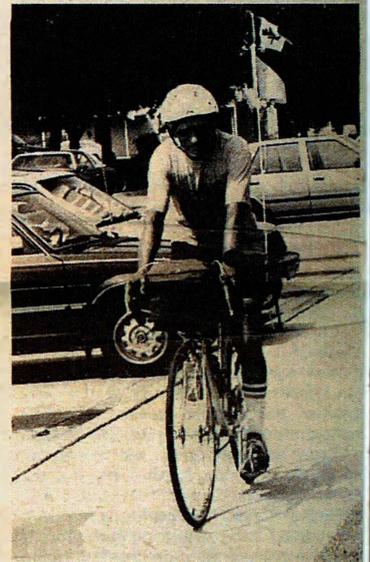
"I can't believe he would do this," she said. Terrell said that even though she is not a Baptist, this experience inspired the "humanitarian" side of her.

At the end of the journey, Ward was weary but unimpressed with his own feat. "People ask me if I'm going to do this every 50 years," he said. "Well, I'm not."

But the fact that Ward chose the rough roads to Southwestern seminary twice indicates his love for the school. "I owe a great deal to Southwestern," he said.

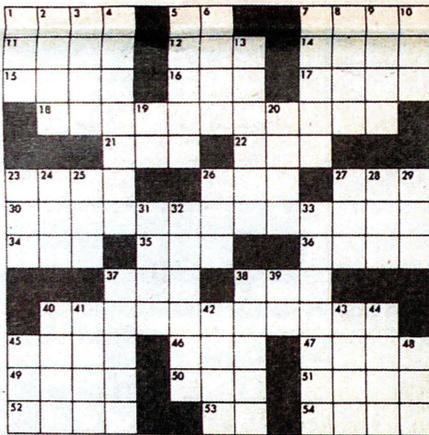


**OLD FRIENDS** — Jesse Northcutt (left) distinguished professor of preaching emeritus, greets bicyclist Gerald Ward upon Ward's arrival at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ward and Northcutt entered Southwestern as students together 50 years ago. Ward arrived that year on his bicycle — from Canada. Northcutt came by more conventional means.



**RETURN TO SWBTS** — Gerald Ward, a 73-year-old retired Canadian minister, pedals onto the campus of Southwestern seminary. Ward repeated the 2,500-mile bicycle trip he made 50 years ago from Vancouver, Canada, to Fort Worth, Texas.

## Bible Puzzle



### DOWN

- 1 Academic degree: abbr.
- 2 Fish
- 3 Medley
- 4 "the — of the dream" (Judg. 7:15)
- 5 Present at Pentecost (Acts 2:9)
- 6 Verve
- 7 "a — pierced his side" (John 19:34)
- 8 "to — Mordecai" (Esth. 6)
- 9 French river
- 10 Goddess of mischief
- 13 "the — of God" (Jas. 2:23)
- 19 Note
- 20 Chinese dynasty
- 23 "with — and bridle" (Psa. 32)
- 24 Shoulder: comb. form
- 25 Caught in a thicket (Gen. 22:13)
- 26 Air National Guard: abbr.
- 27 Rocky hill
- 28 Conjunctions
- 29 Light of the body (Luke 11:34)
- 31 To send forth
- 32 Two came to Sodom (Gen. 19:1)
- 33 Land (Zech. 10:10)
- 37 Hallow
- 38 — servants (Mark 1:20)
- 39 North or South: abbr.
- 40 Furry tunneler
- 41 Death notice
- 42 Require
- 43 Solitaire or old maid
- 44 Arabian nobleman
- 45 Area: abbr.
- 48 Latin conjunctions

### ACROSS

- 1 "I will not — out his name" (Rev. 3)
- 5 Pronoun
- 7 "Pekod, and —" (Ezek. 23:23)
- 11 Index
- 12 Sprite
- 14 "measure of every —" (Eph. 4:16)
- 15 Dye purple
- 16 Patriotic organization
- 17 Nine: comb. form
- 18 "and worship the —" (Dan. 3)
- 21 Hawks
- 22 Goddess of healing (Gal. 4:23)
- 23 "was — after the flesh" (Dan. 3)
- 26 Girl's name
- 27 "and upon the great —" (Ex. 29:20)
- 30 "he is the — — of God" (1 Cor. 11)
- 34 —, Dick, and Harry
- 35 Managing: abbr.
- 36 The Scottish-Gaelic language
- 37 — Ben
- 38 O.T. book: abbr.
- 40 "and the —" (Judg. 18:17)
- 45 Of fine linen (1 Chron. 15:27)
- 46 Irish sea god
- 47 Emmanuel (Matt. 1:23)
- 49 Ancient Greek country
- 50 "for we shall — him as he is" (1 John 3)
- 51 Skip
- 52 Obtains
- 53 Honorary degree: abbr.
- 54 Abner's father (1 Sam. 14:51; poss.)

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## BSSB reports increase in conference attendance

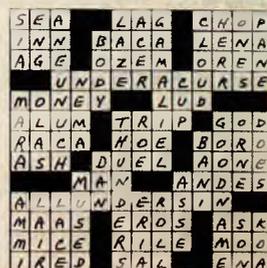
NASHVILLE (BP) — A combined summer attendance of 60,676 at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist conference centers recorded a slight increase over 1985 attendance of 59,284, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board records show.

The 1986 total represents an increase of 1,392, or 2 percent, over the 1985 attendance figures.

At Ridgecrest, attendance was 32,183, an increase of 4 percent over the 1985 attendance of 30,964; the Glorieta total was 28,493, an increase of 1 percent over last year's figure of 28,320.

For 1987, the conference centers will return to a summer schedule in which all conferences will begin on Saturday night and conclude Friday at noon. The conference centers are operated by the Sunday School Board.

### Last week's Bible Puzzle answers



"For God shall bring every work into judgment" (Eccl. 12:14).