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Missionary dies in helicopter crash

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP) — The business manager for the Southern Baptist mission in Ethiopia died in a helicopter crash Aug. 4 as he was flying to meet Ethiopian agricultural officials in a remote area. The pilot also was killed.

Police recovered the bodies of Missionary Troy M. Waldron Jr. and Steve Bartalsky, the pilot, in a gully in sparsely populated hills near Addis Ababa about 2 p.m.

The craft had just passed over the first range of mountains it would encounter on the trip when the engine apparently failed, said Southern Baptist worker Ed Mason. Parts of the helicopter were strewn over a wide area, he added, and both men apparently died on impact.

Investigators said the crash occurred between 7:45 and 8 a.m. about 11 miles northeast of the Addis Ababa airport, just minutes after the helicopter left. Rural people discovered the crash and reported it to police.



Waldron

Police took the bodies to Menelik Hospital in Addis Ababa, where they were identified by Mason, who acts as a liaison between government officials and Southern Baptist efforts in the country. Both men were scheduled to be buried Aug. 6 in Addis Ababa.

The wives of Waldron and Bartalsky decided to bury their husbands on Ethiopian soil as an indication of their love for the people, Mason said. The two families attended the International Evangelical Church in Addis Ababa, where many missionaries and relief workers from outside

the country maintain a close fellowship. Between 25 and 50 Ethiopian government officials were expected to attend the funeral (Continued on page 3)

Parks, Lewis laud WMU

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — The top leaders of the two Southern Baptist mission boards praised the work of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and challenged WMU members to not grow weary in the cause of missions.

Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Larry Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, spoke during the annual WMU week July 26-31 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center. Both paid tribute to the organization, which is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

"The women of Woman's Missionary Union are more kingdom citizens than any other group with whom I work," Parks said.

While others in the denomination have

become sidetracked with the years-long controversy that has plagued the Southern Baptist Convention, WMU has "kept your eyes on Jesus," Parks said, and has "continued to see the invisible."

WMU members have had a "spirit of giving that touches generation after generation," Parks said. "Woman's Missionary Union has been and continues to be the greatest source of financial support that any mission board has ever had."

In addition to being "kingdom builders" financially, WMU members have been "kingdom citizens in the sending of missionaries," Parks said. A large percentage of missionaries appointed to the foreign mission field cite WMU age-level organizations as being the first or most important influence in their Christian pilgrimage, he said.

"There is not a single force that is as productive in shaping hearts and minds to love missions" as the WMU, Parks said.

But perhaps even more important to the cause of missions, Parks said, is the prayer support WMU has given throughout its history. "There is no way to put a percentage on or to evaluate the impact the prayers of WMU have had across the ages for the cause of missions," he said.

"Had it not been for the consistent, faithful prayer support of WMU, we would not have anywhere near the mission effort that Southern Baptists claim today," he said.

Lewis told WMU members they must continue to be ready and willing to go "heart to heart, house to house, and home to home," if future missions endeavors are as successful as those past.

He encouraged WMU members to remember those to whom they are indebted — and to particularly remember their indebtedness to God. "Every breath we breathe is a gift of God," he said.

He also challenged them to not be ashamed of the gospel, as many within the denomination appear to be. "I am ashamed that it takes 42 of us to win a soul for Jesus," he said.

At least 6,000 Southern Baptist churches didn't report any salvations last year, he said.

"I believe in the authority, authenticity, and reliability of the Bible. The message of this gospel is powerful — more powerful than any army or any bomb concocted in our laboratories."

Nashvillians circumvent horse track

By Charlie Warren

By a mere 0.64 percent margin, Nashvillians defeated a referendum Aug. 6 that would have permitted a pari-mutuel horse racing track in Davidson County.

Final uncertified results from the Election Commission revealed that 63,435 Nashvillians (50.32 percent) voted against the track, while 62,627 (49.68 percent) favored the track, a margin of 808 votes (0.64 percent).

Tennessee Baptists and church members from other denominational groups joined forces to form a political action committee, Nashvillians Against Pari-mutuel Gambling, NAGP's media campaign, bumper stickers, and yard signs are credited with helping to defeat the measure.

Meanwhile, Baptists in the Memphis area have joined forces with other Christian groups to form Tennesseans Against Gambling, a political action committee organized to work for the defeat of an Oct. 8 referendum in Shelby County, according to John Bomar, chairman of the Christian life committee of the Shelby County Baptist Association. Bomar is pastor of Capleville Baptist Church, Memphis.

Baptist clergy and laity alike are meeting with other denominational groups in Williamson County this week to discuss the possibility of forming a PAC. Williamson County is the next likely site for a middle Tennessee referendum now that Davidson County's referendum has been defeated.

David Myers, director of missions for Hamilton County Baptist Association, reported that Baptists in the Chattanooga area are alert, even though there is not yet a push for a referendum and no PAC has been formed.

Church members from across denominational lines have formed a PAC in Knoxville, according to Wray Smith, association director of missions for the Knox County Baptist Association, even though no date has been set for a referendum.

TBAH Lenoir City facility breaks ground for addition

Baptist Health Care Center, Lenoir City, broke ground July 31 for a \$252,200 addition which will include a chapel and administrative space.

The 4,500-square-foot building is the first addition to the Lenoir City facility in 18 years and the first since Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes Inc. acquired the property.

The new chapel also will serve as a multi-purpose area for therapy and small group activities. The addition also will include a new office suite, classroom space, storage space, and a foyer.

George W. Reagan Company is the contractor and Barber and McMurry Inc. are the architects.

Thomas H. Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, and president of TBAH's board of directors, and John Brown, a resident in the nursing home and a former builder, turned the first shovels of dirt for the new project.

Other participants in the ground breaking were Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; J. L. Ford, executive director-treasurer of TBAH; Obie Campbell, a TBAH director; A. A. Carlton, chaplain at Baptist Health Care Center; Bob McCurry, mayor of Lenoir City; and Judy Burnette, vocalist.

Carl Burkhalter is administrator of the Lenoir City facility.



PROJECT UNDERWAY — John Brown (left), a resident at the Lenoir City Baptist Health Care Center, and Thomas Walker (right), president of the board of directors of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes Inc., turn the first shovels of dirt to launch construction of a new addition to the center as J. L. Ford, TBAH executive director, and another interested observer look on.

SWBTS gets rare copy of handlettered Koran

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)— A 300-year-old handlettered copy of the Koran has been placed on permanent loan in the A. Webb Roberts Library of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The book belongs to Larry Keilberg of Wichita Falls, Texas, who purchased it from a Muslim in Chad for the equivalent of \$40.

The Koran is the sacred scripture of Islam. The prophet Mohammed said the book's contents were revealed to him over a period of 20 years in the seventh century.

An exact date has not been placed on the Southwestern seminary copy. Three people with knowledge of the Muslim faith have examined the manuscript and estimate it to be between 300 and 700 years old.

The text is written in Kufic, a language predating modern Arabic, said Ben Rogers, seminary archivist. However, scribes continued to use Kufic rather than Arabic to copy the Koran because of the script's beauty, he said.

Ink decorations of various designs appear throughout the text. The three colors of ink used in the manuscript were perhaps made by boiling pomegranate skins, Rogers said.

Paper in the book is handmade, with at least two different watermarks. "The

pages appear to have been rolled much like dough by a rolling pin, creating the rounded edges," he said.

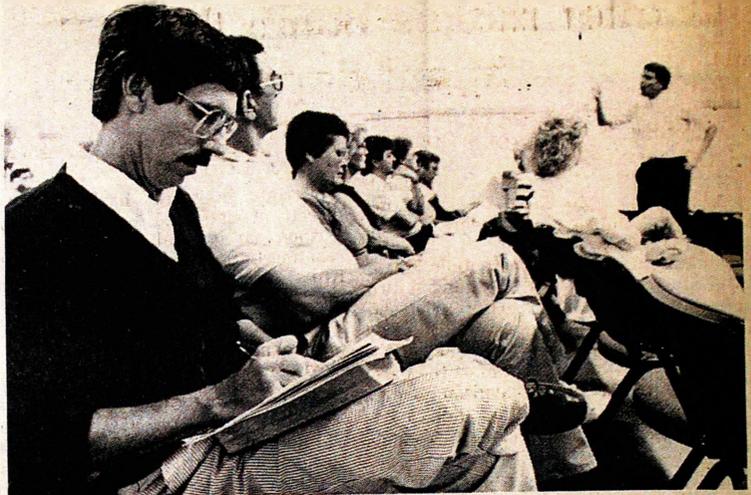
Keilberg obtained the manuscript in 1973 while working as a pilot for an oil company in Chad. Wichita Falls Pastor Morris Chapman recommended Keilberg should donate the book to Southwestern, where it could be used in the study of ancient religions.

The Koran is an important book for seminary students to understand, said Finlay Graham, guest professor of missions and a missionary in the Middle East for 40 years.

Muslims claim to have 1-billion followers, Graham said, noting, "We need to become acquainted with their teachings so we can approach them with the gospel in a realistic way."

Graham said in working with Muslims he uses the Koran as a basis for dialogue. They "claim that the Koran they have is an exact copy of that which is at the throne of God, and they revere it so much," he said, pointing out portions of the Koran can be compared with the Old Testament and New Testament.

"Looking at it from their point of view," Graham said of Southwestern's document, "we have something that is of a rare nature."



TENNESSEE PARTICIPANT — Larry Rea (left), minister of music at Cherry Road Baptist Church in Memphis, takes notes in a session of the Church Music Leadership Conference held recently at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Choir members learn of roles in conference at Glorieta

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)— Choir members rehearse more than music during the week and sing more than songs on Sundays, a national church music leader said at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center during the Church Music Leadership Conference.

Terry W. York, hymnal project coordinator for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, told adult choir members their role is "a very important link in a chain."

One of the ways God has chosen to speak to people is through the message of songs, York said. God does choose to speak directly to anyone in the chain, he said, but often God inspires the composer/author and, in turn, the minister of

music, the choir member, the congregation, and the community.

"We need to be sure nothing gets in the way of internalizing the message," he cautioned. "Not just when the notes are right; but you are ready to pass it along when you feel the message inside."

York said choir members who are faithful in their roles rehearse not only music, but also stewardship of time and talent, submission to authority, cooperation and teamwork, and an attitude of understanding.

On Sundays, choir members demonstrate by their faithful presence that fulfilling a responsibility is important.

"Our best may not please God so much as our striving to do our best," he said.

Mali leader urges prayer for rain

BAMAKO, Mali (BP)— Although he is Muslim, Malian President Moussa Traore is asking Baptists and other evangelical groups to join people of his own faith in praying for rain, Southern Baptist Missionary Larry Erwin said.

The western African nation is in its rainy season, but very little rain is falling.

"Over the next two to three weeks, if they don't get sufficient rain, the plants already in the ground are going to die because of the heat, and they're not going to be able to plant any more for a second crop," Erwin said shortly after meeting with drought officials in Bamako.

Mali was in a drought in 1984 and 1985, and Southern Baptist Missionaries Norman and Beverly Coad led a grain distribution effort that fed 1.3-million people. Sufficient rain fell in 1986, but Erwin said: "One year of good rain does not end the drought."

Maliens are grain-eaters who tend to grow only enough food to last one year. A Malian meal often is a bowl of soup made of leaves, okra, a tomato, and an onion. They make a mush from corn or sorghum and dip this in the soup.

When crops died in the 1984 drought, the Malians observed cattle eating leaves from bushes. They boiled and ate these but got sick, Beverly Coad said. For the Malians, owning livestock is like having money in the bank; they eat their cattle only as a last resort.

Maliens, after seeing grain distribution in 1984 and 1985, re-named the Baptist organization of missionaries, Makarike-

law, which means "the people who are so deeply moved by compassion when they see the suffering of others that they do all in their power to try to alleviate it."

"It is a witness," Coad said, "when you tell the Malians, 'I have called my home office in the United States, and have asked our people to pray.' They don't take things like that lightly."

SBC hunger gifts continue decline

NASHVILLE (BP)— Southern Baptist giving to world hunger relief during the first six months of 1987 plummeted for the second consecutive year from record giving set in 1985.

Figures released by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board show gifts to its overseas hunger relief program during the first half of 1987 are 22 percent below the six-month total for 1986 and more than 51 percent below the six-month total for 1985.

Through June, the Foreign Mission Board received \$2.6-million, compared to almost \$3.4-million in the first half of 1986 and \$5.5-million through the first half of 1985.

In contrast, gifts of \$570,363 given through June 1987 for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board domestic hunger relief program were more than 10 percent above comparable figures for 1986 and nearly 15 percent above the 1985 six-month total.

Annual Southern Baptist gifts to domestic and overseas hunger peaked at more than \$11.8-million in 1985 and fell to about \$9.1-million last year.

John Cheyne, director of the human needs department of the Foreign Mission Board, said if giving to overseas hunger during the remainder of 1987 continues to decline at its present rate, FMB hunger receipts for 1987 could fall below \$6-million. Giving to overseas hunger has not been that low since 1983.

The decline in giving is disheartening because chronic hunger continues to plague millions of people throughout the world, he said.

"One of the great tragedies of facing the continuing hunger crisis in Third World countries such as Mozambique, the Sudan, and the region called Sahel is that it apparently takes a horror film to make people aware of the scope and severity of the problem," Cheyne lamented.

"The problem of hunger will continue to get more severe from now until the turn of the century," he said. "Unless Southern Baptists can develop some major strategies in the context of our whole mission strategy, we will not be able to deal effectively with the hunger problem."

Cheyne said the Foreign Mission Board is meeting with area directors around the world to develop mission strategy papers that will be used to develop a global hunger plan.

According to Cheyne, the Foreign Mission Board is giving special attention to Mozambique, which is now the number one country on the human suffering index. "Distributing food to the hungry in Mozambique is complex because of internal conflicts and severe drought in the country," he said.

"An estimated 4.5-million people in Mozambique are at risk to hunger out of a population of 11-million, and 2.2-million people have already been directly affected."

The Foreign Mission Board's missions hot line includes a request for a convention-wide prayer alert for drought-stricken Mali, where the Islamic president of the country has made an unprecedented request for evangelicals of Mali to pray for rain.

Robert Parham, associate director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission responsible for world hunger concerns, said although the increase in gifts to domestic hunger is encouraging and greatly needed, Southern Baptists need to reverse the steep two-year decline in total hunger gifts.

"An estimated 700-million people suffer from hunger day-in and day-out. Unfortunately, chronic hunger now fails to make the evening news," he said. "Southern Baptists need to remember that worldwide hunger continues to claim the lives of millions of people each year despite the lack of television and other media coverage."

TBCH houseparent dies

George Parker, houseparent for Hart Cottage on the Franklin campus of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, died Aug. 4. He died at the veterans' hospital in Nashville at approximately 11 p.m.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7 in Springfield.

Survivors include his wife, Sue, and sons, Steve, Phil, Wayne, and James.

Caller makes bomb threat on Woodmont Baptist Church

Immediately following the TV broadcast of the Aug. 9 Sunday morning worship service of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville, the church received a bomb threat by phone that led to the evacuation of the building and postponement of one after-church activity.

The caller, thought to be a male, called at about 11:45 a.m. and said that two bombs had been planted in the church and were set to go off at noon.

Bill Sherman, pastor, has been actively involved in the fight against the parimutuel referendum in Davidson County. However, Sherman said he "didn't have the slightest idea" what caused the bomb threat.

In an Aug. 9 article in *The Tennessean*, racetrack developer Jerry Carroll named

Woodmont Baptist Church and Two Rivers Baptist Church, also in Nashville, as forces in the fight.

Sherman, noting that he did not speak directly about the referendum during his sermon, said the caller may have been reacting to his condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan during his sermon that morning.

Metro police officers assisted the staff in checking the church facilities. No explosives were found.

Other Sunday activities were held as scheduled. Sherman said no other plans will be made to counter future threats, because of the "free access" many persons have to the facilities which requires "living by faith."

Missionary dies...

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service, according to Mason.

"We are stunned, shocked beyond words. We talk about it, and we still can't believe it," Mason said. "We've had a number of mission groups come in and express condolences and support. Some of them stayed with Troy's wife last night, some of them stayed with the pilot's wife."

Waldron, 34, of Silver Spring, Md., was making a one-day trip to the area around the Southern Baptist feeding station at Merhabete, about 45 minutes' flying time from Addis Ababa. He was planning to join Ethiopian officials there and accompany them as they dropped down in several areas to take samples of crops in the Merhabete area, in response to concern over inadequate summer rains.

Mason described Waldron with the Ethiopian word, "gobuz."

"It means you're a 110-volt plugged into a 220-volt socket," he said.

"He would go all the time. When he started moving, sparks started flying." Waldron would work six days a week starting at 7 a.m. and continuing until late in the night, getting by on far less sleep than most people, Mason added.

Waldron's wife, the former Deborah Jewell, also of Silver Spring, was preparing dinner for her two sons at their home in Addis Ababa when news came about 5 p.m. that her husband had been killed. Mrs. Waldron, who goes by the name Jewell, will fly home this week. She expects to give birth to their third child next March.

The sixth Southern Baptist missionary to die in an air crash, Waldron is believed the first killed in a helicopter. The others have died since 1951 in five separate plane crashes, all in South America. The most recent was Roger L. Thompson of Linthicum Heights, Md., one of 119 people killed July 11, 1983, as an Ecuadorian airliner slammed into a mountain.

Waldron was business manager and treasurer for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia. Bartalsky was a regular pilot with Heli Mission, a Swiss humanitarian agency that provides support to the Ethiopian effort. Mason described the pilot as an extremely cooperative, quiet-mannered man who "leaned over backwards to be supportive to us and other missions here."

The Waldrons came to the United States for furlough last August when the couple participated in a four-month computer course to learn how to process documents in Ethiopian script, planning to use the information to produce training materials and other literature for Ethiopians. They had just returned to Ethiopia about four months ago.

Officials from Ethiopia's civil aeronautics and relief agencies visited the crash site Aug. 5 and will investigate why the helicopter lost power, Mason said. Davis Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's vice-president for Africa, changed his plans to fly home Aug. 4 from Nairobi, Kenya, and instead flew to Addis Ababa to be with Waldron's family and missionaries there.

The pilot appeared to have tried unsuccessfully to use a technique called auto rotation to soften the blow of the craft as it approached the ground, according to a source from the Canadian company Lift-air who examined the crash site. With auto rotation, the pilot waits until just before the craft hits the ground to reposition the rotor and slow the descent.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia are operating five feeding centers accessible only by helicopter and airplane. They are beginning to look to broader development projects rather than feeding stations as a way to provide long-term help for Ethiopians.

In late July the Foreign Mission Board released \$15,000 for a deposit on its own four-passenger helicopter in Ethiopia, but it has not arrived in the country.

Waldron was born in Washington, D.C., but considered Silver Spring his hometown.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Nicholas Troy, 4, and Timothy Lee, 2; and his mother, Joyce Waldron, also of Silver Spring.

Waldron received the bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., the University of Louisville, and the University of Maryland at College Park.

He owned and operated several small businesses in Maryland, Michigan, and Kentucky before his appointment as a missionary in 1982.

Shelbyville crusade attracts 700 people

A one-night crusade, sponsored by Southside Baptist Church in Shelbyville, attracted more than 700 people July 27, and 45 people made professions of faith, according to Mike Gass, pastor of the church.

Jerry Johnson, a traveling evangelist based in Overland Park, Kan., and an expert on teen-age suicides, was the speaker. Shelbyville's government declared the week of the crusade as suicide awareness week. Several county executives attended the crusade.

Student missionary focuses on ministry of determination

By Terry Carroll

"Many say, 'I can't do it.' I say you can," says Kelly McCorkle, a student summer missionary working with the deaf ministry of First Baptist Church in Knoxville.

This advice comes from someone who definitely leads by example. Kelly has been deaf since birth, but refuses to let deafness stop her from living life in a hearing world.

At the age of 2, Kelly's parents began to teach her how to talk by helping her to memorize where to place her tongue to say words she could not hear. Her determination to talk allowed the Nashville native to be mainstreamed into a regular classroom in the first grade. From there she has gone on to complete high school with honors and is now a sophomore at Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for the deaf in Washington, D.C.

You also can add to this list of accomplishments a successful summer as a deaf missionary. She has worked with 20 to 25 children, some deaf and some from deaf families. She plans recreational outings for them and has led a Sunday School class specifically for the deaf. She also planned and coordinated a Vacation Bible School for the deaf, which was at-

tended by 37 children.

Kelly's work with older deaf people includes a weekly newsletter to help explain what is happening in the services at First Baptist.

"Many times (deaf) people don't understand everything that goes on in church," explains Kelly, "so the newsletter helps them get more involved."

Kelly's desire to help other people has been developing for many years. She worked for three consecutive summers as a candy stripper at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Nashville and was selected as Outstanding Volunteer of Davidson County Metro Hospitals in 1984.

In fact, Kelly's early ambition was to become a nurse. However, upon closer examination, she decided that her hearing problem would prevent her from being fully qualified for that profession. She now plans to become a funeral director.

"My goal is to finish at Gallaudet and go to funeral home school for special training as an embalmer and funeral director," she explains. As a deaf person working in a funeral home, she will be able to help deaf as well as hearing families to understand the complicated details of planning a funeral.

She has worked at a funeral home for three years and has used her ability to deal with grief in helping comfort and support people. This ability to understand basic human nature combined with her determination has made a definite impact on the people of First Baptist Church.

On the other hand, the people of First Baptist Church also have made a definite impact on her. She describes her experience this summer in one word, "terrific!"

Upon graduation from mortuary school, she plans to make her home in Knoxville.

Kelly has based her ministry this summer on her determination to succeed. Although this opportunity of service is almost over, her impact on people's lives is just beginning.

Kelly has achieved what most people in her position would not even attempt. She has used her inability, ironically, to the best of her ability.

—Terry Carroll, a recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, is serving as an intern in the Baptist & Reflector office.



Kelly McCorkle

First nursing students join program of Belmont, hospital

NASHVILLE — Forty-two students are enrolled in a new nursing education program developed by the School of Practical Nursing at Baptist Hospital and Belmont College, both in Nashville.

It is the first nursing education program of its kind in the state of Tennessee, receiving the unanimous approval of the Tennessee Board of Nursing early this year.

In addition to providing career opportunities for those already pursuing the nursing profession, the joint program offers students the chance to find out about nursing as a career choice without losing a year of academic study credits.

The new program allows students to enroll in Baptist Hospital's one-year practical nursing curriculum after which they may be certified as licensed practical nurses (LPNs). At the same time, these students receive academic credits for liberal arts classes attended at Belmont. The student may then earn an associate of science degree from Belmont College

with one additional year of study.

To earn an associate degree of nursing and the license of registered nurse (RN), a student has the option of attending Belmont on a full-time basis for one additional calendar year, or on a part-time basis for two calendar years.

"The mutually beneficial affiliation may help alleviate some aspects of the current need for nurses in the Nashville area, offering nursing experience through the hospital program as well as college academic credit," said Susan Seagar, director of the hospital's School of Practical Nursing.

Financial assistance is available to qualified Belmont College students. In addition, Baptist Hospital implemented a loan program for nursing students.

Baptist Hospital is an affiliate of the Voluntary Hospitals of America, a national organization of 740 not-for-profit hospitals. Belmont College is a Tennessee Baptist, four-year liberal arts college.

Cults challenge Baptists to identify own beliefs

By Terri Lackey

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Cults — for some, the word may bring to mind followers devoted enough to share their worldly possessions or drink poison for the cause in which they believe.

Instead, the increase in the number of cults and the proliferation of their followers should motivate Southern Baptists to learn more about their own beliefs as well as those of cult groups, said Gary Leazer, associate director of the interfaith witness department at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the recent Church Training Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Many people, especially young adults, are now willing to consider alternative religious groups," said Leazer, author of "The Christian Confronting the Cults II," an equipping center module released earlier this year by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department.

"A cult is a group which claims to be Christian but denies essential Christian doctrines," he said. "It is easy to be drawn into a cult because it meets the spiritual longings and emotional needs of people.

Followers are sincerely looking for God, and they can be deceived by following the wrong group."

It is important for Southern Baptists to study cults and know something about them so they can be effective witnesses to cult members, he said.

The cults Leazer addresses in the module include The Way International, the Baha'i World Faith, Hare Krishna, transcendental meditation, the Church of Scientology, and The New Age Movement.

The New Age Movement is the cult Leazer finds most interesting and most threatening in today's society.

"There are 2,000 to 3,000 New Age groups, and most are very small, with about 25 members," Leazer said. "The New Age Movement will present the greatest challenges to Christian churches in the next decade."

The diverse groups and organizations in the New Age Movement share the view that humanity is on the edge of a new age of self-enlightenment, harmony, and worldwide transformation through which the world's social, political, and economic problems will be solved by releasing unlimited human potential.

"The New Age Movement refers more

to a philosophy than a particular group or organization," he said.

Studying about cults helps Christians "define their own faith," Leazer added: "A lot of people just assume certain beliefs."

Most cults have a single charismatic authority as the living leader, Leazer said, noting, "The leader is seen as a special spokesperson for God through whom new revelations or truths are received."

Law requires verification on workers by employers

WASHINGTON (BP) — All employers, including churches and other religious organizations, now are required to verify their employees are legally authorized to work in the U.S.

This requirement, part of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, took effect June 1, 1987. Under the new law, all employers, regardless of the number of people they employ, are required to fill out a form that confirms their employees are either American citizens or aliens who are eligible to work in the United States.

The government requires Form I-9 to be filled out for each new employee hired on or after June 1, 1987, and for every employee hired between Nov. 7, 1986, and May 31, 1987, who still is employed. Those employees must complete the top half of Form I-9 on or before the day they start work. Employees who were hired between Nov. 7, 1986, and May 31, 1987, and who still are employed have until Sept. 1, 1987, to fill out the form.

During the first three days of employment, employees must provide their employer with original documents — such as an original driver's license, Social Security card, or birth certificate — to

establish their identity and eligibility to work. The employer then must complete the bottom half of Form I-9 by certifying that the original documents have been inspected. Employees who are unable to obtain these documents within the three-day period may have up to 21 days to produce the required documents if they show proof they have applied for the documents.

The forms must be retained by the employer for at least three years. They are not filed with the government but must be presented to an Immigration and Naturalization Service or Department of Labor representative upon request. This registration process also must be completed by American citizens.

These new requirements do not apply to people who are self-employed.

Due to public unawareness of the law, the INS will work with employers and only issue citations for the first violation before May 31, 1988. But each violation following the initial citation and each violation after the 1988 date will result in monetary penalties.

Further information and Form I-9s can be obtained by contacting the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20536.

Crowd of 10,000 in Kenya catches leaders off guard

By Laura Lee Stewart

MOMBASA, Kenya (BP) — Except in the presence of Jesus Christ, food for 300 has not proven to stretch too well in a crowd of 10,000.

At least, that is what Southern Baptist Missionary Ralph Bethea thought as he gazed out into a crowd, knowing he had enough "mandazi," a type of bread Kenyans like, to feed only the number of new believers for whom he had prepared.

Bethea and Kenyan pastors planned the meeting in the Likoni area of Mombasa, Kenya, to train new believers who had emerged from a recent evangelistic outreach.

After advertising, they prepared for 300 people. When 10,000 showed up, they went ahead with their plans, using the Gospel of Mark to help the people understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

But part of the day was scheduled as a

time to share a small amount of mandazi. They had enough for 300 people. As Bethea puzzled over what to do, a pastor stood and told how Jesus fed 5,000 people with a small amount of food. Then the pastors handed out the mandazi and watched as people in attendance tore their mandazi and shared with neighbors. Some had brought their own food, and they opened that and shared.

Lack of bread was not the only difficulty that tested the group's faith. At about 3 p.m. the electricity failed. Bethea and the pastors prayed for a way to make themselves heard to the crowd. Then a car came by, and someone in it lent them a portable loudspeaker to use. Since it was small, leaders had to speak in one direction, then another, and another, repeating what was said each time. But it worked, and the crowd was able to hear.

About 20 house churches have resulted from evangelistic work in the area.

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Indonesian church defies belief in 'evil spirits'

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — A death-defying Indonesian congregation is at it again.

Janar Baptist Church meets next to a cemetery — not a choice spot in an area where everyone else fears "evil spirits."

A bamboo stretcher is kept at the church for funerals in and around Purworejo, a village of several hundred people in central Java. Local Islamic leaders declined to keep it at the mosque.

Now the church plans to cultivate a field that supposedly has been infested with evil spirits for 42 years.

Last December, after a Christmas service at one of the church's two preaching points, a local government official, a non-Christian, asked, "If your God is (as) powerful as you say, can He protect you if you cultivate this field?" The official offered to let the church grow rice on the field for four years.

The church decided to proceed, and a

number of its 70 worshipers, along with representatives from other Protestant churches, gathered for a prayer meeting at the field, dedicating it to God. Next it was cleared and plowed. All that remains is waiting for the proper agricultural conditions to plant the seed.

"The whole village is aware of this project," reports Wayne Pennell, a Southern Baptist Missionary who told of the church's boldness during Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. He has taught a theological education class at the church since 1974.

"Many have warned the church members not to go through with it," Pennell recounts. "They fear what might happen to those who do the work. They fear illness, mishaps, or even death."

Church members, however, are not just praying for God's protection, but also "for a testimony of God's power to the whole community," Pennell notes.



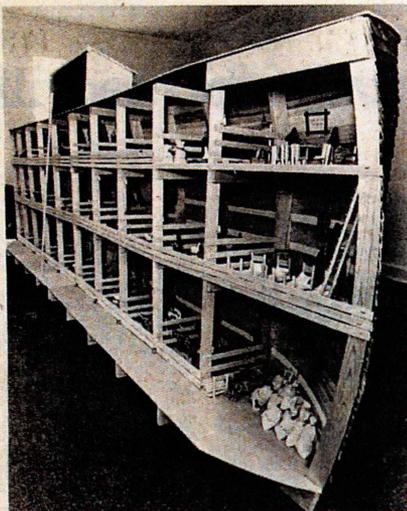
Tennessee/Venezuela prayer net partnership

—Mike Rogers, music missionary in Caracas, celebrates his birthday August 16.

—Additional team leaders (pastors) and team members (lay persons) from Tennessee are needed for the Venezuelan crusades scheduled for Sept. 18-29.

—Argenio Romero, co-pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Trigal de Valencia, will be assuming more responsibility while Missionary Hugh Redmon is on furlough.

—About 230 persons leave the U.S. Aug. 13-14 to lead crusades in central, south central, and east central Venezuela.



WHO BUILT THE ARK? — Children attending Vacation Bible School at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Maryville built the ark and presented the musical, "Who Built the Ark?" On a scale of one foot equal to 32 feet, the ark was built to biblical specifications. David Sharp is pastor of the church.

Union University announces seminary extension classes

JACKSON — The Union University Seminary Extension Center based in Jackson will offer nine courses at satellite locations in west Tennessee this fall. The sites for the classes are Covington, Dyersburg, Huntingdon, Jackson, Martin, Memphis, Tiptonville, and Trenton.

The course, Adult Education in the Church, will be taught on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Big Hatchie association center in Covington. Instructor will be John Tolbert, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Covington. Registration will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8.

Education Ministry in the Church will be taught on Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Dyersburg by Sam Galloway, minister of education at the church. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 31. Also meeting at the church will be the class studying New Testament: The Gospels. It will be taught on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. Judd Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tiptonville, will teach and registration will be at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31.

The course, The Book of Acts, will be taught on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Carroll-Benton association center in Huntingdon. The instructor will be Wesley Pitts, pastor of First Baptist Church in McKenzie. Registration will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8.

Meeting on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. in Room C-18 at Union University will be the History of Christianity. Matt Tomlin, pastor of Wards Grove Baptist Church, Jackson, is the instructor. Registration will be Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

At First Baptist Church in Martin, The Book of Mark will be taught on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. The instructor will be Wayne Perkins, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield. Registration will be Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

East Brainerd calls Todd Hill as pastor

East Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, has called Todd Hill as pastor. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Hill is a graduate of Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis.

While attending college and seminary, Hill served as interim and associate pastor of several churches in Mississippi and Ohio.

The course, Evangelism, will be taught on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at Ardmore Baptist Church in Memphis. The instructor will be Wrex Hauth, chaplain at Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Memphis. Registration will be Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

A course to be taught at the Tiptonville prison by Judd Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tiptonville, will be announced later.

Leading a Music Ministry in a Smaller Church will be taught on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at the Gibson County association center in Trenton. Jim Criswell, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Trenton, will lead it. Registration will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 28.

Cost of the 13-week courses will be \$45 plus any required textbooks.

Anyone above 16 years of age may register for the courses, which are open to ministers and laymen regardless of denomination. Regular college entrance requirements are waived for the courses.

The course work may lead to the diploma in either pastoral ministries or Christian leadership and is directed by the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department in Nashville. Up to eight semester hours may be transferred from the program to Union University for college credit.

State conferences to train Sunday School leadership

Six regional conferences are planned to train Sunday School leadership of all age groups, church staff members, and directors of missions. Four of the conferences also will include special training for workers in ethnic Sunday Schools.

Keener Pharr, retired Sunday School director of the Florida Baptist Convention; Charles Barnes, Sunday School director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware; and Walter Taylor, associate director of missions of Madison-Chester Association of Baptists, are featured leaders of the conference.

The meetings, which are held annually at First Baptist Church in Paris; Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 at Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville; Sept. 14-15 at Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, in Knoxville;

Haitians rely on prayer as violence increases

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (BP) — Amid increasing violence and killings, church attendance in Haiti is high and many people are praying constantly, two Southern Baptist missionaries have reported.

Roadblocks, rock throwing, tire burnings, smashing of car windows, butchering of people, and the gunning down of protesters started in late June as anti-government groups instigated strikes calling for a three-man governing council to step down from office. Strikers are calling for a general election to choose a new council.

"There's constant prayer, and it's more fervent than ever because of not having a job and people killing people, and their neighbors are dying and all kinds of crazy things," said Southern Baptist Missionary Mark Rutledge a few hours after hearing gunfire in the streets July 29. Eight people had been shot to death by soldiers that day.

Non-Christians are "always asking for prayer now," he added. "There's a tendency for people here to ask you to pray for them — and I mean the stranger on the street." Rutledge has prayed with some and gotten them interested in going back to church.

Rutledge and his wife, Peggy, who arrived in Haiti this year, are the only Southern Baptist missionaries in the country now. Southern Baptist Missionaries Jack and Doris Hancox, who have spent nine years in Haiti, left July 26 for furlough.

Hancox, reached by phone in Jefferson City, said the unrest has not hurt Sunday church attendance, especially since violence seldom occurs on Sundays. The church he attends, First Baptist Church in Port-au-Prince, has 8,000 members and four standing-room-only services each Sunday morning, starting at 5 a.m. A Bible study is on Tuesday nights, a prayer service on Thursday nights, and a meeting for new converts on Friday afternoons.

Churches in rural areas and in peaceful small towns meet regularly and have good attendance. But when violence occurs in the streets of larger towns, many churchgoers stay home, Hancox noted.

The Haitian Baptist Convention convened in late July on the campus of Baptist Theological Seminary in Limpe in northern Haiti. However, since only 20 of the 89 churches in the convention were able to send delegates, new officers were not elected.

"Pray for a sense of calm and pa-

tience," Hancox asked. He urged Southern Baptists to pray that the people as a whole will get off the streets and calm down, hold elections, and try to find workable solutions to their nation's problems. Another prayer request is that Christians there will have courage to give their witness, treat people like brothers and sisters, and, forgetting old grudges, get on with starting a new country.

Disorder is resulting in "some of these old vendettas cropping up (in the general population) and people taking the law into their own hands like in the wild West and going out with their machetes and trying to right old wrongs," Hancox said.

Pastors are standing before congregations and appealing in prayers and sermons for trust, forgiveness, and a Christian approach to the unrest, Hancox said.

Southern Baptist volunteer groups from the United States were supposed to finish constructing buildings for congregations in Haiti, but those trips have been postponed indefinitely, Rutledge said. Another strike was planned for Aug. 3-7.

Personal Perspective

By Tom Madden
TBC Executive
Secretary-Treasurer



Recently I focused upon Hebrews 10:12-13. As usual when you study God's Word, some tremendous truths emerged from these verses.

One truth is that Christ's sacrifice for sins is the basis for His Lordship. "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). The cross stands behind the throne. In the past, tribesmen offered up human sacrifices to their gods and the Jews dragged their unwilling victims from the farm and fold to the altar. But Christ offered Himself up voluntarily for us.

Christ's atoning sacrifice for us is at-tested by the Holy Spirit. "Whereof thy Holy Ghost also is a witness to us." On the day of pentecost as the disciples witnessed to the death and resurrection of Christ, the Holy Spirit came and "sat upon" each of the believers. Christ was seated in heaven and seated in the heart of the believer. As the sound of the golden bells upon the high priest's garments within the Holy of Holies gave evidence He was alive, so the sound of the Holy Spirit was an indisputable evidence that the great high priest, whom they had seen passing through the veil of the cloud curtain was still living for them in the presence of the Father.

These verses speak of Christ as expectant, looking forward to the full fruition of His messiahship, expecting His enemies to be made His footstool. As a bride anticipates her wedding day, as the members of the families waited for the crew members of the "Stark" to come home as the sower waits for the harvest, so is Christ waiting for the time "when He shall have put down all rule and all power," and "when all things shall be subdued unto Him."

As I studied these verses, I saw Christ afresh as our Suffering Savior, the Victorious Sovereign and the Expectant Lord.

BIBLE BOOK SERIES
Lesson for August 16

The dragon's war

By Marvin P. Nail, pastor
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Basic Passage: Revelation 12:1 to 13:18
Focal Passages: Revelation 12:1-6, 11-12; 13:1-3, 18

"I have some bad news and some good news." This is a recurring thought throughout the book. After all, it is a word of encouragement in a time that looked rather bleak.

The birth that brought life

Chapter 12 begins with a beautiful picture which it calls a "sign." The picture is of a woman who obviously represents Israel, at least the true Israel of God. She is described in terms that surely mean she is blessed of God. She is with child and at the point of giving birth. This child (the Christ) was given birth, physically, by the people of God. He then gave birth, spiritually, to the people of God.



Nail

But she is not the only sign which appears in the sky (perhaps John describes it being in the heavens to remind us that this is a spiritual struggle and not with flesh and blood). The dragon is opposed to the woman and her coming child. He is determined to destroy it.

This dragon is very powerful, symbolized by the large number of horns; and is very wise, symbolized by the large number of heads. However, God protects the child from being destroyed by the dragon who is the devil.

The dragon makes war with heaven

When the devil attacks us it's much like a playground bully. He is picking on someone much weaker and smaller. We have already seen that he was waiting to attack a newborn baby.

Typical of bullies, these victories of lesser foes give them confidence to attack even larger targets. Satan decides to attack heaven. In verses 9-7 we read of that great battle. It didn't take long.

Satan and his minions tried to storm the gates of heaven and take on the King of kings and Lord of lords. Their idea apparently was to take over the rulership of creation from God. It was a faulty plan and doomed to failure.

Verse 8 puts the outcome very simply. "They were not strong enough." Not only that, but the passage goes on to remind us of something very important. This is not a "two God" universe. Satan and his flunkies just don't belong in a place where God lives. This is true whether we are speaking of heaven or the human heart.

Those who have lost their lives for the sake of the gospel have not been defeated by Satan. Instead, they have won the victory. Satan can no longer touch them. They have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and their commitment to Christ. Satan can only do harm to those who remain on earth.

The dragon's war against believers

If Satan can't win in heaven, he is determined to find someone he can defeat. His immediate target is the church, the "true Israel."

In verse 14 the writer picks up where

verse 6 had left off. The woman (the church) is removed from Satan's attack for a time, apparently to gain strength. Her removal and her sustenance there come from God.

But if Satan can't directly attack the church, he decides that he can at least sow lies about the church and destroy its witness. These lies are symbolized by that which flows from his mouth.

When even this fails, Satan becomes enraged. If he can't succeed with destroying the church, he decides to attack the believers individually.

The dragon's rule over the earth

Now comes some of the bad news of this picture. Satan calls on some help for his attack against those on the earth. The first helper comes forth from the sea. To the Jewish mind the sea had always been thought of as the dwelling place of evil forces.

The beast is the spitting image of his master, the devil. In many respects he is just like his master; but all of his power is given him by Satan. He is just a servant of Satan.

This beast is a symbol of raw power and brute force. He seems indestructible. One of his heads was stricken with a mortal wound and yet he lives. That invulnerability draws people to worship him.

In fact, his power and daring draw all the earth to adore him except those who are believers (whose names have been written in the book of life). Such displays of force and authority still draw a crowd of admirers. Even the most cruel world leader has had a crowd of admirers.

In the early days of the church this beast obviously represented the Roman government. There was no earthly power to rival Rome. But the leaders of the Roman Empire learned that a further unifying force was necessary. Any ruler soon discovers this.

We humans have an insatiable appetite for religion. All ages of the human race have been characterized by some form of religion. Satan supplies the need in this case by bringing forth another beast.

It is a fact about Satan that not enough believers ever learn. Satan does not set out to do things directly opposite to the ways of God. Instead, he offers us a counterfeit of God's way. It is very similar but not quite the same.

God sent a Lamb, now Satan brings forth a lamb. At least he looks like a lamb. But when he opens his mouth he speaks with the voice of the dragon. He is to be the religious supporter of the first beast.

Now the picture is complete. Raw power bolstered by religion has complete control. The mark they give to all who follow them is similar to the mark given by God to the saints on earth. It is not meant to be more than a stamp of ownership of the soul. Only those who serve this god of force and power can survive.

The beast is not God, though. He is a human being. The symbolic number is not a holy number. Instead, it is something less. It is merely human.

UNIFORM LESSON SERIES
Lesson for August 16

A transformed life

By William L. Palmer, president
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Basic Passage: Romans 12
Focal Passages: Romans 12:1-5, 9-21

Christianity is a living experience with the divine Son of God, Jesus Christ. Salvation is by grace through faith, and that not of ourselves. Salvation is the gift of God. That gift is life-transforming.

When the Apostle Paul was addressing the "brethren" in Romans 12:1, he was writing to those who had been saved by grace. He was writing to those who were his spiritual brethren. He was writing to those who had experienced new life in Jesus just as he had.



Palmer

Paul wrote the familiar words, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (12:1). Across the years I have been confronted by church members who have insisted that in my preaching I made requirements which were too difficult. I have believed that the truths proclaimed in my preaching were in accordance with God's Word. I considered these "demands" to be God's demands and not mine.

That we present our bodies as "living sacrifices" is the requirement of God through the Holy Scriptures as recorded by the apostle. Christianity teaches a high view of the whole man. Man is not just a "soul." In 1 Corinthians 6:19 and 20 the Apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of our bodies: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Both the body and the spirit are God's possessions. Both are important.

Ordinarily we consider a "sacrifice" as that which is killed and placed on an altar. God's expectation is that we consider ourselves as dead indeed to the flesh and as alive in the spirit. Our consecration extends to the whole of our living. Our commitment to God is (1) a living sacrifice, (2) a holy sacrifice, and (3) an acceptable (to God) sacrifice. We as Christians belong to God. This is our spiritual service of worship. This is our reasonable, or expected, service to God. We are not our own. We belong to Him. We are to be separated unto Him.

We also are to be separated from the world. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (v. 2). A Christian must live in the world, but the world must not live in the Christian. Just as there is a great deal of difference between a boat being in the water and water being in a boat, there is a difference between a Christian living in the world and the world living in a Christian!

One of the greatest threats to a Christian is the pressure to conform to this world and worldly standards. We must not let the world decide what we are going to be. The "transformed" life is characterized by an inward change that involves a difference in outlook, attitude, and in ways of thinking.

William Barclay wrote, "When Christ comes into a man's life he is a new man; the center of his being is different; his driving power of his life is different; his mind is different; for the mind of Christ is in him." Faith in Jesus Christ produces a consecrated and a transformed life. This life is life at its best. God's will is good. God's will is pleasant. God's will is perfect (v. 2b).

Such a demanding view of man's potential in Christ is a basis for expecting members of the body of Christ to make honest assessments of their capabilities without conceit and without false modesty (v. 3). Verses 4 and 5 describe interrelationships and interdependence. Individuals perform different functions. The functions are related to the whole. All functions are important. Professor J. W. MacGorman wrote, "When all parts function normally, the body enjoys health. If any member malfunctions, the body suffers a loss."

The transformed life has distinguishing characteristics. The transformed life loves without hypocrisy (v. 9a). The transformed life abhors that which is evil (v. 9b). The transformed life holds to that which is good (v. 9c). The transformed life manifests itself in true concern (love) for others (v. 10).

The transformed life has the holy fire of God within (v. 11). All service is unto the Lord. The transformed life is one of optimism (rejoicing in hope) (v. 12a). The transformed life is one of patience "in tribulation" (v. 12b) and devotion "in prayer" (v. 12c).

The transformed life manifests itself in generosity (v. 13a) and hospitality (v. 13b). The transformed life is a life without bitterness (v. 14). The transformed life is a life of sympathy (v. 15) and humility (v. 16). The transformed life is characterized by self-control (v. 17a) and honesty (v. 17b). The transformed life is a life of harmonious relationships (peace) with one another (v. 18).

The transformed life is a life of submission to God (vv. 19, 20). Vengeance does not belong to the Christian. The only real way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend. Recall those words of Edwin Markham in "Outwitted."

*He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!
"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (v. 21).*

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LIFE AND WORK LESSON SERIES
Lesson for August 16

Spiritual discipline

By John Lee Taylor, pastor
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Basic Passage: 1 Timothy 4
Focal Passage: 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Continuing his emphasis on the ministry of Christians, Paul turns in Chapter 4 to exhorting Timothy to live the disciplined life in Christ. In most fields of human endeavor, success and accomplishment come only after long years of disciplined effort. The maturity of a Christian involves a lifetime effort of discipline. Paul urges Timothy to "set the pace" in spiritual discipline by Timothy's words and by his living example. The focal passage of this week's lesson guides every believer in the course of spiritual discipline.



Taylor

The setting of the focal passage is Paul's efforts through Timothy to stop the heresy being taught in Ephesus by false teachers. Many believe this false doctrine was Gnosticism which had at its foundation the premise that the body was evil and only the spirit was able to attain any goodness. Serious implications of this spurious teaching impact the incarnation of Jesus. To believe that the body is evil is to believe that Christ's human body was evil. Paul's position in verses 1-4 of the text affirms that all of God's gifts are wholesome in their goodness and should be received with praise and gratitude.

Several key words come quickly to mind in an overview of the focal passage.

Remember (1 Timothy 4:6)

Paul urges Timothy to continually keep in mind the truths that he has been taught and to faithfully teach them to other followers of Jesus. He would be a "good minister of Christ Jesus." In the Greek language, the phrase could be translated, "a good deacon." In the process of remembering, Timothy must constantly feed himself and others on the "words of faith and of good doctrine."

Refuse (1 Timothy 4:7)

The word "refuse" has several meanings: to beg off from, "excuse me," to shun, to protest, and to avoid. The Revised Standard Version says "have nothing to do with godless and silly myths."

The word exercise in the verse is used as a description of the vigorous regimen of exercise and discipline in the athlete's training program. We got our word gymnasium from it.

In the area of spiritual discipline, Timothy is admonished to refuse untrue doctrine and to accept a program of rigorous spiritual training as eagerly as a physical exercise routine. Spiritual good health is as essential as physical well-being.

Rejoice (1 Timothy 4:8-9)

Paul was not rejecting physical exercise, for he says it profits "for a little." He says this to give contrast to the lasting value of spiritual discipline. Godliness is for our profit in all things in this life - and in the life that is to come. It is in this confident faith that we can "Rejoice in the Lord."

Reaffirm (1 Timothy 4:10-11)

Spiritual discipline requires a reaffirmation of one's willingness to labor and to strive toward the goal of our hope in the Lord. "Labor" means extending oneself to the very point of exhaustion. We are willing to suffer reproach in and for His name. Christ is the Savior of all people who will accept Him in the forgiveness of sin.

Paul reaffirms his concern that Timothy be a strong spiritual leader as he exhorts him to command and teach these things.

Review (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Paul reminds Timothy that although he

is still young, he has the opportunity to "be an example of the believers." Timothy is to "become a pattern," to become a model of Christian discipline and conduct.

Paul calls Timothy to review the various areas of Christian character:

"In word" means in his personal conversation and in his public speaking.

"In conversation" means in his lifestyle, his daily translation of his belief into his behavior.

"In charity" means in love, "agape" love, of the selfless kind.

"In spirit" could mean his faithfulness to Christ in his innermost being.

"In faith" means his dependence on God.

"In purity" means pure motives as well as pure actions.

Timothy was called of God to be a preacher and teacher of the gospel. His calling was confirmed in a special service of consecration. He is to meditate on and to continue in these doctrines for his own spiritual growth, and he is to pass on to others the good news of Jesus.

To grow as a Christian requires consistent discipline in those areas our Lord has provided for our benefit and blessing. Spiritual discipline is a life-long process in our pilgrimage of faith. The results are more than worth the effort.

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Annuity Board projects 25 percent 'Plan A' hike

DALLAS (BP)— Southern Baptist retirees who receive pension payments from the Formula Benefit Plan, commonly referred to as Plan A, are in line for a 25 percent increase in benefits beginning Jan. 1, 1988.

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board approved the increase July 28 in Oklahoma City and sent the recommendation on to the state Baptist conventions, all of which must approve it.

Meeting at the Oklahoma Baptist building in the traditional away-from-Dallas summer session, the trustees unanimously voted the pay increase for Southern Baptist annuitants. They also approved a 25 percent increase in the formula benefit for annuitants who retire Dec. 31 or later.

The increases, if approved by the state conventions, will be only in the Formula Benefit Plan and not in any other part of an annuitant's total retirement income, said Doyle Maricle, senior vice-president and director of the retirement administration division. "If an annuitant receives benefits from more than one plan, the 25 percent increase will apply only to that portion that comes from the Formula Benefit Plan," he said.

Also excluded from increase is any temporary income benefit or education benefit that is being paid under provisions of the Formula Benefit Plan.

Retirees affected will see the increase in their January checks, which are issued at the end of the month. Non-retired members with accumulated benefits in Plan A will see an increase in projected benefits in the first member benefit state-

ment based on 1988 accumulations or in retirement benefits, whichever comes first. Plan A will close to additional contributions on Dec. 31.

Board President Darold H. Morgan told trustees the second quarter of 1987 saw consistent, strong growth in assets for the Annuity Board in spite of sharp breaks in the bond market during the three months.

Total assets grew from \$2.09-billion at the end of March to \$2.12-billion at the end of June, reported Morgan. Treasurer Harold Richardson reported a 12-month increase in assets from \$1.86-billion to \$2.12-billion, or 13.76 percent.

Morgan spoke of the "great significance" of the projected benefit increase for many of the 11,800 retirees in line for a raise. He cited the earnings record of the Formula Benefit Plan fund, which made the increase possible. Cost to the plan for the raise will be \$113-million.

Morgan also noted a probable 4.5 percent raise in Social Security benefits in 1988 for many of the same annuitants.

In other business, trustees had questions about a projected increase in Church Comprehensive Medical Plan premium rates for 1988.

John Dudley, senior vice-president and director of the insurance services division, told trustees the plan is running a \$5-million deficit at the end of six months, a result of rising medical and hospital costs and increased utilization.

The increase that must come in 1988 is the first in three years, he noted. Dudley assured the board that losses in the plan did not result from the 1985 open enrollment campaign, when almost 10,000 people signed up for medical insurance without the requirement of underwriting.

Dudley said pre-existing conditions were excluded from claims for one to two years, and separate tracking of claims experience showed the open enrollment members actually had a utilization experience below that of prior members.

Church treasurers were advised early in July to expect a premium increase of 15 to 20 percent.

In other matters, trustees elected Sam Peters of Boca Raton, Fla., to the endowment development council; heard reports on preparations to administer the expanded Church Annuity Plan on Jan. 1, 1988; and welcomed new board members elected at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in St. Louis.

The board also received the resignation of A. George Avinger, senior vice-president and director of the operations division, who has re-entered private business.

Purdue addresses summer graduates

JEFFERSON CITY — Forty-five seniors received degrees at Carson-Newman College's 30th summer commencement held Friday evening, July 31.

William J. Purdue, who recently retired as director of the C-N Bible School, delivered the commencement address. Purdue spoke to the graduates about the importance of communication in an age of "false communication" and "plausible deniability."

C-N President Cordell Maddox presented diplomas to the graduates. An overflow audience attended the ceremony in the college's Gentry Auditorium.

Special music was provided by Louis Ball, chairman of the music division, and Clark Bryan, vice-president for student development.



TBCH MISSIONARIES — Enjoying each other's fellowship during the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes summer camp are Baptist Student Union missionaries (left to right) Sharon Hinchey of Jefferson City, Dana McMinn of Milan, Lisa Forsythe of Selmer, Betty Davenport of Woodbury, and Kim Dicus of Clifton.

Work with homeless children challenges BSU missionaries

The "people skills" required of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes student missionaries are so varied that this year's group has created a new word to describe their work: "conflexant."

"You have to be consistent and flexible at the same time," said Dana McMinn, a student at Volunteer State Community College. "The children need stability, but you shouldn't be so rigid that you can't bend when it's best for them."

McMinn, who is assigned to the TBCH Memphis campus, and five other young women were selected from Baptist Student Union applicants to be summer missionaries.

The students, their colleges, and TBCH campus assignments are: Kim Dicus, Union University, Memphis campus; Betty Davenport, Middle Tennessee State

University, Greeneville campus; Lisa Forsythe, Union University, Franklin campus; Sharon Hinchey, Tennessee Tech, Franklin campus; and Kathleen Haigh, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga campus.

During the three-month program, each student is living on her assigned campus, assisting in a variety of spiritual and recreational programs for the children. Each knows the job requires far more than organizational ability.

"A big part of our work will be in building self-esteem," said Betty Davenport. "Some of these children are so down on themselves. They need to know they are loved."

Not surprisingly, all of the BSU missionaries are hoping to help lead children to Christ.

"If I can help one child be saved, it will all be worth it," said Kim Dicus. "Mission work can be everything from holding a child's hand to painting a fence in the playground. You never know which act will have an impact on a child's life."

"The work is probably more emotionally draining than physically tiring," said Davenport. "But none of us really get tired, because we know that we're going to be blessed more than we can ever give to these children. They are teaching us things about life that we'll carry with us forever."

Dallas Sugg retires

Commemorating his 35 years in the ministry, Highland Park Baptist Church, Columbia, honored their retiring pastor, H. Dallas Sugg, on June 28. He was named pastor emeritus during the morning worship service.

Born in Henderson County, Ky., Sugg was graduated from Evansville University in Evansville, Ind. He has done post graduate work at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He has served churches in Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Previous pastorates include Memorial and Trinity Baptist churches in Evansville, Ind.; Sullivan Baptist Church in Sullivan, Ky.; Spottsville Baptist Church in Spottsville, Ky.; Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Ky.; and First Baptist Church in Carlisle, Ky.

Sugg was on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for six years and on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board for seven years.

Doctor implants new pacemaker

KNOXVILLE — Clint T. Doiron, a medical doctor at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, implanted the nation's second metabolic-response cardiac pacemaker and, to date, has implanted three of the pacemakers. The first was implanted at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, Texas.

The Nova MR (metabolic-response) device is a microcomputer cardiac pacemaker designed to respond to changes as small as four one-hundredths of one degree Fahrenheit in the body by increasing or decreasing its pacing (heartbeat) rate. A total of about 20 Nova MR pacemakers have been implanted in the United States and Europe.

After testing, the three Baptist Hospital patients have been able to walk significantly longer on a treadmill than they could with a fixed-rate pacemaker.

Belmont graduate joins resident staff

Susan C. Thompson, a 1984 graduate of Belmont College, will join the Nashville college staff Aug. 19 as director of Maddox Residence Hall.

Thompson, who earned the bachelor of business administration degree in music business, is the former director of education for B. H. Carroll Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. She recently graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Treasurer's report for third quarter

July 31, 1987

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| Nov. 1, 1985 | Nov. 1, 1986 | |
| July 31, 1986 | July 31, 1987 | Gain |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cooperative Program | \$15,472,119.50 | \$16,517,415.46 | \$1,045,295.96 |
| Designated & Reported | 8,718,839.44 | 9,504,595.99 | 785,756.55 |
| Total Gifts | \$24,190,958.94 | \$26,022,011.45 | \$1,831,052.51 |

The above represents a 6.76 percent increase in Cooperative Program gifts and a 9.01 percent increase in designated and reported gifts over the same period last year.

Lottie Moon Offering — \$4,859,134.41, an increase of \$315,211.71 (6.9 percent) over last year.

Annie Armstrong Offering — \$1,939,465.14, an increase of \$288,142.01 (17.45 percent) over last year.

For the first nine months of last year there was a 6.62 percent increase in Cooperative Program gifts or \$960,266.63 and an 8.17 percent increase in designated and reported gifts or \$658,769.70.

Please compare with your records, and if there is any question please contact Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer.

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated | Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|---------------------|------------|
| Alpha | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: James Cook | | | | | |
| Centerville, First | 1,800.00 | 3,449.30 | Cypress Creek | 50.00 | 75.00 |
| *Coble Chapel | 00 | 00 | Fairview | 395.00 | 215.00 |
| Cross Roads | 549.83 | 686.67 | Hornbeak | 330.30 | 611.05 |
| East Hickman | 910.68 | 65.00 | Johnsburg | 1,280.86 | 507.86 |
| Edgewood | 189.00 | 600.00 | Lakeview | 300.00 | 111.00 |
| Fairfield | 1,966.58 | 660.09 | Macedonia | 1,402.34 | 257.75 |
| *Flatwoods | 00 | 00 | Martin, First | 21,763.66 | 15,240.72 |
| Garrett | 65.00 | 41.00 | McConnell | 1,624.46 | 837.87 |
| Highland | 900.84 | 186.01 | Mooring | 60.00 | 50.00 |
| Hohenwald, First | 4,372.61 | 2,024.00 | Mount Moriah | 225.00 | 163.24 |
| Lick Creek | 289.12 | 00 | Mount Olive | 4,303.63 | 363.75 |
| Linden, First | 1,677.10 | 1,226.38 | Mount Pelia | 6,818.40 | 2,573.47 |
| Lobelville, First | 1,911.83 | 692.00 | New Concord | 453.00 | 598.98 |
| Maple Valley | 209.30 | 00 | New Home | 544.49 | 11,311.47 |
| New Hope | 397.84 | 175.00 | New Salem | 2,699.85 | 823.00 |
| *Only | 00 | 00 | Obion, First | 7,621.77 | 7,528.68 |
| Pine Grove | 568.66 | 253.32 | Phillippy | 90.00 | 00 |
| Piney | 428.52 | 50.00 | Pleasant Hill No. 1 | 2,463.22 | 3,211.00 |
| *Pinewood | 1,556.85 | 712.32 | Pleasant Hill No. 2 | 1,451.95 | 1,663.70 |
| Toms Creek | 2,215.93 | 386.45 | Reelfoot | 00 | 00 |
| Wrightley | 1,324.73 | 363.40 | Ridgely, First | 9,734.88 | 8,048.37 |
| TOTAL | 21,334.42 | 11,570.94 | Samburg | 521.00 | 25.00 |
| Beech River | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: Hoyt Wilson | | | | | |
| Bath Springs | 1,001.94 | 1,618.08 | South Fulton | 14,257.76 | 4,408.33 |
| Beacon | 194.24 | 100.00 | Tiptonville, First | 3,956.95 | 6,009.99 |
| Bear Creek | 1,594.64 | 1,254.84 | Troy, First | 6,090.25 | 5,177.98 |
| Bible Hill | 494.76 | 766.66 | True Faith | 00 | 00 |
| Calvary | 5,477.14 | 344.81 | Union City, First | 36,889.09 | 19,723.74 |
| Chapel Hill | 736.50 | 383.00 | Union City, Second | 16,544.70 | 7,659.67 |
| Corinth | 487.72 | 447.19 | Walnut Log | 44.04 | 00 |
| Cub Creek Hall | 00 | 40.39 | Williamham Memorial | 390.10 | 00 |
| Darden | 339.54 | 547.64 | Woodland Mills, First | 8,398.78 | 10,001.62 |
| Decaturville, First | 472.00 | 1,024.49 | Wynnsburg | 3,246.92 | 2,843.18 |
| Flatwoods | 1,997.05 | 831.92 | TOTAL | 161,759.13 | 115,469.19 |
| Hopewell | 00 | 00 | Big Emory | | |
| Huron | 00 | 00 | Associational Chairman: George Wadlington | | |
| Judson | 00 | 00 | Beech Park | 7,010.89 | 2,544.27 |
| Lexington, First | 29,388.99 | 30,107.79 | Bethel | 510.13 | 155.00 |
| Lone Chestnut | 00 | 46.86 | Big Emory | 5,795.51 | 597.20 |
| Lurgy | 00 | 00 | Calvary | 675.00 | 2,988.40 |
| Mount Ararat | 1,625.56 | 1,022.50 | Caney Ford | 1,564.98 | 3,721.50 |
| Mount Glead | 1,896.50 | 1,170.05 | Cardiff | 686.12 | 1,416.08 |
| Mount Zion | 86.00 | 270.31 | Cedar Grove | 4,500.00 | 23,850.00 |
| New Beech Grove | 325.00 | 225.00 | Central | 4,930.89 | 2,897.80 |
| New Chapel | 00 | 00 | Childs Memorial | 2,637.78 | 1,286.65 |
| New Hope | 440.00 | 420.00 | Clax Gap | 1,099.00 | 266.00 |
| New Prospect | 00 | 863.00 | Clymersville | 5,257.48 | 1,305.39 |
| Parsons, First | 10,331.05 | 3,235.01 | Coal Hill | 707.33 | 104.29 |
| Perryville, First | 266.12 | 380.00 | Crab Orchard | 2,120.21 | 1,060.30 |
| Pine Grove | 951.78 | 672.74 | Daysville | 546.14 | 536.40 |
| Poplar Springs | 274.86 | 200.00 | Dear Lodge, First Msnr | 885.43 | 392.00 |
| Ridge Grove | 507.50 | 00 | Dyllis | 2,216.07 | 882.74 |
| Road Hill | 2,777.43 | 3,915.34 | Eureka | 2,626.28 | 3,705.17 |
| Salem | 00 | 35.00 | Fairview | 361.07 | 1,211.13 |
| Salt Hill, First | 2,032.73 | 00 | Grace Chapel | 00 | 00 |
| Sand Ridge | 5,204.74 | 4,057.51 | Kellytown | 3,117.12 | 4,674.82 |
| Sardis | 881.27 | 214.42 | Kingston, First | 41,121.00 | 17,868.65 |
| Scotts Hill, First | 1,186.96 | 1,188.00 | Lakeview | 1,843.56 | 500.00 |
| Fomlin Chapel | 00 | 00 | Laurel Bluff | 654.96 | 242.58 |
| Twin Oaks | 125.00 | 00 | Lee Village | 3,958.50 | 1,112.39 |
| Union | 801.50 | 1,223.00 | Liberty | 7,539.51 | 4,679.00 |
| Union Grove | 450.00 | 352.29 | Middle Creek | 4,303.37 | 3,155.57 |
| Wildersville | 3,371.24 | 1,977.62 | Mossy Grove | 1,636.02 | 2,093.57 |
| Association | 00 | 35.00 | Oakdale, First | 2,176.66 | 709.46 |
| TOTAL | 75,719.76 | 58,970.46 | Orchard View | 150.00 | 420.00 |
| Beulah | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: T. C. Thurman | | | | | |
| Alamo | 987.22 | 392.76 | Petros | 2,051.69 | 586.00 |
| Alldridge | 359.79 | 162.28 | Pine Orchard | 3,895.74 | 1,980.65 |
| Antioch | 315.00 | 50.00 | Pine Ridge | 4,329.89 | 1,450.00 |
| Bethel | 00 | 1,114.29 | Piney Grove | 5,041.23 | 3,282.15 |
| Blessed Hope | 1,164.18 | 1,248.00 | Pleasant Grove | 7,787.93 | 4,118.60 |
| Broadway | 225.00 | 200.00 | Pond Grove | 1,632.34 | 599.05 |
| Calvary | 3,347.63 | 1,214.49 | *Ridgeview | 00 | 00 |
| Cottonwood | 450.00 | 212.45 | Riggs Chapel | 760.51 | 187.00 |
| Cottonwood Grove | 957.91 | 833.50 | Riverside | 9,440.93 | 2,198.70 |
| | | | Rockwood, First | 41,641.86 | 17,132.31 |
| | | | Rockwood, Second | 206.43 | 272.00 |
| | | | Shiloh | 17,003.02 | 5,279.13 |
| | | | South Harrison | 27,072.63 | 10,042.14 |
| | | | Sunbright, First | 3,904.37 | 2,894.19 |
| | | | *Tarwater Street | 00 | 00 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated | Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Trantow Street | 34,689.34 | 13,220.98 | New Fellowship | 225.00 | 00 |
| Union | 1,762.16 | 588.20 | New Friendship | 5,867.76 | 4,684.20 |
| Union Chapel | 1,243.44 | 1,006.61 | New Hope Missionary | 00 | 00 |
| Walnut Hill | 5,185.89 | 2,350.11 | North Cleveland | 14,947.38 | 11,785.27 |
| Wartburg, First | 3,770.00 | 2,268.87 | Oak Grove | 855.18 | 1,263.32 |
| Whites Creek | 1,634.77 | 866.00 | Parkway | 1,674.90 | 810.98 |
| Association | 00 | 25.00 | Philippi | 1,820.02 | 785.65 |
| TOTAL | 285,715.72 | 155,009.55 | Ridgeview | 00 | 00 |
| Big Hatchie | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: Ray Green | | | | | |
| Ashport | 802.14 | 265.00 | Rolling Brook Southern | 00 | 00 |
| Beaver | 538.00 | 408.48 | Samuel Memorial | 440.28 | 880.56 |
| Brighton | 25,840.09 | 4,686.35 | Stuart Park | 6,396.32 | 7,436.75 |
| Calvary | 3,999.68 | 377.15 | Tasso | 53.02 | 00 |
| Calvary Hill | 2,055.69 | 487.92 | Thompson Springs | 1,588.00 | 725.00 |
| Charleston | 8,789.54 | 4,049.21 | Union | 00 | 100.00 |
| Covington, First | 27,145.30 | 26,598.28 | Valley View | 12,002.84 | 6,129.21 |
| Durhamville | 214.38 | 853.00 | Washington Avenue | 00 | 500.00 |
| Eastland | 456.46 | 228.24 | Waterville | 1,628.50 | 10,962.00 |
| Elim | 419.48 | 140.00 | West Cleveland | 2,962.00 | 753.00 |
| Faith | 2,000.00 | 5,880.47 | Westwood | 58,905.04 | 27,753.24 |
| Fellowship | 6,695.05 | 2,789.29 | White Oak | 150.00 | 684.35 |
| Fulton | 258.76 | 116.85 | TOTAL | 254,619.31 | 179,542.88 |
| Garland | 5,181.21 | 9,205.29 | Campbell County | | |
| Goldust | 00 | 00 | Associational Chairman: Don Reynolds | | |
| Grace | 2,712.25 | 2,140.00 | Alder Springs | 241.39 | 245.62 |
| Henning | 1,892.00 | 3,786.78 | Anthras | 00 | 00 |
| Keeling | 675.00 | 176.00 | *Branham Hill | 00 | 00 |
| Liberty | 6,640.50 | 4,608.14 | Calvary | 00 | 00 |
| Mason, First | 506.00 | 00 | Carrollville, First | 6,056.68 | 1,402.87 |
| Mount Lebanon | 1,868.44 | 601.25 | Cedar Creek | 00 | 00 |
| Munford | 6,797.47 | 2,557.92 | Cedar Hill | 639.00 | 4,380.34 |
| Oak Grove | 15,633.41 | 6,766.02 | Central | 00 | 500.00 |
| Olive Branch | 716.08 | 608.22 | Clairfield | 1,174.11 | 157.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 3,082.10 | 2,538.30 | Coolidge, First | 571.00 | 834.00 |
| Rialto | 700.18 | 102.70 | Crouchers Creek | 675.00 | 1,308.86 |
| Ripley, First | 16,055.70 | 13,553.90 | Demory | 320.56 | 1,820.00 |
| Ripley, First Indian | 55.00 | 58.39 | Eagan | 70.00 | 00 |
| Salem | 838.65 | 900.00 | East Jacksboro | 579.18 | 3,498.37 |
| Smyrna | 14,400.35 | 3,909.94 | East La Follette | 2,711.85 | 2,419.35 |
| Trinity | 1,546.14 | 00 | Elk Valley, First | 185.00 | 50.00 |
| Walnut Grove | 1,332.55 | 1,762.79 | Elm Grove | 00 | 69.00 |
| Western Valley | 465.00 | 00 | Glade Springs | 1,350.00 | 1,042.00 |
| Woodlawn | 180.00 | 1,796.00 | High Street | 29.97 | 00 |
| TOTAL | 160,492.60 | 101,951.88 | Hilcrest | 00 | 180.00 |
| Bledsoe | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: James Filson | | | | | |
| Antioch | 00 | 00 | Indiana Creek | 313.09 | 610.00 |
| Bledsoe Creek | 231.70 | 177.00 | Indiana Avenue | 2,982.85 | 2,030.61 |
| Chesnut Grove | 00 | 00 | *Ivy Dell | 00 | 00 |
| College Heights | 8,949.27 | 554.43 | Jacksboro, First | 3,266.00 | 1,475.00 |
| Corum Hill | 120.00 | 97.29 | Jellico, First | 7,988.67 | 3,633.50 |
| Cottontown | 156.29 | 729.00 | Kings Settlement | 00 | 00 |
| Cragfont | 1,200.00 | 00 | La Follette, First | 14,831.00 | 18,627.02 |
| Dixon Creek | 00 | 500.00 | Lakeview | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| Fountain Head | 225.00 | 291.50 | Little Cove Creek | 00 | 50.00 |
| Gallatin, First | 61,509.57 | 27,374.89 | Macedonia | 43.92 | 333.33 |
| Grace | 2,566.00 | 1,388.15 | Midway | 00 | 00 |
| Hartsville, First | 5,294.11 | 4,676.50 | Moore | 00 | 00 |
| Hillsdale | 108.00 | 450.00 | New Liberty | 00 | 00 |
| Immanuel | 849.00 | 168.00 | Newcomb | 1,544.99 | 1,521.50 |
| Indian Hills | 4,098.86 | 640.24 | Oak Grove | 00 | 484.61 |
| Lafayette, First | 3,894.56 | 2,435.05 | Pruden, First | 20.00 | 195.00 |
| Madison Creek | 4,958.93 | 883.73 | Round Rock | 00 | 00 |
| Mitchellville | 2,680.80 | 540.38 | Royal Blue | 00 | 00 |
| New Hope | 2,950.30 | 1,241.95 | Speedwell Academy | 00 | 401.50 |
| *Oak Grove | 00 | 00 | Victory | 00 | 00 |
| *Oak Street | 00 | 00 | West La Follette | 2,659.26 | 2,378.72 |
| Page Heights | 1,666.58 | 243.00 | White Oak | 25.00 | 00 |
| Pleasant Valley | 791.00 | 51.00 | Whitman | 00 | 00 |
| Portland, First | 13,979.17 | 6,794.46 | Association | 32.75 | 00 |
| Red Boiling Spgs, First | 72.00 | 255.29 | TOTAL | 48,536.27 | 49,873.20 |
| Southside | 00 | 1,505.80 | Carroll-Benton | | |
| Station Camp | 00 | 00 | Associational Chairman: Joe Harris | | |
| Twin Hills | 2,632.20 | 1,346.24 | Atwood, First | 4,576.96 | 2,242.00 |
| Westmoreland, First | 2,507.04 | 1,351.78 | Bethel | 747.37 | 107.70 |
| TOTAL | 121,440.38 | 53,695.68 | Bruceston, First | 14,712.53 | 7,360.64 |
| Bradley County | | | | | |
| Associational Chairman: Sam Brooks | | | | | |
| Antioch | | | | | |

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Providence, Saint Marys, Shellford, Smart, First, Valley View, Welch, Westside.

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Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Alcoa Way, Alcoa, First, Allegheny, Armona, Beech Grove, Bethel, Birchfield, Broadway, Calderwood, Calvary, Carpenters, Carson Island, Caylors Chapel, Cedar Grove, Centenary, Central, Alcoa, Central Point, Cold Springs, Dotson Memorial, East Alcoa, East Maryville, East Mountain View, East Walland, Ellojoy, Everett Hills, Faith And Hope, Forest Hill, Grandview, Friendly Hill, Friendship, Grandview, First, Grandview, Greenback Memorial, Happy Valley, Hillview, Hillview, Immanuel, Kagleys Chapel, Keebles Chapel, Kinzel Springs, Lakeview, Laurel Bank, Liberty, Louisville, First, Louisville Pk, Macedonia, Madison Avenue, Maple Grove, Marble Hill, Maryville, First, Meadowbrook, Memorial, Midway, Millers Cove, Monte Vista, Mount Carmel, Mount Lebanon, Mount Zion, Niles Ferry, Oak Street, Oak View, Old Chilhowee, Old Piney Grove, Pilgrim, Piney Grove, Piney Level, Pleasant Grove, Prospect, Providence, Rockford, Rocky Branch, Salem, Seymour, First, Six Mile, Smoky View, Springview, Sunnybrook, Stock Creek, Trinity, Union Grove, Unity, Village Missionary, West Maryville, Wildwood, Zion Chapel.

Associational Chairman: Horace Genroe

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Guiding Star, Indian Bluff, Island Ford, Island Home, Lake City, First, Lakeview, Laurel Branch, Laurel Grove, Longfield, Main Street, Mineral Springs, Moran, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, New Mountain View, New Salem, Norris, First, North Clinton, Oak Ridge, First, Oliver Springs, First, Pine Hill, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant View, Poplar Creek, Red Hill, Riverview, Robertsville, Royce, South Clinton, Spring Hill, Tupperton, Union Valley, Waldens View, Willow Brook, Woodland Park, Zion.

Concord

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Barfield, Belle Aire, Bradleys Creek, Christiana, First, Fellowship, Florence, Giles Creek, Grace, Green Hill, Hillview, Holly Grove, Immanuel, Laotian, Lascassas, Lavergne, First, Maney Avenue, Midland, Milton, Miracle, Mount Carmel, Mount Hermon, Mount Pleasant, Mount View, Murfreesboro, First, Murfreesboro, Third, New Hope, Nolensville, Patterson, Powells Chapel, Rucker, Scenic Drive, Smyrna, First, Southeast, Stones River, Taylors Chapel, Victory, Walter Hill, First, Wards Grove, Wayside, Westgate, Westwood, Woodbury Road.

Copper Basin

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Bethlehem, Coletown, Isabella, Maple Grove, Mine City, Mount Harmony, Mount Vernon, Mount Zion, New Zion, Pleasant Hill, Turtletown, Zion Hill.

Crockett County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Alamo, First, Barkers Chapel, Bells, First, Cairo, Cross Roads, Friendship, Gadsden, First, Johnson Grove, Maury City, First, Midway, Providence, South Fork, Three Way, Walnut Hill.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Alva, Blooming Grove, Canaan, First, Charlotte, First, Clarksville, First, Cross Creek, Crossland Avenue, Cumberland City, First, Cumberland Drive, Dotsenville, Erin, Excell, Gracey Avenue, Gum Springs, Harmony, Hillcrest, Hilldale, Immanuel, Kenwood, Kirkwood, Korean, Little Hope, Little West Fork, Maplewood, Memorial, Mount Hermon, New Providence, Northside, Parkview, Pleasant View, St. Bethlehem, First, Sladen, Spring Creek, Tabernacle Missionary, Trinity, Vanleer, Woodlawn.

Cumberland

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Alvanthus Hill, Bethel, Big Spring Union, Blairs Creek, Brooks Memorial, Calvary, Carrs Chapel, Cave Spring Missionary, Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove, Chatham Station, Chittams Chapel, Cumberland Gap, First, Dogwood Heights, Duncan Chapel, East Hopewell, Fairview, Forge Ridge, Gap Creek, Gibson Station, Gains Chapel, Greens Chapel, Harrogate, First, Haynes Flat, Head Of Barren, Hope Missionary, Hopewell, Howards Quarter, Indian Creek, Liberty Missionary, Liberty Hill, Little Barren, Little Mulberry, Little Valley, Lone Hill Missionary, Lone Holly, M C M, Midway, Mount Gilead, Mount Pleasant, Mount Zion, Mountain View, New Hope, New Salem, New Tazewell, First, Oak Grove, Peoples Missionary, Pleasant View, Poplar Grove, Providence, Pump Hollow, Pump Springs, Raven Hill, Red Hill, Riley Memorial, Riverside, River View, Shawanes, Springdale, Springfield, Straight Creek, Sugar Grove, Summeys Bridge, Sunrises Missionary, Tazewell, Town Creek, Underwood Grove, Union Chapel, Walnut Hill, Westside Missionary, Wolfenbarger Chapel, Young's Chapel.

Cumberland Gap

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Bethlehem, Calvary, Central, Clear Creek, Cumberland, First, Cumberland Homestead, Emmanul, Fairview, Fairview, Fredonia, Friendship, Halesy Grove, Isoline, Lantana Road, Mayland, Memorial, Meridian, Mountain View, Oak Hill, Oaklawn, Ozone, Pine Eden, Plateau, Pleasant Hill, First, Pomona, Slate Spring, Wastel, TOTAL.

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Cumberland Plateau

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Bethlehem, Calvary, Central, Clear Creek, Cumberland, First, Cumberland Homestead, Emmanul, Fairview, Fairview, Fredonia, Friendship, Halesy Grove, Isoline, Lantana Road, Mayland, Memorial, Meridian, Mountain View, Oak Hill, Oaklawn, Ozone, Pine Eden, Plateau, Pleasant Hill, First, Pomona, Slate Spring, Wastel, TOTAL.

Duck River

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Air View, Altamont, Beech Grove, First, Broadview, Center Grove, College Street, Cowan, First, Cross Roads, Cumberland Chapel, Decherd, First, Emmanuel, Estill Springs, First, Grace, Highland, Hillsboro, First, Huntland, First, Keith Springs, Liberty, Lincoln Heights, Little Mountain, Manchester, First, Maxwell, Midway, Montague, First, Oaklawn, Paynes, Prairie Plains, Riva Lake, Rutledge Falls, Southside, Spring Creek, Summitville, First, Tracy City, First, Trinity, Tullahoma, First, Victory, Westwood, Winchester, First, TOTAL.

Dyer

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Includes churches like Beech Grove, Bogota, Calvary Chapel, Calvary Hill, Curve, Dyersburg, First, Dyersburg, Second, Elon, Emmaus, Enon, Evansville, Fairview, Finley, Fort Hudson, Fowlkes, Gales, First, Halls Westside, Harmony, Harvest, Hawthorne, Hillcrest, Lenox, Macadonia, Marys Chapel, McCulloughs Chapel, Miston, Mount Tirzah, Mount Vernon, New Freedom, New Mitchell Grove, Newbern, First, Parrish Chapel, Ro Ellen, Southside, Springhill, Trimble, First, Westside, Williams Chapel, Woodville, Zion Hill, TOTAL.

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| East Tennessee | | |
| Associational Chairman: Johnny Adamson | | |
| Bear Creek | .00 | .00 |
| Bethel | 1,405.32 | .00 |
| Browns Missionary | .00 | .00 |
| Calvary | 408.28 | 106.08 |
| Caney Creek | .00 | .00 |
| Cave Hill | 1,811.26 | 2,544.73 |
| Centerville | .00 | .00 |
| Deep Gap | 196.60 | 100.00 |
| Del Rio | .00 | 258.31 |
| Denton | 1,365.75 | 174.00 |
| Dutch Bottom | .00 | .00 |
| English Creek | 5,273.54 | 3,612.50 |
| French Broad | 1,067.00 | 685.20 |
| French Chapel | 205.05 | .00 |
| Holders Grove | 500.14 | 2,132.37 |
| Liberty Hill | .00 | 241.55 |
| Lincoln Avenue | 2,000.00 | 1,796.47 |
| Mannings Chapel | 559.94 | 793.92 |
| Maple Grove | .00 | .00 |
| Mount Zion | .00 | 200.00 |
| Mountain View | .00 | 75.00 |
| New Prospect | 287.83 | 111.00 |
| Newport, First | 9,249.99 | 13,156.03 |
| Northport | 5,572.70 | 1,692.30 |
| Pigeon Valley | 1,601.42 | 1,896.17 |
| Pine Springs | 200.00 | 320.00 |
| Piney Grove | 216.99 | 525.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 1,963.15 | 3,096.55 |
| Point Pleasant | 888.55 | 945.79 |
| Rays Chapel | 180.00 | 315.25 |
| Riverview | 1,740.69 | 463.18 |
| Saint Tide | .00 | 582.13 |
| Shady Grove | 1,191.80 | 2,165.54 |
| Southside | 4,050.00 | 4,050.69 |
| Swannsylvania | 124.89 | 1,489.90 |
| Union | 1,053.02 | 635.18 |
| Webb | 3,299.58 | 458.98 |
| West End | .00 | 1,109.84 |
| Wilsonville | 1,086.48 | 526.00 |
| Association | .00 | 75.00 |
| TOTAL | 47,499.97 | 47,231.65 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Fayette | | |
| Associational Chairman: Jessie Price | | |
| Braden | 135.00 | 110.00 |
| Feathers Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Forty-Five | .00 | .00 |
| Galloway, First | 2,076.23 | 515.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 322.01 | 289.52 |
| Hickory Withe, First | 3,059.04 | 1,610.45 |
| Kirk | 1,249.48 | 2,620.00 |
| Liberty | 1,392.54 | 151.00 |
| Morris Memorial | 1,600.00 | 7,261.11 |
| Mount Mariah | 1,019.66 | 978.57 |
| Mount Olive | .00 | .00 |
| Oak Grove | 1,813.58 | 268.50 |
| Oakland, First | 1,990.82 | 533.35 |
| Rossville | 585.00 | .00 |
| Shady Grove | 85.92 | 700.00 |
| Somersville, First | 19,828.52 | 5,654.22 |
| Williston | 2,638.95 | 731.00 |
| TOTAL | 37,796.75 | 21,722.72 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Gibson County | | |
| Associational Chairman: Benny Wallis | | |
| Antioch | 11,873.59 | 6,067.62 |
| Avondale | 3,564.42 | 1,289.58 |
| Beach Grove | 2,285.95 | 748.85 |
| (H) Bethel | 385.00 | 1,503.66 |
| (Y) Bethel | 1,699.48 | 489.30 |
| Bethpage | 2,891.91 | 1,855.50 |
| Bradford, First | 10,354.00 | 4,857.82 |
| (H) Calvary | 225.28 | 327.29 |
| (R) Calvary | 1,588.58 | 750.00 |
| Center | 225.00 | 205.00 |
| Chapel Hill | 2,387.02 | 676.41 |
| China Grove | 750.00 | 3,250.00 |
| Clear Creek | 949.83 | 533.00 |
| Dyer, First | 13,305.01 | 12,826.36 |
| Eldad | 760.00 | 432.75 |
| Emmanuel | 7,085.65 | 2,522.39 |
| Fellowship | 3,009.15 | 819.50 |
| Fruitland | 2,170.60 | 1,009.00 |
| Gibson | 1,764.00 | 1,777.75 |
| Hickory Grove | 3,233.04 | 2,667.00 |
| Hillcrest | 453.47 | 231.00 |
| Humboldt, First | 33,411.19 | 32,635.87 |
| Idlewild | 2,827.99 | 1,334.47 |
| Immanuel | 343.00 | 168.00 |
| Keely Mill | 39.11 | 65.55 |
| Kenton, First | 17,069.66 | 15,264.50 |
| (K) Laneview | 425.70 | 91.00 |
| (T) Laneview | 316.21 | 95.53 |
| Latham's Chapel | 2,126.81 | 692.96 |
| Lavinia | 1,486.14 | 1,593.76 |
| Maranatha | 993.00 | 223.00 |
| Medina, First | 13,268.72 | 7,869.52 |
| Midway | 541.59 | 736.12 |
| Milton, First | 27,688.91 | 13,512.70 |
| Mount Pisgah | 953.24 | 700.00 |
| Mount Pleasant | 3,768.85 | 4,265.86 |
| New Bethlehem | 5,200.35 | 4,600.62 |
| New Hope | 1,784.93 | 3,984.37 |
| Northern's Chapel | 100.00 | 225.00 |
| Northside | 8,540.13 | 8,637.84 |
| Oak Grove | 1,719.52 | 314.00 |
| Oakwood | 3,885.63 | 1,477.14 |
| Old Bethlehem | 692.00 | 182.00 |
| Poplar Grove | 5,000.36 | 6,107.58 |
| Poplar Springs | 2,255.00 | 1,171.50 |
| Rutherford, First | 5,013.20 | 7,615.66 |
| Salem | 5,334.74 | 4,035.26 |
| Smyrna | .00 | 236.01 |
| Southside | .00 | 126.58 |
| Springhill | 2,076.00 | 646.00 |
| Trenton, First | 18,000.00 | 9,634.25 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Walnut Grove | 562.50 | 834.43 |
| West Side | 2,559.81 | 1,025.00 |
| White Hall | 12,626.00 | 15,339.75 |
| Association | .00 | 666.66 |
| TOTAL | 251,571.37 | 190,948.27 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Giles County | | |
| Associational Chairman: Enos Cross | | |
| Bradshaw | 306.57 | 395.00 |
| Elkton | 2,829.03 | 1,236.19 |
| Hannah | .00 | 84.00 |
| Highland | 10,228.27 | 2,877.34 |
| Liberty Hill | 544.50 | 574.02 |
| Lynnville, First | 152.58 | 242.00 |
| Minnow Branch | .00 | .00 |
| Minor Hill, First | 1,478.79 | 602.50 |
| New Hope | 1,125.00 | 1,833.75 |
| New Zion | 246.73 | 729.53 |
| Oak Grove | 60.00 | 75.00 |
| Pulaski, First | 12,301.39 | 3,966.53 |
| Richland | 478.46 | 246.75 |
| Rock Springs | 945.00 | 660.08 |
| Scotts Hill | 1,210.72 | 1,140.00 |
| Shores | 663.45 | 568.37 |
| Thompson Chapel | 100.00 | 378.01 |
| Union Hill | .00 | .00 |
| Union Valley | .00 | .00 |
| Wales | .00 | 500.00 |
| Welcome Valley | .00 | .00 |
| Wheelerton | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| TOTAL | 32,895.49 | 16,334.07 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| Grainger County | | |
| Associational Chairman: Jimmy Vineyard | | |
| Adriel | .00 | 350.00 |
| Avondale | 96.71 | 90.00 |
| Barnards Grove | 727.00 | 1,793.15 |
| Bean Station, First | 1,971.88 | 1,971.88 |
| Black Springs | 2,169.00 | 4,818.00 |
| Blue Springs | 5,172.51 | 4,340.60 |
| Buffalo | 625.31 | 945.84 |
| Byerleys Chapel | .00 | 424.86 |
| Calvary | 1,711.35 | 789.72 |
| Central Point | 838.86 | 1,914.36 |
| Coffeys Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Fairview | .00 | .00 |
| Head Of Richland | 556.47 | 131.25 |
| Helton Springs | 1,500.00 | 1,076.17 |
| Indian Ridge | 2,385.50 | 410.99 |
| Lea Springs | 1,441.50 | 814.50 |
| Locust Grove | 977.34 | 932.55 |
| Mitchell Springs | .00 | .00 |
| Mount Eager | 653.53 | .00 |
| Mouth Of Richland | 5,314.78 | 5,848.98 |
| Narrow Valley | 461.74 | 113.38 |
| New Blackwell | 977.34 | 1,532.00 |
| New Corinth | 971.71 | 959.96 |
| New Prospect | 283.40 | 419.07 |
| Newton | .00 | .00 |
| Oak Grove | .00 | .00 |
| Oakland | 5,385.86 | 2,391.93 |
| Panther Park | .00 | .00 |
| Powder Springs | 371.13 | 25.00 |
| Puncheson Camp | 93.05 | 351.26 |
| Red House | .00 | .00 |
| Riverview | .00 | .00 |
| Rutledge | 4,272.62 | 2,411.94 |
| Southside | 535.87 | .00 |
| Sunrise | 850.85 | 2,631.00 |
| Tampico | 93.92 | 350.24 |
| Washburn | 355.84 | 1,180.03 |
| TOTAL | 40,795.16 | 36,955.88 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Hamilton County | | |
| Associational Chairman: Gene Goodner | | |
| Alpine | 1,822.60 | 871.52 |
| Apison | 11,046.60 | 8,463.69 |
| Avondale | 5,435.73 | 3,380.75 |
| *Bankson | .00 | .00 |
| Bartlebaugh | 3,083.00 | 1,748.11 |
| Boyside | 29,402.55 | 13,677.35 |
| Birchwood | 7,093.00 | 11,650.00 |
| Brainerd | 99,440.78 | 86,903.07 |
| Brainerd Hills | 18,518.45 | 8,955.43 |
| Cedar Hill | 5,242.06 | 8,243.54 |
| (C) Central | 98,482.96 | 52,668.15 |
| (H) Central | 93,297.56 | 22,202.50 |
| Chamberlain Memorial | 8,192.70 | 2,118.00 |
| Charity | .00 | .00 |
| Chattanooga, First | 64,300.00 | 136,517.21 |
| Chattanooga, Second | 3,084.00 | 1,716.00 |
| Clifton Hill | 2,761.00 | 1,287.88 |
| Community Missionary | .00 | .00 |
| Concord | 54,050.25 | 31,575.01 |
| Cross Roads | .00 | 85.00 |
| Dalewood | .00 | .00 |
| East Brainerd | 11,296.90 | 3,701.72 |
| East Chattanooga | 10,620.63 | 3,575.10 |
| East Lake | 28,211.80 | 13,696.50 |
| East Ridge | 47,480.84 | 16,143.85 |
| Eastwood | 20,096.04 | 3,132.66 |
| Edwards Point | .00 | .00 |
| Fairview | 1,686.00 | 422.00 |
| Falling Water | 8,628.33 | 2,294.97 |
| Falling Water Tab. | 4,214.91 | 342.50 |
| First Calvary | 951.00 | 641.00 |
| Frawley | 804.00 | 1,210.32 |
| Friendship | 222.00 | 300.00 |
| Grace Avenue | .00 | .00 |
| Greenwood | .00 | .00 |
| Guild, First | .00 | .00 |
| Harrison, First | .00 | 100.00 |
| Hickory Val.-Dayspring | 254.32 | 3,571.55 |
| High Point | 349.12 | 262.00 |
| Hilltop | .00 | 500.00 |
| Hixson, First | 49,318.33 | 15,402.95 |
| Hughes Avenue | .00 | 946.56 |
| Johns Memorial | .00 | .00 |
| Kings Point | 1,011.69 | 885.00 |
| Kingwood | 1,200.00 | 3,257.05 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| *Korean Of Chattanooga | 225.00 | 25.00 |
| Lakeway | .00 | 260.60 |
| Lookout Mountain | 2,337.50 | 2,960.65 |
| Lookout Valley | 15,144.01 | 5,766.99 |
| Maple Grove | 2,798.03 | 3,651.84 |
| Maranatha | .00 | .00 |
| Meadowview | 3,790.89 | 1,259.03 |
| Memorial | 12,034.19 | 8,668.75 |
| Middle Valley | 17,099.07 | 3,321.94 |
| Morris Hill | 12,581.95 | 3,480.02 |
| Mount Carmel | 6,272.49 | 9,030.38 |
| Mountain Creek | 6,908.12 | 2,166.00 |
| New Bethel | 427.68 | 956.00 |
| New Liberty | 518.89 | .00 |
| New Salem | 1,973.00 | .00 |
| New Shepherd Hill | 13,561.00 | 1,380.85 |
| New Union | 618.02 | 547.83 |
| North Red Bank | 978.85 | 1,361.05 |
| Norhside | 10,718.15 | 1,053.03 |
| Oak Grove | 3,198.68 | 7,455.18 |
| Oak Street | 1,066.70 | 2,071.44 |
| Oakwood | 40,754.98 | 877.98 |
| Oallewah | 23,702.30 | 11,371.04 |
| Parkers Gap | .00 | 8,287.10 |
| Philadelphia | 525.00 | .00 |
| Pilgrims Rest | .00 | 495.81 |
| Pleasant Grove | 4,725.80 | 2,847.35 |
| Providence | 2,829.75 | 2,953.63 |
| Red Bank | 120,011.97 | 84,791.46 |
| Ridgecrest | 576.19 | 723.26 |
| Ridgevale | 55,476.27 | 17,509.97 |
| Ridgeview | 12,160.83 | 6,388.80 |
| Riverside | .00 | .00 |
| Saint Elmo Avenue | 19,375.91 | 8,604.52 |
| Shepherd | 321.41 | 518.40 |
| Signal Hill | 207.04 | 392.47 |
| Signal Mountain | 32,970.60 | 19,171.60 |
| Silverdale | 25,501.90 | 12,225.25 |
| Soddy-Daisy, First | 20,149.78 | 8,234.67 |
| South Seminoe | 24,901.79 | 7,082.75 |
| South Soddy | 1,810.46 | 459.80 |
| Spring Creek Road | 29,467.39 | 22,108.39 |
| Standifer Gap | .00 | .00 |
| Stanley Heights | .00 | 50.00 |
| Stue Heights | 4,996.03 | 1,342.24 |
| Temple | .00 | .00 |
| Timesville Avenue | .00 | 680.00 |
| Tramont | 1,900.57 | 560.00 |
| Tyner | 296.40 | 838.73 |
| Union Fork | 925.00 | 334.99 |
| Westview | 3,100.46 | 2,129.77 |
| White Oak | 48,727.73 | 25,082.75 |
| Whiteside | 122.67 | 179.30 |
| Woodland Heights | 1,542.02 | 1,117.00 |
| Woodland Park | .00 | 4,721.63 |
| TOTAL | 1,280,932.02 | 771,196.07 |

| Church | Cooperative Program | Designated |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| Hardeman County | | |
| Associational Chairman: Charles Manley | | |
| Bethlehem | 225.00 | 1,490.50 |

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Compromise, Duck Creek, East Rogersville, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Indian Creek. Lists churches like Bethlehem, (S) Calvary, (W) Calvary, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Jefferson County. Lists churches like Antioch, Beaver Creek, Bethel, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Judson. Lists churches like Grace, Liberty, Missionary Ridge, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Pomona, Walnut Grove, White Bluff, First, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Knox County. Lists churches like Alice Bell, Arlington, Atkins, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Lawrence County. Lists churches like Barnesville, Beech Grove, Blooming Grove, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Loudon County. Lists churches like Antioch, Ballards Chapel, Beals Chapel, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Ridgeview, Riverdale, Riverview, Rocky Hill, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Madison-Chester. Lists churches like Antioch, Ararat, Beech Bluff, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: McMin-Meigs. Lists churches like Antioch, Athens, First, Bethel Springs, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Union Fork Creek, Vaughns Chapel, West Broadway, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: McMin-Meigs. Lists churches like Antioch, Athens, First, Bethel Springs, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Section: Madison-Chester. Lists churches like Antioch, Ararat, Beech Bluff, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Pleasant Hill, Poplar Corner, Sanford Hill, etc.

Maury

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Allensville, Calvary, Columbia, etc.

Midland

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Beaverville, Bells Camp Ground, Bethany, etc.

Mulberry Gap

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Beech Grove, Bethel, Birch Creek, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Livesays Chapel, McBride, Midtown Missionary, etc.

Nashville

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Alta Loma, Antioch, Arlington, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like *Laolian, Liberty, Lincoln Hills, etc.

New Duck River

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Bell Buckle, Bethlehem, Calvary, etc.

New River

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Antioch, Bethlehem, Big Ridge Road, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Nicks Creek, Norma, Oneida, etc.

New Salem

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Brush Creek, Carthage, Gardonsville, etc.

Nolachucky

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Alpha, Bethel, Beulah, etc.

Northern

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Alder Springs, Blue Springs, Carrs Branch, etc.

Polk County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Antioch, Bethel, Beech Springs, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Covenant, Delano, Fairview, Fellowship, etc.

Riverside

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Allardt, First, Allons, Byrdstown, etc.

Robertson County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Barren Plains, Battle Creek, Bethel, etc.

Salem

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Auburn, Burt, Calvary, Center Hill, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Wolf Creek, Woodbury, First, Woodland, etc.

Squatchie Valley

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Baptist Hill, Cartwright, First, Cold Springs, etc.

Sevier County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Alder Branch, Antioch, Banner, Beech Springs, etc.

Shelby County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Agape, Ardmore, Ardmore Mission, Arlington, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Calvary, Colville, Charjean, Cherokee, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Eudora, Fairtown, Fellowship, Fisherville, etc.

Shiloh

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Adamsville, First, Bethel Springs, First, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Falcon, Forty-Forks, Friendship, Good Hope, etc.

Stewart County

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Bear Springs, Big Rock, Calvary, Carlisle, etc.

Stone

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Algood, First, Bangham Heights, Baxter, First, etc.

Sullivan

Table with 3 columns: Church, Cooperative Program, Designated. Lists churches like Bethesda Fellowship, Bloomingdale, Calvary, Cedar Grove, etc.

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| West View | 1,350.00 | 3,901.02 |
| TOTAL | 394,095.73 | 222,829.94 |

Sweetwater

| | | |
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| Associational Chairman: Wallace Graham | | |
| Altoona | .00 | 300.00 |
| Antioch | .00 | .00 |
| Bearys Chapel | 751.00 | 2,481.42 |
| Bethlehem | .00 | 423.00 |
| Big Creek | .00 | 1,592.36 |
| Calvary | .00 | 95.00 |
| Cane Creek | .00 | 95.00 |
| Cedar Fork | 5,308.18 | 4,340.04 |
| Cedar Valley | 2,287.95 | 399.41 |
| Chestnut | 2,120.66 | 2,610.00 |
| Christianburg | 1,055.92 | 1,253.51 |
| Citico | 621.00 | 1,255.09 |
| Clifton | 110.00 | .00 |
| Coker Creek | .00 | 344.65 |
| Community | 124.00 | .00 |
| Compromise | 32.00 | 205.00 |
| Druid Hills | .00 | .00 |
| Ebenezer | 996.00 | .00 |
| Fairview | 325.00 | 34.64 |
| Fairview Tabernacle | 1,871.79 | 3,667.04 |
| Four-Eleven Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Friendship | .00 | 3,020.93 |
| Glenloch | .00 | 989.51 |
| Gregorys Chapel | 418.68 | 213.35 |
| Holly Springs | .00 | 50.00 |
| Hopewell Springs | 1,389.39 | 1,689.18 |
| Howards Chapel | 95.66 | 751.83 |
| Island Creek | .00 | 1,120.82 |
| Lakeside | 1,547.00 | 970.00 |
| Long Ridge | 420.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Lower Chilhowee | 180.00 | .00 |
| Macedonia | .00 | .00 |
| Madisonville, First | 33,126.27 | 14,484.93 |
| Maple Springs | .00 | 100.00 |
| Millers Chapel | 83.64 | 158.91 |
| Mount Harmony | 1,008.60 | 1,606.00 |
| Mount Isabella | .00 | 100.00 |
| Mount Pleasant | 120.00 | 330.00 |
| Mount Vernon | 161.40 | 215.00 |
| Mount Zion | 2,339.56 | 1,329.55 |
| Murray's | .00 | 1,092.63 |
| New Bethany | 653.31 | 1,249.54 |
| New Macedonia | .00 | 6,000.00 |
| New Providence | 2,217.00 | .00 |
| North Sweetwater | 1,285.79 | 2,903.46 |
| Notchey Creek | 1,928.02 | 3,165.09 |
| Oak Grove | 699.66 | 498.29 |
| Oakland | 829.73 | 200.00 |
| Old Sweetwater | .00 | 100.00 |
| Piney Grove | .00 | 378.12 |
| Poplar Bluff | .00 | 2,341.42 |
| Reed Springs | 248.05 | 2,098.60 |
| Rocky Springs | 943.96 | 3,450.00 |
| Rural Vale | .00 | .00 |
| Shady Grove | 250.00 | 275.00 |
| Sheltons Grove | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Shoal Creek | 53.96 | 256.39 |
| South Madisonville | 747.11 | 1,828.38 |
| Sweetwater, First | 33,274.27 | 23,098.94 |
| Tellico | 242.24 | .00 |
| Tellico Plains, First | 5,402.31 | 2,850.00 |
| Tevis Springs | 532.62 | 847.00 |
| Towee Falls | .00 | .00 |
| Trinity | .00 | 18.00 |
| Unicoi | 239.87 | 98.00 |
| Union Grove | 34.24 | 120.00 |
| Union Hall | .00 | .00 |
| Upper Shady Grove | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Vanore | 5,055.72 | 4,425.55 |
| Watson Chapel | 399.00 | 500.61 |
| Westside | .00 | .00 |
| Williamsburg | .00 | .00 |
| TOTAL | 111,565.65 | 105,061.19 |

Tennessee Valley

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| Associational Chairman: Charles Robinson | | |
| Bethel | 849.17 | 1,207.45 |
| Central | 3,902.00 | 423.00 |
| Clear Creek | 664.79 | 216.27 |
| Cranmore Cove | 197.30 | 321.60 |
| Dayton, First | 23,897.35 | 11,545.88 |
| Garrison | 4,176.47 | 2,268.73 |
| Grandview | 855.98 | 984.44 |
| Graysville, First | 2,700.80 | 1,150.75 |
| High Point | 341.28 | 250.00 |
| Lake Drive | 2,152.69 | 4,329.14 |
| Mount Vernon | 532.48 | 369.27 |
| Mount Zion | 239.61 | 381.00 |
| New Union | 8,922.12 | 2,884.84 |
| Ogden | 169.30 | 2,511.44 |
| Pennine | 229.39 | 2,079.04 |
| Saint Clair | 757.06 | 1,135.28 |
| Sale Creek | 2,062.23 | 761.66 |
| Salem | 2,281.25 | 965.11 |
| Smyrna | 1,192.25 | 1,300.00 |
| Spring City, First | 18,334.98 | 3,822.85 |
| Walden's Ridge | 2,551.65 | 3,360.89 |
| Washington | 1,272.35 | 300.00 |
| Wolf Creek | 6,603.67 | 1,446.25 |
| Yellow Creek | 1,992.79 | 2,939.97 |
| Association | .00 | 30.00 |
| TOTAL | 86,879.86 | 46,984.86 |

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| Associational Chairman: Eddie Mullinax | | |
| Cedar Grove | 1,551.00 | 600.00 |
| *Freedom | 118.40 | .00 |
| Immanuel | 465.51 | 384.38 |
| Liberty | 398.87 | 1,035.57 |
| McEwen, First | 2,383.10 | 3,531.92 |
| Oak Grove | 1,611.65 | 879.00 |
| Sylvia | 5,813.64 | 1,912.53 |
| Trace Creek | 10,774.22 | 5,825.88 |
| Waverly, First | 9,940.39 | 5,616.81 |
| TOTAL | 33,056.78 | 19,786.09 |

Union

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| Associational Chairman: Connie Leonard | | |
| Bear Cove | 5,045.00 | 2,064.00 |
| Bailing Springs | 306.52 | 133.18 |
| *Bon De Croix | 334.56 | 328.65 |
| Cherry Creek | 465.00 | 1,484.00 |
| Doyle, First | 1,207.01 | 200.00 |
| Greenwood | 1,372.29 | 532.64 |
| Gum Springs | 2,926.58 | 1,309.00 |
| Hickory Valley | 1,623.19 | 857.77 |
| *Hill Road | 156.00 | 100.00 |
| Laurel Creek | 378.61 | 300.00 |
| Liberty | 316.11 | 376.27 |
| Ole Bethel | 43.24 | 43.24 |
| Pistons | 785.49 | 269.83 |
| Pleasant Hill | .00 | 305.08 |
| Quebeck | 694.97 | 350.83 |
| Sparta, First | 11,182.59 | 6,185.82 |
| Spencer, First | 908.09 | 477.05 |
| TOTAL | 27,702.01 | 15,317.36 |

Watauga

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| Associational Chairman: Grady Miller | | |
| Bakers Gap | 452.40 | 212.11 |
| Beck Mountain | 2,075.64 | 811.63 |
| Bethany | 2,325.52 | 5,479.00 |
| Bethel | 487.00 | 576.00 |
| Big Spring | 4,685.74 | 5,013.78 |
| Billmore | 8,551.69 | 2,595.90 |
| Butler | 1,623.35 | 449.75 |
| Caldwell Springs | .00 | 176.14 |
| Calvary | 10,849.57 | 6,384.15 |
| Cedar Grove | 3,949.20 | 2,055.67 |
| Central | 50.00 | 179.60 |
| Cobbs Creek | 1,160.00 | 1,294.07 |
| Doe River | 4,757.54 | 2,218.99 |
| Dungan Chapel | 3,844.02 | 891.97 |
| East Side | 1,980.00 | 2,085.20 |
| Elizabethton, First | 19,470.90 | 7,878.08 |
| Elk River | 800.45 | 425.00 |
| Fairview | 8,104.36 | 1,094.77 |
| Grace | 13,843.34 | 4,287.39 |
| *Hale Memorial Chapel | 524.70 | 210.00 |
| Hampton, First | 2,746.55 | 2,991.16 |
| Happy Valley | 2,256.95 | 627.10 |
| Harmony | 2,460.00 | .00 |
| Hunter, First | 9,000.00 | 1,314.00 |
| Hunter Memorial | 1,982.05 | 549.00 |
| Immanuel | 13,587.07 | 5,160.23 |
| Little Doe | 4,389.77 | 1,895.28 |
| Little Milligan | 1,727.30 | 1,551.34 |
| Little Mountain | 1,256.36 | 203.00 |
| Lynn Valley | 1,256.22 | 900.77 |
| Meadow View | 30.25 | 1,577.97 |
| Mountain City, First | 11,150.38 | 6,698.13 |
| Nelsons Chapel | 1,460.71 | 400.00 |
| North Side | 336.45 | 100.00 |
| Oak Street | 10,694.90 | 4,387.30 |
| Pine Grove | 1,071.38 | 1,870.50 |
| Pleasant Grove | 5,108.95 | 3,742.67 |
| Pleasant Home | .00 | .00 |
| Poplar | 843.12 | 3,756.72 |
| Powder Branch | 584.62 | 1,588.00 |
| Rittertown | 4,697.58 | 924.25 |
| Riverview | 662.72 | 321.86 |
| Roan Creek | 1,950.00 | 1,272.00 |
| Roan Mountain, First | 2,208.48 | 663.00 |
| Roan Park | 1,814.00 | 2,535.00 |
| Rock Springs | .00 | 628.67 |
| Shady Valley | 449.50 | 575.00 |
| Siam | 24,648.42 | 11,044.27 |
| Sink Valley | .00 | .00 |
| Sinking Creek | 4,878.00 | 2,695.81 |
| State Line | 2,364.57 | 865.00 |
| Stoney Creek | 3,589.00 | 2,307.00 |
| Sugar Grove | .00 | 200.00 |
| Unaka | 4,485.75 | 1,555.95 |
| Union | 4,753.00 | 4,259.11 |
| Walnut Grove | 811.03 | 300.00 |
| Watauga, First | 954.70 | 500.00 |
| *Watauga Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Willow Springs | 225.00 | 407.62 |
| Zion | 1,464.24 | 1,555.76 |
| Association | .00 | 5.60 |
| TOTAL | 219,208.44 | 116,248.27 |

Weakley County

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| Associational Chairman: Ray Aubenshine | | |
| Adams Chapel | 2,939.00 | 3,525.00 |
| Beech Springs | 2,503.79 | .00 |
| Bethel | 18,040.50 | 4,908.99 |
| Bethlehem | .00 | 6,222.83 |
| Bible Union | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Calvary | 1,313.36 | 168.00 |
| Central | 14,915.87 | 11,691.00 |
| Corinth | 947.00 | 677.00 |
| Davis Memorial | 330.66 | 341.00 |
| Dresden, First | 9,700.94 | 6,558.35 |
| Eastside | 181.08 | 616.28 |
| Fellowship | 244.83 | 1,220.01 |
| Gearins Chapel | 265.00 | 511.60 |
| Gleason, First | 3,623.53 | 4,147.86 |
| Greenfield, First | 10,844.94 | 3,987.08 |
| Hodges Chapel | 100.35 | 26.62 |
| Jolly Springs | 3,091.14 | 1,212.02 |
| Liberty | .00 | .00 |
| Long Heights | .00 | 816.73 |
| Macks Grove | 1,435.00 | 1,598.58 |
| Moore's Chapel | 90.00 | 500.00 |
| New Hope | 400.00 | 1,136.60 |
| New Prospect | 1,090.03 | .00 |
| New Salem | 709.70 | 162.80 |
| Northwestern | 461.10 | 195.50 |
| Oak Grove No. 1 | 1,000.00 | 2,643.39 |
| Oak Grove No. 2 | .00 | .00 |
| Old Bethel | 273.71 | 492.47 |
| Palmer'sville | 1,730.37 | 499.65 |
| Pleasant Grove | 1,742.04 | 2,547.47 |
| Pleasant View | 163.69 | 163.69 |
| Public Well | .00 | 1,088.43 |
| Ralston | .00 | 596.30 |
| Ruthville | 50.00 | 26.50 |
| Sand Hill | .00 | 131.00 |

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| Sharon, First | 3,650.00 | 1,365.65 |
| Sidonia | 450.00 | 1,176.06 |
| Southside | 12,919.17 | 4,554.23 |
| Thompson Creek | 800.00 | 585.85 |
| Tumbling Creek | 1,608.82 | 502.50 |
| Union Grove | 45.00 | 323.00 |
| West Union | 450.00 | 914.50 |
| TOTAL | 98,310.62 | 68,035.52 |

Western District

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| Associational Chairman: Richard Van Cleave | | |
| Bethlehem | 2,726.55 | 697.64 |
| Big Sandy, First | 3,300.35 | 2,303.20 |
| Birds Creek | 989.51 | 413.08 |
| Buchanan | 852.83 | 27.15 |
| Central Point | 1,138.50 | 81.51 |
| Contra Grove | 2,055.05 | 2,730.83 |
| Dover, First | 7,716.01 | 2,604.50 |
| Fairview | 1,581.00 | 2,499.11 |
| *Faxon | .00 | .00 |
| Friendship | 663.63 | .00 |
| Henry | 675.00 | 660.00 |
| Jones Chapel | 1,369.02 | 1,310.55 |
| Mansfield | 1,119.52 | 423.00 |
| Mansfield | 16,685.95 | 5,889.73 |
| McDavid Grove | 186.52 | 308.00 |
| Mount Sinai | 308.41 | 121.55 |
| New Bethel | 60.00 | 25.00 |
| New Harmony | 9,336.75 | 3,561.75 |
| New Hope | 600.00 | 100.00 |
| North Fork | 2,156.45 | 738.46 |
| Oak Hill | .00 | 229.00 |
| Paris, First | 68,075.28 | 26,137.75 |
| Point Pleasant | 6,205.34 | 2,949.89 |
| *Powell Street Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Puryear | 14,016.54 | 5,700.75 |
| Ramble Creek | 466.70 | 800.00 |
| *Russwood Shores | .00 | .00 |
| Shady Grove | 135.39 | 15.00 |
| Spring Creek | 450.00 | 447.00 |
| Springhill | 2,422.47 | 1,155.06 |
| Springville | 1,944.00 | 481.36 |
| Temple | 7,033.71 | 4,221.84 |
| Union Friendship | 1,528.90 | 1,094.75 |
| West Paris | 17,775.33 | 13,341.06 |
| Association | .00 | 400.00 |
| TOTAL | 173,574.71 | 81,468.52 |

William Carey

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| Associational Chairman: Douglas Morris | | |
| Brogan Avenue | 710.20 | 292.70 |
| Calvary | 122.00 | 310.36 |
| Cash Point | 5,620.00 | 4,325.59 |
| Community | 588.06 | 349.05 |
| Donaldson Grove | 1,811.55 | 629.17 |
| Elora, First | 60.00 | 718.00 |
| Fayetteville, First | 25,875.89 | 10,938.61 |
| Flintville, First | 5,704.83 | 6,671.77 |
| Friendship Southern | 318.24 | 295.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 444.68 | 563.08 |
| Hilldale | 87.50 | 60.00 |
| Hawell, First | 896.81 | 218.04 |
| Horwell Hill | 160.00 | .00 |
| Kelly's Creek | 668.16 | 790.98 |
| Kirkland | 844.88 | 329.60 |
| Lexie Cross Road | 600.67 | 300.00 |
| Lincoln | 2,064.39 | 1,432.07 |
| Macedonia | 1,347.00 | 1,062.59 |
| Molina | .00 | 31.00 |
| Mulberry, First | 900.00 | 500.97 |
| New Grove | 292.04 | 1,180.00 |
| New Hope | .00 | 236.81 |
| Oak Grove | 495.00 | 648.03 |
| Oak Hill | 755.00 | 495.00 |
| Parks City | 7,600.00 | 4,727.52 |
| Petersburg, First | 1,094.36 | 337.50 |
| Pleasant Grove | 150.00 | 300.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 1,498.10 | .00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 675.27 | 337.63 |
| Prospect | 4,290.00 | 2,362.00 |

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| Stewarts Chapel | 1,851.36 | 1,578.70 |
| Taft, First | 25.00 | .00 |
| West End | 4,517.60 | 2,581.34 |
| TOTAL | 72,068.59 | 44,603.11 |

Wilson County

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| Associational Chairman: Robert Amason | | |
| Alexandria, First | 7,471.57 | 2,533.50 |
| Bartons Creek | 6,224.34 | 4,109.00 |
| Big Springs Chapel | 205.67 | .00 |
| Calvary | 1,578.08 | 564.22 |
| Cedar Creek | 2,021.54 | 1,344.49 |
| Cedar Grove | 1,562.10 | 1,304.75 |
| Chandler | 148.07 | 24.00 |
| Fairview | 14,782.31 | 10,608.06 |
| Fall Creek | 9,120.47 | 4,913.67 |
| Gladeville | 9,915.83 | 4,289.90 |
| Greenville | 320.97 | .00 |
| Hillcrest | 8,159.98 | 2,011.54 |
| Hurricane | 1,405.03 | 1,620.25 |
| Immanuel | 28,824.76 | 10,139.11 |

Kaneubbe personifies ministry to Indians

By Trennis Henderson

WINDERMERE, Mo. (BP) — Donning his Indian headdress and buckskin shirt, Victor Kaneubbe doesn't look much like the "typical" Southern Baptist Convention vice-president.

But then, typical isn't a very apt description for any aspect of Kaneubbe's life and ministry.

A 66-year-old retired missionary pastor, Kaneubbe became the first American Indian elected to conventionwide office when he was chosen SBC second vice-president in St. Louis this summer.

The Oklahoma-born Choctaw Indian was camp missionary for two Missouri Baptist Royal Ambassador camps at Windermere Baptist Assembly.

Privately acknowledging, "I'd rather wear my regular clothes," particularly in the sweltering mid-Missouri heat, Kaneubbe nodded toward a group of campers and added, "I wear the regalia because they like it, and it identifies me with Indians."

Being identified with Indians is a way of life for Kaneubbe. Reared in the Creek Nation capital of Okmulgee, Okla., he became a Christian at age 15 and made a commitment to full-time Christian service during his senior year in high school. While a student at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, he was on the staff of three Baptist churches, and was a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board student missionary for Indian work at First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

Those early experiences helped Kaneubbe realize "how far behind" most Indian congregations were in terms of trained leaders, organized programs, and available resources.

"I felt like the white church didn't need me; the Indian church did," he noted. "So that's where I've spent my life."

Upon graduation from college, Kaneubbe became a full-time home missionary among the Indians. "The first three places I served, I started new work," he recalled. "Today you'd call (me) a church planter."

Before retiring the first of this year, Kaneubbe spent 37 years as a Southern Baptist home missionary, serving primarily in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. He also found time to be on the staff of Kirkwood Baptist Church in St. Louis in the mid-1950s and also did Indian

mission work in Kansas and Mississippi.

The United States is home to an estimated 1.5-million Indians from more than 400 tribes, so Kaneubbe has never lacked a place to minister. Reflecting on more than 15 challenging years ministering through interpreters to Navajo Indians in New Mexico, Kaneubbe said, "If that's where you feel God wants you to be, then that's where you want to be."

Kaneubbe views his recent election as SBC second vice-president as an additional opportunity for ministry. When he agreed to be nominated for the office, Kaneubbe said he and other ethnic leaders "felt like Southern Baptists would elect an Indian to the position." As the first American Indian elected second vice-president, he joins a growing list of ethnics who have held that office in the past 25 years, including a Black, a Hispanic, and a Korean.

Kaneubbe said he hopes such recognition will "encourage ethnics to participate more" in the life of the convention. "The more ethnics participate," he elaborated, "the more they'll be given an opportunity to serve."

Even before being elected to his SBC office, Kaneubbe was recognized for his work among American Indians. In 1985 he was elected to the inaugural two-year term as chairman of the new National Native American Southern Baptist Fellowship. He was re-elected to that post this year.

Among the priorities of the fellowship, Kaneubbe explained, are prayers for 400 Indians to be called to preach the gospel full time "and to stay with it no matter how discouraging it gets." Indian leaders also are praying for 1,200 new bivocational Indian pastors and 4,000 trained lay leaders.

Other priorities are to baptize 15,000 Indians — equal to one-fourth of Indian Baptist churches' current membership — and to start 450 new Indian congregations by the year 2000.

Kaneubbe said he believes the national fellowship "is going to make a difference in our Indian people being reached for Christ. I feel like it's the Indian people making these decisions and then getting behind them."

"I feel great about what is happening among Indian churches and missions and what the possibilities are. Our people are

accepting the challenge. It's a great spiritual uplift."

As a convention officer, Kaneubbe's concerns go beyond Indian ministries, however. During speaking engagements in the coming year, he will point to the needs of the convention as a whole.

Stressing the need for Southern Baptist outreach and evangelism, Kaneubbe said questions must be raised about "the millions of non-resident members we don't even know where they are" and about SBC churches recording less than 400,000 baptisms annually "when we ought to have a million."

Insisting biblical stewardship also must become a convention priority, he added, "If we're going to do more, we've got to give more."

Kaneubbe's personal commitment to evangelism and stewardship is reflected in the records of First Indian Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was pastor for more than 10 years prior to retirement.

During those years, the church

membership grew from 45 to 225. During the same time, the congregation's Southern Baptist Cooperative Program budget giving grew from 5 percent to 18 percent of its own budget making it the largest per capita giving church to the Cooperative Program in metropolitan Phoenix.

Even in retirement, Kaneubbe anticipates remaining active in mission efforts. He said personal goals include starting at least two new Indian congregations in the Phoenix area — one to reach Indian college students and another aimed toward area Navajos.

During his two weeks at Windermere, Kaneubbe shared his enthusiasm for missions with 156 boys attending camp.

"I hope they understand more about Indians" as a result of their camp experience, Kaneubbe said. "I also hope they understand the need for missions and the possibility of committing themselves to missions. We tie in to how we reach the Indian people and how the main object of it all is to reach them for Jesus."

Missionary shuns realism, accomplishes 'impossible'

By Maxine Stewart

BANGKLA, Thailand (BP) — A Buddhist language teacher reminded him to be realistic, but Southern Baptist Missionary John Gibson decided instead to believe in the impossible.

The missionary doctor from San Antonio, Texas, became the first Westerner to pass Thailand's required medical examination in the Thai language. Out of 30 candidates who took the exam, Gibson was among six who passed the written part. He scored second highest on it.

He and his wife, Linda, were appointed missionaries three years ago and had prepared to live in India, where he had worked for two months as a medical student. But India never awarded them visas. So Southern Baptists asked Gibson and his wife to consider Thailand.

After arriving in the country he was not certain he could work there. However, the Gibsons both set out to meet the challenge of learning the language, committing their success to God.

Although most people cheered him on, one of his Buddhist teachers at Union Language School said it was impossible for him to pass such a difficult examination in the Thai language. Under new government requirements, he had to pass it to practice medicine at Bangkok Baptist Hospital.

But the Christian language teachers were more encouraging. Supported by the prayers of new Christian friends in Thailand, he took the two-day Thai language written portion of the test and became eligible for the oral exam.

For the oral portion, in the presence of the board of examiners, Gibson used the Thai language to interview and examine actual patients. Then, also in Thai, he presented each case to the examiners, made a diagnosis, and recommended treatment. Examiners then asked him questions about his conclusions.

After Gibson passed the exam, examiners and other candidates were amazed that he wanted to work in a rural area.

"Why did you even bother to take the exam?" some asked. "If you go out there (into rural areas) and practice, no one cares whether you have had the exam or not." They felt since he had proven himself, he could now write his own ticket to medical success in Bangkok — every Thai doctor's dream.

"It was a good opportunity for me to explain to them why I want to be in this situation — why I wanted to come to Bangkok and what we are doing here in the mission hospital," said Gibson.

Returning to the language school, he talked to the teacher who had told him what an insurmountable obstacle the examination would be. "I wanted her to know we have a source of power beyond theirs," Gibson said.

The teacher smiled the gracious way Thais are known to smile when he told her, "Mai mi sing nung sing dai song phra jao song gratom mai dai," which means, "For with God, nothing shall be impossible."

S. Banks resigns U.R. presidency

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Samuel A. Banks, the first non-Baptist president of the University of Richmond, resigned abruptly July 30, citing health problems.

The surprise announcement followed a closed door meeting of the Baptist-affiliated university's board of trustees.

In a written statement, University Rector Joseph A. Jennings said: "Banks discovered recently that his physical condition would not warrant his continued tenure as president . . . and upon advice of his physician, he has requested permission to retire. Recurring heart disease . . . would limit his energy and time available for the presidency."

Banks, 59, suffered a heart attack nine years ago, but apparently has been in good health until recently.

Banks' early retirement will be effective Aug. 15. A search for his replacement will begin "as soon as possible," said Evelyn Fouraker, the university's communication director.

An ordained Methodist minister, Banks was president of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., until his election as UR's sixth president in July 1986. He assumed office last December and was to have been formally installed Oct. 23.

The University of Richmond was founded by Virginia Baptists in 1830 and about 80 percent of its current trustees are members of Southern Baptist churches. The Baptist General Association of Virginia nominates 20 percent of the board.

Saragosa children visit Six Flags Over Texas

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (BP) — The children of Saragosa, Texas, who saw their world blown apart by a tornado two months ago, were swept away to the fun-filled fantasy world of Six Flags Over Texas in late July.

About 40 children, ages 8 and up, were brought to the Arlington, Texas, amusement park courtesy of Texas Baptist Men, Project CARE, and Greyhound Bus Lines.

The children arrived at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington July 29 and spent the night in the church's family center, enjoyed a full day at Six Flags July 30, and returned to Saragosa the following day.

The idea for the excursion came from Manuel Galindo, liaison between volunteers and government agencies in the western Texas town that was destroyed by a tornado May 22.

"I noticed during recreation time that the kids seemed to be just going through the motions, so I talked to the represen-

tatives of Project CARE, who were heading up the recreation activities," said Galindo, who is on leave of absence from Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen.

"I told them the kids needed to get away from here for a few days. They needed something they could look forward to — something they could remember and talk about when they came back — something to take their minds off the terrible tragedy here."

Galindo said the three-day trip was meant to be recreational therapy for the traumatized children, some of whom lost brothers, sisters, and parents in the tornado. The trip also gave counselors an opportunity to talk with the youngsters in a relaxed setting and to help them work through their grief.

"The children of Saragosa have experienced a terrible trauma, and our hope is that this trip will help in the healing process," said Bob Dixon, executive director of Texas Baptist Men.