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## BSSB trustees approve new Bible commentary

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE (BP)— A new multi-volume Bible commentary reflecting the views of Biblical inerrantists was approved during the semiannual meeting of Sunday School Board trustees Feb. 2-4. In addition to the new commentaries, trustees approved a total of 15 recommendations, including new music publishing guidelines, and a report on plans to provide adequate office and warehouse space for the board.

Board President Lloyd Elder said he was pleased with the cooperative spirit of the meeting in which trustees worked together to make responsive decisions.

With approval of the new Bible commentary, in response to a motion made by a messenger at the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, the board will spend an estimated \$1.5-million to devel-

op and publish the new product. Broadman division director Dessel Aderholt estimated the break-even point on sales would be about 200,000 volumes. The first volume is expected to be released in 1990.

The vote to publish the commentary came after the board's Broadman publishing committee had recommended to trustees that no commentary be published. The committee cited extensive research which revealed a weak demand for another commentary set at this time and concerns by some respondents that a commentary would be divisive in the current climate in the denomination.

After hearing the report, however, several trustees said they felt such a commentary could have a healing effect on the controversy in the denomination.

Jodi Chapman of Wichita Falls, Texas, (Continued on page 2)



**VICTORY CHECK** — Attorney Frank Ingraham (second from right) presents a check for \$38,591.28 to Gerald Stow, executive director of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. The check, from the Internal Revenue Service, is a refund of penalty payments assessed to TBCH for failure to file IRS Form 990. In a landmark church-state decision, the U.S. District Court for Middle Tennessee ruled in favor of the TBCH contention that as an integrated auxiliary of the Baptist churches of Tennessee they should be exempt from filing the form. The subsequent appeal to the U.S. 6th District Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's ruling. Tom Madden (left) TBC executive secretary, and Al Shackelford, (right), editor of the Baptist and Reflector, join Stow and Ingraham in celebrating receiving the check.

## Lebanese Baptists want missionaries to stay

By Art Toalston

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP)— Lebanese Baptist leaders have expressed "deepest concern and utmost disapproval" of the U.S. government order that Americans leave their country.

The Lebanese Baptist Convention's

Executive Committee has asked the U.S. Department of State to exempt Southern Baptist missionaries from the order. A pastors' group and at least four Lebanese Baptist congregations have made similar pleas.

The Jan. 28 order gives Americans in

Lebanon 30 days of valid passport privileges before they must leave the country.

At the State Department, William Wharton, director of citizenship appeals, could not pinpoint when a decision will be made on allowing Southern Baptist missionaries to remain in Lebanon. He said his staff will handle the matter "as expeditiously as possible."

Ghassan Khalaf, a former president of the Lebanese Baptist Convention, urged Americans in a telephone interview, "Do not let us feel that you are forsaking us."

The vast majority of Lebanon's 2.7-million people "feel that they are a part of the free world," Khalaf said. "They are people of good will. We hope that the (American) government will understand our situation and not withdraw from

Lebanon but help and support Lebanon."

The American government, Khalaf reiterated, should not "make decisions that harm many hundreds of thousands of people because of a few terrorists."

The Lebanese Baptist Executive Committee's plea, adopted Feb. 4 in Beirut, argued the order "would result in the disruption or freezing of many ... projects that are of great benefit both to our local churches and to our convention." The convention consists of 11 Baptist churches in Lebanon.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon are "greatly appreciated by the community in the spiritual, humanitarian, and social fields," the committee added.

The missionaries are engaged in media, publications, and educational work. They also worked with Lebanese Baptist churches in 1986 to distribute \$150,000 in Southern Baptist relief funds to assist refugees from areas devastated by Lebanon's 12-year-old civil war.

Soon after the Jan. 28 State Department order, a group of Lebanese Baptist pastors met to urge prayer "morning, noon, and night" that the missionaries could remain in Lebanon. Also, Friday, Feb. 6, was designated a day of fasting and prayer.

In a Feb. 3 meeting, the Hadath Baptist Church, where Khalaf is pastor, adopted a statement that noted: "For several decades, the Baptist mission in Lebanon has been a help and a blessing to the Baptist churches and our people in Lebanon. The deepest spirit of cooperation, understanding, fellowship, and love has been established between the Baptist mission personnel and Baptists of Lebanon. We are one family, one household under God."

## Four Tennessee Acteens receive national Top Teen honor by WMU

Four Tennesseans were named Top Teens by the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, in Birmingham recently. Top Teens are the 20 national runners-up for the 1987 national Acteens Advisory Panel.

Texas also had four, tying with Tennessee for the largest number of Top Teens from one state.

The following Acteens, girls in grades 7-12 who are members of the missions education program in Southern Baptist churches, were named Top Teens: Cherie D. Carson, grade 12, Ardmore Baptist Church in Memphis; Susan L. Douglas, grade 12, First Baptist Church in Hixson; Stephanie Hart, grade 10, Meridian Baptist Church in Jackson; and Sheri Lyn Edgington, grade 11, Fall Creek Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Cindy Reed, Tennessee WMU intern, reported that the four Tennessee Top Teens have either earned their Queen Regent in Service advancement level or are currently completing it.

Finalists for the six-member national Acteens Advisory Panel are chosen on the basis of church and school activities, writing abilities, and involvement in the Studiact advancement program, said Reed.

Reed suggested that Acteens who are interested in competing for the honor next year should watch for application forms in the fall issues of *Accent*, the magazine for Acteens, or contact TBC, WMU, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37027.

## Rogers speaks in Washington

WASHINGTON (BP)— While emphasizing the need for godly leadership, Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers warned participants at the National Religious Broadcasters annual meeting not to confuse the power of the government with that of the church.

"The government must do what the church cannot do, and the church must do what the government cannot do," said Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. "The church must never attempt to use the power of the government for spiritual goals."

While the government may protect the church, it should never be expected to improve the church spiritually, Rogers said, adding both must be free to do their own tasks.

He urged the audience not to sell their "birthright" to win the power or approval of government.

In addition to misused power, Rogers warned against the dangers of misplaced priorities, mistaken enemies, and misguided pride.

Preceding Rogers' address, Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, delivered the invocation for the National Religious Broadcasters Congressional Breakfast.

# Sunday School Board votes reorganization

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE (BP) — A reorganization of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and reassignment of four employees in vice-presidential slots were ap-

proved by the board's trustees Feb. 3. After extended discussions about whether the Sunday School program, termed by President Lloyd Elder as the "highest priority," was placed high

enough in the organization, trustees voted to ask Elder to study the management level of Sunday School and report back at the August 1987 meeting.

During six hours of presentation and discussion, Elder said the reorganization is an attempt to "downsize" the structure of the board and reduce the number of levels of management between the president and the board's 17 programs. "We want to structure the board to say that Bold Mission Thrust and the urgency of evangelism are our heartbeat in service to Southern Baptists," he said.

The revision, which becomes effective March 1, changes the concept of the executive office from a president and executive vice-president to an executive officers' team that includes the president, five vice-presidents who report to the president, and an assistant vice-president for communications reporting to the executive vice-president.

James D. Williams, associate to the president and director of the office of planning and research since 1984, was approved as executive vice-president. Williams will be the first executive assistant to Elder.

James W. Clark, executive vice-president since 1976, will become senior vice-president for publishing and distribution. A 32-year employee of the board, Clark will direct the Broadman, Holman, and book store divisions and the Genevox music group.

Jimmy D. Edwards, vice-president for publishing and distribution since 1981 and an 18-year employee, moves to a restructured position as vice-president for church programs and services.

Edwards will oversee the family ministry, national student ministries, telecommunications, art and materials services departments, and a new marketing department, along with the church services division. That division includes Glorieta and Ridgecrest conference centers and the church media library, church architecture, and church recreation departments.

Gary D. Cook, director of the church and staff support division since 1981, was approved for a newly created position, vice-president for church program organizations. Cook will oversee the Sunday School, church training, church music, church administration, and special ministries departments.

The vote on the four personnel recommendations came after an effort to vote on each individually and a motion that Cook not be reassigned as vice-president for church program organizations.

Rick Forrester, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lilburn, Ga., questioned Cook's lack of experience related to the Sunday School program.

"There is nothing wrong with Gary or his commitments to the Lord and Holy Scripture. . . . As great a fellow as Gary is, his qualifications are not in that background (Sunday School)," said Forrester.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., said Cook, an Oklahoma native, "has an excellent grasp of administrative skills. He is forthright and has a deep sense of personal piety."

The motion not to reassign Cook was defeated in a secret-ballot vote, 51-22. The four personnel recommendations then were adopted with four dissenting votes.

The structure revision was approved with two opposing votes after attempts to postpone a vote to the next meeting and elevate the Sunday School department to an office headed by a vice-president who would serve on the executive officers' team. Elder was asked to study the possibility of raising the Sunday School department to a division.

Numerous trustees agreed with Elder that Sunday School should be the board's highest priority but differed about how the structure of the board should reflect the priority.

In the reorganization, three divisions — Bible teaching, Christian development and church and staff support — were deleted. Ralph McIntyre, director of the Bible teaching division, will become special assistant to the president until his retirement after August 1987. Howard Foshee, director of the Christian development division, will become director of planning services, a new post.

Also, Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications, becomes assistant vice-president for communications. Robert Turner, director of the conference center division, becomes director of an expanded church services division. E. V. King, vice-president for business and finance, continues as the chief financial officer of the board.

## Bible commentary...

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a member of the SBC Peace Committee, said during the discussion that publishing the commentary would speak a positive word to a lot of unhappy people in the denomination by being responsive to the grass roots people.

After several minutes of debate, trustee Joe Courson, pastor of Cinco Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., offered a substitute motion that the board proceed with haste to produce a commentary.

Two amendments were then voted to the substitute motion. The first, made by trustee Dean Mathis, pastor of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs, N.M., called for the commentary "to reflect a strong, scholarly defense of the traditional authorship of the Biblical books, the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, and a presentation of an apologetic for creationism in the introduction to Genesis."

The second amendment, by Roland Maddox of Memphis, specified that all writers who contribute to the commentary "hold to the position of inerrancy." The substitute motion and both amendments all passed by a wide majority.

In publishing the Bible commentary, the board will employ the advice of the past five presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention, representatives of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, to find appropriate contributors.

Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder responded to the trustees by saying the agency will publish the commentary "in service to Southern Baptists. I think the decision to publish the commentary is a step forward in acting responsively to the denomination."

In another matter, publishing guidelines for the board's new Genevox Music Group also were approved unanimously. Discussion centered on whether guidelines are too broad regarding the types of music to be published and the choice of authors and composers.

Fes Robertson, director of Genevox, said the local church is the principal target for Genevox products, though attention may later turn to the home and devotional markets when opportunities and resources develop.

After extensive study by a special trustee committee and the administration, trustees authorized the administration to pursue development of a plan to provide for space requirements in downtown Nashville through the year 2000 A.D. and beyond. Instead of building a distribution center away from downtown Nashville, changes are anticipated in the board's present operations building, where renovation will better equip the board for faster delivery of materials.

A building with office and conference space is expected to be added by 1990 to house employees displaced by the improvements in shipping and warehouse areas. The decision included a recommendation to retain property purchased for the distribution center until renovations are successfully achieved at the downtown property.

The board's book store committee also responded to a motion referred to the board from a messenger at the 1986 SBC in Atlanta regarding the sale of Truth in Crisis, by James Hefley, in Baptist Book Stores and at the exhibit at the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

The recommended response, approved unanimously, said the book will be available in book stores and in SBC annual exhibits. New guidelines included in the recommendation state that all products to be considered for sale in SBC exhibits must be submitted to the book store division by April 1 each year for evaluation and to allow time to order stock.

Trustees also unanimously approved an average increase of 3.5 percent in the price of church literature, to be implemented beginning with the April 1988 quarter.

Trustees approved three other responses to referrals from recent Southern Baptist conventions.

One resolution regarding temperance lessons in curriculum materials was answered with the explanation that current plans call for dealing with what the Bible says about alcohol in 28 lessons between 1986 and 1989. Also, consideration is being given to an annual special emphasis temperance lesson for youth and adults.

Another resolution dealt with prayer for farmers and the third with involvement of blacks and other minorities in Southern Baptist Convention life. Responses to both resolutions listed examples of support by the Sunday School Board.

Lloyd Batson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pickens, S.C., was re-elected chairman of the trustees; Robert H. Bible, a layman from Morristown, was re-elected vice-chairman and chairman of the executive committee; and Lynn Moench, a layman from Nashville, was re-elected secretary of the trustees.

Sales for the board for 1985-86 were more than \$151-million, 2.5 percent above last year.

## Belmont announces extension courses

NASHVILLE — Nashville-area Seminary Extension courses begin Feb. 24 at Belmont College, according to W. Fred Kendall II, vice-president for religious affairs.

"Public Worship (Pastoral Ministry 254)" will be taught by Marvin Nail, pastor of Whitsett Chapel Baptist Church, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

"New Testament Theology (Theology 0201)" will be taught by Robert O. Byrd, Belmont professor of religion, at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The 13-week courses cost \$55 each plus book expenses. Registration will be held during the first class sessions on Feb. 24 in Room 410, Fidelity Hall.

Credits earned in the program are recorded with the SBC Seminary Extension Department. In addition, Seminary Extension college-level course credits may be applied toward a degree at many colleges or toward a diploma at many seminaries.

For more information, contact Belmont's Office of Religious Affairs.

## 'Prayerline' adds mission news

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's new toll-free "PrayerLine" telephone number is adding another service: the latest missions news.

Each Saturday and Sunday, listeners can dial 1-800-ALL-SEEK (1-800-255-7335) for a two-minute report on missions news from around the world.

Already, hundreds of churches have used PrayerLine, organizers reported. More than 2,700 people called during the first week of operation.

The 1,800 who called over that weekend got the latest word from Lebanon, where missionaries are grappling with a U.S. government order to leave the country within 30 days. Such updates on crisis situations calling for prayer will continue to be a feature of PrayerLine, said Minette Drumwright, who heads up the board's intercessory prayer emphasis.

Monday through Friday, "PrayerLine" offers around-the-clock taped prayer requests from missionaries in 109 countries. The weekend news report also will focus on stories and information highlighting overseas prayer needs. The news report will be taped by the Foreign Mission Board's news department, which also is the foreign bureau of Baptist Press.

"PrayerLine" began in January to support the "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization called for by mission board trustees last December. Southern Baptists are being challenged to set aside the first Sunday of every month for "concerted, united, sustained, extraordinary prayer" for the world.



**YOUTH BUILDING DEDICATED** — Trace Creek Baptist Church in New Johnsonville had a dedication service Jan. 4, to dedicate their new youth building. The two-story, 5,260 square-foot building was dedicated debt-free, in a service

led by the youth. Participants include Jodi Osborne, Richie Flowers, Kelly Russell, Shelley Ladd, and Chuck Gibbs, who gave the dedication message. Charles Gibbs is pastor of the New Johnsonville church.

## Joe Abrams dies

GREENWOOD, Miss. (BP) — Joe Abrams, a longtime Southern Baptist journalist, died Jan. 31 in Greenwood, Miss., of a heart attack. He was 80 years old.

Before his retirement in 1974, Abrams had been employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention for 25 years. He worked with the church training department, was director of the Mississippi Baptist News Service and was associate editor of the Baptist Record, news journal of the state convention. In his capacity as associate editor and director of the news service, Abrams was public relations director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Abrams is survived by his wife, Lillian; and three children, Joe III of Moorhead, Miss.; Mary Lillian of Arlington, Texas; and Shirley Young of Kansas City, Mo.

## Genesis Commission head responds to statements

By Marv Knox

HOUSTON (BP) — The leader of Southern Baptists' newest missions organization has responded to "not factual" statements that have linked his effort to the "resurgence of the conservatives" within the denomination.

The Genesis Commission, formed by two Southern Baptist pastors and a layman late in 1986, has come under attack by people who do not understand the purpose and function of the organization, Executive Director Bill Darnell told Baptist Press.

"Many statements have been made recently concerning the Genesis Commission," Darnell said. "Those linking the commission with the resurgence of the conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention are not factual.

"The Genesis Commission, which derives its name from the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Old Testament term for 'beginning,' has a dual mission of soul-winning and church planting," Darnell said, reiterating the purpose he stated when the commission was announced.

The Genesis Commission will recruit and finance pastors to start Baptist churches, primarily in foreign countries. It has drawn criticism from some Southern Baptists who maintain the commission will compete with the SBC Foreign Mission Board, particularly for funds.

"In no way is the Genesis Commission a foreign mission society. There is no anticipation of appointing missionaries," Darnell countered. "No effort will be made to secure gifts which would have gone to our Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program of world missions."

The commission's endeavor "is perfectly in keeping with other previous efforts" within the SBC, he added. As examples, he cited World Evangelism Foundation, created by former SBC Missionary W. H. "Dub" Jackson, "which was eventually subsumed by the Foreign Mission Board"; Global Outreach, organized by the late Owen Cooper, a former SBC president; and the Oldham Little Church Foundation, started by Baptist layman Morris Oldham.

The Genesis Commission "also is in keeping with the cherished Baptist principle of the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the various entities in Southern Baptist life," he said. "The founders of the Genesis Commission see the work of the commission as an augment to the excellent work already being done by various Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

"Every attempt is being made to avoid interfering with other evangelistic organizations," Darnell promised. "However, the founders believe there is an imperative need for an aggressive, dynamic effort to begin hundreds of new churches."

The commission particularly is targeting Mexico, where the need for new churches is apparent, he added: "Mexico's present economic and political climate make them (the people) vulnerable to many dangerous influences. Therefore, the Genesis Commission is

making rapid strides toward launching a major effort to spread the gospel and plant new churches in Mexico.

"The founders are convinced and resolute that the commission can make a significant and lasting difference upon our Latin American neighbors," he said.

Along with Darnell, who formerly was pastor of Kirby Woods Baptist Church in Memphis, the other founders and members of the "official board of directors" for the commission are John Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Baptist Church in Houston, and Randy Best, a layman and member of Second Baptist Church in Houston.

The commission also has received advice from Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, who was quoted in the original Baptist Press article that announced the formation of the commission.

## Black civil rights leaders worship in Baptist church

By Sherri A. Brown

CUMMING, Ga. (BP) — In stark contrast to a violent racial demonstration recently, black civil rights leader Hosea Williams and 14 others were welcomed warmly during worship services Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church of Cumming, Ga.

Williams, an Atlanta city councilman, was a primary organizer in the Jan. 24 civil rights march by 20,000 people. They were protesting the treatment a week earlier of about 75 marchers who were pelted with rocks and bottles by a crowd of white counterdemonstrators.

About 70 people, most of them black, accompanied Williams in a motorcade from Atlanta on Feb. 1, for morning worship services. They attended eight churches in Forsyth County, including Cumming, where no blacks have lived for 75 years.

Quick to point out this was not the first time blacks had worshiped at First Baptist Church, Pastor B. V. Franklin Jr. quoted Williams from a televised newscast, as saying Williams felt "at home." "His reception was a good one. That's really who we are," Franklin said.

At the worship service, the visitors were greeted with handshakes and "welcomes" from ushers when they arrived shortly after 11 a.m. The church already was packed when they arrived.

Franklin's sermon was a part of a series he had planned on a passage in 1 Corinthians, about learning to accept others. "It wasn't a special sermon, but I'm sure it could be applied to this situation," Franklin noted.

A week earlier, Franklin and other civic and church leaders greeted the 20,000 marchers to "welcome them to

our city. We wanted to say we support the right of any law-abiding citizen to walk our streets," he explained. The massive demonstration on Jan. 24 was non-violent, in contrast to the smaller march the previous week.

Williams insisted the visits to churches were not intended as demonstrations.

Franklin admitted Forsyth County is not where it should be in race relations but pointed out "we have made great progress."

"When I came here five years ago, I knew of blacks hired to deliver furniture who would sling your furniture in your house so they could make sure they'd be out of the county by sundown," he recalled. Today, although they do not live in the county, blacks own land, are welcomed as patrons of shops and restaurants, and are employed by several businesses in the heart of the city, he noted.

The public view of Forsyth County "is regrettable," Franklin continued. "But this is not the only place in the United States (that needs to work on race relations). The publicity has brought out a lot of radicals who are against blacks. I hope it doesn't give them a place to voice their opinions. They were not active until all this stuff hit the fan with the march."

The local justice department asked that the black visitors be escorted out of the church service before anyone else, to avoid possible confrontations.

"That was regrettable," said Franklin. "It would have been much better if the people had been able to greet them and be with them. Then they could have seen what the majority of this city is like.

"It's a great place to live," he insisted. "For anybody."

## Wilkinson assumes position at SBTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — David R. Wilkinson has been named vice-president for seminary relations at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., effective Feb. 15.

Wilkinson has been director of news and information services for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville since 1984.

Southern Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt said creation of the vice-presidency position "emphasizes our commitment to relating effectively to the seminary's numerous and diverse constituencies." Wilkinson will direct the seminary's communications program and will supervise placement and prospective student services and alumni relations.

Wilkinson was Southern seminary's director of communications for three years while pursuing a master of divinity degree before rejoining the staff of the Christian Life Commission in 1984. He previously had worked for the CLC from 1977 to 1979. He also has worked for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and Brotherhood Commission.

Wilkinson has won numerous awards for his writing and twice has received the Baptist Public Relations Association's Frank Burkhalter Award for excellence in religious journalism.

The Oklahoma native is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southern seminary. He and his wife, Melanie, have one son, Micah David.

## Oak Grove church calls John Compton as pastor

Oak Grove Baptist Church of Mount Carmel called John Compton as pastor. He began Feb. 2.

A native of Kingsport, he previously served as pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church in that city.

Compton is a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

# Union University announces seminary extension sites

JACKSON — The Union University Seminary Extension Program will offer eight courses at satellite locations in west Tennessee this spring. The sites for the classes are as follows:

**Martin** — "MasterLife, Part II" will be taught on Thursday nights from 7-9 at First Baptist Church. The instructor will be Michael Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Union City. Registration will be Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

**Huntingdon** — "Romans" will be taught on Tuesday nights from 7-9 at the Carroll-Benton Associational Missions Center. Wesley Pitts, pastor of First Baptist Church in McKenzie, will be the instructor. Registration will be Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

**Covington** — "New Testament Theology" will be taught on Tuesday nights from 7-9 at the Big Hatchie Associational Center. John Tolbert, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Covington, will be the instructor. Registration will be Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

**Tiptonville Prison** — Judd Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tiptonville, will teach a class to be announced later.

**Dyersburg** — Three courses will be offered in the Dyer association extension center.

"Pastoral Ministries" will be taught by Truman Spurgin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Halls. The course will be offered on Mondays from 5-7 p.m.

"History of Christianity" will be taught on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. by Judd Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tiptonville.

"Fundamentals of Music" will be led by Jim Pinkston, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Halls, on Mondays from 7-9 p.m.

All Dyer association courses will meet at First Baptist Church, Dyersburg. Registration will be Feb. 9 at the regular meeting time.

**Jackson** — "New Testament Survey, Background, and Introduction" will be offered at Union University Room C-18 from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays. The instructor will be Matt Tomlin, pastor of Wards Grove Baptist Church in Jackson. Registration will be Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

The cost of these courses is \$42.50 plus any required textbooks.

Anyone over 16 years of age may register for the courses, which are open to ministers and laymen of any denomination. Regular college entrance requirements are waived for the courses. The course work may lead to the diploma in pastoral ministries or Christian leadership.

Up to eight semester hours of work may be transferred from the program to Union University for college credit. The curriculum recommended by the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention will serve as the curriculum for the centers.

The Seminary Extension program is not to be confused with the College's

Seminary Studies Program, which is a joint effort between the six Southern Baptist seminaries and Union University. Through that master's level program, students take courses which apply directly toward their seminary degree,

rather than a diploma.

Additional information on the Seminary Extension Center's spring offerings may be obtained by contacting John Adams, vice-president for religious affairs, Union University.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters on any religion-related subject are welcomed. Letters of over 300 words will not be used. Other letters may be shortened at the discretion of the editor. No unsigned letters will be printed, but writer's name will be withheld for sufficient reason. Letters must contain complete address and telephone number. Letters must not make personal attacks on the character or integrity of individuals.

### Biblical perspective on women

Dear editor:

I have heard and read the many arguments in favor of the ordination of women as deacons and pastors. Most of these arguments are even backed by Scripture. What do those Scriptures really say in their context and do they correlate with the subject matter at hand?

I remember particularly a statement published by this paper in a recent letter to the editor using the principles of the priesthood of the believer, which includes everyone who has been saved, yes even women. I do not deny this fact, for the Bible clearly teaches it, however, I fail to see where this principle gives a church the freedom to operate any way it desires according to its own feelings toward an issue. In other words, the end does not justify the means.

Fundamental conservatives have been accused of trying to keep women out of the ministry of the church by opposing their ordination. How can living and operating by the clear-cut detailed principles of a New Testament church as found in the Bible be so wrong and humiliating toward women?

Of all the arguments I have heard and read, little has been said about Paul's specific qualifications for a pastor and deacon found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Can anyone answer honestly how a woman can be the husband of one wife? Paul in Ephesians 5 clearly explains that the man is the head of the home as Christ is the head of the church. Our passage here states that the pastor or deacon is to rule his own house well. Since man is the head of the home according to Ephesians 5, how can the woman rule the house well?

We claim to be a people of the Book. Then seeing is believing and hearing is operating accordingly.

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### Comments on Genesis

Dear editor:

Several letters to the editor proclaim no discrepancies exist in Genesis 2, but many can read for themselves. Though the Bible is the Word of God, man clobbers the meanings of words each generation, then frail man interprets.

In adult Sunday School literature Nov. 9 (Genesis 4), the RSV attributed premeditation to Cain's murder of Abel, while the KJV did not. Only one could be inerrant. I think, but can't prove that Genesis 2 has insertions by chauvinistic religious orders to repress women. To me, God is inerrant — I cede chapter 2 to human inerrantists.

Genesis 1:27 states when God created man, male and female, created He

them." Genesis 5:2 reiterates — "and blessed them, and called their name Adam." Other writings state, "Adam" meant "first man," not the name of a particular male. "Adam's rib," thus, could have been male, female, or myth. Our quarterly skipped Genesis 5.

Jerry Falwell recently stated Cain got his wife "from his mother-in-law." Thus, inerrantist Jerry leaves out Eve. My point — I doubt authentic Genesis Scriptures say all men sprang from "Adam the male." However, man has repeated such until he believes it. I have never believed God bumbled along until "Adam the male" got lonely before He saw a need for a human female. The Bible does not rule out other human creations.

I reject the notion "moderates are sore losers," as another letter stated. I haven't lost anything. My faith can abide a few human discrepancies. The neo-conservatives are the ones on a tangent.

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### Why?

Dear editor:

In recent days Baptists have read much about the "Genesis Commission," which is to do the work of foreign missions. Many questions come to mind about the plans and development of the commission. The most imperative one is simply, "Why?"

Why do we need the Genesis to do the work which is already being done so effectively by our Foreign Mission Board? Have the missionaries appointed by the board failed to be effective witnesses for Christ? Have they not served Southern Baptists with distinction? Have they ever failed to give their best to the Lord and the people whom they serve? They have done a superb job and will continue to do so if they are not obstructed by the ever-increasing politicization of our denomination.

The second question is: "Did the founders of the Genesis Commission initiate any dialogue with Dr. Parks or other representatives of the FMB to share their concerns and dreams with them?" My own feeling is that the officers of our board would do anything to see more persons won to Christ. I trust them with the most important task we have, that of helping to tell the gospel.

The final question which I wish to pose concerns the economic implications of the new commission. Will this not erode the base of support which has undergirded the FMB? Will Southern Baptists now have to choose between two competing foreign mission offerings?

The Genesis Commission has announced that it would not be involved with medical, agricultural, and other social ministries. Perhaps we need to re-read the "Parable of Judgment" in Matthew 25. Our Lord calls us to minister to all the needs of persons. Our Foreign Mission Board has done that and will continue if given the opportunity.

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### Correction

The Jan. 14 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector* carried an article about Tennesseans who were among the December graduating class at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert Waide Moench of Nashville, who received the master of arts in religious education degree, was inadvertently omitted. Also, Nancy Long of Clarksville, who received the same degree, was listed as being from Nashville instead of Clarksville. We regret the errors and apologize for any confusion they may have caused.

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# TBC president's 'call' turns his life around

By Charlie Warren

Jerry Oakley, a prominent pastor, community leader, and current president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has not always worn his halo so straight.

During his youth, in fact, he was headed down a path that might have led him almost anywhere except toward becoming a spiritual leader. Sports, especially basketball, and a zest for life dominated his thinking.

But when God called him to preach in 1958, Oakley did an about-face.

"I was surprised by my call. I had never given any thought to it," explained Oakley, now pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield. "I had a total change of perspective. I had been secular oriented. My call brought about a dramatic lifestyle change."

Born in Marshall County, Ky., Oakley grew up in Wingo, Ky., where his father was an agricultural teacher.

His primary interest during his youth was sports. He excelled at basketball and baseball, but basketball became his niche. He was named to the Kentucky All-state Basketball Team in 1957.

He described himself as a "tough street kid" from about age 16 to 19. Careful not to blame his parents, Oakley explained, "It was my own choice." He noted that his parents were "very strict" and he simply rebelled during the teen years.

He grew up in Wingo Baptist Church, but he admitted that his family was not very consistent in its involvement.

Nevertheless, he knows his conversion experience at age 12 was genuine, in spite of his lack of commitment during the teen years. He received Christ as his personal Saviour during a tent revival in Wingo.

After finishing high school, Oakley went to Union University, Jackson, on a basketball scholarship. He credits Bob Agee, dean of religious affairs at Union for many years before becoming president of Oklahoma Baptist University, with influencing his call into the ministry.

However, the call itself did not come until Oakley had transferred to Murray (Ky.) State University after a year at Union.

Of his call to ministry, Oakley repeated, "I was surprised — shocked



**FAMILY MAN** — Jerry Oakley and his wife, Brenda, proudly display a family portrait in their Springfield home. The Oakleys are proud of their two daughters, both now married and beginning families of their own. Each daughter is currently expecting her first child.

would be a better word. I am a logical, pragmatic person, but I had a mystical experience."

He explained that the words, "Thou shalt dwell in the house of the Lord forever," from the 23rd Psalm, kept coming to his mind, even though he had never consciously memorized the verse.

Oakley does not like to talk about his lifestyle before his call. "I've fought so hard through the years to put it behind me," he explained. But he admits the change was dramatic.

He transferred back to Union University, where he earned his B.S. degree in 1962, because he felt it would be better preparation for the ministry.

During 1960, while a student at Union, two significant events occurred. He married Brenda Hall, a Christian girl from near his hometown.

"There's no pastor who can function without a wife that supports him," Oakley stated. "Throughout my ministry, Brenda has given me inspiration and strength."

The other turning point that year was when he became pastor of two part-time churches: Salem Baptist Church, Henning, and Antioch Baptist Church, Hornbeak.

The next year he became pastor of Hickory Valley Baptist Church, Hickory Valley, where he served for more than three years. A bi-vocational pastor at the time, Oakley also taught high school at Bolivar.

He began to realize he needed more preparation to be a more effective pastor, so he decided to enroll at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

In the meantime, the Oakleys' two daughters were born — Valeria in 1961, DeAna in 1962. The Oakleys headed for Louisville in 1964 with their two small children and only a month's salary.

To make ends meet, Oakley worked in a sporting goods store and drove a school bus.

He was called as assistant pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville, continuing his studies and both previous jobs.

In one church business meeting, Everett Martin, a member of Beechmont, suggested that if Oakley's time was worth money to a sporting goods

program, a recreational program, a clothing ministry, literacy work, sewing classes, a sex education and family living emphasis, devotional and worship times, and a weekday Bible study that attracts about 80 youth each week.

Oakley enlisted Gladys Farmer, who had just "retired" as director of a goodwill center in Montgomery and a long career of social ministry, to help organize the mission's social ministry program. Oakley credits her with the success of the mission, which recently dedicated a \$300,000 building.

Farmer retired again in October, after more than six years at the mission. The Springfield church honored her on Oct. 28, 1986.

"To be in her presence makes one feel that they are uniquely close to the presence of the Christ she serves," Oakley noted. "She instilled a spirit of Christianity in the life of every one with whom she came into contact. Her efforts led to the involvement of more than 50 volunteers in the mission program from the mother church."

The mission recently called Joe Hester as pastor and director. Hester, a recent graduate of Southern seminary, was ordained into the gospel ministry Feb. 1 by the mother church.

Of course, Springfield Baptist Church has a full range of ministries and programs of its own. The church's 1,700 members touch nearly every aspect of the county seat town.

Asked what he thinks makes a good pastor, Oakley responded, "You've got to love people. I believe the love of God and the love of people are closely related.

"You have to be secure enough in yourself to follow God's will even in the face of criticism," he continued. "You have to be a student of the Bible. People are looking for you to bring them the Word of God."

His priorities are preaching, meeting the needs of the congregation, and evangelism. "You can't separate the three," he added. "They're blended together.

"You have to be willing to give yourself often with little in return," Oakley said. "It's not that you never get anything back, you get a lot in return. But you must be willing to give even when there's nothing in return.

"I get more return out of my work than almost anyone. I look forward to getting up to go to work in the mornings. I love being a pastor."

His current role as Tennessee Baptist Convention president has consumed a lot of the time he usually gives his church, but his members are understanding and supportive, he said.

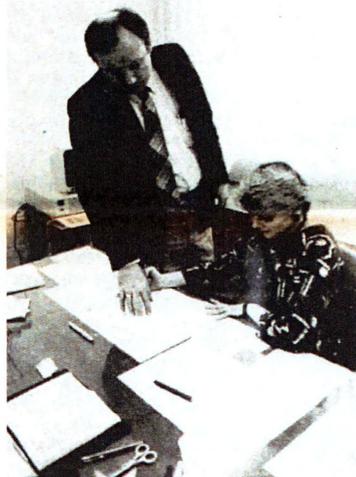
His overarching desire as president is to maintain unity within the convention. "I think we are in good shape," he said. "We've had some political activity, but it's been minimal. I hope we can maintain our unity."

He's also looking forward to another life changing event this year — becoming a grandfather.

His daughter, DeAna, a local accountant who is now married to Scott Bagwell, a vice-president of Springfield's Commerce Union Bank, is expecting in April.

Valerie, a dental hygienist and wife of John Cloud, a dentist, is due in June. The Clouds live in Little Rock, Ark.

No doubt, Oakley will give just as much of himself to being a granddaddy as he has to playing basketball, pastoring churches, and serving as TBC president.



**IN THE OFFICE** — Jerry Oakley, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, helps his secretary, Lisa Tobias, with some necessary paper work.

store and a school bus operation, he was worth that much to the church. He then made a motion that the church assume the amount of the extra salaries so he could devote more time to Beechmont. The motion passed.

He later became pastor of Youngers Creek Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Ky., and then Magnolia (Ky.) Baptist Church, where he was serving when he completed his seminary degree.

From there he was called to Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Owensboro, Ky., and later Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Each church he pastored experienced growth and he established a pattern of community involvement.

In September of this year, Oakley will complete 10 years as pastor of Springfield Baptist Church. His pride in the church and all of its activities and ministries is apparent, but it is especially obvious when he talks about the church's mission, the South Main Baptist Mission.

Oakley believes it may be the only inner city mission in a county seat town in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. The mission, located in a poor section of Springfield, features an outreach pro-



**RECOGNITION** — Jerry Oakley presents Gladys Farmer with a gift of appreciation from Springfield Baptist Church for her faithful service for six and a half years as director of weekday ministries at South Main Baptist Mission.

## BIBLE BOOK SERIES

Lesson for Feb. 15

# Work of the Holy Spirit

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

Basic Passage: John 15:18 to 16:15

Focal Passages: John 15:18-21, 26-27; 16:7-15

Our passage this week reveals the difficulty the disciples had with our Lord's teaching about His departure and the coming of and purpose for the Holy Spirit.

Disciples almost 1,900 years from the incarnation still have difficulty and confusion about the significant work of the Holy Spirit.

It is my impression that we Southern Baptists have in many ways either avoided or limited study of the Holy Spirit. This may be due in large part to a reaction against heavy reference and/or emphasis to a spectacular entry of the Holy Spirit into the lives of believers as taught by some confused and misinformed extremists.

Jesus does not wish His followers to ig-



Bush

nore the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Quite the contrary, Jesus is clear in His teachings regarding the vital role of the Holy Spirit in the life of each disciple. Someone has wisely said, "It is not so important how much you have of the Holy Spirit as it is how much of you the Holy Spirit has."

In previous lessons it has been emphasized that faith must be exercised by believers so they can accept the truths of God. Human logic cannot even begin to explain the Trinity — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We finite creatures find ourselves at a loss to explain that Christ existed before He was born in a cattle feed trough.

The Holy Spirit existed long before Pentecost — at the time God was creating the universes. Biblical studies remind us that through Christ everything was created. The Bible teaches us that Christ died and came back to life, which is the reason we celebrate Easter. One does not fully explain phenomena of this caliber.

Mere humanity is dependent on God, period. We need to be put in our place, so to speak, when we begin comparing our lives and skills to the Eternal "I am" and the skills of Almighty God. A re-reading of Job chapters 38-41 can help remind us of Who God is and who mankind is. The created must in faith accept The Creator and His ways.

Because of human limitations in the area of language and grammar, we traditionally refer to God in the masculine when in actuality Hebrew language uses both masculine and feminine forms. Suffice it to say, God is neither male nor female. God is God and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.

As John records our Lord's teachings in 4:24, "God is a Spirit." The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." But for the generosity of God, the Three in One, we as all mortals would be lost without hope.

Sin is the act of rebellion against God. God is perfect and pure love. Therefore, since sin is imperfection and a kind of warped form of love, sin is constantly at war against God and those who claim the power of God in Christ in their lives. The children of God are in a Holy War which is waged at every level of their existence.

Jesus experienced the effects of sin during His three-year teaching and healing ministry. His greatest advocates should have been the religious establishment, but it was His enemy, a constant irritant.

How do churches of today limit the loving work of Christ? Jesus warned the disciples that they would be put out of synagogues and put to death for their beliefs and teachings. Could it be that if contemporary disciples truly practiced the essentials of Christianity in church today, they would be put out and, if not killed physically, at least silenced as much as possible?

Take heart faithful and humble servants, you are never alone in your struggle, for the living Spirit of God is in and around you! This is what Jesus promised those early disciples and it is the promise for all disciples. As the old gospel song rightly states, "No, never alone. He promised never to leave us, never to leave us alone."

## Alaska executive resigns position

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — John H. Allen has resigned effective Feb. 28 as executive director of the Alaska Baptist Convention, to become director of cooperative missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Allen has been with the Alaska convention since 1976, serving first as director of missions and since 1982 as the chief executive officer.

Bill Duncan, director of evangelism, Brotherhood, and stewardship for the convention, will be interim executive director.

Allen, a native of Texas, told Baptist Press: "I have been in direct missions all of my ministry, and, in fact, came to Alaska as director of missions. My first love is missions. I felt I wanted to return to the 'lower 48' and thought that at my age (55), I have one move left. I believe I would rather spend the remainder of my career doing missions than administration, budgets, working with real estate agents and attorneys."

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.; Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.; and the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

Duncan, a native of Stuttgart, Ark., has been in Alaska since 1967 after serving as pastor of churches in Nevada and Arizona. In Alaska, he has been pastor, director of missions, convention president, and now state staff member.

## Danny West leads Litz Manor church

Litz Manor Baptist Church of Kingsport has called Danny West to serve as pastor. He will begin Feb. 15.

A native of Virginia, he has served churches in Indiana and Kentucky. He comes to Kingsport from Pleasureville, Ky., where he served in Pleasureville Baptist Church.

West is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

## UNIFORM LESSON SERIES

Lesson for Feb. 15

# Christian relationships

By Al Shackelford, editor  
'Baptist and Reflector,' Brentwood

Basic Passage: Colossians 3:5 to 4:6

Focal Passage: Colossians 3:5-21

Any extensive reading of the inspired writings of the Apostle Paul will easily reveal that he devotes a great amount of these writings to belief and behavior.

Paul gave a strong emphasis on the necessity of a complete, saving faith in the lordship of our resurrected Christ.

Nothing else provides forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

But Paul also devoted much of his writings to a discussion of a believer's behavior. The church or the Christian must not present unchristian attitudes, actions, or relationships. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Nowhere is Paul's dual emphasis on the inseparable bond between belief and behavior better expressed than in Colossians. The purpose of this letter is "that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work" (1:10).

### Alive in Christ (3:1-4)

The word "if" (v.1) could be better translated in our modern usage as "since" or "because." Because you are risen with Christ, your life in Christ frees you from the desires and purposes of this world. You are to (1) "seek those things which are above" and (2) "set your affection (mind, love) on things above" (vv.1-2).

You can do this because "your life is hid with Christ in God" (v.3). What a glorious protection we have from Satan and this world! This assures us that when Christ comes again, we will appear with Him in glory (v.4).

### Death to sin (3:5-9)

Because Christ is our life (v.4), we must mortify or put to death our old sinful nature.

Paul gives two lists of earthly evils, each of which contains five specific sins. The first list (v.5) includes those generally considered as fleshly or carnal. These evil actions are sexual sins, impurity, sexual appetites, evil desires, and covetousness. To honor these desires is the same as the worship of false gods.

The second list (vv.8-9) deals with wrong attitudes and wrong relationships with others: anger, hatred, malice, gossip, and improper language.

Paul notes that these were the things which our sinful nature produced when our life was in sin and not in Christ (v.7).

### The Christian life (3:10-21)

When a person becomes a soldier, he puts off all the clothing of his former way of life and puts on the uniform of his commander. As soldiers in Christ's army, we are to put off all indications of our sinful life (v.9) and put on the new man — a life that is continually made new by our growing knowledge of Christ, becoming like the image of the One Who has made us that new creation (v.10).

The newness transcends all earthly distinctions or "labels" (v.11).

As we take on the image of Christ, we are to put on Christlike characteristics — mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (v.12). Just as Christ has forgiven the believer, you must forgive others (v.13).

And we are to put on love, which Paul says binds us together in God's perfection (v.14). Two other admonitions are that we let God's peace reign in our hearts and that we let the Word of Christ

dwell in our lives (vv.15-16).

Our passage concludes with Paul's instruction to believers on life in our homes — indicating that these relationships are so important that they need to have special attention. Perhaps God realized that Christian attitudes and actions are often more difficult to exercise around those who know us best.

Our life in Christ demands that we exemplify Christ's characteristics in all areas of our lives — as wives, husbands, children, and parents (vv.18-21). Christ's love must not only dwell in our lives, but certainly in our homes. Here God's bond of perfectness is gloriously present.

"Being Christian in relationships" includes our relationships with our families — as well as with our own personal lives, with others, and with Christ Himself.

## Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden  
TBC Executive  
Secretary-Treasurer



As I read the account of our Lord feeding 5,000 with the little boy's meager lunch of the loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:15-21), I recognize how God has the ability to multiply everything we give Him.

I never cease to be impressed by the fact that 5,000 men, plus the women and children, had all the food they wanted, maybe some for the first time, and that there were 12 baskets filled with the fragments. I muse about what happened to the 12 remaining baskets and wonder if the little boy who gave his lunch did not get one of the baskets and take it home with a great deal of pride to his family.

A rather serious thought from the account is that our Lord is concerned about nothing being wasted. "And they took up the fragments." It could be that you and I need to fill up some baskets with fragments that otherwise might be wasted.

I have often thought, for example, about how much time I waste each day. If we could gather up the seconds and minutes that are not utilized each day, many baskets would be filled.

There are the wasted opportunities to faithfully witness for my Lord. As I meet people and fellowship with them, whether it is in a grocery store or elevator or at work, I have an opportunity to share a word for my Lord. Too often, I pass it up.

If we gathered all these opportunities to witness and put them in baskets, how many would we have?

How many times I have the privilege to pray for people and fail to do so. Some of my friends have what they call "directed prayers." As they go by a home or pass a business, they breathe a prayer and direct it to that particular person or cause.

While I may not have the privilege of gathering up the loaves and fishes left over, there are many other valuable things I could gather up that would otherwise be wasted. If all of us in the Tennessee Baptist family would do this, I believe we would be amazed at how many baskets filled and running over we could gather on the "fragments."

**LIFE AND WORK SERIES**  
Lesson for Feb. 15

# Following Jesus

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

Basic Passages: Luke 9:23-27, 46-62  
Focal Passages: Luke 9:23-26, 57-62

The "watershed" of Jesus' ministry takes place at Luke 9:51, where He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.

The Galilean Ministry was completed and in six months He would be crucified. He had made several visits to Jerusalem for special feasts during this approximately 18-month campaign, but most of His ministry had been in Galilee.

The events around Caesarea Philippi that we studied last week represent His last public ministry before leaving for His final period of work. This consisted of a six-month period in Judea and Jerusalem, nearby Perea, and then back in Jerusalem where He was crucified.

In this week's lesson, we first drop back and consider some words (9:23-27) Jesus spoke before the Transfiguration. We then pick up the story at 9:46 and continue with His ministry in chronological order.



Wood

**Conditions of following Jesus (9:23)**

The spontaneous enthusiasm of Simon Peter encouraged Jesus, but it also made Him cautious. He knew that Peter did not yet understand the true nature of His kingdom. Peter was an "eager learner," for he loved Jesus very much. His problem was that each time he caught hold of a new truth, he was ready to "ride off in all directions," thinking it represented the final stage in revelation.

After the confession that Jesus was the

Messiah, Peter needed to be instructed concerning the nature of God's kingdom.

The "cross principle" stood in the center of God's spiritual rule in the hearts of people. Jesus would die on a cross and His followers must put that principle into action, strengthened by the power of this risen Saviour and Lord.

The three conditions have been beautifully paraphrased and amplified: First, put self on the cross (deny yourself). Second, put the cross on self (take up your cross). Third, put the cross in action (follow me).

One thing needs to be said again and again. Your cross is not your burden that you must bear. Your cross is the thing you voluntarily "take up" in order to serve Jesus. It is the cause you support because you see the need.

Cost of following Jesus (9:24-27) Jesus made statements that were

timeless. They applied to the immediate occasion which He addressed, but they contained a principle that was relevant for any situation.

For Simon Peter and the others, following Jesus contained great risk both before and after His death and resurrection.

Because thousands of people have, through the centuries, fought the battle for religious freedom, to follow Jesus today in our country does not mean physical death. It means, however, another kind of dying. We must die to selfish ambitions and all efforts to satisfy our desires at the expense of others. Our life must represent a constant struggle to crucify the lusts of the flesh in order to present to our Lord a clean vessel for His service.

To refuse allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord is to sow seed for the same kind of treatment from Him in judgment. Even in this life, our failure to live in fellowship with Him means we will lack resources for coping when the crises come. That's a form of dying! To lose ourselves in His service, however, by identifying with His goals, means a fulfillment of life that can come in no other way.

**Importance of doing it now (9:57-62)**

These two events occurred early in the trip to Jerusalem.

The first man reminds us somewhat of Simon Peter with his spontaneous enthusiasm. Jesus warned him that full commitment was costly.

The second man gives us our final thought for this lesson. We cannot wait until our personal chores are finished before we give our full dedication to Christ's causes. We will always have bills to pay and "family" to take care of, but Christ wants priority not the "left-overs" of our loyalties.

If you are serving Him do not look back, keep it up!

## Christian Life Commission plans focus on family during seminar

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The focus will be on the family March 23-25 as Southern Baptist leaders from throughout the country gather in Charlotte, N.C., for a national seminar on "Critical Issues Facing Today's Families."

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel will feature presentations dealing with concerns such as nurturing moral values in the home, pornography, domestic violence, suicide, the church and the family, aging, and special moral issues facing children and youth.

Major speakers enlisted to date include Robert Bellah, professor of sociology, University of California, Berkeley, and author of Habits of the Heart; Dan Blazer, gerontologist, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.; Bill Bradley, U.S. senator from New Jersey; Jerry Clower, Baptist layman, humorist, and regular host of programs produced by the Radio and Television Commission; Millard Fuller, founder and executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Americus, Ga.; Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; and Carolyn Koons, professor of Christian education and founding director of Institute of Outreach Ministries, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif., and author of an autobiography on the subject of domestic violence.

Also, Everett Koop, U.S. surgeon general who has been active and outspoken on tobacco, AIDS, and other issues related to public health; Kyle Rote, Jr., sportscaster, speaker, and author; Mahan Siler, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.,

and co-author with his wife of Communicating Christian Values in the Home; and Merton Strommen, minister, psychologist, founder of "Search Institute" which addresses issues related to youth and the church, and author of Five Cries of Youth and co-author with his wife of Five Cries of Parents.

Registration is \$35 per person and \$17.50 for spouses of registrants and for students. Additional information, including details about special rates at the Adam's Mark, is available from the Christian Life Commission.

## Michigan pastor accepts Parsons church position

David Ray began his pastorate with First Baptist Church, Parsons, Dec. 7.

Previous pastorates include Columbia Avenue Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich.; North Prospect Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Huntington Woods Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Victory Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.; and New Hope Baptist Church, Endora, Ark. He also was associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

A native of Hope, Ark., Ray is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Denominational service includes assisting in the organization and serving as an officer for Woodland Baptist Association and as moderator of Huron River Baptist Association, both in Michigan. He was on the Executive Board and Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, and served two years as president of that convention.

He was a trustee of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary and the Michigan Southern Baptist Foundation. Ray also served on the Committee on Boards for the Southern Baptist Convention.



Ray



**BROTHERS IN CHRIST** — C. H. Christopher, pastor of Pine Eden Baptist Church in Crossville, and Joseph Christopher, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Bulls Gap, baptize their brother Timothy, also of Crossville. He was welcomed, along with several others, into the fellowship of the Pine Eden Church on Dec. 7.

## Citizen's Corner

By Bill Bates  
Public Affairs and Christian Life Consultant



A bill has been introduced in the early days of the Tennessee General Assembly which will bring a state lottery to our state. Senate Joint Resolution 029 would authorize a referendum to delete Article II, Section 5 of the state Constitution which now forbids lotteries.

This bill would have to pass the current 95th General Assembly by a majority vote and the 96th General Assembly by a two-thirds' vote before it could appear on the November 1990 ballot.

Call or visit your legislators and let them know how you feel about a lottery in our state.

Gambling can destroy our homes, our brotherhood, and our respect for law and order. I'm sure we will all want to do all that we can to protect our homes and to keep our state from becoming a gambling Mecca.



## Tennessee/Venezuela Prayer Net Partnership

—Missionary Buck Smith, evangelist in Maracaibo, will celebrate his birthday Feb. 16.

—Ten persons from across the state will be going on Feb. 16 to do construction work at the Baptist theological seminary in Los Teques. Team members will serve from two to six weeks.

—A 10-member construction team will serve Feb. 16-28 at Primera Iglesia Bautista de San Antonio de Los Altos (First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Los Altos). The team will help remodel the church's newly purchased building.

—Volunteers for construction teams are needed in March, April, and May.

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# Southern Baptist teacher drops dismissal complaint

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP)— A Southern Baptist schoolteacher, whose firing led to a Supreme Court ruling, has withdrawn her complaint against her former employer.

Linda Hoskinson, who lost her job with Dayton Christian Schools in 1979, recently informed the school board and attorneys for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission of her decision not to pursue litigation against the school system.

Last year, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled Hoskinson could challenge her dismissal from the school before a state civil rights panel without violating the school's First Amendment rights.

Hoskinson, a member of Far Hills Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, taught for five years in one of the schools operated by the independent Dayton Christian Schools. In early 1979, the school system refused to renew Hoskinson's teaching contract after learning she was pregnant and then dismissed her for consulting an attorney for legal advice.

After Hoskinson filed a complaint with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Dayton Christian Schools filed a federal lawsuit challenging the civil rights panel's jurisdiction on church-state

grounds. A U.S. district court ruled in Hoskinson's favor, but the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision. Ohio's attorney general then appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

While not ruling on the case's merits, the high court held the elimination of prohibited sex discrimination was a sufficiently important state interest to allow the civil rights commission to consider Hoskinson's complaint.

In a six-page letter, Hoskinson detailed her experiences during the past eight years and the reasons leading her to withdraw her complaint.

The letter described several attempts Hoskinson made to reach some agreement with the school board. Although she had several helpful meetings with two school board members, a letter she wrote to be read by the entire school board received "condemnatory and judgmental" response from the board, she stated.

Since her next step would have been

either to file legal action against the school or to allow the civil rights panel to proceed with a formal hearing, Hoskinson made the decision to withdraw her complaint, the letter stated.

"I always intended for my actions to exert the pressure of moral persuasion only," she concluded. "I do not desire that the government legally coerce a Christian school to act in a Christian manner."

"The Scripture teaches that it is better

to be wronged than to take a brother to court. Rather than seek any further action that would avenge myself for wrong done against me, I will trust God to deal justly with His people."

Upon receiving Hoskinson's letter, the Dayton Christian School Board issued a statement expressing its approval of Hoskinson's decision and its hope the Ohio Civil Rights Commission will drop the case.

## Annuity Board tops \$2-billion, elects Hobgood as chairman

DALLAS (BP)— Total assets of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board exceeded a record \$2-billion, trustees learned during their first meeting of the year.

Board President Darold H. Morgan told the trustees total assets increased to a record \$2.03-billion on Jan. 31, after closing the calendar year at \$1.95-billion.

"We took 65 years to reach \$1-billion. In only four years we have crossed the \$2-billion mark," Morgan said. He cited substantial gains in income and excellent earnings in retirement plan funds as the reasons for the growth.

Total net income reached a record \$199-million for 1986. Member contributions to retirement plans totaled \$125-million, up 9.3 percent over 1985.

The surge in the stock market boosted

earnings in the variable fund, which closed the year with a 15.8 percent annualized yield. The variable fund is invested primarily in common stocks. The balanced fund was the next most-productive fund, earning 12.86 percent. The fixed fund credited 11 percent, and the board will credit at least 9.5 percent in 1987. The short-term fund finished the year with a 6.77 percent credit.

The board paid a record \$48-million in retirement benefits to 16,375 annuitants last year, Morgan said, noting about 4,000 of those are widows. Total insurance benefits paid were \$50.9-million, up \$8-million over 1985.

The trustees elected W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., executive vice-president of InterFirst Bank Dallas, as trustee chairman. B.J. Martin, vice-president of church relations at Houston Baptist University, was elected vice-chairman.

In other action, the trustees removed mandatory retirement provisions which required board employees to retire at age 70. The bylaws also were amended to include the insurance committee as a standing committee.

## Union alumni prepare for Memphis event

MEMPHIS — The greater Memphis area alumni chapter of the Union University Alumni Association will host a reception in conjunction with the Union-Christian Brothers college basketball games Feb. 14.

St. Joseph Hall Room J-10 on the CBC campus has been reserved as a hospitality room from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Finger foods will be served between the games for all Bulldog alumni, boosters, and friends.

There is no charge for the hospitality-room gathering. Admission for the games will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Contact the alumni office at Union for more information.

## Union receives grant

JACKSON — Union University received an unrestricted grant of \$1,100 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation last week, according to Interim President Hyran Barefoot.

This grant is part of an on-going program by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to assist 30 privately supported colleges and universities in Tennessee. Funds may be used as the schools deem necessary.

## Terry Humberd accepts Kimball church pastorate

Terry Humberd accepted the call of Kimball Baptist Church, Kimball, to serve as pastor and began Dec. 21.

Previous pastorates include Mount Harmony Baptist Church, Niota; Blythe Avenue Baptist Mission, Cleveland; and Rutland Baptist Church, Mount Juliet.

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### Treasurer's Report for First Quarter

Jan. 30, 1987

	Nov. 1, 1985 Jan. 31, 1986	Nov. 1, 1986 Jan. 30, 1987	Gain
Cooperative Program	\$5,297,855.09	\$5,679,178.84	\$381,323.75
Designated & Reported	4,093,691.42	4,544,710.17	451,018.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,391,546.51</b>	<b>\$10,223,889.01</b>	<b>\$832,342.50</b>

The above represents a 7.2 percent increase in Cooperative Program gifts and an 11.02 percent increase in Designated & Reported gifts over the same period last year. At this time last year the increase for Cooperative Program was 9.09 percent and 7.15 percent for Designated and Reported gifts.

Little Moon Offering as of 1-30-87 **\$3,590,270.27**

Little Moon Offering as of 1-31-86 **3,277,502.95**

Increase **\$ 312,767.32**

Treasurers, please compare with gifts sent to the Tennessee Baptist Convention November 1, 1986 through January 30, 1987 and if there is a question, please contact Tom Madden, treasurer. This report reflects gifts received by the Tennessee Baptist Convention during this quarter.

An \* indicates a mission congregation.

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Alpha</b>		
Associational Chairman: James Cook		
Centerville, First	600.00	2,380.30
*Coble Chapel	.00	.00
Cross Roads	115.55	.00
East Hickman	312.62	.00
Edgewood	63.00	150.00
Fairfield	666.39	429.27
*Flatwoods	.00	.00
Garrett	55.00	21.00
Highland	384.43	160.33
Hohenwald, First	1,419.55	779.00
Lick Creek	100.13	.00
Linden, First	572.00	852.75
Lobelville, First	597.32	30.00
Maple Valley	69.25	.00
New Hope	132.66	100.00
*Only	.00	.00
Pine Grove	161.81	153.66
Piney	135.05	.00
*Pinewood	440.27	283.30
*Toms Creek	792.62	115.00
Wrigley	392.47	263.40
Association	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,010.12</b>	<b>5,718.01</b>

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Beech River</b>		
Associational Chairman: Hoyt Wilson		
Bath Springs	777.59	100.00
Beacon	50.00	25.00
Bear Creek	596.26	653.74
Bible Hill	162.70	352.95
Calvary	1,521.10	156.81
Chapel Hill	467.00	50.00
Corinth	120.00	164.59
Cub Creek Hall	.00	19.44
Darden	.00	220.00
Decaturville, First	150.00	574.49
Flatwoods	541.34	254.00
Hopewell	.00	.00
Huron	.00	.00
Judson	.00	.00
Lexington, First	9,766.90	16,195.56
Lone Chestnut	.00	.00
Luray	.00	.00
Mount Ararat	619.52	487.00
Mount Giload	600.00	520.70
Mount Zion	25.00	155.00
New Beech Grove	75.00	.00
New Chapel	.00	.00
New Hope	110.00	210.00
New Prospect	.00	.00
Parsons, First	3,683.14	1,690.00
Perryville, First	50.65	143.00
Pine Grove	305.77	178.85
Poplar Springs	109.13	100.00
Ridge Grove	175.00	.00
Rock Hill	806.35	3,565.00
Salem	.00	15.00
Satillo, First	755.07	1,988.01
Sand Ridge	1,627.93	38.00
Scotts Hill, First	593.09	471.94
Tomlin Chapel	.00	.00
Twin Oaks	.00	.00
Union	279.50	653.00
Union Grove	150.00	.00
Wildersville	1,121.05	665.00
Association	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,514.09</b>	<b>29,647.08</b>

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Beulah</b>		
Associational Chairman: T. C. Thurman		
Alamo	317.86	155.76
Aldridge	87.02	51.82
Anthel	105.00	50.00
Blessed Hope	366.72	315.00
Broadway	75.00	100.00
Calvary	1,792.92	529.00
Cottonwood	150.00	.00
Cottonwood Grove	336.60	600.00
Cypress Creek	25.00	25.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Fairview	150.00	140.00
Hornbeak	123.94	186.06
Johnsons Grove	377.44	151.51
Lakeview	75.00	111.00
Macedonia	488.85	100.00
Martin, First	5,000.00	7,790.84
McConnell	512.09	353.00
Mooring	.00	50.00
Mount Moriah	75.00	75.00
Mount Olive	1,464.69	163.75
Mount Olie	2,470.83	1,305.36
New Concord	151.00	130.00
New Home	230.00	307.46
New Salem	988.81	467.00
Obion, First	2,540.92	4,345.15
Phillippy	30.00	.00
Pleasant Hill No 1	795.00	2,397.50
Pleasant Hill No 2	493.91	816.68
Reelfoot	.00	.00
Ridgely, First	3,460.35	2,668.66
Samburg	94.00	.00
South Fulton	5,540.02	2,267.71
Tiptonville, First	1,651.18	927.27
Troy, First	2,220.59	3,018.28
True Faith	.00	.00
Union City, First	10,054.90	10,320.17
Union City, Second	6,287.88	4,215.06
Walnut Log	.00	.00
Willingham Memorial	90.96	.00
Woodland Hills, First	2,663.14	4,848.00
Wynnborg	1,193.65	2,235.13
Association	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,480.27</b>	<b>51,907.17</b>

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Big Emory</b>		
Associational Chairman: George Wadlington		
Beech Park	2,682.53	268.26
Bethel	193.32	65.00
Big Emory	1,729.06	484.00
Calvary	225.00	1,324.00
Coney Ford	556.00	2,234.50
Cardiff	215.40	315.40
Cedar Grove	1,500.00	23,350.00
Central	2,276.51	666.78
Childs Memorial	905.11	1,051.65
Clax Gap	432.00	216.00
Clymersville	1,600.12	333.70
Coal Hill	254.41	.00
Crab Orchard	593.91	600.30
Daysville	182.74	355.00
Deer Lodge, First Manry	227.43	192.00
Dyllis	718.95	411.83
Eureka	838.88	1,969.91
Fairview	86.75	268.25
Grace Chapel	.00	.00
Kellytown	1,085.35	1,628.06
Kingston, First	15,850.00	8,828.10
Lakeview	578.56	.00
Laurel Bluff	228.16	134.65
Lee Village	1,298.00	243.00
Liberty	2,361.41	2,488.00
Middle Creek	1,609.36	1,616.98
Mossy Grove	516.00	1,070.00
Oakdale, First	698.00	355.80
Orchard View	.00	.00
Petros	692.53	311.00
Pine Orchard	1,160.30	1,356.00
Pine Ridge	1,437.92	705.00
Piney	1,523.95	1,694.20
Piney Grove	789.02	285.50
Pleasant Grove	2,288.19	2,378.10
Pond Grove	566.34	192.00
*Ridgeview	.00	.00
Riggs Chapel	211.45	.00
Riverside	3,091.69	898.57
Rockwood, First	13,492.41	8,761.63
Rockwood, Second	63.83	102.00
Shiloh	5,867.80	2,663.85
South Harriman	8,932.94	8,370.49
Sunbright, First	1,258.94	1,873.19
*Sunrise Street	.00	.00
Trenton Street	12,779.25	8,317.81
Union	536.39	326.20
Union Chapel	341.71	556.56

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Walnut Hill	2,191.36	1,045.62
Wartburg, First	1,170.00	230.90
Whites Creek	571.22	465.00
Association	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,410.20</b>	<b>91,004.79</b>

<b>Big Hatchie</b>		
Associational Chairman: Ray Green		
Ashport	417.64	82.00
Beaver	207.00	325.00
Brighton	7,783.00	3,145.00
Calvary	1,339.06	377.15
Calvary Hill	761.81	293.90
Charleston	2,957.28	2,211.17
Covington, First	9,908.48	16,201.96
Durhamville	90.00	503.00
Eastland	185.98	92.99
Elim	149.71	90.00
Faith	800.00	4,059.44
Fellowship	1,515.28	.00
Fulton	.00	.00
Garland	2,017.67	8,215.39
Golddust	.00	.00
Grace	775.88	1,006.00
Henning	620.00	1,692.00
Keeling	350.00	109.00
Liberty	2,395.91	2,460.75
Mason, First	262.68	.00
Mount Lebanon	544.42	601.25
Munford	2,831.75	1,799.54
Oak Grove	5,396.00	4,255.59
Olive Branch	270.11	243.16
Pleasant Grove	911.24	1,485.87
Rialto	368.43	102.70
Ripley, First	4,062.03	5,740.76
Ripley, First Indian	25.00	25.00
Salem	206.33	600.00
Smyrna	5,784.29	2,954.78
Trinity	592.88	.00
Walnut Grove	447.62	1,046.15
Western Valley	195.00	.00
Woodlawn	60.00	985.00
Association	.00	.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,232.52</b>	<b>60,704.55</b>

<b>Bledsoe</b>		
Associational Chairman: James Filson		
Antioch	.00	.00
Bledsoe Creek	148.93	76.00
Chestnut Grove	.00	.00
College Heights	.00	514.43
Corum Hill	40.00	.00
Cottantown	.00	329.00
Cragfont	1,200.00	.00
Dixon Creek	.00	500.00
Fountain Head	50.00	103.50
Gallatin, First	18,839.68	19,973.85
Grace	617.93	123.59
Hartsville, First	1,652.50	2,828.90
Hillsdale	.00	.00
Immanuel	434.00	75.00
Indian Hills	1,294.10	307.00
Lafayette, First	1,026.27	244.00
Madison Creek	2,118.36	688.73
Mitchellville	850.09	268.35
New Hope	909.18	884.70
*Oak Grove	.00	.00
*Oak Street	.00	.00
Page Heights	558.87	111.00
Pleasant Valley	508.00	.00
Portland, First	6,895.81	3,736.46
Red Boiling Spgs. First	16.00	51.00
Southside	25.00	865.80
Station Camp	.00	.00
Twin Hills	1,323.37	1,078.31
Westmoreland, First	854.88	890.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,362.97</b>	<b>33,650.12</b>

<b>Bradley County</b>		
Associational Chairman: Sam Brooks		
Antioch	.00	.00
Beacon	.00	309.04
Bellefonte	1,653.68	1,516.75
Bethel	.00	.00
Big Spring	8,573.96	348.00
Blue Springs	862.44	196.00
*Blythe Avenue	.00	.00
Brittsville	.00	175.00
Calvary	374.33	.00
Candies Creek	781.79	750.68
Center Point	70.00	.00
Charity	.00	.00
Charleston, First	1,950.00	2,622.95
Chesnee	.00	216.00
Cleveland, First	22,837.00	2,573.40
Clingan Ridge	966.51	2,025.00
Cohulla	421.39	400.00
Corinth	462.00	327.00
Council	.00	150.00
Dalton Pike	202.12	245.00
Dockery Heights	.00	.00
East Cleveland	.00	.00
East View	230.00	209.60
Elkmont	.00	.00
Emmanuel	.00	.00
Fairview	.00	294.67
Four Point	431.95	.00
Galliee	156.57	.00
Georgetown	1,437.00	2,700.00
Goodwill	139.45	125.00
Gum Spring	167.45	390.00
Hopewell	2,155.71	116.00
Lebanon	267.36	1,500.00
Macedonia	577.99	1,355.00
Maple Street	1,188.74	921.95
Michigan Avenue	2,133.24	3,123.75
Mount Carmel	1,636.34	1,950.00
New Fellowship	75.00	.00
New Friendship	2,950.71	3,126.40

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
New Hope Missionary	.00	.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Providence	579.09	241.77
Saint Marys	.....	.....
Shellsford	2,015.93	1,277.42
Smartt, First	249.36	.....
*Valley View	.....	.....
Walchland	134.61	80.00
Westside	505.24	209.78
Association	.....	.....
Total	12,746.57	14,585.24

Chilhowee

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Alcoa Way	40.00	10.00
Alcoa, First	20,817.14	8,691.68
Allegheny	.....	.....
Armora	6,065.14	2,063.85
Beech Grove	7,347.04	5,752.40
Bethel	1,007.44	1,728.20
Birchfield	.....	.....
Broadway	13,690.00	5,746.15
Calderwood	.....	.....
Calvary	3,700.20	1,631.05
Carpenters	341.56	.....
Carson Island	.....	.....
Caylors Chapel	156.66	.....
Cedar Grove	4,666.64	3,314.32
Centenary	531.45	1,458.66
Central, Alcoa	4,076.32	2,991.90
Central Point	1,031.56	524.82
Cold Springs	1,180.54	2,410.75
Dotson Memorial	4,613.24	2,615.15
East Alcoa	601.76	841.80
East Maryville	9,300.00	8,052.75
*East Mountain View	.....	.....
East Walland	102.77	325.00
Ellejoy	296.35	374.55
Everett Hills	9,459.17	7,605.18
Faith And Hope	93.00	210.00
Forest Hill	2,251.65	999.50
Four Mile	1,144.00	662.00
Friendly Hill	93.63	.....
Friendship	919.51	641.52
Friendsville, First	6,495.00	2,244.75
Grandview	5,318.50	2,796.80
Greenback Memorial	796.29	400.00
Happy Valley	231.25	787.50
Hillview	430.03	686.80
Hopewell	362.88	405.00
Immanuel	1,255.73	979.57
Kagleys Chapel	528.27	1,348.70
Keebles Chapel	271.40	.....
Kinzel Springs	280.88	377.45
Lakeview	.....	.....
Laurel Bank	1,328.31	1,105.10
Liberty	332.15	418.25
Louisville, First	47.33	323.67
*Louisville Pk	.....	.....
Macedonia	.....	523.89
Madison Avenue	3,000.00	13,308.33
Maple Grove	144.00	1,657.75
Marble Hill	.....	.....
Maryville, First	44,494.98	36,168.90
Meadowbrook	46.00	20.00
Memorial	5,230.21	3,700.00
Midway	.....	.....
Millers Cove	967.22	342.58
Monte Vista	15,651.07	14,109.57
Mount Carmel	1,213.92	725.00
Mount Lebanon	20,180.58	7,509.87
Mount Zion	.....	.....
Niles Ferry	1,838.44	1,507.46
Oak Street	1,288.62	799.57
Oak View	2,329.47	3,433.49
Old Chilhowee	198.96	.....
Old Piney Grove	838.67	1,900.00
Pilgrim	315.66	700.00
Piney Grove	5,761.77	2,376.37
Piney Level	963.00	651.00
Pleasant Grove	2,850.22	3,037.00
Prospect	1,530.64	2,331.40
Providence	1,999.50	4,328.16
Rockford	1,255.53	1,802.34
Rocky Branch	1,459.28	730.16
Salem	602.57	2,301.72
Seymour, First	18,062.20	9,344.44
Six Mile	2,087.00	2,625.00
Springview	379.14	517.17
Sunnybrook	926.11	1,048.90
*Stock Creek	11,605.19	9,151.52
Trinity	.....	.....
Union Grove	.....	609.49
Unity	2,251.42	1,659.41
Village Missionary	100.00	100.00
West Maryville	1,232.98	1,454.50
Wildwood	2,056.99	2,694.22
Zion Chapel	1,360.59	3,358.80
Association	.....	.....
Total	265,426.72	206,842.63

Clinton

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Andersonville, First	2,927.63	1,477.40
Batley	.....	400.00
Beech Grove	231.70	463.40
Bethel	1,537.08	1,710.80
Black Oak	2,110.24	3,366.55
Blowing Springs	665.00	200.00
Briceville, First	.....	635.00
(H) Calvary	1,685.00	.....
(O R) Calvary	4,790.03	1,431.10
Central	20,018.75	19,131.13
Clear Branch	1,811.66	2,116.52
Clinch River	1,976.00	2,026.00
Clinton, First	11,309.40	4,469.34
Clinton, Second	6,658.36	4,610.38
Dutch Valley, First	.....	100.00
Edgemoor	1,762.06	1,967.14
Fairview	1,505.25	324.00
Farmers Grove	.....	1,669.42

Associational Chairman: Carl Keith

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Batley	.....	400.00
Beech Grove	231.70	463.40
Bethel	1,537.08	1,710.80
Black Oak	2,110.24	3,366.55
Blowing Springs	665.00	200.00
Briceville, First	.....	635.00
(H) Calvary	1,685.00	.....
(O R) Calvary	4,790.03	1,431.10
Central	20,018.75	19,131.13
Clear Branch	1,811.66	2,116.52
Clinch River	1,976.00	2,026.00
Clinton, First	11,309.40	4,469.34
Clinton, Second	6,658.36	4,610.38
Dutch Valley, First	.....	100.00
Edgemoor	1,762.06	1,967.14
Fairview	1,505.25	324.00
Farmers Grove	.....	1,669.42

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Frost Bottom	.....	.....
Glenwood	5,913.31	5,512.95
Grave Hill	.....	.....
Guiding Star	.....	.....
Indian Bluff	270.70	.....
Island Ford	179.72	.....
Island Home	.....	.....
Lake City, First	1,884.00	1,945.00
Lakeview	30.00	100.00
Laurel Branch	624.30	.....
Laurel Grove	104.00	72.00
Longfield	481.28	204.27
Main Street	1,540.32	3,525.00
Mineral Springs	.....	.....
Moran	438.36	1,022.85
Mount Pleasant	1,591.38	1,643.95
Mountain View	.....	.....
New Salem	531.78	.....
New Mountain View	1,006.86	675.76
Norris, First	622.09	.....
North Clinton	.....	.....
Oak Ridge, First	11,239.57	12,600.55
Oliver Springs, First	.....	2,000.00
Pine Hill	.....	930.49
Pleasant Hill	215.20	690.05
Pleasant View	387.72	693.45
Poplar Creek	412.21	959.08
Red Hill	479.74	.....
Riverview	.....	.....
Robertsville	9,015.13	5,305.69
Royce	2,377.81	3,157.29
South Clinton	5,141.00	5,384.16
Spring Hill	.....	99.62
Tuppertown	54.00	.....
Union Valley	.....	.....
Valley View	165.00	265.00
Waldens View	.....	.....
Willow Brook	.....	595.11
Woodland Park	1,845.00	627.00
Zion	1,549.33	336.00
Association	.....	.....
Total	107,087.97	94,443.45

Concord

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Barfield	712.00	333.00
Belle Aire	6,979.48	3,718.49
Bradleys Creek	119.65	.....
Christiana, First	399.79	612.11
Eagleview	120.00	267.00
Fellowship	60.00	528.00
Florence	683.12	691.56
Giles Creek	470.00	141.46
Grace	371.06	.....
Green Hill	274.65	236.95
Hillview	465.66	838.00
Holly Grove	497.77	432.30
Immanuel	1,320.00	1,075.00
*Laotian	.....	.....
Lascazas	2,157.06	3,002.55
Lavergne, First	2,132.71	1,134.92
Maney Avenue	313.29	278.66
Midland	201.34	150.00
Milton	588.00	1,103.94
Miracle	2,334.58	1,520.40
Mount Carmel	.....	.....
Mount Hermon	1,476.00	1,561.30
Mount Pleasant	256.37	1,000.00
Mount View	3,405.00	3,586.41
Murfreesboro, First	23,199.49	18,864.39
Murfreesboro, Third	9,526.43	2,811.73
New Hope	232.65	232.50
Nolensville	844.00	510.00
Patterson	236.00	129.00
Powells Chapel	3,253.09	1,874.06
Rucker	108.53	42.00
*Scenic Drive	.....	.....
Smyrna, First	8,915.70	9,861.28
Southeast	5,616.48	5,808.01
Stones River	1,155.55	103.45
Taylor's Chapel	.....	.....
Victory	216.07	.....
Walter Hill, First	200.00	.....
Wards Grove	542.64	558.00
Wayside	.....	.....
Westgate	270.78	300.00
Westwood	2,127.84	914.76
Woodbury Road	1,483.00	796.20
Association	.....	.....
Total	83,625.78	65,017.43

Copper Basin

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Bethlehem	.....	.....
Colatown	811.53	452.53
Isabella	158.09	325.05
Maple Grove	.....	.....
Mine City	5,042.32	7,517.55
Mount Harmony	.....	60.00
Mount Vernon	.....	.....
Mount Zion	389.72	367.00
New Zion	285.19	200.00
Pleasant Hill	.....	500.00
Turtletown	509.09	100.00
Zion Hill	400.00	310.00
Association	.....	.....
Total	7,595.94	9,832.13

Crockett County

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Alamo, First	4,998.00	4,570.00
Barkers Chapel	145.50	42.56
Bells, First	2,170.54	6,592.40
Cairo	245.52	186.00
Cross Roads	1,307.03	1,835.54
Friendship	728.00	1,234.12
Gadsden, First	500.00	1,201.00
Johnson Grove	.....	402.50
Mary City, First	1,936.64	2,222.21

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Midway	.....	227.61
Providence	301.00	668.40
South Fork	.....	325.00
Three Way	.....	30.00
Walnut Hill	421.23	936.00
Total	12,753.46	20,473.34

Cumberland

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Alva	79.71	.....
Blooming Grove	1,183.87	947.92
Canaan, First	.....	.....
Charlotte, First	418.23	605.00
Clarksville, First	11,666.66	24,132.48
Cross Creek	2,053.49	703.20
Crossland Avenue	251.00	224.27
Cumberland City, First	297.00	100.00
Cumberland Drive	2,550.79	37.00
Dotsonville	.....	36.00
Erin	1,200.00	2,649.00
Excell	1,929.76	522.83
Grace Avenue	1,146.57	1,140.93
Gum Springs	377.15	.....
Harmony	470.82	330.00
Hillcrest	2,026.71	552.00
Hilldale	2,800.00	6,431.40
Immanuel	255.07	.....
Kenwood	1,254.86	320.00
Kirkwood	422.46	260.00
*Korean	.....	.....
Little Hope	1,030.16	547.00
Little West Fork	2,040.00	327.48
Maplewood	727.60	.....
Memorial	230.00	236.50
Mount Hermon	1,178.10	187.00
New Providence	5,234.48	942.40
Northside	811.93	.....
Northside	236.18	33.00
Parkview	451.93	164.00
Pleasant View	7,334.29	2,747.39
St. Bethlehem, First	384.00	689.90
Slayden	747.11	.....
Spring Creek	734.82	278.50
Tabernacle Missionary	90.00	.....
Trinity	116.88	344.76
Vanleer	145.70	172.31
Woodlawn	553.25	121.00
Association	.....	.....
Total	50,630.58	45,783.27

Cumberland Gap

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Alanthus Hill	110.22	.....
Bethel	50.00	50.00
Big Spring Union	100.00	10.00
Blairs Creek	50.00	133.00
Brooks Memorial	.....	.....
Calvary	.....	.....
Carrs Chapel	227.81	752.51
Cave Spring Manry	200.00	400.00
Cedar Fork	.....	86.00
Cedar Grove	198.00	260.00
Chadwell Station	68.37	167.96
Chittums Chapel	.....	.....
Cumberland Gap, First	.....	.....
Dogwood Heights	496.20	32.50
Duncan Chapel	.....	382.00
East Hopewell	.....	.....
Fairview	100.00	.....
Forge Ridge	.....	.....
Gap Creek	510.68	.....
Gibson Station	25.00	.....
Goins Chapel	.....	200.00
Greers Chapel	.....	80.00
Harragoe, First	728.51	30.00
Haynes Flat	60.00	1,029.55
Head Of Barren	.....	25.00
Hope Missionary	.....	.....
Hopewell	168.00	.....
Howards Quarter	.....	.....
Indian Creek	10.00	50.00
Liberty Missionary	.....	.....
Liberty Hill	28.00	.....
Little Barren	.....	.....
Little Mulberry	.....	877.00
Little Valley	.....	100.00
Lone Hill Missionary	.....	.....
Lone Holly	.....	.....
M C M	.....	.....
Midway	512.52	500.00
Mount Gillead	.....	250.00
Mount Pleasant	.....	83.41
Mount Zion	195.71	150.00
Mountain View	.....	.....
New Hope	.....	25.00
New Salem	100.00	200.00
New Tazewell, First		

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Trimble First, Westside, Williams Chapel, Woodville, Zion Hill.

East Tennessee

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Bear Creek, Bethel, Browns Missionary, Calvary, Caney Creek, Cave Hill, Centerview, Deep Gap, Del Rio, Denton, Dutch Bottom, English Creek, Forest Hill, French Broad, Garvers Chapel, Holders Grove, Liberty Hill, Lincoln Avenue, Mannings Chapel, Maple Grove, Mount Zion, Mountain View, New Prospect, Newport, First, Northport, Pigeon Valley, Pine Springs, Pine Grove, Pleasant Grove, Point Pleasant, Rays Chapel, Riverview, Saint Tide, Shady Grove, Southside, Swannsylvania, Union, Unity, Webb, West End, Wilsonville, Association.

Fayette

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Braden, Feathers Chapel, Forty-Five, Gallaway, First, Hickory Grove, Hickory Withe, First, Kirk, Liberty, Morris Memorial, Mount Mariah, Mount Olive, Oak Grove, Oakland, First, Rossville, Shady Grove, Somerville, First, Williston, Association.

Gibson County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Antioch, Avondale, Beech Grove, (H) Bethel, (Y) Bethel, Bethpage, Bradford, First, (H) Calvary, (R) Calvary, Center, Chapel Hill, China Grove, Clear Creek, Dyer, First, Eldad, Emmanuel, Fellowship, Fruitland, Gibson, Hickory Grove, Hillcrest, Humboldt, First, Idlewild, Immanuel, Keely Hill, Kenton, First, (K) Laneview, (T) Laneview, Latham's Chapel, Lavinia, Maranatha, Medina, First, Midway, Milan, First, Mount Pisgah, Mount Pleasant, New Bethlehem, New Hope, Northern's Chapel, Northside, Oak Grove, Oakwood, Old Bethlehem.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Poplar Grove, Poplar Springs, Rutherford, First, Salem, Smyrna, Southside, Springhill, Trenton, First, Walnut Grove, West Side, White Hall, Association, Total.

Giles County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Bradshaw, Elkon, Hannah, Highland, Liberty Hill, Lynnville, First, Minnow Branch, Minor Hill, First, New Hope, New Zion, Oak Grove, Pulaski, First, Richland, Rock Springs, Scotts Hill, Shores, Thompson Chapel, Union Hill, Union Valley, Wales, Welcome Valley, Wheelerton, Association, Total.

Grainger County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Adriel, Avondale, Barnards Grove, Bean Station, First, Black Springs, Blue Springs, Buffalo, Byerleys Chapel, Calvary, Central Point, Coffeys Chapel, Fairview, Head Of Richland, Helton Springs, Indian Ridge, Leo Springs, Locust Grove, Mitchell Springs, Mount Eger, Mouth Of Richland, Narrow Valley, New Blackwell, New Corinth, New Prospect, Neeton, Oak Grove, Oakland, Panther Park, Powder Springs, Puncheon Camp, Red House, Riverview, Rutledge, Southside, Sunrise, Tampico, Washburn, Association, Total.

Hamilton County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Alpine, Apison, Avondale, Banks, Bartlebaugh, Bayside, Beacon, Birchwood, Brainerd, Brainerd Hills, Cedar Hill, (C) Central, (H) Central, Chamberlain Memorial, Charity, Chattanooga, First, Chattanooga, Second, Clifton Hill, Community Missionary, Concord, Cross Roads, Dalewood, East Brainerd, East Chattanooga, East Lake, East Ridge, Eastwood, Edwards Point, Fairview, Falling Water, Falling Water Tab, First Calvary, Frawley, Friendship, Grace Avenue.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Greenwood, Guild, First, Harrison, First, Hickory Val., Dayspring, High Point, Hilltop, Hixson, First, Hughes Avenue, Johns Memorial, Kings Point, Kingwood, \*Korean Of Chattanooga, Lakeway, Lookout Mountain, Lookout Valley, Maple Grove, Maranatha, Meadowview, Memorial, Middle Valley, Morris Hill, Mount Carmel, Mountain Creek, Mountain View, New Bethel, New Liberty, New Salem, New Shepherd Hill, New Union, North Red Bank, Northside, Oak Grove, Oak Street, Oakwood, Ooltawah, Parkers Gap, Philadelphia, Pilgrims Rest, Pleasants Grove, Providence, Red Bank, Ridgecrest, Ridgevale, Riverview, Riverside, Saint Elmo Avenue, Shepherd, Signal Hill, Signal Mountain, Silverdale, Saddy, Daisy, First, South Seminole, South Saddy, Spring Creek Road, Standifer Gap, Stanley Heights, Stuart Heights, Temple, Timesville Avenue, Tremont, Tynney, Union Fork, Westview, White Oak, Whiteside, Woodland Heights, Woodland Park, Association, Total.

Hardeman County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Bethlehem, Bolivar, First, Brints Chapel, Cloverport, Dixie Hills, Ebenezer, Enon, Essary Springs, Friendship, Grand Junction, First, Hatchie, Hebron, Hickory Valley, Hornsby, Middleburg, Middleton, First, Midway, New Bethel, New Union, Parrans Chapel, Piney Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pocahontas, First, Porters Creek, Rocky Springs, Saulsbury, Shandy, Silerton, Toone, Trinity, Walnut Grove, West Memorial, Whiteville, First, Association, Total.

Haywood

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Allen, Antioch, Brownsville, Calvary, Harmony, Holly Grove, Poplar Corner, Shaws Chapel, Stanton, Woodland.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Zion, Total.

Hiwassee

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Chapman Grove, Concord, Old Pond Hill, Paint Rock, Peakland Missionary, Pisgah, Ten Mile, Association, Total.

Holston

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes entries like Antioch, Baileyton, First, Bethany, Bethel View, (B) Bethel, (J C) Bethel, Beulah, Blountville, First, Bluff City, Bluff City, First, Boone Trail, Boones Creek, Bowmantown, (B) Calvary, (E) Calvary, (G) Calvary, (J C) Calvary, (E) Central, (J C) Central, Cherokee, Cherokee Mountain, Cherry Grove, Chestoa, Chiquapin Grove, \*Chucky, Clark Street, Clark Branch, Clifton View, Coffee Ridge, East Watouga Avenue, Embreeville Cove, Enon, Erwin, First, Fall Branch, First, Fall Pond, Fordtown, \*Friendship Chapel, Grace, Gray Southern, Green Pine, Greene Hills, Greenlawn, Greenville, First, Greenwood, Guaranda Drive, Harmony, Higgins Chapel, Holston Valley, Hulen, Jonesborough, First, Jonesborough, Second, King Springs, Lovelace, Maranatha, Midway, Mount Zion, Mountain View, Muddy Creek, New Lebanon, New Salem, New Victory, Ninth Street, North Johnson City, Oak Dale, Oak Glen, Oak Grove, Oak Hill, Omega, Pinecrest, \*Pinecrest Mission, Piney Flats, Pleasant Grove, River Bend, Roan Hill, Shady Grove, Shallow Ford, Skyline Heights, Snow Memorial, Solomons Temple, Southside, Southwestern, Sulphur Springs, Sunrise, Sunset Village, Telford, Tennessee Avenue, Towering Oaks, Trinity, Tusculum, Unaka Avenue, Unica, University Parkway, Valley Hills, Virginia Avenue, Volunter, Walkers Fork, Walnut Grove, (J) West Hills, (B) West Hills, Westerly Heights, Woodlawn, Association, Total.

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Holston Valley</b>		
Associational Chairman: Aubrey Floyd		
Bass Chapel	75.00	.00
Beech Creek	.00	.00
Belmont	.00	1,640.00
Bentleys Chapel	160.00	221.00
Bethel	224.97	500.00
Big Creek	60.00	1,081.65
Caney Creek	1,461.40	1,561.00
Carlers Valley	400.00	.00
Cave Springs	120.15	.00
Choptack	442.76	2,313.00
Church Hill, First	9,108.08	11,510.51
Compromise	.00	50.00
Duck Creek	.00	.00
East Rogersville	1,722.56	3,896.84
Elm Springs	.00	300.00
Fishers Creek	20.00	.00
Gills Chapel	560.22	733.00
Henards Chapel	1,616.39	2,596.00
Hickory Cove	1,502.74	1,509.87
Howes Chapel	195.00	914.02
Independence	33.30	.00
Keplar	.00	.00
Kyles Ford	.00	247.00
Longs Band	.00	.00
Looneys Chapel	235.00	73.00
Lyons Park	106.17	70.78
Maple Hill	361.22	.00
Mc Cloud	.00	.00
Mc Kinneys Chapel	.00	100.00
Mc Pheeters Bend	3,088.83	2,210.03
Mooreburg	54.38	126.00
Morrisetts Chapel	.00	325.00
Mount Pleasant	.00	.00
New Hope	.00	96.00
North Fork	651.86	.00
Oak Grove	22,276.16	24,836.11
Persia	3,263.83	4,706.34
Pleasant Hill	.00	.00
Prices Grove	30.00	.00
Providence	.00	.00
Rogersville, First	16,540.89	10,625.00
Shady Grove	.00	.00
Shepards Chapel	.00	1,000.00
Speedview, First	1,635.05	400.00
Speedwell	.00	192.00
Surgoinsville	1,807.37	1,723.87
Tar Pine Valley	.00	240.00
Tunnell Hill	382.18	642.39
Valley View	.00	.00
War Creek	469.09	545.50
West View	464.49	945.01
Association	.00	.00
Total	69,069.09	77,930.92

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Indian Creek</b>		
Associational Chairman: James Rains		
Bethlehem	172.11	64.00
(W) Calvary	20.91	.00
(77) Calvary	727.66	365.00
Cedar Grove	.00	.00
Clifton, First	239.46	597.32
Collinwood, First	140.88	30.00
East View	20.00	28.71
Friendship	11.69	20.00
Grace	64.52	15.00
Green River	1,063.70	1,803.27
Houston	41.94	.00
Kelleys Chapel	50.00	150.00
Leatherwood	75.00	150.00
Lutts	94.35	300.00
Memorial	15.00	.00
*New Bethel	.00	.00
Oak Grove	.00	30.00
Oak Ridge	31.66	.00
Philadelphia	753.23	264.00
Rays Chapel	171.10	100.00
*State Line Chapel	.00	.00
Upper Green River	81.70	150.00
Waynesboro, First	1,640.00	885.00
Zion	233.05	39.00
Total	5,647.96	4,991.30

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Jefferson County</b>		
Associational Chairman: Jerry Mantooth		
Antioch	100.00	225.00
Beaver Creek	327.32	1,846.34
*Bethel	.00	.00
Buffalo Grove	1,142.36	374.00
Calvary	.00	.00
Central Heights	1,206.12	172.30
Dandridge, First	10,906.00	9,635.99
Deep Springs	701.27	167.28
Dumplin	1,845.13	2,079.83
Emmanuel	.00	.00
Fellowship	377.30	101.00
Flat Gap	239.13	45.62
French Broad	130.00	3,811.00
Friendview	.00	.00
Good Hope	77.06	229.91
Hilltop	.00	.00
Holston Memorial	481.83	.00
Jefferson City, First	16,029.70	20,498.14
Mansfield Gap	263.41	455.00
Mill Springs	893.00	576.95
Mountain View	.00	446.79
Mullins Chapel	.00	71.60
Nances Grove	.00	.00
New Hope	846.29	.00
New Market	1,148.00	1,052.00
Nina	.00	500.00
Oak Hills	211.88	.00
Piedmont	6,213.73	886.00
Pleasant Grove (N.M.)	.00	517.00
Pleasant Grove, Piney	3,309.00	3,946.97
Rocky Valley	235.95	375.00
Strawberry Pk., First	1,900.85	2,524.69
Swanns Chapel	.00	836.20
Talbot	2,385.00	1,375.75

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Judson</b>		
Associational Chairman: Randy Franklin		
*Grace	.00	.00
Liberty	.00	.00
Missionary Ridge	40.00	.00
Mount Zion	15.00	.00
New Hope	956.25	1,057.50
Old New Hope	495.00	652.01
Parkers Creek	.00	.00
Pomona	.00	.00
Walnut Grove	.00	.00
White Bluff, First	.00	.00
Total	1,566.25	1,709.51

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Knox County</b>		
Associational Chairman: Buford Bible		
Alice Bell	369.34	1,359.25
Arlington	13,721.43	1,777.18
Atkins	569.26	1,896.39
Ball Camp	8,615.58	789.21
Basswood	150.00	667.24
Beaumont Avenue	200.00	600.00
Beaver Dam	11,223.47	12,982.42
Bell Avenue	900.00	2,990.93
Belmont Heights	904.69	2,180.83
Bethany	.00	.00
Black Oak Heights	13,286.00	.00
Blount Avenue	.00	.00
Bon View	30.00	.00
Branville	75.00	336.00
Broadway	2,400.00	1,650.31
Buffat Heights	3,539.21	11,063.91
Burnetts Creek	350.34	.00
Callahan Road	.00	.00
Calvary	36,240.98	19,178.74
Cedar Bluff	527.67	.00
Cedar Ford	998.41	700.00
Central Bearden	28,749.99	47,300.77
Central Of Ftn. City	31,062.99	60,436.75
Churchwell Avenue	30.00	257.25
City View	5,531.90	.00
Clear Springs	3,424.50	2,138.00
Community	.00	.00
Concord, First	27,948.18	3,925.56
Copper Ridge	71.72	80.00
Cornerstone	353.00	525.00
Corryton	6,736.19	4,041.53
Cumberland	5,848.88	18,487.62
East Sunnyview	.00	.00
Eastwood	48.00	.00
Ebenezer	1,001.88	1,416.19
Elm Street	247.67	.00
Euclid Avenue	2,340.87	2,838.15
Fairview	.00	.00
Fair Havens	476.39	561.61
Faith Baptist Temple	.00	.00
Farragut, First	120.00	41.96
Fellowship	942.97	1,679.60
Fifth Avenue	2,500.00	345.15
Flint Gap	.00	1,407.45
Fort Hill	625.89	475.00
Fort Sanders	672.43	.00
Fountain City, First	2,513.22	4,670.26
Galilee	3,840.13	7,903.07
Galloher Memorial	1,261.57	1,220.00
Gayland Heights	287.80	845.00
Gillespie Avenue	2,443.19	1,532.91
Glenwood	6,900.75	7,080.55
Grace	11,772.80	11,562.62
Grassy Valley	2,516.58	2,190.65
Graveston	1,207.25	433.50
Greenway	1,789.36	1,165.08
Grove City	.00	.00
Grove Heights	.00	.00
Grove Hill	200.00	.00
Hillcrest	123.00	40.00
Hines Valley	.00	.00
Holt Avenue	.00	.00
Hollywood Hills	123.00	288.72
Holston	2,295.17	1,139.00
House Mountain	.00	2,182.20
Immanuel	1,736.42	2,243.30
Inskip	4,343.61	6,103.85
Island Home	943.24	1,399.08
John Sevier	820.00	2,660.00
Jones Chapel	125.00	3,270.10
Knoxville, First	24,000.04	44,910.82
Knoxville, Second	3,863.60	5,097.11
Knoxville, Third	.00	.00
Lake Country	500.33	150.33
Lake View	.00	.00
Lincoln Park	6,617.78	30,746.76
Linden Avenue	.00	.00
Little Flat Creek	613.50	794.26
Lonsdale	124.21	285.00
Loveland	509.46	560.00
Lyons Creek	1,390.22	1,254.97
Marble City	261.41	584.18
Marbledale	1,112.09	235.41
Mars Hill	3,096.83	2,309.68
Mascot	1,208.00	948.90
Mc Calla Avenue	14,034.00	1,971.28
Meadow View	.00	.00
Meridian	14,472.40	10,750.80
Middlebrook Pike	120.00	.00
Midway	.00	.00
*Mobileland	.00	.00
Mooreland Heights	356.59	190.70
Mount Carmel	1,707.98	4,684.07
Mount Harmony	3,709.59	1,827.19
Mount Olive	14,450.00	162.00
Mount Olive, East	.00	.00
Mountain View	794.95	1,353.60
New Hopewell	2,962.92	2,453.71
New Salem	.00	.00
North Acres	.00	503.56

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>North Hills</b>		
North Hills	.00	.00
North Knoxville	6,580.27	.00
North Side	.00	.00
Northwest	.00	.00
Norwood	782.96	4,324.50
Oakwood	.00	823.40
Park Lane	169.00	1,131.36
Parkway	3,968.18	2,746.13
Piney Grove	.00	183.32
Powell, First	2,994.48	8,829.18
Ramsey Heights	.00	.00
Reunion	250.40	.00
Ridgevale	416.00	.00
Ridgeview	3,451.13	4,188.76
Riverdale	1,399.98	1,500.00
Riverview	1,798.18	697.05
Rocky Hill	2,144.74	.00
Roseberry	692.41	2,161.39
Salem	9,872.00	12,356.97
*Sam Houston	.00	.00
Scottish Pike	10.00	.00
Seven Islands	.00	803.35
Sevier Heights	10,500.00	1,534.36
Sevier Home	.00	.00
Sharon	5,456.00	10,847.71
Smithwood	9,459.42	21,140.24
South Knoxville	7,872.00	9,010.82
Stoney Point	160.00	.00
Sunset Heights	.00	190.00
Tarklin Valley	.00	.00
Tazewell Pike	.00	.00
Tennessee Avenue	530.00	701.25
Third Creek	395.25	2,141.00
Thorn Grove	1,200.22	1,172.62
Three Point	.00	.00
Timothy Street	358.85	1,885.65
Tower Heights	.00	.00
Trinity	527.86	150.00
Tuckahoe	.00	.00
Tyson	.00	.00
Union	1,926.03	663.63
Unity	482.18	1,122.81
(B C) Valley Grove	.00	2,449.15
(C H) Valley Grove	7,600.00	7,927.03
Vestal	.00	.00
Victory	.00	.00
Wallace Memorial	69,662.07	72,759.81
Washington Avenue	726.90	477.00
Washington Pike	3,181.00	2,651.00
West End	762.58	2,042.77
West Haven	5,766.96	.00
West Hills	11,664.00	2,564.00
West Knoxville	5,403.00	3,181.76
West Lonsdale	7,898.25	11,910.36
West Side	.00	274.25
Association	.00	48.75
Total	540,040.12	570,345.60

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>Lawrence County</b>		
Associational Chairman: Gary Burbank		
Barnesville	.00	.00
Beech Grove	.00	100.00
Blooming Grove	40.00	450.00
Bonnertown	200.00	295.00
Brace	.00	2,040.64
Center Point	.00	260.00
Deerfield	740.98	1,203.21
Ethridge, First	247.55	635.00
Evas Chapel	.00	30.00
Faith	925.00	2,469.30
Five Points	60.00	.00
Gum Springs	959.63	791.33
Highland Park	903.45	861.63
Immanuel	1,110.72	978.00
Iron City, First	601.65	916.00
Lawrenceburg, First	500.00	3,417.99
Leoma	1,639.89	3,495.78

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Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Milan	113.15	330.00
Nave Hill	75.00	.00
New Friendship	150.00	150.00
Taylor's Grove	.00	50.00
Union	.00	.00
Warwicks Chapel	185.43	30.00
Willow Springs	.00	30.00
Association	.00	.00
Total	1,722.38	3,643.25

Polk County

Associational Chairman: Evelyn Guy		
Antioch	104.52	45.00
Ball Play	.00	.00
Beech Springs	398.17	250.00
Benton Station	534.40	647.97
Benton, First	2,469.73	3,750.00
Blue Ridge Temple	376.44	394.70
Boonergas	30.00	.00
Cedar Springs	652.00	600.00
Chastuee	315.05	2,840.93
Conasauga River	.00	.00
Cookson Creek	.00	.00
Covenant	165.90	.00
Delano	700.00	1,928.53
Fairview	.00	.00
Fellowship	.00	.00
Friendship	232.42	185.00
Greasy Creek	.00	50.00
Hiwassee Union	226.40	200.00
Mountain Springs	430.00	.00
Mountain View	.00	.00
Oak Grove	397.45	474.33
Ocoee	45.31	.00
Old Oose	.00	.00
Pine Ridge	75.00	75.00
Pleasant Grove	343.94	.00
Rock Creek	.00	.00
Shiloh	644.17	815.00
Smyrna	441.00	425.00
Springtown	.00	.00
Towee	.00	.00
Welcome Valley	.00	.00
Wetmore	671.35	691.29
Zion	1,870.84	1,993.32
Total	11,122.29	15,366.07

Riverside

Associational Chairman: Bob Stoner		
Allardt, First	89.07	33.43
Byrdstown	925.00	921.30
Byrdstown, First	4,260.62	1,570.30
Carlino, First	465.74	60.00
Clarkson	234.95	112.42
Columbia Hill	150.59	.00
Etter	1,197.13	536.00
Falling Springs	.00	.00
Fellowship	697.01	264.81
Friends Chapel	15.00	50.00
Hanging Limb	138.07	.00
Jamestown, First	2,956.54	.00
Livingston, First	5,752.51	2,069.19
Memorial	957.84	674.65
Mineral Springs	30.00	77.00
Moodyville	.00	.00
Mount Union	135.60	126.25
Oak Grove	.00	.00
Park Road	151.19	50.00
Pine Haven	28.00	.00
Rickman, First	459.21	256.64
Round Mountain	.00	.00
Three Forks	134.00	134.00
Trinity	.00	.00
Unity Missionary	396.63	326.00
Vines Ridge	.00	.00
West Pentress	278.27	125.78
Association	.00	50.00
Total	19,452.97	7,447.77

Robertson County

Associational Chairman: Roy Stark		
Barren Plains	2,131.44	1,890.41
Battle Creek	90.88	145.00
Bethel	15,036.78	8,217.74
Bethlehem	2,608.39	2,033.00
Cedar Hill	1,201.20	728.10
Center Point	602.70	340.66
Cherry Mount	300.00	219.00
Covington Heights	.00	.00
Cross Roads	200.48	400.00
Eastland Heights	484.23	136.63
Ebenezer	1,265.20	1,867.52
Flewellyn	772.68	809.20
Grace	1,923.66	1,051.58
Greenbrier, First	7,179.18	5,680.07
Hopewell	1,024.93	3,025.83
Lights Chapel	1,251.52	.00
Mount Carmel	5,138.40	3,202.70
North Springfield	4,806.92	1,409.73
Oak Grove	3,561.78	.00
Oakland	705.00	.00
Orlinda	4,828.39	5,072.35
Pleasant Hill	982.32	800.00
Red River	400.93	.00
Ridgetop, First	393.90	2,258.38
Rock Springs	1,005.56	706.71
Springhill	17,424.59	12,546.69
Springhill	900.00	859.46
White House, First	4,260.00	3,083.00
Williams Chapel	449.00	634.63
Association	.00	.00
Total	80,930.06	57,118.39

Salem

Associational Chairman: Ed Edwards		
Auburn	721.81	220.00
Burt	944.00	326.00
Calvary	1,114.73	718.16
Center Hill	75.00	.00
Coopers Chapel	.00	.00

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Covenant	.00	.00
Dale Ridge	.00	.00
Dowelltown	169.72	160.00
Dry Creek	342.00	.00
Elizabeth Chapel	524.59	1,203.44
Faith	.00	171.16
Indian Creek Memorial	453.60	108.80
Leanna	.00	.00
Malones Chapel	.00	20.00
Mount Herman	310.69	114.55
Mount Zion	286.00	150.00
New Home	96.25	54.25
New Hope	109.69	124.35
Open Bible	67.00	25.00
Plainview	.00	.00
Pleasant View	503.15	.00
Prosperity	1,191.96	1,000.49
Salem	1,901.99	6,201.03
Shiloh	150.00	.00
Smithville, First	10,199.26	11,579.15
Snow Hill	353.51	564.00
Sycamore	184.96	466.85
*Temperance Hall	.00	.00
Upper Helton	434.63	262.61
West Main	1,896.12	2,209.00
Whorton Springs	507.94	.00
Wolf Creek	.00	137.55
Woodbury, First	8,175.11	7,519.00
Woodland	.00	.00
Association	.00	.00
Total	30,713.81	33,335.39

Squatchie Valley

Associational Chairman: William Fox		
Baptist Hill	88.36	621.00
Cartwright, First	1,045.87	510.00
Cold Springs	272.09	246.26
Daus	184.13	107.53
Dunlap, First	3,760.04	250.67
East Valley	20.00	200.00
Ebenezer	1,259.97	1,845.17
Ewontonville	2,000.03	5,159.47
Flat Mountain	424.60	178.85
Grace	.00	.00
Harmony	.00	.00
Jasper, First	3,093.36	6,622.31
Kimball	670.00	762.00
Lauger	239.51	.00
Lees Station	194.37	300.00
Midway	396.90	170.00
Mineral Springs	90.00	200.00
Mount Calvary	193.37	322.68
Palmer, First	272.00	.00
Pikeville, First So.	2,977.80	2,606.96
Richard City, First	189.97	669.52
Squatchie, First	149.46	23.00
South Pittsburg, First	8,931.09	8,476.71
South Whitwell	430.64	621.00
Whitwell, First	2,865.27	3,097.45
Association	.00	.00
Total	29,748.83	32,990.58

Sevier County

Associational Chairman:		
Alder Branch	1,724.47	2,802.03
Antioch	735.40	546.42
Banner	787.06	200.00
Beech Springs	500.00	1,850.00
Bells Chapel	138.54	.00
Bethel	522.13	723.00
Blowing Cave	14.21	.00
Boyd's Creek	1,028.80	340.00
Bradleys Chapel	.00	.00
Calvary	290.18	55.51
Conner Heights	.00	.00
Covmont	21.00	.00
Dripping Springs	284.35	.00
Dupont	936.81	2,366.87
French Broad Valley	1,378.22	1,595.22
Gatlinburg, First	30.00	.00
Gists Creek	5,000.64	2,925.00
Gum Stand	311.26	225.36
Gum Stand	96.62	.00
Henderson's Chapel	846.37	90.59
Hills Creek	64.00	187.00
Howards View	.00	.00
Hurst's Chapel	.00	.00
Jones Chapel	.00	350.00
Knob Creek	528.70	2,054.61
Laurel Branch	.00	.00
Laurel Grove	17.00	30.00
Lebanon	231.00	138.76
Little Cove	.00	.00
Maples Branch	30.00	.00
Millicon Grove	648.73	1,561.45
Mount Zion	187.65	1.00
Mountain View	232.78	606.36
New Era	227.28	200.00
New Salem	180.00	200.00
Oak City	314.00	2,146.00
Oldhams Creek	.00	.00
Paw Paw Hollow	122.98	320.00
Pearl Valley	.00	.00
Pigeon Forge, First	7,532.01	.00
Providence	.00	.00
Red Bank	.00	.00
Red Bank, First	151.32	190.00
Richardson's Cove	339.74	101.00
Roaring Fork	934.10	934.10
Sevierville, First	25,624.98	17,876.23
Sevierville, Second	457.09	1,048.55
Shady	.00	75.00
Shiloh	.00	.00
Sims Chapel	300.00	417.32
Sugar Loaf	.00	.00
Trinity	.00	.00
Union Valley	288.03	1,001.00
Valley View	.00	793.12
Waldens Creek	.00	.00
Walnut Grove	175.42	438.00
Wears Valley	436.03	981.73

Church	Cooperative Program	Designated
Williamsburg	78.50	227.00
Zion Grove	173.00	166.00
Zion Hill	861.29	481.00
Association	.00	.00
Total	54,781.59	46,044.23

Shelby County

Associational Chairman: Wade Carver		
Agape	2,544.40	.00
Ardmore	18,757.75	9,120.63
Ardmore Mission	329.98	.00
Arlington	646.06	834.00
Audubon Park	17,906.15	25,039.07
Balmoral	5,588.31	8,246.17
Barlett	26,037.91	14,231.50
Bellevue	129,324.00	10,057.67
Bennington Park	1,333.33	701.30
Berclair	9,382.60	15,903.85
Beverly Hills	3,303.09	763.14
Big Creek	1,194.71	761.00
Blue Ridge Park	1,018.13	1,065.00
Boulevard	10,177.75	6,146.75
Briarcrest	22,674.40	.00
*Bridgewood	.00	.00
Broadmoor	39,850.93	24,566.16
Brinkley Heights	71.35	44.73
Broadway	1,666.52	375.00
Bronswick	7,430.00	885.00
Bunlyn Street	.00	.00
Calvary	150.00	.00
Capleville	76.00	.00
Charjean	206.44	1,513.37
Charokee	5,968.72	.00
Cherry Road	15,912.07	10,134.18
Collierville, First	27,106.69	500.00
Colonial	13,157.13	.00
Cordova	7,553.76	6,598.81
Cottonwood Heights	112.48	159.24
Covington Pike	1,259.62	752.78
Crestview	.00	.00
Dellwood	900.00	1,167.19
Eads	363.23	.00
East Acres	.00	.00
Egypt	295.68	369.59
Ellendale	11,183.59	8,604.41
Elliston	.00	.00
Eudora	10,789.30	14,900.71
Fairlawn	3,199.52	1,293.44
Fellowship	418.96	741.00
Fisherville, First	4,141.26	7,561.66
Forest Hill	1,285.50	9,818.26
Frasier	4,869.09	2,742.83
Georgian Hills	4,183.98	2,854.42
Germantown	52,752.62	37,552.13
Graceland	9,577.97	217.66
Graham Heights	414.10	419.27
Greenhills	1,152.06	1,268.50
Greenlow	100.00	.00
Havenview	250.00	.00
Hickory Hills	1,910.28	1,694.96
Hickory Ridge	1,875.00	.00
Highland Heights	24,796.16	5,126.52
Hollywood	863.00	.00
Holmes Street	.00	600.00
Kensington	3,265.53	3,531.24
Kirby Park Way	250.00	338.40
Kirby Woods	4,500.00	.00
Korean	700.00	200.00
La Belle Haven	1,596.38	3,204.39
La Belle Place	5,675.65	1,772.07
Lakeshores	227.80	176.00
Lamar Heights	5,278.61	1,420.69
Lamar Terrace	.00	.00
Leclair	7,586.99	3,340.85
Leawood	18,983.70	23,941.61
Liberty	.00	130.00
Longcrest	688.86	1,094.72
Lucy	2,477.44	2,325.00
Macon Road	.00	.00
McLean	500.00	2,643.00
Memphis, First	39,115.00	69,406.39
Memphis, Second	24,015.34	18,511.55
Merton Avenue	5,748.88	4,069.02
Millington, First	11,897.27	8,889.28
Millington, Second	1,109.04	850.30
Mountain Terrace	2,728.00	1,203.00
Mullins Station	2,516.42	1,903.97
National Avenue	7,380.16	5,853.59
New Allen Road	.00	.00
North Frayser	195.00	.00
Northview	3,463.36	3,409.31
Oakhaven	1,183.69	5,250.00
Oaklawn	1,635.70	545.23
Oakville Memorial	7,892.69	4,308.39
Orchi	601.79	513.84
*Park Avenue	.00	.00
Parkway Village	10,845.36	3,787.62
Peabody	1,165.00	4,549.25
Pearson Chapel	100.77	270.00
Prescott Memorial	90.75	1,952.22
Raleigh	15,008.19	16,778.91
Raleigh Heights	.00	.00
Raleigh North	192.78	764.08
Range Hills	2,002.31	2,553.52
Richland	1,693.28	.00
Ridgecrest	2,800.00	464.00
Ridgeway	26,471.28	42,649.84
Rose Hill	633.75	407.21
Rosemark	366.56	177.26
Rugby Hills	5,072.93	1,173.11
Scenic Hills	3,323.10	434.26
Shelby Forest	1,653.25	226.00
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# Venezuelan professor studies at SWBTS

By Elizabeth Watson

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The National Baptist Convention of Venezuela's version of "Bold Mission Thrust" launched Alirio Eustache into a new life at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Part of the "Million Plan" to enlist 1-million Baptists in Venezuela by the year 2000 includes equipping national leaders for the Venezuelan Baptist Seminary.

Eustache was the first Venezuelan selected to further his graduate studies at Southwestern. In 1984 he received the master of divinity degree. Next year, he will become the first Venezuelan seminary professor to earn the doctor of philosophy degree.

But knowing that Venezuelan Baptists have entrusted him with the future of their seminary is a weighty responsibility. Eustache admits, noting, "Because the doctor of philosophy program is demanding, I often battle fears of failing and letting the convention down."

Eustache already has overcome several barriers. "Meeting all the entry requirements was really tough," he says. Also, Eustache must work in English rather than his first language, Spanish.

"It isn't enough just to be knowledgeable of English. I have to be able to express myself well in English," Eustache relates. "I have studied English so much I honestly think I could publish my own

grammar book."

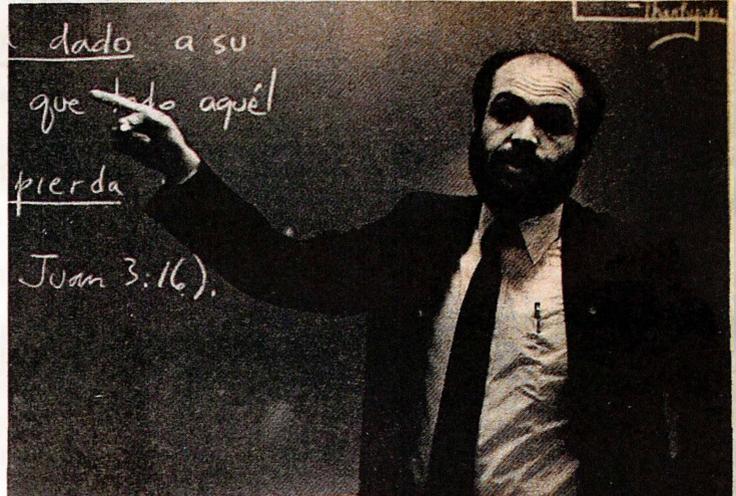
Like all doctor of philosophy students, Eustache must master two other foreign languages in addition to English.

Despite his struggle with the language, last year Eustache was listed in Who's Who Among American Students. He currently teaches theological Spanish at Southwestern.

Eustache and his wife, Astrid, both teach Sunday School at Fair View Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas. She received a marriage and family counseling degree last year and currently is pursuing a religious education degree.

"The doctor of philosophy program has been everything I expected it would be — and more," Eustache says. "It has challenged me even more to develop my own analytical approach. To be successful in this program, one must have a searching, critical mind and be able to communicate thoughts clearly. It will all make me a better professor when I return to Venezuela."

Eustache is considering writing his dissertation about the connection between existentialism and liberation theology: "Existentialism and Marxism are of interest to almost every university student in Venezuela. Hopefully my study in that area can help Christians understand how to interpret liberation theology, which is sweeping South and Central America, in light of Scripture."



**PROFESSOR, STUDENT** — Alirio Eustache, a professor at Venezuela's Baptist seminary, uses John 3:16 as an example to teach theological Spanish at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he currently is a doctor of philosophy student. The Venezuelan Baptist Convention sent Eustache to Southwestern as part of their "Million Plan" to enlist 1-million Baptists by the year 2000.

## Interpretations

### The rejected Christ

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Is not this Joseph's son?" (Luke 4:22).

Early in Jesus' Galilean Ministry, He attended the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16). Already His fame had spread abroad. Therefore, He was asked to read the Scripture and comment on it. He read Isaiah 61:1-2, a messianic passage (Luke 4:18-19).

Jews stood to read the Scripture and then sat down to preach or teach.

Sitting down, Jesus said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears" (v.21). The people marvelled at His gracious words.

Then the question was asked, "Is not this Joseph's son?" They did not know the true nature of Jesus' birth. Even so, Joseph, while not His real father, was His foster-father.

Stating that no prophet is accepted in his own country, Jesus cited references to Elijah and Elisha doing mighty works among non-Israelites (vv.23-27).

This transformed a wondering people into a raging mob. They sought to throw Jesus off a nearby cliff to His death. But He slipped away and went to Capernaum, a city on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. He made this city headquarters for His Galilean Ministry. Later, He was again rejected by Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6).

Familiarity breeds contempt. The people said, "Why He grew up here. We have known Him most all His life. He was even the village carpenter. So He can't be much!" They thought they knew Jesus so well, when they really did not know Him at all!

We may be certain that their rejection wounded Jesus. But they were the greater losers.

Though Jesus identified Himself with us, apart from sin, we should not become overly familiar with Him. We should stand before Him in reverence. We should believe His words and receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

History condemns Nazareth and all others who reject Jesus. Like Nazareth, if you reject Him, you are the greater loser.

### Carter Davis assists in Saba

LEVEROCK, Saba — Missionary Bill Womack, who is opening Baptist work on St. Martin in the Caribbean, has discovered another opening on the nearby island of Saba.

Womack recently visited the island and had an audience with the governor, a Baptist deacon interested in both the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Saba.

The government purchased a large amount of dental equipment, Womack learned, which remains in crates because the manufacturer failed to send a technician to install it. Womack notified Carter Davis, a missionary dentist in Grenada. Davis agreed to come to Saba for several days to help set up a dental office.

### BSSB names Chapman as adult consultant

NASHVILLE — Jerry L. Chapman has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant in the adult section of the church training department.

Chapman comes to the board from Pineview Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C., where he served as pastor from 1980-86. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Earle's Grove Baptist Church, Seneca, S.C., from 1976-80.

A South Carolina native, Chapman is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Drunk driving report urges change in social attitudes

By David Wilkinson

WASHINGTON (BP) — Fortified legal sanctions are making a difference, but a new report contends that the battle against drunk driving never will be won without fundamental changes in America's social attitudes.

That conclusion dominates the 1986 progress report of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, established in 1983 to monitor nationwide efforts to combat drunk driving.

"The laws that have made a difference in saving lives are in place as never before," the report says. "However, the unfulfilled need is the most difficult, and that is to change behavior patterns and social attitudes."

The commission's report underscores some encouraging changes in the continuing campaign against drunk driving. For example, in 1980 an estimated 28,000 of the 51,091 people killed on America's highways were involved in alcohol-related accidents. By contrast, in 1985 an estimated 22,360 alcohol-related victims were among the year's 43,795 fatalities.

The report notes the substantial reduction in deaths as well as in the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities occurred during a period when both highway travel and the number of drivers increased.

Another sign of progress cited in the report is that fewer teen-agers are driving while intoxicated. From 1982 to 1985, the greatest rate of decline among all age groups in the percentage of intoxicated drivers involved in fatal crashes was among teen-agers. In fact, the decline among 15- to 17-year-olds exceeded that of any other age group.

Nevertheless, alcohol-related crashes remain the No. 1 cause of death for U.S. teen-agers.

The report also gave a mixed review on law enforcement and other "countermeasures" against drunk driving. On the positive side, it pointed out 44 states now have age 21 minimum drinking age-laws. On the other hand:

—Only 17 states have enacted "open container" laws prohibiting possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage in the passenger compartment of an automobile.

—Only 28 states have "dram shop" laws relating to some form of servers' liability.

—Only 22 states provide for administrative suspension or revocation of the driver's license for driving with an illegal blood-alcohol content.

—Only 13 states exclude plea bargaining from driving under the influence offenses.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, welcomed the report as "a call to persistence."

"The tide of public opinion is turning, thanks to the faithful efforts of committed individuals, families, churches, and community groups," Valentine said. He noted a recent Harris survey showed that 72 percent of drivers say they never drink and drive, a dramatic turnaround compared to a 1983 Gallup study which found that 80 percent of American motorists would not hesitate to drive after drinking.

"If public attitudes are to be translated into changed behavior, then churches must redouble their efforts to provide intervention and education, especially among young people," Valentine added. "The best way to end the problem of drunk driving is to end the problem of alcohol abuse."