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Tennessee volunteers report changed lives

By Charlie Warren

The statistics from the September crusades in Venezuela, as impressive as they are, fail to tell the complete story of changed lives — the lives of Venezuelans who came to know Christ as their Savior and the lives of 128 Tennessee Baptist volunteers who will never be quite the same as a result of their participation.

The Sept. 20-27 crusades reaped 3,904 total decisions — 2,924 professions of faith,

902 rededications, and 78 decisions for special service.

The September effort, which reached the far eastern and far western sections of Venezuela, followed similar crusades in August in the central region, when 228 Tennessee volunteers reported 3,407 professions of faith, 564 rededications, and 147 decisions for special service.

The two-month effort brought a total of 6,331 professions of faith, 1,466 rededications, and 225 special service decisions, for a grand total of 8,022 spiritual decisions.

This brings the statistics since the beginning of the Tennessee-Venezuela partnership to 8,521 professions of faith and more than 10,000 total spiritual decisions.

The volunteers were assigned to large cities with millions of people as well as small towns and rural areas.

They spent their mornings and afternoons, guided by Venezuelan Baptist church members, knocking on doors and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with anyone who would listen. The evenings were spent in revival services in churches, with the "Americano" preachers preaching and the lay volunteers singing and testifying.

Many of the Tennessee volunteers were amazed at the responsiveness of Venezuelans to the gospel.

On their first day in Maracaibo, three members of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville, went out for their first visits in the homes of unbelievers. The three members, Raymond Langlois, pastor, and church members Barbara Cragg and Barbara White, separated, joining members of Iglesia Bautista La Fe de Maracaibo (La Fe Baptist Church) to make one visit each.

They had professions of faith from every person they visited.

A husband, wife, and son were saved through the influence of one team, while

the other two teams each won a mother and daughter, for a total of seven professions of faith.

Claude Yow, a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Knoxville, went into one home where six men received Christ as their Savior. As he was talking to the man who lived at the house, one of his friends walked in and began to listen. Later during the visit, four others came in. Each responded.

What makes it even more remarkable is that Yow speaks no Spanish and the Venezuelan church members with him speak no English. Yow, like most of the other volunteers, simply used the witnessing materials that were printed in both English and Spanish, and pointed to the appropriate points.

The church where Yow was serving, Iglesia Bautista Cristo la Unica Esperanza (Christ the Only Hope Baptist Church), a 30-member congregation, saw 32 professions of faith during the week.

The church, located in Boca de Pozo, a fishing village of 10,000 people on the far west end of the Island of Margarita, was started through the Venezuelan Baptist radio program "Christ the Only Hope," after which the church was named.

Several people heard the program, wrote in, and received a visit from Venezuelan Home Missionary Boanerges D'Aranas, who brought them together to start a mission that grew into the church. D'Aranas has started each of the five churches and three missions on the island.

Wayne Robbins, a member of Nashville's Woodmont Baptist Church, told of a visit with an elderly woman and her daughter. Both received Christ. Robbins asked the older woman why she had never made such a decision before.

"No one ever told me before," she responded.

Robbins was the team leader at Iglesia Bautista Jesu Christo Es El Camino

(Jesus Christ is the Way) in Puerto la Cruz. The church was started about two years ago with 19 members. Today there are more than 200 members.

On the second Sunday of the crusade, more than 500 people crowded into the rented warehouse where the church meets. There were 62 professions of faith during the week and 93 total decisions.

Calixto Patricio, pastor of the church, is a Brazilian foreign missionary assigned to Venezuela. He started the church in Puerto la Cruz as well as its mother church, Iglesia Bautista Memorial, Barcelona.

Robbin's wife, Faye, told of visiting an economically deprived woman who received Christ. When Mrs. Robbins gave her a simple Spanish New Testament, the woman held it close to her heart and wept.

Paul Bryant, pastor of North Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, was stationed at Iglesia Bautista Cristo El Salvador (Christ the Savior), Guasipati, a remote area in eastern Venezuela.

The church, which has been without a pastor for three years, had declined to 12 members, mostly women. By the end of the week, there were 60 people in attendance.

"It was exciting to see men being reclaimed for Christ," said Bryant.

He also reported that one man, a geological engineer, made a decision to become a pastor.

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WITNESSING — Claude Yow (right), a member of Sharon Baptist Church, Knoxville, explains the good news of Jesus Christ to Juan Luis Carola, a resident of Venezuela's Margarita Island. Carola prayed to receive Christ as his Savior. Yow was among 128 volunteers involved in an evangelistic emphasis in Venezuela Sept. 20-27.



MUDSLIDE VICTIMS — Two Venezuelan women visit at the front door of a home that has been marked (X-mark on corner) to be torn down due to damage by the Sept. 6 mudslide in Maracay. (See story and additional photos on page 3.)

TBC moves toward \$22.5-million goal

Tennessee Baptists are closing in on the \$22,500,000 Cooperative Program goal, according to Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

When the books for September were closed, Madden reported that receipts for the first 11 months of the convention fiscal year amounted to \$19,845,651.33 — up \$1,131,400.49 over last year's total at the same time.

Gifts for September were \$2,026,248.51 — a gain of \$2,484.80 over September of 1986.

"To make our goal for the budget," said Madden, "it will take a very good month, but, based on the strength and generosity of Tennessee Baptist churches, we can do it." A total of \$1,875,000 will be needed.

"We express gratitude to our churches for their stewardship and generosity, and for the work they are doing," noted

the convention leader.

Madden is optimistic about reaching the amount needed, and noted that traditionally October is one of the best months in Cooperative Program giving by Tennessee Baptists. Several October totals are high on the list of "record" giving months by the churches.

Messengers to the 1986 TBC set the \$22.5-million Cooperative Program goal for the November 1986-October 1987 convention year.

Thus far, giving is \$779,348.67 under the goal for this date, a minus percentage of 3.78 — even though the giving goal is up by more than \$1.1-million. As reported, September's giving topped September 1986, which was the eighth highest month in TBC history.

If October giving holds to form, the Cooperative Program goal will be reached.

Editorials

Every reader can be a writer

We are examining and evaluating Baptist and Reflector policy on letters to the editor.

Letters from readers are important to the strength of the paper, especially when they have something to say. We encourage them.

Most of the current guidelines will remain in place because they are well-advised and sound. It is necessary to have guidelines. This portion of the paper is one of the most widely read. It is a forum, a place when Baptists can express themselves, speaking freely.

It is necessary, however, to have a limit to the frequency of letters from any one writer, and it is necessary to have a maximum length for letters.

Writers should remember that "letters to the editor" is similar to London's Hyde Park where citizens are guaranteed freedom to address any subject without fear of retaliation. It is comparable to street corners where anyone can speak out, graffiti, and it is free.

But we insist that writers use a greater measure of responsibility than Hyde Park or street corner speakers — or graffiti writers. While there is freedom to speak (write), topics should be relevant, of general or specific interest to Tennessee Baptists, positive in nature, edifying, and informative.

Here are some guidelines:

1. Space is valuable. Be succinct and concise. Letters longer than 300 words may be shortened by the editor.

2. Unsigned letters will not be read by the editor, nor will they be printed. The writer's name may be withheld for sufficient reason.

3. Letters must contain complete address and telephone number.

4. Only one letter per writer each thirty days will be allowed.

5. The editor may edit to clarify, but not to change the letter's meaning.

6. Letters must not make personal attacks on the character or integrity of individuals or groups.

7. Open letters, that is, letters addressed to a group or segment of Baptists, etc., will not, as a rule, be used.

8. Letters addressed to other persons, or letters that are directed to another letter writer, are not of prime interest.

9. Because of space limitations, writers are encouraged to address only those items which are pertinent, timely, or subjects or ideas concerning religion.

10. Letter writers should remember that every subscriber potentially is a writer of letters — and may respond to any issue that is addressed.

11. Letters from members of Tennessee Baptist Convention churches will have preference over those from elsewhere; copies (or duplicated) letters will not be used except in rare instances.

A good letters forum is a lively and popular portion of any Baptist paper. Baptists are people who have freedom to speak up, people who are not

reluctant to use that freedom, and who are open to new ideas.

We urge you, reader, to use that freedom to express yourself to other Baptists. Pick your subject, review the guidelines — and write to us! — WFA

Venezuela news from 'firsthand'

Be sure to read the story about the Venezuela Partnership in this week's Baptist and Reflector.

Tennessee Baptists are engaged in evangelism in Venezuela, and the Reflector has been keeping readers aware of what we have been doing there as the teams work.

However, with this week's edition, the information takes on a different flavor — because the Reflector's own associate editor, Charlie Warren, has just returned from an 11-day sojourn. He will have "on the scene" reports.

Warren spent the days in Venezuela taking notes, photographing the events, and participating in the work. He begins this week a series of stories descriptive of Tennessee Baptists' involvement in the partnership.

To gain in-depth information, read the entire series. — WFA

Gambling is demoralizing venture; vote 'no'

By David Drumel

Governor McWherter signed a horse track gambling bill in law on May 7, 1987, which legalized pari-mutuel betting on horses in Tennessee. Now all that must be done to have a race track with organized gambling is for the promoters of the project to get a municipality in the state with a population of 100,000 or more or any county (regardless of size) to pass a referendum to permit it.

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On August 6, Nashville voted NO and defeated the referendum. On October 8, we have the opportunity to do the same thing. In order to oppose and defeat this referendum there are different groups against gambling that have been formed.

These groups include civic leaders from a variety of backgrounds — business, law enforcement, religion, education, and entertainment. These groups are bound together by the conviction pari-mutuel gambling in Memphis would be detrimental to the quality of life in our great city, these people are calling others who share their conviction to join to defeat the referendum.

Why do we want to defeat this referendum? Let me share some thoughts on why Memphians should be against pari-mutuel gambling. First, gambling is a demoralizing venture. Thomas Dewey once said, "gambling has brought nothing but poverty, crime, corruption, demoralization of moral and ethical standards and ultimately a lower standard of living and misery for all people."

BSSB trustees act to expand facilities

NASHVILLE — The trustee executive committee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board approved Sept. 24 the purchase of 2.6 acres adjoining the board's downtown property as the first step toward implementing a master properties plan.

They also authorized expansion of the parking lot on the roof of the operations building to add 115 parking spaces for employees and visitors, with completion expected by December.

A warehouse formerly used as a railroad freight building is located on the CSX Transportation, Inc., property which adjoins the north end of the board's operations building. Purchase of the property Sept. 28 at a cost of \$2.069-million is being paid for out of fixed asset reserve funds.

The Nashville Master Properties Plan approved by the trustees in August includes plans to expand the

operations building for improved warehousing and distribution of materials and move the docking area to the north end of the warehouse from its present location on 10th Avenue North, a congested traffic area.

The plan, based on projected space needs of serving a denomination of 17.5-million members by the year 2000, also includes plans to purchase land underneath a portion of the operations building for which the board owns air rights and a purchase option and construct a multi-story office-conference building above the center of the operations building. — BP

Disaster effort unites Venezuela evangelicals

By Charlie Warren

Each day as she headed out to the site of the Sept. 6 mudslide in Maracay, Venezuela, Missionary Freida Adams asked God to help her keep from crying.

"If the tears once start, where will they end?" she asked.

Her husband, Ron, is the disaster relief coordinator for the Baptist Mission of Venezuela.

Until September, that has been a minor part of his responsibility as a Southern Baptist missionary. His primary assignment is to direct the Baptist Bible Institute in Valencia, about 30 miles from Maracay. Freida, a registered nurse, assists with church and home responsibilities and works with a clinic of First Baptist Church, Valencia.

But on Sept. 6, when the side of one of the gigantic mountains that hover over Maracay came crashing down with the force of a dozen tornados, the disaster relief assignment became a sobering reality.



HOMESTEADER — Originally from Italy, this man has lived in Venezuela for 35 years and his present home in Maracay for 27 years. Though his home, about half full of mud, is condemned to be torn down, he refuses to leave it. "They can bulldoze me away but I will not leave my home," he said. He has only the clothes on his back. Everything else was destroyed in the mudslide.

Statistics fail to tell the story because nobody can agree on the numbers. Estimates of the dead range from about 100 to more than 10,000. Statistics on the homeless are anywhere from 300 homes destroyed to 50,000 homeless.

"There is no way to estimate the death count or the count on the homeless," said Adams. But those who work in the area — military, civil defense officials Venezuela's Red Cross organization, and church workers — all agree that the lower estimates are far from accurate.

The disaster occurred during Sunday afternoon "siesta" time when most children and many adults were napping.

Reports indicate that it rained more in a 24-hour period than it usually rains in a month. As tons of mud fell from the mountainside, it collected in the already rain-swollen streams and rushed toward the valley below, carrying trees, boulders, houses, and cars along with it.

People said it was like an avalanche. They heard a rumble and those who could see the mountainside watched the soil and greenery simply slide off, leaving solid rock exposed.

Some thought it was an earthquake.

One eyewitness helplessly watched 60 cars drive into a spot where the road had been washed away and then plunge over the side of the mountain. It was raining so hard, the drivers could not see that the road was out.

Reports indicate that 700 cars had to be towed out of the area.

Places where homes once stood now are empty lots, with a few telltale signs that a house once occupied the spot. Further downstream, after the force of the slide had subsided, roofs of houses can be seen sticking up out of the mud. Others are completely buried.

When Adams learned of the disaster, he immediately went to work investigating. The next day, he was on the disaster site, along with Jacobo Garcia, executive director of the Venezuela Baptist Convention; Ben Kirby, chairman of the Baptist mission; Stan Parris, mission vice-chairman; and Arnoldo Arey, pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Amor de Dios (The Love of God Baptist Church) in Maracay. Adams was officially commissioned as a permanent civil defense chaplain.

By Sept. 9, all evangelical churches in the area had organized a committee to work together in a united relief effort. They established three disaster relief centers.

Evan Cordoza, pastor of Central Baptist Mission, headed one of the centers, assisted by his fellow Baptist pastor, Arnoldo Arey.



Each center has distributed food, medicine, clothing, and fresh water. Of the 30 evangelical pastors involved, 10 are Venezuelan Baptist pastors.

The Venezuela Baptist Convention provided mattresses for families that had lost everything. Churches all over Venezuela sent food, clothing, and other supplies to help the mudslide victims. Churches also have contributed about \$2,000 to support the relief efforts.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board disaster relief funds were earmarked for Maracay relief efforts.

Future possibilities include using FMB funds and volunteer labor to rebuild a school that was destroyed. Tennessee construction teams might be used to rebuild homes. Of course, Adams and other missionaries will need to work through all the proper channels to make the necessary arrangements.

"Baptists are doing everything the government will allow us to do," explained Freida Adams.

Edgar Herrera, chosen by the evangelical pastors to coordinate the disaster efforts in the El Limon community where much of the damage was done, explained the group's approach.

"The first objective is to work with our brothers in Christ who have been affected by the mudslide," he said.

Teams went door to door trying to

locate Christians who were left homeless and who needed help.

"The second objective is to help anyone who suffered damage," he noted. "As a result of the word being spoken on the streets while searching for Christian brothers and sisters, many unbelievers have come here. They've received food, water, clothes, and medicine."

The center where Herrera works, located at a free church seminary in El Limon, had distributed more than 10,000 meals during the three weeks following the mudslide. More than 100 volunteers — students and faculty at the seminary and evangelical church members — have worked in teams to help victims.

Herrera is director of field education and director of public relations for the seminary. He also is pastor of Manada Pezuena Baptist Church in Caracas, an independent Baptist church not related to the Venezuela Baptist Convention.

He said the emphasis is now shifting from emergency relief work to the area of crisis counseling.

"Not only is there a need for food, clothing, housing, and other material things, but we have sensed there are greater needs — emotional needs, spiritual needs," Herrera said.

"The shock of this has affected many different people in many different ways. Some have lost brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters," he continued.

"Everyday they are thinking about how this happened. They saw the mud come and sweep people away. They remember this, day after day, so they are walking around in a state of shock.

"One lady is lying on her bed in a state of shock. She can't do anything. Another woman has a rash that's broken out all over her body that is all from nerves.

"Children have lost their emotions. They don't laugh. They don't cry. They don't speak. They just walk around like zombies."

A Christian psychologist, Mark Maldonado, has been enlisted to train the pastors to do crisis counseling, using some of the materials that were used in similar disasters in Armero, Colombia, and Quito, Ecuador.

Tennessee Baptists wishing to contribute to future relief efforts in Maracay may send their contributions through the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board building in Brentwood, designated for the Maracay disaster relief fund. Such contributions will be channeled through the Foreign Mission Board relief funds to be used to aid the Maracay mudslide victims.

Venezuelan becomes God's man of hour

When Edgar Herrera began his duties on the staff of a free church seminary in Maracay, Venezuela, on Aug. 15, little did he know that he soon would be spending most of his waking hours doing disaster relief work.

It's as if God had sent him there to lend a hand to victims of the Sept. 6 mudslide that devastated a community near the seminary campus where Herrera serves as director of field education and director of public relations.

Earlier, Herrera had done his doctoral thesis on the subject, "Reflections on social ministries and responsibilities." His approach was to search the entire Bible, verse by verse, for truths that relate to how believers should minister to human need.

Despite the thesis, Herrera admits, "I had never thought of doing this kind of work (disaster relief). I came to the seminary to work. I never thought my first job here would be to work in a disaster.

"I thank the Lord that He allowed me this privilege," Herrera concluded. "I'm convinced this is what God has wanted me to do here. That's kept me going all of these weeks."



COORDINATING RESPONSE — Edgar Herrera (left), chosen by evangelicals to coordinate the disaster relief efforts at El Limon, near Venezuela's mudslide area, talks with Ron Adams (center), disaster relief coordinator for the Baptist Mission of Venezuela, and his wife, Freida.

Baptist pastors, layman join pari-mutuel gambling debate

By Dick Jensen

MEMPHIS — Economics rather than morality may decide an Oct. 8 vote on pari-mutuel gambling in Memphis if a televised debate is any indication. Earl C. Davis, pastor of First Church in Memphis, was one of six panelists who answered the question, "Horse Racing: Is It Worth the Gamble?" at an Oct. 1 debate on the campus of Memphis State University in Memphis.

Joining Davis in opposition to the horse trace in Memphis was Juvenile Court Judge William B. Ingram, a Southern Baptist layman. The third panelist speaking against pari-mutuel gambling was Fred Loftin, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, a black congregation in Memphis.

Davis emphasized quality of life as the central issue in the heated campaign.

"The track record of race tracks is not good," according to Davis. He reminded the audience that an early 20th century horse track in Memphis known as "The

Tennessee Derby" closed in 1907, not from church opposition, but from resistance from the business community.

Judge Ingram said Memphis will not gain economically as the proponents promise, but the city actually stands to lose \$3.5-million annually if this referendum succeeds. He claimed that a race track in Birmingham, Ala., lost \$8.3-million in the last six months.

Loftin added that race track-related jobs, which were promised to the black community in Birmingham, never materialized.

Ingram said horse racing is a dying sport and that tracks are closing in many parts of the nation.

None of the six panelists was eager to respond to the question, is horse racing a sin?

One of the proponents, Attorney D'Army Bailey, replied that the "sin dimensions" shouldn't be a part of the public debate. Davis made a distinction between morality and religion, saying, "It is immoral not to care about your neighbor." The pastor said, "I'm not an expert on gambling, but I'm an expert on people who are hurting." Because gambling hurts people, it cannot improve quality of life, Davis claimed.

When a panelist on the other side suggested that life is a gamble, Davis replied that life may be a risk, but it is not a gamble. Gambling, he said, involves one person gaining at the expense of someone's loss.

Judge Ingram claimed children are often the victims of gambling. He said a recent study at the Shelby County Juvenile Court revealed that during the racing season at a dog track in West Memphis, child support payments dropped by 10 percent.

The debate was sponsored by the Memphis Public Affairs Council, a non-partisan group which provides forums on timely issues. The debate was telecast by WHBQ-TV, Channel 13 in Memphis.

Davis and other Baptist ministers in Memphis are seeking the defeat of an Oct. 8 referendum to permit legalized gambling at a privately-owned horse track proposed for Memphis.

A similar proposal for Nashville was defeated earlier this year and Williamson and Rutherford Counties also are facing the issue.

Before his morning sermon on Oct. 4, Dr. Davis had urged his First Church congregation to vote against the race track proposal. In his pulpit that morning, however, he spoke more forcefully.

He told his listeners, which included a television audience on WREG-TV Memphis, "Gambling is a sin that needs to be defeated."

Charles Pratt serves Haywood association

Charles Pratt began serving as director of missions for the Haywood Baptist Association on Oct. 1, 1987.

Pratt, a Brownsville native, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

He previously served as pastor for several churches in Louisiana.



The Penningtons



Finley



Norman

Dyersburg to host students

About 500 college students will be distributing 5100 Scripture portions as a part of the 1978 State Student Convention Oct. 23-25 at First Baptist Church in Dyersburg.

Student summer missionaries will be reporting on their mission work, and Bob Norman, pastor of Clearview Baptist Church in Franklin, Dean Finley of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and Mike and Kristi Pennington, missionaries to Venezuela, will be speaking.

The students will also be meeting in

regional meetings and participating in numerous seminars and a business session. Recreation and special music by students complete the program.

State Baptist Student Union President Jennie Ogg of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro will preside at the sessions, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:45 a.m. on Oct. 25.

Those interested in more information should contact the TBC student department, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024.

Belmont names adult worker

NASHVILLE — As part of Belmont College's Adult Education Program, the college has named Francine Daniels, a 1987 graduate of Belmont, as its new Adult Student Coordinator. She will work with Belmont's Admissions Office to provide special assistance to students over age 25.

Daniels, who has a bachelor's degree in social work, knows what it's like to be an "older student."

"I didn't start school until I was 34 and my children were in high school," said Daniels, who lives in Hendersonville with her husband Ronnie and two sons.

As Adult Student Coordinator, Daniels said she will help adult students with questions about topics such as admission requirements, registration, and financial aid. Daniels will also assist them with any unique problems, such as time management, housing, or child care.

S. Hardwick accepts Highland Park post

Steve Hardwick recently began his pastorate with Highland Park Church in Columbia.

The Mississippi native is a graduate of Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Having served churches in Mississippi and Texas as well as Tennessee, his most recent pastorate was Sharon Church in Savannah.

Hardwick served as a volunteer chaplain at Hardin County General Hospital in Savannah. Denominational service includes being chairman of the missions committee and moderator for Shiloh Baptist Association.



Hardwick

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Union to inaugurate Barefoot

JACKSON — Union University will inaugurate Hyran E. Barefoot as the 14th president of the college on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel as a part of a week of inaugural activities.

Inaugural Week will begin on Oct. 8 when the Student Government Association of Union University sponsors a student dinner honoring the Barefoots. The third annual "Rolling on the River" Mississippi Riverboat cruise, Oct. 9 is for alumni, friends, and associates of the college. Reservations may be made through the office of alumni affairs at Union University.

On Oct. 13, a breakfast meeting will be held to give area business leaders an opportunity to meet the new president. The

breakfast will be followed at 9 a.m. by the groundbreaking ceremony for the new School of Business Administration building which is open to the public.

A banquet will be held on Oct. 13 for the school supporters for the previous fiscal year. A staff breakfast will be held on Oct. 14 and a faculty/trustee dinner on Oct. 15.

An inaugural concert will be sponsored by the Union University Department of Music on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. The program will feature both vocal and instrumental performances of faculty and students. The concert will be held in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel and is open to the public. It will be followed at 9:15 p.m. by a reception sponsored by the Union University Alumni Association.

The Inaugural Convocation will take place on Oct. 16. An anthem commissioned for the occasion, will be performed by the Union University Singers and will be conducted by Jordan Tang, music director for the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and artist-in-residence at Union University. The inaugural address is to be presented by Penrose St. Amant, senior professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The public is invited to the convocation and the reception which will follow.

John Laida announces December retirement

John Laida, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, has announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31. He celebrated his 27th anniversary with the church Sept. 1. During his pastorate, the membership of the Clarksville church has doubled.

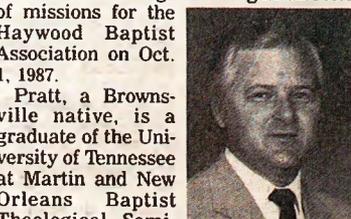
Prior to coming to Tennessee Laida served pastorates in Kentucky, including First Church in Fulton, Auburn and Mayslick churches.

He also served as pastor of Bellingham Baptist Church in Massachusetts. Laida was graduated from Gordon College in Boston, Mass., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He did additional graduate work at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Denominational service includes serving on the board of directors for the Western Recorder in Kentucky, on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, and as president of the Tennessee Pastors' Conference. He has also served as a trustee for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Belmont College, and the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.



Laida



Pratt

Robert E. Lee dies

Robert E. Lee, retired pastor, died Sept. 28 at St. Thomas Hospital, in Nashville, after a brief illness. He was 73 years old. Lee was a member of Caney Fork Church in Cookeville.

The funeral was at Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home in Cookeville and burial was in Woodlawn Funeral Home in Nashville.

Lee is survived by his wife, Hazel Ward Parrott Lee of Cookeville, two daughters, a son, stepson, a brother, four sisters, and six grandchildren.

Woody accepts post

Deep Gap Church, Del Rio, has called James Woody as pastor. This is his first pastorate.

Woody began Sept. 6, as the church's pastor, and was ordained Sept. 20.

Presently, Woody is a student at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.

Committee plans study of funding for PAC

NASHVILLE (BP) — The question of who gets \$448,400 designated for "public affairs" in the 1987-88 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program allocations budget will be studied by a five-person committee appointed during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

The committee, to be chaired by Scott Humphrey, a real estate broker from Alexandria, Va., will study "the details of the funding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the funding of the Public Affairs Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and develop procedures to be recommended for the funding," and report Feb. 22-24.

The question of "public affairs funding" was handed to the Executive Committee in late August when the reconstituted SBC Public Affairs Committee requested written clarification of an action at the 1987 annual meeting of the SBC which restructured and gave new responsibilities to the 18-member PAC, a standing committee which relates to the BJCPA, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

The request asked clarification "as to whether or not" the intent of the action which restructured the PAC "was that funds allocated for the Public Affairs Committee were to be disbursed to that committee for their distribution to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs by vote" of the PAC.

A special fact-finding committee of the Executive Committee spent a year studying the matter before bringing a rewritten bylaw 18 to the 1987 SBC annual meeting in St. Louis. Messengers overwhelmingly adopted the bylaw which revised membership of the PAC, as well as gave it instructions to "work with" the BJCPA, but also to "function as a separate committee serving the Southern Baptist Convention."

During the 50-year history of the BJCPA, members of the PAC, by virtue of election to that committee, have been SBC representatives on the BJCPA board. Funding of the BJCPA has been provided through the Cooperative Program allocation budget, while funding for the PAC has been provided through the convention operating budget, administered by the Executive Committee. Traditionally, the PAC has met only in conjunction with the BJCPA, and only in recent years has it met separately.

The matter was complicated because the bylaw revision did not address the question of funding, and because the line item in the 1987-88 CP budget simply listed the \$448,400 to go to "public affairs."

Although the matter was discussed only briefly during the Executive Committee's plenary session, it was discussed at length during a meeting of the program and budget subcommittee, whose responsibilities include the allocation of financial resources to SBC entities. The creation of the study committee was a compromise between two other recommendations, one of which suggested providing funds to the PAC and another which declined to fund the PAC.

Subcommittee members were told they should consider seriously the SBC constitution and bylaws, as well as the program statement of the PAC and BJCPA, before making a decision.

In addition to Humphrey, members are Tommy Hinson, a pastor from West Memphis, Ark.; C. Ray Fuller, a director of associational missions from Joliet, Ill.; James Baucom, a pastor from Martinsville, Va.; and Ann Smith, a homemaker from Greensboro, N.C.

Also to serve with the committee as ex-officio but voting members will be Cotheran and Executive Committee Chairman Charles Sullivan, a pastor from Lenoir City.

In a short meeting following the conclusion of the Executive Committee session, Humphrey told Baptist Press the committee will keep a narrow focus and concentrate only on the details of the funding.

The committee scheduled two meetings, both to be held in Nashville, one for Oct. 15-16 and the other for Dec. 10-11. It also will meet with the program and budget subcommittee meeting Jan. 20-22.

Tennessee volunteers report...

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Many of the volunteers expressed amazement at the active involvement of Venezuelan youth, many of whom were involved in the door-to-door witnessing teams.

"I was impressed by the young people and their eagerness to evangelize and their love for the Lord," said Wayne

Hayes, a member of First Baptist Church, McMinnville.

Incidentally, Hayes' son, Michael, 16, served as a team member.

"The Bible says a child shall lead them," said Bill Cordell of First Baptist Church, Cartwright. "We've been shown by children how to witness for God."

Missionary Joe Powell reported that

64.2 percent of Venezuela's population is 24 or younger.

Some found the trip to be a growing experience.

Jane Taylor, a member of University Parkway Baptist Church in Johnson City, was supposed to be a team member. When the team arrived at their Maracaibo assignment, however, they learned that the team needed to be divided to serve two churches.

Taylor became a team leader. This meant she was to be the speaker during the evening services at one of the churches. She had never "preached" before and had done no advance preparation.

"I get nervous getting up in front of my Sunday School class," she admitted.

But she did it anyway.

Earl Guth and Bart Thigpen were assigned to El Dorado, a remote town of 2,000 in eastern Venezuela, which Guth described as "beyond the uttermost part of the earth."

Guth was one of the few non-Tennesseans among the volunteers. He is from Port Richey, Fla. Thigpen is from Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

Despite staying in a hotel with no air-conditioning in 100-degree weather and fighting mosquitos all week, the team reported 64 decisions for Christ. In one service, 12 Venezuelans committed themselves to become titheers.

"We thank God for the experience," Guth quipped. "But the next time we hope it's not there."

The crusades in Maracaibo concluded with a citywide campaign featuring U.S. Astronaut Jim Irwin. The first night, held in a local stadium, attracted 7,000 people and resulted in about 200 decisions.

As the teams ended their work with Venezuelan Baptists, they were overwhelmed by the fellowship they had experienced with Venezuelan "hermanos en Cristo" (brothers in Christ).

At departure time, tears flowed and embraces lingered.

"I was amazed at the strong personal relationships that can develop in a week," said Phyllis Godwin, a member of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville.

It was a week of changed lives that will not be soon forgotten by the volunteers or by Venezuelans.



PREACHING TO A CROWD — Raymond Langlois, pastor of Nashville's Judson Baptist Church, preaches to an overflow crowd at La Fe Baptist Church in Maracaibo.



SHARING THEIR FAITH — Steve Godwin (left) of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, and Ladimiro Urdaneta (right) presented the gospel to Carlos (second from left) and Omar. Both men received Christ as Savior.



PREACHING THROUGH AN INTERPRETER — James Robertson (left photo), pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Knoxville, preaches in Barcelona with help from Ruth Ramirez, his interpreter for the week. Johnny Godwin (right



photo) director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Holman Division and a member of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, preaches in Merida through interpreter Jose Villalobos.

Larry Lewis interprets board policies for editors

By Leisa Hammett-Goard

ATLANTA (BP)— Larry Lewis told Baptist state newspaper editors he will uphold Southern Baptist Home Mission Board policies, even if he personally disagrees with them.

Lewis, who was in his 15th week as HMB president when the board hosted the editors in Atlanta Sept. 23-24, additionally explained his interpretation of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee recommendations and the SBC political struggle. He also was questioned about board policies on divorce and glossolalia — both recent decisions — and women in ministry.

HMB trustee committees studied divorce and glossolalia and completed their recommendations before he became president, Lewis said. He noted he is not completely satisfied with the final policy on divorce. Still, he said the policy probably is the best one possible and matches Southern Baptist majority beliefs.

The new policy states divorced people rarely will be appointed or approved for HMB service unless their divorce was based on "biblical rationale." That rationale was defined as being limited to adultery or fornication and desertion or physical abandonment by a spouse.

The policy, adopted during the July 29 board meeting, also states no divorced individual will be considered for a pastoral role unless the divorce meets the biblical guidelines and the applicant has not remarried.

"I wish there were some provision for those whose marriages failed prior to their conversion," Lewis said. He em-

phasized the board will consider divorced people for missionary appointment to other types of service if the divorce is determined to be biblically based.

Prior to 1966, the board did not appoint divorced people, said Lewis, adding the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board still maintains such a policy. He also noted divorcees already are serving on the home mission field and will continue to be appointed to non-pastoral positions.

Individuals applying for missionary status also will be asked if they practice glossolalia, or "speaking in tongues." A new policy states the board will not appoint a person who actively practices glossolalia.

When the recommendation was presented to the board's administrative committee, Lewis suggested deleting the word "charismatic" because of its ambiguity. He also recommended the policy be qualified by adding the word "publicly." The policy would then have read that the HMB would appoint no person who publicly practices glossolalia. The committee did take his suggestion to delete "charismatic" but did not qualify the policy with "publicly."

Lewis told editors he is ready to lay aside the divorce and glossolalia issues and continue with board business: "I am anxious to get the war over so there can be peace. I am in quandry about how much we have to continue discussing issues which should be put to rest when we raise our hands and take a vote. . . . We have voted our convictions and established our policy. Now let's go on reaching this nation for Christ."

Lewis said convention struggles have kept Southern Baptists from moving on to other issues. He noted in 1979, 1980 and 1981 the SBC took a conservative stance on the authenticity of the Bible: "I think it has been the political activities in recent years that have really divided us. Grassroots Southern Baptists have no real disagreement on the authority, authenticity and veracity of the Bible. Whenever that has been the issue at the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist votes have overwhelmingly affirmed the Bible."

Moving to another issue of controversy, Julian Pentecost, editor of the Virginia *Religious Herald*, told Lewis, "A lot of Southern Baptists are having difficulty catching the fire in your bones for starting churches when they feel penalized" by the board's decision last year not to appoint women as mission pastors.

Lewis said if the board administered a policy appointing women as pastors it would be contrary to the wishes of Baptist grassroots and the practices of most Southern Baptist churches. "We do not have the liberty to administer policies contrary to the convention," he said, adding that in its actions, the convention clearly has stated its views opposing women as pastors.

"The issue is not women's ordination, but women serving as pastors. We have several ordained women serving as missionaries, but we will not appoint women as mission pastors."

Lewis said he does not believe in ordaining women as pastors or deacons.

Referring to this and other policies, Lewis said he is responsible for and would back all board decisions since he assumed office in June. "They may not be my fault, but I stand behind every policy, whatever it is and whether or not it is my opinion," he said.

Lewis and editors concluded their dialogue by discussing the new president's interpretation of the Peace Committee recommendations. The day prior

Convention elects new executive

HARRISBURG, Pa.— Wallace A.C. Williams was unanimously elected executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey during a called meeting of the convention's executive board Sept. 19. He will assume the position Nov. 1.

Williams is pastor of Madison (N.J.) Baptist Church and will be the fourth executive since the formation of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey convention in 1970.

He has been a pastor in the Northeast for 13 years, serving Wilton (Conn.) Baptist Church prior to the Madison pastorate. The Wilton and Madison churches were leaders in gifts to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget, as well as contributions to Metro New York Baptist Association and state Baptist missions offerings. Madison Baptist Church has helped start 12 chapels.

Williams is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, the University of Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Williams was president of the Baptist Convention of New York in 1978-1980 and was on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has been vice-chairman of the Northeast task team on theological education.

His wife is the former Judith Wilson of Mayfield, Ky. The Williams have a daughter, Cynthia, and a son, Peter. —BP

to the editors' briefing, Lewis sent a memorandum to HMB elected staff, asking them to read and affirm the Baptist Faith and Message statement and talk with him if they have any problems with its contents. A similar letter to missionaries and missionary associates will be mailed within a few days, he said.

The memo and letter are not an attempt to "weed out or ostracize" employees or missionaries, but they are following the "clear directive" of the Peace Committee, he said.

"How do we know if they (employees and missionaries) affirm the Baptist Faith and Message if we do not ask them?" he questioned.

Lewis explained he derived the directive from the total Peace Committee report. He acknowledged that although the report states the theological position of seminary professors and staff be determined, he took another section, which says the theological position of employees at institutions receiving SBC support should be determined, also as a recommendation.

He also noted Peace Committee Chairman Charles Fuller "made it clear that the recommendations were meant to apply to all agencies, not just seminaries."

"The process of qualifying employees on doctrinal bases is not anything new," said Lewis. "SBC agencies have always carefully scrutinized and qualified their employees. Some seminaries require faculty members to publicly sign a statement of faith. I guess the only new aspect of our recent action would be how seriously you take the matter of the Bible being truth without mixture of error and how you define that particular concept."

Lewis showed the editors a questionnaire that had been used for the past several years and has been expanded to include convention recommendations. Future missionaries and elected staff will be asked 11 questions including a testimony of the applicant's conversion experience; beliefs and understanding about God, Jesus, the inspiration and authority of the Bible, miracles and the Bible's historical narratives; evangelism concepts and practices; and belief about the Baptist Faith and Message Article I, stating the Bible has "truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter."

Lewis said the questions, excluding the one about the Baptist Faith and Message, have been used for several years. He added these parameters leave plenty of room for SBC moderates and conservatives.

Jack Bryner of the Florida *Baptist Witness* told Lewis that Southern Baptists perceive that he was an HMB presidential candidate of the conservative party.

Lewis agreed that perception could exist. However, he said he has not been involved in the convention's partisan politics: "I have specifically, definitely and continually kept myself apart from the political activity. I have stood very strongly as a college president and now as board president, behind a conservative doctrinal stance. That is who I am; that is what I have been. But I have not been involved in those political maneuvers."

Lewis added that when he was pastor of Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, he was asked to be a state coordinator for the conservative resurgency. "I not only refused that request, I adamantly opposed an effort I thought would be divisive," he said.

He said he still is opposed, as president, to being involved in partisan efforts. "At the Home Mission Board, we will not be involved in the partisan politics of the Southern Baptist Convention," he promised.

Association dismisses church

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (BP)— Missouri's Greene County Baptist Association dismissed Rolling Hills Baptist Church from its membership Sept. 22.

The Springfield congregation was charged with deviating from the association's "historic interpretation of Scripture" in reference to glossolalia, or "speaking in tongues."

An estimated 90 percent of participating messengers at the association's annual meeting voted to dismiss Rolling Hills from associational membership.

The action culminated two years of study, discussion and action on the situation, said Jim Joslin, Greene County Association director of missions. A news

released distributed by association officials following the meeting said, "The association has been faced with the choices of appearing to treat a church uncharitably or of seeming to accept the excesses and errors of the modern 'charismatic movement.'"

Noting "a delicate balance between freedom of conscience and doctrinal integrity," the release said, "The association must stand on the side of sound doctrine and say lovingly but firmly that modern 'charismatic' doctrines do not fit with basic New Testament theology."

Speaking in tongues by Rolling Hills members and their belief that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is separate from salvation have been points of concern within the association since 1985, Joslin told Word and Way, newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

This February, the association's executive board requested the association's church relations committee to investigate rumors concerning the congregation's beliefs and practices. That request led to four major meetings dealing with the Rolling Hills issue.

The association's administrative committee ultimately drafted the recommendation to remove the congregation. In addition to concern over Rolling Hills' deviation from the association's interpretation of Scripture, the action to oust the church also claimed Rolling Hills' "differences are creating discord among our churches." The motion also noted other churches in the association "wish them well in the direction they have chosen to go."

Howard Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church of Republic, was the first messenger to speak against the motion. "This is our sister church," he insisted. "Do you separate yourself from your sister because you disagree with her? We are family."

Adult center earns award

The Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City recently was awarded the Loudon County Beautification award for its courtyard, which has been a project of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Lenoir City for over 10 years.

The award is given four times a year. Earl Brackett, president of the church's Brotherhood organization, reported that the members come regularly with their own equipment to maintain the landscaping, flowers, and even some tomatoes for the center residents to eat.

Ruth Kirk is another volunteer from the church who comes almost daily to work in the garden.

The activities director at the center, Alice Wade, said that the residents visit the garden and receive a lot of enjoyment from it.

The Baptist Health Care Center is under the direction of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes Inc, based in Brentwood.



Tennessee/Venezuela prayer net partnership

—Venezuelan home missionaries having birthdays include Eunice Moran, on Oct. 4; and Enrique Montoya, Carolina Sanchez, and Joe Cruz, on Oct. 6.

—The construction team from Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville, working at the new camp site Oct. 3-16 includes Scott Bolton, James Hull, William Rosenbalm, Ron Mouser, Jerry Trivette, and Franklin Stidham.

—The construction workers from Judson Church, Nashville, going to the camp Oct. 12-23 are Johnnie and Phyllis Hall, Gregg and Lisa Hall, James and Maurice Ault, Edward and Joanne James, Keith and Cathey Norton, Lonnie Atkinson, and Rick Burton.

—Pray for the citywide crusade in Maracaibo this week being led by Astronaut James Irwin, Calixto Patricio, a Brazilian evangelist, and Harold Finch, director of a mission volunteer foundation in Kansas.

One Word More

By W. Fletcher Allen

My mind has been trying for several weeks to let my body know that something is wrong. The body is a tough nut — it does not want to admit that anything is amiss.

It seems quite willing to plunge ahead, regardless of the ultimate cost. My mind has even tried to remind the body that it is part of that holy temple that Jesus so plainly described in the New Testament.



Allen

Well, I really can't blame my body. It has for many years tried to perform the necessary functions without protest. Sometimes I have pushed it beyond its normal limits — it has been faithful.

Like a strong, solid, stubborn mule —

Home missionary to Cuba dies

ATLANTA — Herbert Caudill, a Southern Baptist home missionary to Cuba for 40 years, died Sept. 29 in Atlanta.

Caudill, 84, was a native of Clinchport, Va. Caudill was appointed to Cuba in 1929, where he was pastor of Havana's First Baptist Church and two Spanish-language churches.

He later taught at the Baptist seminary in Havana and in 1947 became superintendent of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board work in Cuba.

In 1965, after Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba, Caudill and his missionary son-in-law, David Fite, were imprisoned and accused of illegal currency exchange. Caudill was given a 10-year sentence but was released 20 months later due to failing eyesight.

He received treatment and remained in Cuba with his wife and daughter until Fite was released in 1969. The Caudills then retired in Atlanta.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and his children, Jane Pringle, a home missionary with her husband in New Orleans; Herbert Caudill, a foreign missionary in Ecuador with his wife; and Margaret Fite, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, where her husband teaches at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. — BP

it answers the call, seldom being guilty of forced rest.

I am reminded of a car our family once had. It was a classic 1940 model Ford, dark blue, and (for that day) made with a stout engine and sleek lines.

We were proud of it, especially me, the teenage boy.

My father reached a profound decision, a decision born of necessity. It was time to trade cars. The Ford had reached that age when you had to consider a good trade, or outright sale, "to get my money's worth."

The prospective buyer did the usual things buyers do. He checked the mileage, looked for serious bumps and dents, cranked up the engine and listened to it purr. My father decided after a while that it was time to throw in the clinker.

"That is a good car," he said, "and the only reason we're selling is that I've decided to buy a newer car."

"Look," he said, "it's in great condition. We have taken care of it. I believe in preventive maintenance. Here, son," he said, turning to me. "Show him the engine again."

I snapped the latch and pulled up the hood. "Check the oil," said dad, "show him how clean the dipstick is. It never uses any oil."

I obliged. I pulled out the dipstick, glanced at it, and did another check. This time the prospect leaned over to look at the dipstick.

My father said again, "It never uses any oil."

The buyer and I looked at the stick with amazement. There was no oil on it. No clean oil, no dirty oil — no oil of any description. The stick indeed was clean.

The prospect, who happened to be a family friend, laughed with one of those loud, spontaneous explosive noises. "No wonder the car doesn't use any oil, Fred," he said, laughing again, "there isn't any in it!"

I guess there's a point to be made there. The car wouldn't have gone many more miles without being hauled in for repairs — without proper care.

Just like that old car, I have discovered that my body needs some repair. It isn't short of oil — but it does need some overhauling.

So my mind has finally communicated with my body. I am being directed to Nashville's Baptist Hospital for a few days — and then my body will tell my mind — "Don't give me any orders that require moving around very much. I am going to rest for a while."

That is good. They agree. Most importantly, my spirit can take over, and God's very own healing process can begin. It works better when the entire being participates.

Carson-Newman youth event to feature Clawson, Melzoni

JEFFERSON CITY — Grammy Award-winning Christian singer Cynthia Clawson will visit Carson-Newman College for an appearance at the college's Celebrate '87 youth rally on Oct. 31. The rally, which will be led by Tom Melzoni, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, will be held in C-N's Holt Field House.

Clawson, who has won three Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association in addition to her Grammy, last year released her eighth record album. She has also starred in the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission film, "Bright New Wings," and her voice may be heard on the soundtrack of the film, "The Trip to Bountiful."

Melzoni came to pastor the Oak Ridge church from First Church in Dallas, where he served as assistant pastor.

Celebrate '87 will begin with registration for youth groups at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pre-

rally entertainment will be provided by C-N's Something Special and other student performing groups.

Alan Duncan, minister of activities at First Church in Cleveland, will be master of ceremonies for the rally and a football game between C-N and Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., also will be held.

Cost for church youth groups for Celebrate '87 will be \$5 per person. Lunch, the rally, and a ticket to the football game are included in the price. For information about reservations, persons should contact Carson-Newman College, Church Relations Office, Box 1843, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

Personal Perspective



By Tom Madden
TBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Leaders of 'seniors' to meet at camp

The two-day 1987 Senior Adult Leadership Retreat at Camp Carson in Newport will provide training for senior adults and their leaders.

The Oct. 30-31 retreat will be led by Charles Norton, retired director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention church training department; Sam Satterfield, senior adult consultant of the family ministry department at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville; Eugene Spencer, retired minister of music at First Baptist Church in Old Hickory; and Don Mauldin, director of adult work for the TBC church training department.

The number of participants is limited to 100 and the cost is \$18 for meals, lodging, and insurance. The retreat begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. the next day.

Persons wishing more information may contact the TBC church training department, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024.

Union enrollment hits 1761 record

Union University's fall enrollment reached a record high this fall as the number of students registering for classes rose to 1,761. The freshman class was the largest ever with an enrollment of 403.

The school's total headcount is up by nearly 14 percent over 1986, Hyran Barefoot, Union University president, said. Enrollment of full-time students (FTE) increased from 1,323 to 1,515. FTE is the figure on which the college predicates its operating budget for the academic year, Barefoot noted.

"Our new program at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, a new approach to marketing the institution, and a renewed interest by alumni and friends in recommending Union to prospective students have all paid great dividends," Barefoot said.

Seventy-six percent of the enrollment comes from the 21 counties of west Tennessee. Madison County posted the greatest number of students with 359, followed by Shelby with 294, and Gibson with 109.

Nearly 83 percent of the student body is from Tennessee, with the rest coming from 27 other states and 11 foreign countries.

Our nearly 3700 foreign missionaries, sharing the gospel in 111 countries, face untried paths of loneliness. Love them as we might, they are separated from us and we are separated from them. Yet they are not alone for the Christ is with them.

"And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). The great task that our Lord gave to His disciples was to make Christ known to "every creature," "in all the world," "among all nations," "unto the uttermost part of the earth." However, our Lord knew that men do not long march into enemy territory if their leader does not march at the head or take the field with them.

I believe Jesus was saying that if we go where He asks us to go, that we would have Him with us wherever we went.

This is not the first time this promise had been given. God had said to Jacob, "I am with thee" (Genesis 28:15). Moses, as he watched the bush that burned and yet was not consumed, heard God say, "I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12). David proclaimed, "Thou art with me" (Psalms 23:4).

I believe all the Old Testament promises and Moses were caught up with supreme finality in the words of Jesus: "And lo, I am with you always." "Always" stretches into the future and reaches to the ends of the earth. There is the spiritual reality of His presence.

His presence is also a continuing reality, "Even unto the end of the world." I understand that in the literature of the first century there were those who thought of their age as the last in a series of ages, and this last age was drawing to its end, or consummation. Thus the Lord's promise to be a continuing reality until that end comes and that new age begins.

I have read that David Livingston, after 16 years in Africa, found himself surrounded by savage tribesmen one night. He thought about fleeing but placed his finger on this promise and later wrote, "It is the word of a gentleman of the most strict and sacred honour, so there's an end of it."

Later, as he planned to return to Scotland and was being critically questioned as to why he wanted to return to Africa, he answered that he was going back on the strength of that promise. "For," he said, "on those words I staked everything, and they never failed."

Amen! So be it, Lord!

Peace Committee seeks to avoid watchdog role

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP)— The Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee "did not draft a creedal statement," nor is it a "watchdog," Charles Fuller told members of the SBC Executive Committee during their September meeting.

Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va., and chairman of the 22-member group that has studied the SBC controversy, reported to the Executive Committee on how the committee plans to go about its new role and responsibility.

In addition to hearing Fuller's report, members of the Executive Committee also acted on two other matters relating to the group:

- Adopted a report responding to the convention on the theological stance of the 19 employees of the Executive Committee, the most specific response yet adopted by entities of the SBC that have taken action on the report. The action also gives the strictest instructions to current employees of any of the entities that have responded.

- Named Perry R. Sanders, pastor of First Church, Lafayette, La., to replace W. Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Texas, who resigned after the report was adopted in St. Louis in protest of continuation of the committee to monitor the responses of the agencies, and appointed David Maddox, a Fullerton, Calif., land developer and immediate past chairman of the Executive Committee, to replace William O. Crews, who resigned because he has become president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Fuller told the committee the report and recommendations "are no longer the property of the Peace Committee. The report and recommendations were adopted by the convention, hence, we are all now in the posture of seeking to carry them out in ways which will engender reconciliation in our fellowship."

He said the committee "expects to maintain the lowest profile possible prior to the annual convention (in San Antonio). We feel the responsibility for our report is now in the hands of the convention which adopted it, through the trustees of its entities. We firmly believe in the trustee process and now that process is to be honored and given its opportunity to function.

"We intend to magnify the trustee process and wait upon the emergence of its leadership," he added, saying the Peace Committee probably will meet "sometime between April 25-29, 1988, dependent upon the availability of the Peace Committee members, the agency and institution presidents, and the trustee chairpersons of those agencies and institutions."

Fuller said the date will allow all of the national entities of the SBC to have met and had time to prepare "a written report ... to be sent in advance ... regarding the progress and process of facilitating the recommendations the convention has adopted."

All members of the Peace Committee were hesitant about continuance, he said: "We recognize the dangers inherent in such an assignment.

"We are not to be a watchdog committee, and it is our intent to keep our spirit above that plane," he said, adding the "interest of peace would not be served but rather might be threatened if the assignment of observing responses to the report

were given to a new committee or to the Executive Committee or given to no one, opening an arena of self-appointment to anyone and everyone who wished to draft an unofficial evaluation for the convention to debate."

The chairman also told the Executive Committee the Peace Committee "gave equal importance to all sections of the report. Such was clearly stated by the chairman when he told the convention messengers that the report section was foundational to the recommendation section. That ... was the unanimous conclusion of the committee."

Fuller continued: "With immediate respect to that segment of the findings section, listing four examples of what we concluded most Southern Baptists believe concerning the Baptist Faith and Message statement on the Bible, it must again be pointed out, we did not draft a creedal statement. We said the four statements on scriptural position were examples of dominant Southern Baptist belief. We did not intend them to become creedal. We said what we meant, not what some have said we meant."

The four statements, included in the report, say the Peace Committee "found that most Southern Baptists see truth without any mixture of error for its matter," as meaning, for example, that:

1. They believe in direct creation of mankind and therefore they believe Adam and Eve were real persons.
2. They believe the named authors did indeed write the biblical books attributed to them by those books.
3. They believe the miracles described in Scripture did indeed occur as supernatural events in history.
4. They believe that the historical narratives given by biblical authors are indeed accurate and reliable as given by those authors.

Fuller said that although "one section specifically pertains to seminary administrators and faculty members, the general thrust of the recommendation, regarding the building of future staffs, applies to all Southern Baptist agencies and entities."

That recommendation, he pointed out, "put the emphasis upon the building of future staffs and faculties. The committee has repeatedly said, within its deliberations, and openly, we do not believe the solution to our controversy is to be found in the wholesale dismissal of existing staffs and faculties."

"Those who serve, teach, and work within the guidelines of the Baptist Faith and Message, in our view, are secure and should continue to be. If they do not serve, or have not served, within the guidelines ... they should be answerable to the trustees of the entity they serve whether a Peace Committee had ever existed or not," he said.

In its official response to the report, the Executive Committee adopted, without dissenting vote, a statement which assures the convention "that the professional staff of the Executive Committee over the years has accepted the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted in 1963 as a whole and specifically that portion which addresses the Scriptures. ..."

During the discussion in subcommittee, members, by a one-vote margin, inserted the reference to illustrations and the final sentence, putting the Executive Committee on record as adopting the most specific interpretation of the Peace Committee report and most strict instruction to any of the agencies which have acted on the document.



EMMANUEL ORGANIZES — Emmanuel Chapel met in Gatlinburg Sept. 27 to organize as a church. The congregation heard an organizational sermon by J. V. James, retired pastor and former director of missions in Tennessee associational work, and in its first business, called Earl Jones as pastor. The church also voted to give five percent of its budget gifts to Sevier County Association, and 15 percent through the Cooperative Program. Fletcher Allen, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, represented the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Frank Proffitt represented the association. From left, James, Rev. and Mrs. Jones, Proffitt.

CLC supports legislature to ban 'dial-a-porn' calls

WASHINGTON (BP)— The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has joined other groups urging Congress to pass legislation that would ban "dial-a-porn" telephone numbers.

During Sept. 30 testimony before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, a 1987 Southern Baptist Convention resolution denouncing dial-a-porn was entered into the record at the request of the CLC.

In Nashville, CLC Executive Director N. Larry Baker said his agency was "encouraged that no support was offered for the current state of dial-a-porn." He noted every witness who offered testimony during the one-day hearing, including the chief lobbyist of the American Civil Liberties Union, "shares the opinion that something must be done to keep dial-a-porn out of the hands of America's youth."

Besides introducing the SBC resolution into the record of proceedings, the CLC joined itself to testimony offered by William D. Swindell, president and national director of Citizens for Decency Through Law, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based group.

Swindell said since dial-a-porn was introduced in New York City four years ago, the industry has grown from a single service operating nationally from New York headquarters to many such services "operating in every major city." The motive, he testified, is profit.

"Defense attorneys for this illicit industry readily admit that dial-a-porn numbers cannot be kept from children," he said. "They argue that it is the price we must pay to assure freedom of speech. But are they really concerned about the First Amendment? What is their real motivation? Money."

Swindell urged passage of the proposed law, H.R. 1786, that would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ban such services. Current law, enacted in 1983, permits access to dial-a-porn numbers for adults. The new law, if passed, would prohibit the numbers altogether, according to a staff member for Rep. Thomas J. Bliley Jr., R-Va., the measure's primary sponsor. The aide explained further the new law would benefit U.S. attorneys — the federal government's prosecuting at-

torneys — in seeking criminal and civil penalties against the dial-a-porn industry. Swindell testified the legislation would pass Constitutional review, because the Supreme Court "has repeatedly held that where the interests of children are at stake the government is fully justified in regulating (even) non-obscene material."

(Among Swindell's associates at Citizens for Decency Through Law is Southern Baptist layman Alan Sears, a staff attorney. Sears is a former member of the SBC Executive Committee and was the executive director of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography.)

Another witness, the U.S. attorney for Utah, Brent Ward, told of a case he had prosecuted against a dial-a-porn company that provided recordings describing sodomy, rape, incest, bestiality, sadomasochism and excretion. Noting that one boy who testified in the case had made more than 700 calls to the company, Ward said he had engaged a psychologist to evaluate the effect on youngsters of such cumulative exposure to the obscene calls.

Ward said the psychologist, Victor Cline, concluded the recorded messages "had a powerful addictive effect that influenced the behavior of the children in varying degrees depending upon the number and frequency of calls."

Literacy rally set

The state's first Literacy Missions Celebration Rally will be sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention missions department. It will meet at First Baptist Church in Nashville Oct. 31.

Mary Allred, associate in literacy missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, from Nashville; Lillian Issacs, retired HMB literacy missions consultant; Mildred Blankenship of the HMB church and community ministries department; Ada Young, HMB literacy missions consultant, from Louisville, Ky.; and Burt Dyson, foreign missionary in Sierra Leone; will speak.

The rally will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Lunch will cost \$3.50. Persons should preregister by Oct. 23 by contacting the TBC missions department, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024.

Members' responses develops successful pastors

This is the second of a series on church conflict. — Editor.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. (BP)— Southern Baptist pastors who find success in ministry often have the gifts of trust, caring, and security — which they have received from loving church members.

Richard Plyler has learned in 25 years as pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, N.C., that pastors cannot assume a role of ministry and trust without permission.

"You can't make somebody trust you, but you can generate an atmosphere of acceptance and respect," Plyler said. "Whether I agree or disagree with church members, I can always get across respect for their opinions, which potentially generates respect for me."

As the longest-tenured pastor in Kings Mountain Baptist Association, Plyler has seen and dealt with many areas of change and conflict, some of which potentially were divisive to the fellowship of the church.

"In my first pastorate, I ran away from change and conflict," he explained. "When I moved to the second church, all I did was change my address. Then I

begun to realize, where there are two or more people gathered together, there is potential and likelihood for disagreement.

"I also realized that it is not necessary for me to always get my way. When someone decides to get one's own way, there is a price to be paid. When people feel like they are being heard, however, something happens psychologically. It is the same as feeling loved and accepted."

Seven to 12 years is needed for a trust level to be established between pastor and church members, Plyler maintained. Genuine trust is not just a surface relationship, but a point in time when the pastor is invited by a family into its private circle of crisis and hurt.

"It is a gift of trust from people to pastor when you can step into their circle of hurt and hope," he continued. "Caring, or love, is at the core of the relationship when people can feel empathetic vibrations. They know that you know their failures, sorrows, and secrets — but you love them anyway."

"I've seen people devastated by painful situations and wonder how they will survive, but there they are next Sunday. The commonality of human suffering can make us enemies or brothers and sisters."

In the everyday relationships of churches, Plyler said, people have different dreams for what would make the church a success. Regardless of the size of the church, the number of staff members, or the length of tenure, maturity is needed by the pastor and the church members to do their part, plant the seed, and not care who gets the credit.

And when a decision is made which is different from an individual's dream, it is not the end of the world, Plyler pointed out. The pastor cannot think less of people or feel attacked because they have disagreed.

The success of guiding a church through the years depends on cooperation, effort, shared responsibilities, and partnership, Plyler said. Determining success may require looking beyond the generally accepted denominational milestones of how many people, how much money, and how fast the growth.

Another way to measure success is in growing people, he said. The pastor must be a caregiver, peacemaker, and catalyst to work toward settlements that allow ministry.

"I deliberately made a choice to stay here in this small pastorate because that is where I wanted to invest my life's energies," Plyler explained.

"I have learned that changes made too rapidly create conflict, but not necessarily destruction," he said. "Change can create an atmosphere of uneasiness because there is security in sameness."

"Some pastors institute change with a machine gun instead of with a single shot rifle," Plyler continued. "If there is to be peace, the people have to have time to rest between changes."

"Whether a pastor is in a church with 160 in Sunday School, like Patterson

Grove, or 1,600, he needs to be at home with himself, knowing inside he has done the best he can with his skills," he said.

"And as Forrest Feezor, former executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said, 'One day that pastor will share the profits and hear, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

"I labor over sermons, pray and consider life's issues as I prepare to preach," Plyler said. "Then I assume that when I preach, it might be the last opportunity I have to say anything. That has revolutionized my preaching."

A pastor cannot force trust or acceptance, but through caring, empathetic sharing, and earnest interest in good will, he can generate respect, he said.

"This grows out of a belief by pastor and members alike that when there is trust, you know they really don't want to do you any harm," he concluded.

"I know I am a success here, at this point in time in this church ... by God's grace, and the permission of the people to include me in their family."

Athens church calls Hambright as pastor

Arnold Hambright began his pastorate at Idlewood Baptist Church, Athens, on July 29.

Hambright was previously the minister of youth at Hopewell Baptist Church in Cleveland.

He was ordained Sept. 20 at Bellfounte Baptist Church, Cleveland. Lake Walker, pastor of Bellfounte, presided over the ordination service.

Death claims prayer warrior

SHONTO, Ariz. (BP)— William E. Davidson, longtime "prayer warrior" for Southern Baptist missionaries, has died.

Davidson, who for more than 60 years prayed for missionaries on their birthdays, died Sept. 23, two weeks after his own 96th birthday.

Davidson's intercessory prayer ministry was legendary. Most missionaries did not know W.E. Davidson (as he signed his name) until they received a letter from him. Then a long and rich relationship with the champion of the missionary usually developed.

While he was an unseen force to most missionaries, those he prayed for were not just names. Davidson often took extraordinary measures to know the missionaries in a personal way. He collected their pictures and lined the walls of his bedroom with them. Every year he went to Foreign Missions Week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center to meet with missionaries. He called the trip the "highlight of my year."

Davidson's prayer list also became legendary. To be one of the names on those aging, tattered sheets of paper held together by rubber bands was an honor. He always kept the list close at hand. When he wasn't exercising or working in his yard, he usually was praying. He also wrote to about 700 missionaries regularly. He prayed for them and hundreds more daily.

Davidson always viewed his prayer for missions as God's assignment to him. "We are to give ourselves wholeheartedly to supporting missions, giving to missions, praying for missions," he once said. "The Lord did His part and ascended to heaven and He left us the Great Commis-

sion It's from Him, and it's very important that all of us put that first in our lives." So, praying naturally became his priority activity.

Except for the 100-mile round trip from his home in Shonto, Ariz., to First Southern Baptist Church of Tuba City, Davidson rarely left home in his later years. Yet he remained an active Christian.

Davidson learned the value of intercessory prayer early in life. As the first Southern Baptist missionaries appointed to Chile in 1917, he and his wife, Mary, saw firsthand how prayer gets results on the mission field. They began First Baptist Church of Santiago and two other Chilean congregations.

Prayer helped sustain him during his first furlough back in the United States, when doctors diagnosed him as having tuberculosis. They gave him no hope to live. T.B. Ray of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board wrote to a mutual friend that "these two dear, godly people need to be borne to the throne of grace in a peculiar way. ... They need our help now particularly in prayer."



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LEADERSHIP . . .

First Church, Dandridge, called David Jenkins as minister of music and education Sept. 27. Robert McCray is pastor.

Ron Harper has been called as minister of music and youth at Central Church in Martin. Raymon Carneal is the pastor.

First Church in Greenfield has called Debbie Madoni as youth director. She is a student at Union University in Jackson. Dan Farmer is pastor.

Eddie Holmes, associate pastor of Long Heights Church in McKenzie, has resigned and moved to northern Mississippi to teach and continue his own education. Wendell Walker is pastor of the Long Heights church.

Lantana Road Church in Crossville has two new staff members. W. C. Williams has joined the staff as minister of youth, and Faye Brandon as minister of music. Doug Putnam is the pastor.

Walter Norvell accepted the call of Whitehaven Church in Memphis to serve as minister of youth and children. Previous Memphis-area church staff positions include minister of education and youth at Cherokee Church and minister of youth at Havenview Church. Norvell was graduated from Union University in

Jackson and Memphis State University in Memphis. Jim Meredith is pastor of Whitehaven Church.

Charles Hill has returned to Memphis to serve as minister of education at Wells Station Church, where he previously served as minister of education and music. He also served as minister of education and administration at Ridgeway Church in that city. Ray Bryant is pastor of the Wells Station church.

Pastor of Holly Grove Church in Bells, Slade Johnson, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Hanley Road Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Vernon McCray was called as minister of music at Bloomingdale Church in Kingsport, and began his duties Sept. 1. Joe Byrd is pastor.

Aubrey Floyd, pastor of First Church in Rogersville, resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Hartsville, S.C. He began Oct. 1. A native of Conway, he was graduated from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. Floyd served on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board.

Westwood Church in Cleveland has two new staff members. The church called Keith Habermas to serve as minister of

education and Jim Caywood to serve as minister of outreach and administration. Bob Bell is pastor of the church.

Karen Henderson recently began her duties as minister of youth/activities for First Church, Chattanooga, where Gary Carver is pastor. A native of Huntsville, Ala., Henderson was graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. She was previously minister of youth at First Church, Arkadelphia, Ark.

PEOPLE . . .

Westview Church in Chattanooga, recently named their new library in honor of Frances C. Armour, who is a charter member of the church and has served as a church librarian in the Chattanooga area for more than 50 years. Serving on state and associational committees dealing with library work, Armour has assisted several churches in beginning church libraries.

On Sept. 20, Trace Creek Church in New Johnsonville ordained three men as deacons. Bob Mosley, Robert Dugger, and Michael Keating were ordained at the church where Charles Gibbs Jr. is pastor.

CHURCHES . . .

Union Grove Church in Reliance recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. Loyd Houston Jr. leads the congregation as pastor.

Eastview Chapel in Huntingdon dedicated their building during services on Sept. 20. The multi-purpose building will accommodate 150 people. Fred Ward, pastor of First Church, the mother church presided. Others on the program include Leslie Baumgartner, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's missions department; James Humphreys, director of missions for Carroll-Benton Baptist Association; and George Hill, former pastor. Joe Harris is pastor of the chapel.

REVIVAL PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Calvary Church in Jackson will have homecoming revival services Oct. 18-21, in the midst of celebrating their 100th anniversary throughout the month of October. According to the pastor, Paul Clark, former members will be participating in the services. Guests include Ken Story, pastor of Germantown Church in Germantown; Don Martin, former minister of music at Calvary; Bobby Moore, pastor of Broadway Church in Memphis; Jerry Gordon, from Kensington Avenue Church in Kansas City, Mo.; Bill Butler, an associate director of missions in Florida; Bill Hammonds, pastor of First Church in Helena, Ark.; Ron Hammonds, from Bartlett Church in Bartlett; Ivan Raley, pastor of Grassland Heights Church in Franklin; and Ricky Clark, minister of music at First Church, Humboldt.

Antioch Church in Athens will have revival services Oct. 11-16. Evangelist for the week is Omer Painter, director of missions for Tennessee Valley Association of Baptists. Music will be led by Wayne McKenzie. Kenneth Elkins is pastor of the church.

Jimmy Draper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and senior



CUTTING RIBBON — Perry Michel (left), pastor of Belmont Heights Church in Nashville, and William Trout, president of Belmont College in Nashville, cut the ribbon at the Sept. 27 dedication of the new Belmont Wellness Center, which is located in the church's family life center and is open to Belmont students, staff, faculty, and members of the church.

pastor of First Church, Euless, Texas, will be guest speaker for a one night crusade at Southside Church in Shelbyville. The crusade will be Nov. 2 at the church where Mike Gass is pastor.

REVIVALS . . .

First Church, Middleton, had revival services Aug. 30 through Sept. 3. Among the decisions made, was one profession of faith at the church where Bill Whitman is pastor. Buck Morton, from Leclair Church in Memphis, was the evangelist, and Donnie Sipes, led the music.

Revival services at Two Rivers Church in Nashville Sept. 13-16, resulted in 10 professions of faith, 12 additions to the church by letter, and three additions by statement. Jerry Sutton, pastor of the church, led the services, along with Jim Burleson, minister of music.

There was one profession of faith and two rededications during revival services at Henning Church, Henning, Sept. 20-23. Gregg Moffitt, from New Albany, Miss., was the evangelist, and Eddie Wilbite, from Booneville, Miss., led the music. Bob England is pastor of the Henning congregation.

Bell Road Church, Nashville, held revival services Aug. 30 through Sept. 4. Led by Billie Friel, pastor of First Church, Mt. Juliet, the services resulted in several children making spiritual decisions. John Fielden led the music for the revival at the church where Lee Porter is pastor.

Among other decisions made during revival services at Middle Valley Church in Hixson, were two professions of faith. Gene Mims, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, led the services. Ben Mitchell is the pastor.

MISSION PROJECT . . .

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Bold Face Type indicates person nominated. The church and church's city are listed for each nominee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1990 EAST

1. Mrs. Munford Turner, West Hills Church, Knoxville
2. Mrs. Kelter Mullins, Gray Southern Church, Gray
3. Fred Pinckard, First Church, Cleveland
4. William Delaney, South Seminole Church, Chattanooga
5. Patterson Ellis, First Church, Dayton
6. Lon Shoopman, First Church, Madisonville
7. James McCluskey, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville
8. Earl McCash, Central Heights Church, Jefferson City
9. Jim Hutson, First Church, Rockwood
10. Larry Reeves, First Church, Jacksboro
11. Elmer Sharp, New Salem Church, Clinton
12. Ray Sorrells, Calvary Church, Elizabethton
13. Thomas Gatton, Second Church, Knoxville

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

WEST

23. Lynn Eagan, Morris Memorial Church, Moscow
24. David Drumel, Union Avenue Church, Memphis
25. Artis Grice, Balmoral Church, Memphis
26. Jerry Barker, First Church, Alamo
27. James Strayhorn, First Church, Tiptonville
28. Randy Isbell, Hopewell Church, Savannah
29. Fred Ward, First Church, Huntingdon
30. Paul Williams, First Church, Somerville
31. Raymond Boston, First Church, Dyersburg
32. Truman Spurgin, First Church, Halls
33. Clint Oakley, Mt. Terrace Church, Memphis

Term Expiring 1988 EAST

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

MIDDLE

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

WEST

24. Mickey Basham, Pleasant Hill Church No. 1, Martin
25. John Bedford, Beverly Hills Church, Memphis
26. Frank Kemper, First Church, Kenton
27. Calvin Harvell, Eudora Church, Memphis
28. Frank Samuels, Southland Church, Memphis
29. Paul Barkley, Ardmore Church, Memphis
30. Paul Bryant, North Jackson Church, Jackson
31. Wrex Hauth Jr., Ardmore Church, Memphis
32. Ray Fowler, Highland Heights Church, Memphis
33. John Lee Taylor, West Jackson Church, Jackson

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Term Expiring 1990

1. John Laido, First Church, Clarksville
2. M. W. Egerton Jr., First Church, Knoxville
3. Don Early, Brentwood Church, Brentwood
4. John Lee Taylor, West Jackson Church, Jackson
5. Glenn Stophel, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga

Term Expiring 1989

1. Stanley Brumfield, Brook Hollow Church, Nashville
2. Hoyt Wilson, First Church, Lexington
3. Michael Lynn Allen, Forest Hills Church, Nashville
4. Marshall Gupion, Una Church, Nashville
5. Leyton Wright, Eudora Church, Memphis

Term Expiring 1988

1. Edwin E. Deusner, First Church, Solmer
2. Hallie Riner, First Church, Elizabethton
3. Fred Steelman, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga
4. Tom Jenson, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville
5. Gene Taylor, First Church, Jackson

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES INC.

Term Expiring 1990

1. Shirley Underwood, Central Church, Johnson City
2. Mrs. Thomas Downey, Springfield Church, Springfield
3. Lloyd Comer, Immanuel Church, Lawrenceburg
4. Mrs. Betty Suter, First Church, Cookeville
5. James Kinsey, Calvary Church, Union City
6. Jackie Kay, Bartlett Church, Bartlett
7. Louise Wilburn, First Church, Collierville
8. James Tuck, Central Church, Martin

Term Expiring 1989

1. William Blackwell, First Church, Nashville
2. Robert W. Segrest, Concord Church, Chattanooga
3. James Best, First Church, Greeneville
4. Kenneth Newman, Englewood Church, Jackson
5. E. Lowell Adams, Graceland Church, Memphis
6. Don W. Bowman, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga
7. Mrs. A. E. Slower, Pleasant Grove Church, Covington
8. Varlon Moore, Hilldale Church, Clarksville
9. O. Eugene Mims, First Church, Cleveland

Term Expiring 1988

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

BELMONT COLLEGE

Term Expiring 1990

1. Warren Johnson Sr., Judson Church, Nashville
2. William J. Gregg, Immanuel Church, Nashville
3. George L. Holmes III, Brentwood Church, Brentwood
5. C. Thomas Drake, First Church, McEwen
6. Robert Wooddy, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville
7. Joseph C. Huttis Jr., Clearview Church, Franklin
8. William Looper, Pleasant Heights Church, Columbia

9. John McCall, First Church, Carthage

10. Gary Webster, First Church, Goodlettsville

11. Mary Lu Smith, Brook Hollow Church, Nashville

12. Colvin Dunham, Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville

13. Phillip Cooley, First Church, Gallatin

Term Expiring 1989

1. David Moore, Donelson View Church, Nashville
2. Joel B. Spaulding, Judson Church, Nashville
3. George A. West III, Brentwood Church, Brentwood
4. Clinton H. Swafford, First Church, Winchester
5. Clarence Edmonds, Brentwood Church, Brentwood
6. Bill Sherman, Woodmont Church, Nashville
7. Dwayne Cole, Glendale Church, Nashville
8. Donald B. McCoy, First Church, Dickson
9. Glenn Hester, First Church, Flintville
10. Drew Maddux Sr., First Church, Hendersonville
11. Mrs. Spence Wilson, Second Church, Memphis
12. Gordon Inman, First Church, Franklin
13. Robert Lee Wood, Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory

Term Expiring 1988

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

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

Term Expiring 1990

1. Bob Bell, Westwood Church, Cleveland
2. Fred A. Lawson, Monte Vista Church, Maryville
3. Marion Cook, First Church, Cleveland
4. Mrs. Frances Kitchell, First Church, Mountain City
5. Andrew J. Prince, West Hills Church, Knoxville
6. William W. Eledge Jr., First Church, Etowah
7. Billy Edmonds, Pleasant Grove Church, Coalfield
8. Joe R. Haynes, Central Church (Fountain City), Knoxville
9. John Carpenter, Trinity Church, Jonesborough
10. Mrs. Carolyn Guerry, First Church, Chattanooga
11. Phillip Kazee, First Church, Onieda

Term Expiring 1989

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

Term Expiring 1988

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

UNION UNIVERSITY

Term Expiring 1990

1. Bernard Blasingame, First Church, Adamsville
2. Wayne Allen, Briarcrest Church, Memphis
3. James L. Thomas, West Jackson Church, Jackson
4. James Terry, Englewood Church, Jackson
5. Mike Adams, First Church, Union City
6. Benny Fasmire, West Jackson Church, Jackson
7. Hobart Townsend, First Church, Parsons
8. Kenneth Hawkins, First Church, Selmer
9. Robert Hensley, Parkway Village Church, Memphis
10. Michael Garner, First Church, Paris
11. A. W. Ferguson, Brownsville Church, Brownsville
12. James H. Austin, First Church, Maury City
13. Jerry Winfield, First Church, Bolivar
14. Robert W. Dailey III, Calvary Church, Jackson
15. Billy A. Haynes, Ararat
16. Mack Forrester, First Church, Ridgely

Term Expiring 1989

1. Robert Lamons, First Church, Jackson
2. Argyle Graves, Fellowship Church, Milan
3. Shelby Massey, Germantown Church, Germantown
4. Mrs. Solon Freeman, Bellevue Church, Memphis
5. John Drinnon, Germantown Church, Germantown
6. Walton West, First Church, Huntingdon
7. Harold Brundige, First Church, Martin
8. Don Whitt, First Church, Milan
9. John W. Williams, Wards Grove Church, Jackson
10. David R. Nunn, First Church, Halls
11. Cecil Ebersold, Germantown Church, Germantown
12. Travis Otey Sr., First Church, Jackson
13. Wesley Pitts, First Church, McKenzie
14. Marvin Sandidge, First Church, Memphis
15. James Threlkeld, Union Avenue Church, Memphis
16. Joe H. Walker Jr., First Church, Ripley

Term Expiring 1988

1. Waymon Jones, First Church, Jackson
2. Judson Lambert, First Church, Tiptonville
3. Mrs. Mildred M. Kesterson, First Church, Paris
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5. J. Edward North, First Church, Humboldt
6. Jesse Price, First Church, Somerville
7. William Sewell, Second Church, Memphis
8. Dale Treadway, Woodland Church, Jackson
9. James H. Patrick, Colonial Church, Memphis
10. James Witherington, Ellendale Church, Memphis

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- Jerry Glisson, Leawood Church, Memphis
- Philip D. Jett, Englewood Church, Jackson
- S. Powers Smith, First Church, Henning
- Mrs. Thomas Freels, Bellevue Church, Memphis
- Kenneth Leathers, West Jackson Church, Jackson
- William Adcock, First Church, Newbern

HARRISON CHILHOWE BAPTIST ACADEMY

Term Expiring 1990

- Mrs. Lanier Ferguson, Eudora Church, Memphis
- Enoch Simerly, Rockford Church, Rockford
- Charles D. Bailey, Oak View Church, Louisville
- R. H. Filler, Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville
- D. Vance Martin, Calvary Church, Knoxville
- Michael Collins, Rutledge Church, Rutledge
- McKinley Braden, Central Church (Bearden), Knoxville

Term Expiring 1989

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

Term Expiring 1988

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

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Term Expiring 1990

- David Nunn, First Church, Halls
- N. Bob Carpenter, Cherry Road Church, Memphis
- Buddy Roberson, Wynnburg Church, Henning

Term Expiring 1989

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

Term Expiring 1988

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

BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Term Expiring 1990

- Frank McGregor, First Church, Clarksville
- Richard D. White, First Church, Franklin
- David Buchanan, Walker Memorial Church, Franklin
- Willie K. Davis, First Church, Nashville
- Charles Page, First Church, Nashville
- Scott Jenkins, First Church, Gallatin
- Kenneth L. Ross, Woodmont Church, Nashville
- Bill Morris, Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge
- Tony Hudson, First Church, Cookeville

Term Expiring 1989

- Michael Seshul, Woodmont Church, Nashville
- L. Bracey Campbell III, First Church, Nashville
- Howard Butler, Park Avenue

- Church, Nashville
- Gaye McGlothlen, Immanuel Church, Nashville
- Elbert Conrad Shackleford Jr., First Church, Hendersonville
- Joe Casey, Eastland Church, Nashville
- Virgil Peters, Eastside Church, Burns
- James W. (Bill) Owen Jr., Mount Carmel Church, Cross Plains
- Roy Babb, First Church, Hendersonville

Term Expiring 1988

- D. Ed Moody Jr., First Church, Franklin
- W. Fred Kendall Sr., First Church, Nashville
- Osta Underwood, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville
- Edmond Tipton, Immanuel Church, Nashville
- Joe Bistowish, First Church, Nashville
- Gary Sisco, First Church, Nashville
- Virgil H. Moore Jr., First Church, Columbia
- H. Franklin Paschall, First Church, Nashville
- Guy Bates Sr., First Church, Joelton

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Term Expiring 1990

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- Richard Cramer, West Hills Church, Knoxville
- Mrs. Lyle Moore Jr., First Church, Newport
- Mrs. Patricia Davis, First Church, Knoxville
- Byrl C. Logan, Central Church (Bearden), Knoxville
- Glenn Sullivan, First Church, Concord
- Charles P. Crawford, Mount Olive Church, Knoxville
- Dean Williams, First Church, Newport
- Warren Gooch, First Church, Jefferson City

Term Expiring 1989

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

Term Expiring 1988

- Joe McKenry Sr., First Church, Knoxville
- Aubrey Hay, First Church, Erwin
- Mrs. Howard B. Cockrum, Cumberland Church, Knoxville
- John D. Wallace, First Church, Morristown
- David R. Myers, First Church, Maryville
- Jack Easterday, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville
- John Sample, West Hills Church, Knoxville
- Dudley Cockrum, Glenwood Church, Powell
- Bruce Marston, Inskip Church, Knoxville

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Term Expiring 1990

- James Harney, Union Hill Church, Goodlettsville
- William S. Bates, First Church, Jackson
- Earnest Vincett, First Church, Cleveland
- James Cambron, Mountain View Church, Johnson City
- Marvin Ogle, Tusculum Church, Greeneville
- Mrs. Markatis Jenkins, Englewood Church, Jackson

Term Expiring 1989

- Ron Lowery, Antioch
- Kenneth Clayton, Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory
- Art Mason, First Church, Manchester
- Marvin Jennings, First Church,

- Woodbury
- L. Hall Hardaway Jr., First Church, Hendersonville
- Obie Campbell, New Providence Church, Loudon

Term Expiring 1988

- George Thompson, Dalewood Church, Nashville
- William Shelton Jr., West Jackson Church, Jackson
- Chester LaFever, Grace Church, Nashville
- William Branyan, Union Avenue Church, Memphis
- Mrs. Betty Norton, Westwood Church, Cleveland
- Lloyd Johnson, Dickerson Road Church, Nashville

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Term Expiring 1990

- Gary Rickman, Ridgeview

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1987-88

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1990 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

Bold Face Type indicates persons nominated. The church and church's city are listed for each nominee.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Term Expiring 1990

- Kenneth Hubbard, Mt. Olive Church, Knoxville (E)
- Alton Brown, North Fork Church, Shelbyville (M)
- Emory Farmer, Flewellyn Church, Springfield (M)
- Paul Peak, First Church, Murfreesboro (M)
- Hilliard Goode, First Church, Humboldt (W)

Term Expiring 1989

- John R. Parrott Jr., East Rogersville Church, Rogersville (E)
- Joseph T. Nickell, Cedar Grove Church, Maryville (E)
- Albert Jewell, Sautsbury Church, Watertown (M)
- Nathan Hale, Cedar Creek Church, Lebanon (M)
- Davy Henderson, Ridgeway Church, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1988

- Jack Smith, Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga (E)
- Vernon Fielden, First Church, Kingsport (E)
- Donald Scott, Whitehall Church, Trenton (W)
- Joe Franklin, Immanuel Church, Humboldt (Temporary Chairman) (W)
- Max Walker, First Church, Selmer (W)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

Term Expiring 1990

- Eva Reaser, Cedar Grove Church, Johnson City (E)
- Roger Shelton, Haywood Hills Church, Nashville (M)
- Roy Gilleland Sr., Belmont Heights Church, Nashville (M)
- Roy Jones, First Church, Camden (W)
- Wendell Smith, First Church, Sharon (W)

Term Expiring 1989

- Mrs. Jessie Masters, First Church, Jonesborough (E)
- Mrs. Nancy Holmes, Mt. Calvary Church, Whiteville (E)
- Dwight Mercer, Highland Church, Pulaski (M)
- Martin Bowlin, First Church, Hillsboro (M)
- Clarence Steiner, West Paris Church, Paris (Temporary Chairman) (W)

Term Expiring 1988

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

- Church, Chattanooga
- Mrs. Burness Hamilton, Valley Grove Church, Seymour

MIDDLE

- Randy Sledge, Rocky Valley Church, Lebanon

WEST

- Lynn King, Maplewood Church, Paris
- Preston Latch, Hatchie Church, Bolivar

Term Expiring 1989

EAST

- Gary Gerhardt, First Church, Church Hill

MIDDLE

- Eugene Coley, First Church, Murfreesboro
- Paul Moody, Erin Church, Erin

WEST

- David Sparrow, Southland Church, Memphis
- Joe Littlefield, White Station Church, Memphis (Temporary Chairman)

Term Expiring 1988

EAST

- Bill Roberts, First Church, Pikeville
- William Swafford, Magna View Church, Morristown

MIDDLE

- James Clapp, First Church, Murfreesboro
- Charles Brown, North Fork Church, Shelbyville

WEST

- Mrs. James Hadley, First Church, Humboldt

- Eddie Weaver, Bethlehem Church, Lewisburg (M)
- Lawrence Bright, Highland Heights Church, Memphis (W)
- Mrs. C. L. Fairless, First

Church, Trenton (W)

Term Expiring 1989

- Ruth Robinson, Central Church, Chattanooga (E)
- Sarah Walters, Grace Church, Johnson City (E)
- Charlie Canter, Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville (M)
- Jim Austin, First Church, Maury City (Temporary Chairman) (W)
- Maurice Keathley, National Avenue Church, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1988

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1990

- James Canaday, Central Church, Johnson City (E)
- Paul Hall, Brentwood Church, Brentwood (M)
- James Lee, Leoma Church, Brentwood (M)
- George E. Webb Jr., First Church, Paris (W)
- Charles Griffin, First Church, Dyer (W)

Term Expiring 1989

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

Term Expiring 1988

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

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1990

- Larry Parrott, McPheeters Bend Church, Church Hill (E)
- John E. Pansington, First Church, Etowah (E)
- Paul Woodford, First Church, Lewisburg (M)
- Jerry Powell, Southside Church, Martin (W)
- Clyde Watson, First Church, (Continued on page 13)

CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1990

- Mrs. James L. Oliver, First Church, Elizabethton (E)

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Camden (W)

- Term Expiring 1989**
- Charles W. Sullivan, First Church, Lenoir City (E)
 - Robert Dowdy, New Hope Church, Christiana (M)
 - Mrs. Jewell Jennings, First Church, Lebanon (M)
 - R. Travis Otey Jr., First Church, Trenton (W)
 - Mickey Hanks, First Church, Maury City (W)
- Term Expiring 1988**
- Darrell Avery, Mt. Carmel Church, Knoxville (E)
 - Joe Chandler, Immanuel Church, Knoxville (E)
 - George Horton, Haywood Hills Church, Nashville (Temporary)

- Chairman (M)
- Courtney Wilson, First Church, Hendersonville (M)
 - David Miller, First Church, Rutherford (W)
- COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL**
Term Expiring 1990
- David Lay, Virginia Avenue Church, Bristol (E)
 - Phil Jones, First Church, Powell (E)
 - Curtis Woods, Gladeville Church, Gladeville (M)
 - Marion Ar buckle, Westwood Church, Murfreesboro (M)
 - G. M. Thrower, Brunswick Church, Brunswick (W)
- Term Expiring 1989**
- Mark Hearn, Hillcrest Church,

- Morristown (E)
- Sam Brooks, Candies Creek Church, Charleston (E)
 - Jerry Tracey, First Church, Manchester (M)
 - James D. Gaines, First Church, Dresden (Temporary Chairman) (W)
 - Tommy Stevens, Fairview Church, Newburn (W)
- Term Expiring 1988**
- James Holloway, First Church, Vonore (E)
 - Amos Jarman, West Main Church, Alexandria (M)
 - Mark DeBoard, First Church, Winchester (M)
 - Mike Boyd Jr., Boulevard Church, Memphis (W)
 - Charles Halliburton, First Church,

- Finley (W)
- COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**
Term Expiring 1990
- Richard B. Smith, Glendale Church, Nashville (M)
 - David R. Wall, Center Grove Church, Tullahoma (M)
 - Howard W. Lee, Hilldale Church, Clarksville (M)
 - Chuck McElhannon, First Church, Gibson (W)
 - Robert L. Orr, First Church, Dyersburg (W)
- Term Expiring 1989**
- R. J. Seal, Lebanon Church, Talbott (E)
 - James Lindsay, First Church, Roan Mountain (E)

- Mrs. George Horton, Haywood Hills Church, Nashville (M)
 - Jimmy Terry, Tabernacle Church, Clarksville (M)
 - Suzanne Ebersold, Germantown Church, Germantown (W)
- Term Expiring 1988**
- Karen Bibbins, Central Church (Fountain City), Knoxville (E)
 - (E)
 - Charlie Boggan, First Church, Newport (E)
 - Fred M. Wood, Eudora Church, Memphis (Temporary Chairman) (W)
 - Jerrell White, Second Church, Union City (W)

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE Executive Board TO THE Tennessee Baptist Convention

- We recommend that the basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1987-88 be set at \$23,850,000.
- We recommend that 37.25% of Cooperative Program receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 62.75% be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
- We recommend that, after reviewing budget requests submitted by various Executive Board committees, the Cooperative Program budget for 1987-88 be adopted.

BUDGET REQUESTS — OPERATING AND CAPITAL Administrative, Central Admin. Depts., and Agencies

Admin., Admin. Depts., and Agencies	Budget 1986-87	Proposed 1987-88
Conv. Services (Gen. TBC & Ex. Bd.)	\$ 406,600	\$ 516,132
Annuitiy Board Programs (Office)	100,091	108,231
Executive Offices	414,003	392,436
Central Administrative Depts.	1,141,344	1,230,254
Baptist and Reflector	780,865	811,768
Tenn. Baptist Foundation	242,844	257,137
Contingency Fund	16,422	16,422
Executive Board Reserve Fund	0	0
Operating Funds — Administrative	\$ 3,102,169	\$ 3,332,380
Less refunds — outside sources:		
Annuitiy Board, SBC	\$ 34,418	\$ 34,418
BSSB for Ch. Min. Inf. & Conv. Min.	9,200	9,324
B & R Anticipated income	550,000	565,290
Earn Interest — Ex. Sec. & Acct.	202,179	213,742
Unused Budgets 1986-87	0	52,445
	\$ 795,797	\$ 875,219
Total Operating — Administrative	2,306,372	2,457,161
Capital Expense:		
Office Equip., Ex. Board Bldg.	42,000	42,000
Total Request for Cooperative Program		
Adm., Admin. Depts., Agencies	\$ 2,348,372	\$ 2,499,161

Convention Ministries Division

Departments	Budget 1986-87	Proposed 1987-88
Brotherhood	\$ 177,821	\$ 187,220
Church Media, Recreation	133,630	142,977
Church Music	143,991	151,908
Church Training	262,585	277,252
Evangelism	192,866	203,974
Missions — Office	232,269	250,300
PACL, Historical	66,761	67,115
Student — Office	123,219	126,112
Sunday School	281,970	349,231
Total	\$ 1,615,112	\$ 1,756,089
Statewide Ministries		
Annuitiy Board Programs	\$ 1,389,066	\$ 1,607,500
Camps	394,500	427,746
Church Bldg. & Loan	9,855	10,351
Mission Lot & Bldg. Fund	200,000	200,000
Missions — Program	865,032	878,332
Student — Campus	729,085	770,944
Pastoral Counseling	2,500	2,500
Ministers Aid	25,000	25,000
Properties Maint. Mgr. Office	46,911	49,402
Foreign Miss. Ministers	60,566	65,458
Total	\$ 3,722,515	\$ 4,037,233
Contingency Fund	16,422	16,422
Auxiliary		
Woman's Missionary Union	466,781	510,343
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$ 5,820,830	\$ 6,320,087
Capital Expense		
Camps	210,000	235,000
Student — Campus	97,550	104,400
Total Capital Expense	307,550	339,400
TOTAL CAPITAL & OPERATING	\$ 6,128,380	\$ 6,659,487
Less refunds — outside sources:		
BSSB for State Missions Depts.	\$ 76,800	\$ 81,576
HMB, Miss O, Miss P, Ev. O	182,032	197,748
GSMO-Miss Lot & Bldg. Fund, Camps	658,625	690,850
Cap. SS, WMU, Media, Sid Campus	357,654	390,900
Camps — anticipated income	9,855	10,351
Church Bld. Loan Self-Liq.	60,566	63,126
Spec. Appropriation FM Minist.	160,453	317,457
An.Bd.Liab.Fund for An. Programs	0	45,664
Unused Budgets 1986-87	0	0
Total Refunds — Conv. Min. Div.	\$ 1,505,985	\$ 1,797,672
Total Request for Cooperative Program		
Convention Ministries Division	\$ 4,622,395	\$ 4,861,815

Educational Institutions

OPERATING FUNDS	Budget 1986-87	Proposed 1987-88
Carson-Newman College	\$ 1,638,681	\$ 1,704,228
Belmont College	1,289,794	1,375,751
Union University	1,289,794	1,375,751
Harrison Chilhowee Academy	358,962	376,910
CRV Scholarships	79,860	79,860
Historical Archives	15,000	15,000
Audits	41,791	43,464
Total Operating Funds	\$ 4,713,882	\$ 4,970,964
CAPITAL FUNDS		
Carson-Newman College	\$ 521,243	\$ 531,668
Belmont College	311,725	341,360
Union University	311,725	341,360
Harrison Chilhowee Academy	104,322	109,538
Total Capital Funds	1,249,015	1,323,926
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL INST.	\$ 5,962,897	\$ 6,294,890
Benevolent Institutions		
OPERATING FUNDS	Budget 1986-87	Proposed 1987-88
Hospitals	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tenn. Bapt. Adult Homes	109,586	115,701
Tenn. Bapt. Children's Homes	1,019,150	1,080,300
Audits	37,600	39,104
Total Operating Funds	\$ 1,166,336	\$ 1,235,105
CAPITAL FUNDS		
Tenn. Bapt. Children's Homes	75,000	74,904
Total Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,241,336	\$ 1,310,009
GRAND TOTAL — COOP. PROG.	\$ 14,175,000	\$ 14,965,875

Recap Cooperative Program Request 1987-88

	Budget 1986-87	Proposed 1987-88
Adm., Admin. Services & Agencies	\$ 2,348,372	\$ 2,499,161
Conv. Ministries Division	4,622,395	4,861,815
Educational Institutions	5,962,897	6,294,890
Benevolent Institutions	1,241,336	1,310,009
TOTAL TBC	\$ 14,175,000	\$ 14,965,875
1987-88 Cooperative Program Request		
Tennessee Baptist Convention	62.75%	14,965,875
Southern Baptist Convention	37.25%	8,884,125
TOTAL		\$ 23,850,000

SBTS gives award to Tennessean

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kay Sanders of Clarksville has been named a 1987 Rice-Judson Award recipient by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where she began ministry studies in the fall.

Sanders graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, in December of 1979 with a degree in human development and family life.

Her parents are Don and JoAnne Sanders of Clarksville.

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BIBLE BOOK SERIES

Lesson for Oct. 11

God creates Adam, Eve

By Marvin P. Nail, pastor
Whitsitt Chapel Baptist Church, Nashville

Basic Passage: Genesis 2:4-25
Focal Passages: Genesis 2:7-9, 16-25

The first rule for teaching important concepts is always repetition. Remember how boring it was as a kid having to repeat multiplication, or "times" tables?

A good teacher doesn't just go over the same thing again and again. Instead, the teacher finds new ways of presenting the same material.

God intended to tell His purposes for us, even in creation. To do that, He had this writer come at the same story in a different way to make another important point. You see He had already written about the creation of Adam and Eve in the first chapter. Now He comes at the same information from a different angle to make a fresh point.

Adam, the necessary ingredient

Nowhere else in all the scripture are we told more clearly about mankind's intimate connection with the world God was creating. Verse 5 tells us that the existence of all living things is in some way dependent on mankind.

Throughout history human beings have used their God-given ability and intellect to improve the production of plant life for food. Though some are now wanting to preserve some areas of the country as wilderness, that was not their initial purpose.

Part of the role of mankind on this earth is to help God make all things work together in harmony and for the good of each other. Wild fruit never has as good a taste as fruit borne by plants that have been cultivated and cared for by human beings.

God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." This is not said of anything else God created. We need to understand at this point that the Hebrew word translated "breath" may also be rendered "wind" or "spirit."

It is obvious to me that the "spirit of life" is what marks mankind off from all other aspects of God's creation. I think this may well be that "image of God" which some people seem to struggle to interpret.

God provides for mankind's needs

It has been the consistent teaching of the Bible from beginning to end that God

provides for our needs. All of creation seems to have been put here for us.

The writer goes into a lot of detail placing the garden in a specific geographical spot. They already knew that their ancestors came from that area and now God confirms it.

All of this detail is designed to show that God thinks of everything. God gives mankind every possible opportunity to live a full and meaningful life. He is already laying the groundwork for the next chapter. He is showing us that our fall into sin cannot be blamed on God. He did everything to keep us close to Him.

God makes mankind responsible

One of the things the people of this country have not always understood is that freedom always carries with it a responsibility. Freedom without some limits and some responsibility is self-destructive.

A child reared without any restrictions becomes an unmanageable creature, not much removed from lower forms of animals.

God, from the beginning, gives mankind a choice between good and evil. The writer speaks of two trees planted in the midst of the garden. One is the tree of life and the other is literally, the tree of death.

At the bottom of it all, life boils down to those contrasting choices. We may obey God and have eternal life. Or, we can disobey God and have death. The apostle Paul was to tell us much later than all of us have made the wrong choice.

Mankind created for fellowship

I have often thought that this (vv. 18-25) makes a good text for every married man. In our day, married men often forget the one who really answers their needs.

You may think this a bit far-fetched, but I worry about any man who would rather be out hunting or fishing with the animals than at home with his wife and family. Birds and fish and the beast of the field were not suitable helpers for man.

When God made the woman and brought her to the man he immediately recognized that she was the one who could make him complete. The very term "woman" means that she is the suitable, or corresponding, one for the man.

The man and the woman are made complete in each other. This is seen most beautifully represented in marriage. This man and woman were in perfect communion and openness with each other. How sad that we have spoiled that.



Nail



Meadows

UNIFORM LESSON SERIES

Lesson for Oct. 11

Promise of a son

By John N. Meadows, professor
Union University, Jackson

Basic Passage: Genesis 15:1 to 18:15
Focal Passages: Genesis 15:1-4; 16:3-4; 17:15-21

This week's lesson illustrates what happens when one's life is guided by faith — and when it is not. In fact, the story of Abraham has to do with faith and obstacles to faith. This lesson could be entitled "Ups and Downs in the Life of Faith." Somewhere in this account we find ourselves.

Interpretation

(15:1-6) "After these things" indicates that several years and many events have taken place since Abraham left his country and kindred for Canaan's land, believing God's promise of a great name, a great people, and a great blessing (12:2). But the passing years have not produced any visible fulfillment of that promise. Therefore, the Lord takes the initiative to reassure Abraham that his reward (13:14-17) will be great.

Abraham's immediate response is doubt rather than trust. How can he receive the reward of the promise if he has no son? He is also anxious. The head of his servants, Eliezer, would be his heir. Although it may seem strange to us that a slave would receive his master's holdings, archaeological records show that such a custom had legal sanction in that day.

The Lord responds to Abraham's perplexity by telling him his fears are groundless and by challenging him to count the stars in the heavens (15:5). Abraham can not do that, but the Lord can! The question is "Abraham, do you trust Me to do what you cannot?" We are told that Abraham believes the Lord (15:6; literally, he "leaned upon the Lord"). He takes God at His word. In doing so, he overcomes the obstacle of doubt, at least for a season.

(16:3-4) Once again the text reveals action that seems unethical, but Sarah's decision to have Abraham give her a son by her Egyptian maid, Hagar, was also a custom attested to in ancient records. Abraham's acceptance of the proposal is evidence that doubt, most likely precipitated by frustration and longing for an heir, has once again come to the forefront in his thinking.

The act is acceptable, but it is not wise. After ten years without an heir, Abraham heeds Sarah's suggestion and takes the matter into his own hands — the same Abraham who had earlier taken the Lord at His word (15:6). He does what seems to be a "reasonable" thing to do.

(17:15-21) Ishmael, Abraham's son by Hagar, is a teen-ager when the Lord tells Abraham that he will have a son by Sarah. Abraham laughs reverently and

attempts gently to talk the Lord into accepting Ishmael as the recipient of the promise. It is another altogether "reasonable" proposal in light of the fact that Abraham has endeared himself to Ishmael and that barren Sarah is past the age of childbearing.

But the Lord persists. It will be so! Furthermore, the Lord assures Abraham that He will bless Ishmael, but not with the blessing He promised in Ur and Haran (12:1). That blessing will go to Isaac, whose name means "laughter." His name will be a continuous reminder to Abraham and Sarah that the Lord kept His promise even in the face of their unbelief and that the Lord's plan was the better one.

Application

These Abraham-Sarah experiences encourage us to accept the sovereignty of the Lord in our lives. We may not always understand the "why" of His dealings with us, but knowing that He had an ultimate good will for Abraham and Sarah and knowing of His love to us in Christ should help us understand that what makes no sense to us makes perfect sense to God. When we believe the Lord and not just statements about the Lord, we are better able to live victoriously amid the unknowns of life.

This study should encourage us to take God at His word and to wait before running quickly to more "reasonable" solutions to our dilemmas. The ability to reason is a gift of God, and we should employ it more than we do. Nonetheless, we should beware of a most human tendency — solve that problem now!

Sometimes the "reasonable" thing may not be the Godly thing to do. While knowing the difference is not so easily done, we are still exhorted to "wait upon the Lord" (Psalm 37:7). How easily we equate God's will with that which is "reasonable"! Most often, however, knowing God's will is not the issue. It is rather a matter of our not having asked the Lord at all.

This lesson should encourage us when we fail to carry through on our faith stances. Most certainly we should not accept failure as normal. But the fact remains that we, like Abraham, can exhibit faith today and tomorrow act as if we never believed God at all. Do not despair. There is a love that will not let us go!

College revival draws decisions

JEFFERSON CITY — "If we're really in search of freedom, we'll never arrive until we're willing to give ourselves as Christ gave Himself," Jon Appleton, pastor of First Baptist Church in Athens, Ga., told Carson-Newman College students during the "In Search of Freedom" revival Sept. 22-24.

A total of 28 decisions involving salvation and rededication were made at the revival's five sessions. Each session focused on a different aspect of freedom and featured testimonies and music by C-N students in addition to Appleton's message.

David Glover, C-N graduate and minister of music at First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, led the music for the revival. C-N students kicked-off revival week with a campus-wide Bible study and a tent service.

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Becoming one in Christ

By William F. Northcott, associate pastor
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Basic Passages: Galatians 2:1-14; 3:26-28
Focal Passages: Galatians 2:8-9, 11-14; 3:26-28

This passage records one of the most pivotal meetings in all of the New Testament. It is commonly referred to as the Jerusalem Council. The passage underlines the apostolic credentials of Paul, whose authority, while independent of the Jerusalem apostles, was nevertheless recognized and approved by them (vv. 5-8). Furthermore, it focuses the mutuality of ministry shared by the apostles — Peter to the circumcised and Paul to the Gentiles.



Northcott

Cooperation in ministry (Galatians 2:8-9)
The church in Jerusalem is the hub of Christianity. Primarily Jewish in composition, its outreach is primarily to the Jewish people. The leaders in Jerusalem had received reports about Paul's ministry, and questions had been raised about its validity — probably originating among the Judaizers. Again, the issue revolves around the question of whether Gentiles can become Christians without first becoming Jews.

Paul is eager to present his case. He even brings Titus along as an example of what God is doing through Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. His actions and words reflect respect for the leaders in Jerusalem, on the one hand, and a clear sense of mission to the Gentiles, on the other hand. His battle is not with Peter and the other Jerusalem leaders, it is with those whom he labeled "false brethren" (v. 4). This is a reference to those who tack on legalism to Christ's gospel of grace.

The bottom line of the meeting is that the leaders in Jerusalem and Paul come to a mutual understanding and appreciation of each others' ministries. God is at work, both with the Jewish people and the Gentiles (v. 8). There is a clear division of labor, but a unanimity of spirit, evidenced by the fact that James, Cephas, and John extend to Paul and Barnabas the right hand of Christian fellowship (v. 9). As one commentator observes, this act has special significance in the ancient world and symbolizes the impartation of strength and blessing.

Consistency in conduct
(Galatians 2:11-14)

It is usually easier to be religious in church than in the marketplace, and theoretical religion can often be miles apart from practical religion. This has always been true. The episode under consideration is a case in point.

The conclusions hammered out at the Jerusalem Council leave Paul feeling good and hopeful about the prospect of spreading the gospel to the Gentiles. It is not long, however, until Paul is forced to confront that old serpent called prejudice. It raises its head in none other than the Apostle Peter.

Peter joined Paul in Antioch. Apparently Peter gives full support to the Gentile ministry, even going so far as to enjoy table fellowship with them. However, when certain Jews from Jerusalem arrive on the scene, Peter dissociates from the Gentile Christians. In Paul's mind, Peter betrays his commitment to the gospel of grace.

The influence of the law, with its dietary

and social restrictions, draws Peter away from the freedom believers experience in Christ — the freedom to transcend such conventions and traditions and see people as individuals. Or maybe Peter does what he does because he is afraid of what the Jews from Jerusalem would think. Whatever the cause for Peter's relapse, modern Christians must be careful about throwing stones. Tradition is yet a strong chain around our thoughts and actions. Prejudice, fear of what people will think, and peer pressure still exert amazing power over our lives. The whole story is that our actions always effect others, either for good or ill. Such is the case in this particular scenario. By his actions, Peter influences other Jewish Christians and even Barnabas away from fellowship with the Gentile Christians.

Barnabas, whose name means "son of encouragement," ministers alongside Paul to bridge the gap between the Jewish people and the Gentiles. Can you imagine Paul's surprise and consternation upon seeing his colleagues in ministry compromising their commitments? In fact, this event possibly precipitates the beginning of the end of Paul's cooperative mission with Barnabas.

Does Paul make too big of a deal of this table thing? And what about the other side of the story. We only hear from Paul. What would Peter or Barnabas say? We do not know, but we do know that Paul feels strongly about the universal appeal of the gospel. He further believes that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28), and that brings us to our next division.

Oneness in Christ
(Galatians 3:26-28)

There are so many things in the world today that divide us. The divisions occur along lines that are racial, economic, social, political, and religious, to name a few. Is there any place where oneness can be found? Paul answers in the affirmative. He declares that "ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (v. 28).

A boy (we'll call him Billy) was attending his first day at junior high school. It began with an opening assembly, one feature of which was the introduction of all the home room teachers. First to be introduced was Miss Smith, and the 9th graders, knowing Miss Smith to be an

easy grader and not much of a disciplinarian, all began to cheer: "Yay, Miss Smith, right on Miss Smith."

The next to be introduced was Mr. Brown, who was a young and popular teacher and a special favorite. This time, the 8th graders joined in the thundering approval: "Yay, Mr. Brown, hurrah for Mr. Brown!"

By the time the next teacher was introduced, even the ignorant 7th graders were getting into the spirit of things. Then they introduced Mr. Johnson, an older teacher who was reputed to be the hardest grader and least sympathetic teacher in the school. The cat calls began. "Boo, Mr. Johnson, hiss, hiss, boo Mr. Johnson." The pain was evident on old Mr. Johnson's face. Suddenly Billy stood up in the middle of the bleachers and shouted, "Shut up! He's my father!" The noise instantly died down, as the word was passed — "Hey, cool it, Johnson's son's here."

That afternoon when school was out,

Billy raced home as fast as he could, and as he went through his front door, he was sobbing. His father met him, "Son, what's wrong?"

"Daddy, I've got to talk to you. I told a lie in school today."

"Better tell me about it, son."
So Billy told the story. When he was through, his daddy put his arms around him. "It's all right, son. You didn't really tell a lie; you just got the family members mixed up. Mr. Johnson's not your father — he's your brother."

Paul reminds us that our faith in Christ makes us all the children of God (v. 26). If, as Christians, we are God's children, and we are, we are also brothers and sisters in Christ. God, forgive us when we fight with our brothers and sisters, and help us live together in love, trust, and respect for one another. Paul says that in Christ is a new way of seeing people. All the divisions and differences are overcome through Him.

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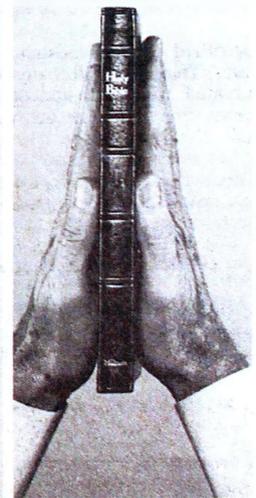
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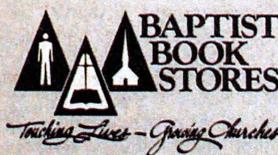
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World missions leaders plan together

By Bob Stanley and Orville Scott

DALLAS (BP) — In an unprecedented meeting, leaders of 20 of the world's largest missions organizations and interdenominational groups sought ways Sept. 17-18 to work together in accelerating the spread of the gospel to all people.

As the first step, they called on Christians worldwide to join in 24 hours of prayer and fasting just before Pentecost Sunday each year as a "focused intercession for global evangelization" between now and A.D. 2000. The period of prayer would begin at 6 p.m. Friday and end at 6 p.m. Saturday.



COOPERATION — Leaders from 20 of the world's largest missions organizations and interdenominational groups including (from left) Edward Dayton, World Vision International; R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; William Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ, International; and Robert Bowman, Far East Broadcasting Co., Inc., plan ways to work together in evangelizing the world.

BWA cooperates to send 100,000 Bibles to USSR

By John M. Wilkes

"This is a first, this is historic," the chairman of Religious Affairs of the Soviet Council of Ministers told Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Gerhard Claas in a three-hour meeting at the BWA office in McLean, Va.

Konstantin M. Kharchev was speaking of the joint Baptist World Alliance/United Bible Societies project of shipping 100,000 Russian-language Bibles to the Soviet Union in 1988.

The project was launched last February when Claas sent a letter to Kharchev outlining the BWA proposal to send Bibles to its Soviet affiliate, the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB), during the year in which Christians in the Soviet Union observe the 1,000th anniversary of organized Christianity in the Russian territories and of the founding of the Russian Orthodox Church.

This meeting, which was the third between Kharchev and Claas, covered a wide range of concerns representing BWA efforts. These included: the establishment of a theological seminary for Baptists in the Soviet Union which would culminate BWA negotiations carried on since the 1920s; accelerated distribution of Christian theological and biblical literature; and, concrete steps for Baptists in the United States and the Soviet Union, respectively the two countries with the world's largest Baptist populations, to

"From time zone to time zone, it could become a chain of prayer and fasting encircling the earth," the statement said.

The missions leaders also made tentative plans for a consultation early next year in which experts will explore the kinds of research information available about the unevangelized people of the world and whether a common data base could be set up that all could share.

At a press conference concluding the interdenominational Global Missions Conference, several leaders said one of the most valuable benefits of the meeting was "just getting to know each other." Jerry White, general director of the Navigators,

said this means that if conflicts or needs arise, the leaders can pick up the phone and talk to someone they already know.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said he is convinced global evangelization is an attainable goal if Christians commit themselves to all that is necessary to carry out Jesus' Great Commission to take the gospel to all people.

"We're not just talking about something. We really believe it can happen and should happen in our day," he said.

William R. Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ, agreed. "We have the technology and the money," he said, "but the main stumbling block is the lack of prayerful dedication on the part of Christians."

"More people are hearing the gospel than ever in history, more people are receiving Christ (as Savior) ... but we must accelerate what is being done," Bright added.

The Southern Baptist Convention and a number of other denominations and international mission groups have set goals of doing their part to take the gospel to all people by the end of the century. Parks said that as he heard of more and more groups with similar efforts, he also began to hear some say, "Is there any way we can work together better ... could we somehow work together and strengthen our witness to the whole world?"

"These kinds of questions have caused me to begin asking, How can we do this?" he explained at the opening session. He said he began to feel that this was one of God's pivotal moments in history, and in July wrote 36 chief executives of the largest groups doing missions around the world about the possibility of a meeting.

He got responses from all but one. Many had conflicts on the suggested date for the meeting, but he said he felt that having 20 of the 36 groups represented is "a remarkable gathering."

The leaders represented groups with about 20,000 missions personnel overseas and annual budgets totaling more than \$510-million.

From the start of the meeting, the necessity for prayer and the power and moving of the Spirit of God were stressed. The leaders spent much of the dialogue time praying.

H. Eddie Fox, who represented the Methodist General Board of Discipleship and the World Methodist Council, said: "The tasks of world evangelization are too big for us alone. Without any doubt, the Spirit of the Lord is moving across the church around the world to move out in mission and evangelizing now."

One of the major concerns discussed was how to reach hidden people groups. Unless greater efforts are made to reach these groups, estimated Edward R. Dayton, vice-president-at-large for World Vision International, more than 2-billion people will never have a clear explanation of who Jesus Christ is and why it is important for them to know him.

As outreach to these people increases, he said, it will become increasingly important for mission groups to share information with each other to avoid duplicating their efforts, especially in research.

Parks quoted J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the division of foreign missions of the Assemblies of God, who had to leave the meeting early, in pointing out that with today's communication network, transportation possibilities and the number of organizations at work, "it is literally, actually possible to share the

gospel with everyone in the world."

Participants in the meeting were Hogan and Norman L. Correll from the Assemblies of God division of foreign missions; Bright and Carl Osterberg of Campus Crusade for Christ, International; John M. Smeed of the Church of the Nazarene world missions division; Warren W. Webster of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society; Robert H. Bowman of Far East Broadcasting Co., Inc.;

Erwin H. Rempel of the General Conference Mennonite Church; John A. Lapp of the Mennonite Central Committee; White and Donald McGilchrist of the Navigators; Vinson Synan of the North American Renewal Service Committee; Morton S. Taylor and John R. Hendrick of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.;

John Cumbers of SIM International (formerly Sudan Interior Mission); Parks and William R. O'Brien of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; J. W. Denny of the Church of God in Christ; Peggy Billings and Keith Rae of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries; Alan Travers and Arnie Robertson of Trans World Radio;

Dale W. Keitzman and Charles Wickman of World Literature Crusade; Fox of the Methodist General Board of Discipleship and the World Methodist Council; Edward R. Dayton of World Vision International; David Bendor-Samuel and Steven Sheldon of Wycliffe Bible Translators, International; and James W. Rogers of Youth With a Mission.

Attendance drops at two centers

NASHVILLE (BP) — Combined summer attendance at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist conference centers dropped by about 5,000 in 1987 due to a change in conference scheduling, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board records show.

The combined 1987 attendance at Glorieta and Ridgecrest was 55,641, a drop from 60,676 the previous year.

One Sunday School leadership conference and one church music leadership conference were dropped at each center in 1987, when the schedule returned to that of pre-1984 times in which all conferences began on Saturday evenings and ended Friday at noon. For three years, conferences had been on a rotating schedule, beginning and ending on different days. That scheduling allowed for 14 summer conferences at each center rather than 12.

At Ridgecrest, 1987 attendance was 28,840, down from 32,183 the year before. The Glorieta total was 26,801, only slightly lower than the 28,493 registrants in 1986.

A total of 16,531 attended seven Sunday School leadership conferences, down from 19,945 the previous year, when nine conferences were offered.

Two church music leadership conferences attracted 6,286, about 2,600 less than the previous year, when four conferences were scheduled.

Two student conferences recorded an attendance of 4,725; and two Bible preaching and church media library conferences counted a total attendance of 3,797, both of which are higher figures than in 1986.

Foreign missions, Brotherhood, and home missions conferences registered about 10,000, up by about 1,300 over last year, while almost 4,000 attended Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union conferences.

The conference centers are operated by the Sunday School Board.