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\$1 billion since 1888

SBC Foreign Missions offering reaches milestone

By Marty Croll and Karen Benson
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — The 100th anniversary of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has brought Southern Baptists to another milestone.

In mid-April, the cumulative total the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received for the offering topped the \$1 billion mark.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is taken each December during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Southern Baptist churches. It supports foreign missions causes and is promoted by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

Every penny given is sent overseas to support foreign missionaries and their work, missions officials noted. None of the offering is used for administrative purposes, which are funded by the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

"This is probably the single-most exciting news in the Southern Baptist Convention in the past 12 months," said Brotherhood Commission President James Smith. "It is an expression of who Southern Baptists are and what

we are all about."

WMU Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford echoed his excitement: "This is tremendous news. Southern Baptists have a reason to be ecstatic. I cannot think of a better way for Southern Baptists to express their love and commitment to missions than by praying daily for home and foreign missions and by giving sacrificially to missions."

Reaching the \$1 billion mark is "a watershed in the history of Southern Baptists," Weatherford said. "This shows what Southern Baptists are capable of doing when they realize the desperate needs of supporting our missions endeavors. It is crucial that we continue to provide this kind of support to our missionaries and our missions causes."

The offering first was taken in 1888 when Lottie Moon, a foreign missionary serving in China, wrote to the newly organized WMU, asking the members to collect funds to send another missionary to China.

The women set a goal of \$2000 to send two missionaries to China. They surpassed that goal by giving \$3315.26 — enough to send three.

"From the early days of the women making sacrificial gifts of their own personal offerings to the present day, they have become the inspirers and motivators for whole churches to engage in prayer and giving for foreign missions," said Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

This year, the 1988 Christmas offering goal was \$84 million. The board has received \$75,297,456.52 toward that goal.

Projections indicate offering receipts will total 11 percent more than the 1987 offering receipts of \$69,912,638 — which would still be about \$6.5 million short of the 1988 goal.

Board officials will continue to receive 1988 Christmas offerings through May 31.

Of the \$1 billion collected cumulatively thus far, 55 percent of the money has been given in the decade of the 1980s. Eighty-two percent was collected during the '70s and '80s, and 94 percent has been collected since 1960.

Put another way, from the first offering in 1888 until 1959, Southern Baptists gave about \$61 million. From 1960 until the present, the board has received about \$940 million.

Offering statistics show that the total offering receipts doubled from 1960 to 1969, and then more than doubled again in the 1970s.

The offering first broke the \$1 million-per-year mark in 1945, with \$1,201,962.24 given that year. The first single-year offering to go over \$10 million was in 1962.

The 1988 offering is the first single-year offering to top \$70 million.

If the offering increases by at least three percent each year over the previous year from now on, Southern Baptists will reach the \$2 billion mark within ten years — by 1999.

"I believe the key to reaching the next \$1 billion plateau is missions involvement," Smith said. "People give to what they are involved in. Missions involvement begins with praying and giving to missions."

Parks said he is grateful for the continuity and perseverance over the years of the Woman's Missionary Union's efforts related to the offering.

"It has been the Week of Prayer that has historically provided the context from which the offering is given," Parks said.

CLC director testifies in DC to committee on child care

WASHINGTON (BP) — A family tax credit should be the cornerstone of any child-care legislation, a Southern Baptist agency executive told a U.S. senate panel.

Richard D. Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, appeared before the Senate Finance Committee, which held two days of hearings on child care welfare programs and tax credit proposals.

Basing his testimony upon a resolution on child care passed at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in 1988, Land said three criteria should be used in evaluating any child care proposal before Congress:

- Does it emphasize a tax-incentive approach to the problem?
- Does it emphasize state and local, rather than federal, regulation?
- Does it target benefits to people

most in need of new assistance?

The proposals being considered by the Finance Committee — most of which feature some combination of individual tax credits and state block grants — are preferable to the Act for Better Child Care Services, Land said.

"They will be more efficient in delivering monetary relief and assistance to families," he testified. "They will not require an extensive network of regulation. They will not create a new level in the federal bureaucracy. And they help keep the focus of child care in the family."

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Mass Evangelism Conference set for Nashville

The Mass Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board is sponsoring the third National Mass Evangelism Conference July 24-26 at Two Rivers Church, Nashville.

The conference provides training and motivation enabling Southern Baptists to reach the unsaved multitudes for Christ. Ten seminars, taught by nationally known evangelism leaders, will teach pastors, church staff members, and laypeople practical skills in reaching groups of lost people.



HOLSTON SPRING MEETING — Holston Association met April 18 at Towering Oaks Church, Greeneville, for its spring semi-annual meeting. From left: Clay Austin, pastor of Blountville First Church, incoming moderator; David Foster, host pastor; Tal Thompson, director of missions; and Mike Womack, pastor of Calvary Church, Erwin, outgoing moderator. The association heard messages by D. L. Lowrie and Tom Madden, and honored Madden and mission volunteers.

Seminar topics include area crusade preparation, revival preparation, witnessing women, prospect discovery, guiding older children to Christ, music evangelism, prayer and evangelism, youth evangelism, and special evangelism events.

The conference will feature a banquet for bivocational and small church pastors, spouses, and staff. They will be given training and recognition for their unique ministries.

An evangelism rally will give area church members opportunity to join conferees in an inspirational event, centered on the missionary task of Southern Baptists.

"This is a unique opportunity for Southern Baptists to hear men and women of God, who are zeroed in on

God's call to evangelism, share their expertise and experience," says Richard Harris, the Home Missions Board's Director of Mass Evangelism. "It's my prayer that God would use this conference to light a fire under Southern Baptists, both ministers and laypeople ... to call us back to the central mission of the church — Evangelism."

Harris encourages every church and association within a 500 mile radius of Nashville to attend the conference.

Harris believes this conference is critical for laying the groundwork for the 1990 Here's Hope Simultaneous Revivals.

For more information on the 1989 National Mass Evangelism Conference, call (404) 898-7599 for a brochure.

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The Madden years

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Editorials

The good ship 'Tennessee Baptist' changes guard

Holding the helm of a "corporation" such as the Tennessee Baptist Convention is no small accomplishment, especially if the term of leadership comes during a decade not known for peace and tranquility.

Tom Madden not only has done that, but he is probably one of the most recognized leaders in Tennessee.

He has been the captain of an enterprise that has grown to membership of more than a million Baptists, from 2950 Southern Baptist churches with accumulated budget receipts of \$305,568,549.

Despite Southern Baptist Convention conflict, Tennessee Baptists are succeeding in growth and missions. Madden's style reflects his statement to the Executive Board shortly after his election in September 1978:

"I hope to challenge Tennessee Baptists to be at our very best to see what God can do through us for Him," the new leader said.

On the eve of retirement at age 70, Madden looks back on changes within the TBC during the decade and talks about the strength of the convention that comes from relationships and cooperation among the local churches. He is one of those staunch Baptists who believes the success of the convention lies in the cooperation and spiritual witness of the

churches.

He has been a "people" person. He has traversed this state hundreds and hundreds of times since January 1979 when he took office. He probably has traveled more miles and spoken to more people than anyone.

His causes are Baptist causes. Teach the Bible first, he would say. And center thoughts, plans, prayers, and actions on those things that Tennessee Baptists do so well — ministry, missions, evangelism.

He is a sought-after pulpiteer. Year after year he has grown accustomed to spending few Sundays at home. He is popular from the Mississippi to the mountains — places in between.

There has been little time for him to rest because of his many leadership posts in addition to his almost daily management, dreaming, and planning on behalf of 785,265 resident members of the churches.

Accomplishments have been many, but he counts at the top the partnership missions emphasis of the convention, and recent reorganization, restructure, and putting together plans for a much-needed Baptist Conference Center.

His style has been one of cautious optimism — mixed with enough bold and in-

novative action to forge a formula for growth and success.

Probably he would list three or four ingredients as keys to a decade of growth in Tennessee Baptist life.

The local churches and pastors, the involvement of Baptist laity, and support from his wife, Edna Earle, not necessarily in that order. He would say that if his tenure at the helm rates the mark of excellence, all these would be involved. He knows the value of strong churches and leaders, involvement of gifted laity, and the supporting strength of the home. They have all been the foundation of his style and substance.

Executive Board employees have been asked about the changing of the guard. When we allow God to lead the changing, we can be excited and confident. Each generation brings a new leadership, a different pattern for success.

Tom Madden, like others before him, will be remembered as one who did his best in this vineyard. When D. L. Lowrie steps to the helm, his visions and plans will become our actions. Good leaders sincerely wish each other well and pray for each other. This is true in Tennessee — April 30 and May 1, 1989. — WFA

Chaplains — serving where needs are unique

At least two May dates appear on the denominational calendar for special emphasis.

Southern Baptists will want to observe May 22-28 as Associational Emphasis Week — and the entire month of May is designated as Chaplaincy Ministries Emphasis Month.

Associational work is vital to missions, evangelism, and all Tennessee Baptist Convention programs. We will direct attention to this emphasis in an upcoming issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

As we begin the month of May, we call on Tennessee Baptists to recognize the work of Baptist chaplains.

The Home Mission Board says there are 2014 endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains serving in various settings. Baptist chaplains are

involved in working with the military, hospitals, correctional institutions, business, flea markets, industry, racetracks, law enforcement centers, recreational areas, fairgrounds, shopping malls, apartment complexes, funeral homes, retirement centers — and other places where people need ministry.

Some chaplains serve as paid employees, and some as volunteers, part-time and full-time.

The Home Mission Board does not appoint and employ chaplains as it does missionaries, but the board does endorse them for service through the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission.

Most salaried Southern Baptist chaplains

are paid by the organizations they serve, although some are paid by local Baptist associations or state conventions. They serve in every state and in 17 foreign countries.

Southern Baptist chaplains reported 22,273 professions of faith last year, through their ministries, an average of 61 professions per day. Counseling sessions totaled 423,292 — and the chaplains led 66,630 worship services.

The figures are impressive and important — but the chaplains' greatest ministry, perhaps, is one on one — in witnessing, and in friendship, often taking time to step in and help when no one else has helped and the darkness is overwhelming.

Chaplains need our prayers and support. They deserve both. — WFA

Building child's confidence requires more than praise

NASHVILLE (BP) — Building a child's confidence involves more than lavishing him with praise, a professor of early childhood education said.

"Praising has its virtues but also its limitations," said JoAnne Hendrick, associate professor of early childhood education and director of the Institute of Child Development at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. "Children are not fooled by empty praise and condescending encouragement."

Hendrick spoke to about 300 preschool and childhood education professionals from 19 states registered for the National ChildLife Conference held at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in mid-April. The conference was sponsored by the preschool/children's section of the board's church training department.

Offering children creative methods of expressing themselves, avoiding over-protection, allowing them choices, permitting failure and helping them learn skills are some long-term methods of building self-confidence, she said.

Immediate or short-term methods of building confidence include rewarding desirable behavior, modeling good behavior, keeping children's interest and challenge levels up, avoiding too many rules and "telling children the right thing to do instead of what not to do," she said.

Parents must relinquish some control of their children if they are going to grow up to be self-confident and self-reliant, she said: "We sometimes have trouble letting a child do things for himself. When we do that, we are saying to the child, 'I don't trust you.'"

Although children are immature, freedom to "do what they think is right in certain situations," is important, she noted.

Grace Ketterman, medical director of Crittenton Center in Kansas City, Mo., said children who will grow up self-confident must have unconditional acceptance from parents and teachers.

"If we are going to build a confident child, we have to offer unconditional acceptance of that child, although we

don't have to accept some of his or her behavior," she said.

Parents who want a self-confident child should have "clearly defined and consistently enforced" measures of

discipline," she added.

Producing a self-confident child means parents themselves should have high self-esteem, Ketterman said.

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FMB appoints 50 missionaries; reaffirms Cooperative Program

By Everett Sneed and Bob Stanley
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)— Fifty new foreign missionaries were appointed April 11 before an overflow crowd of 7000 in Little Rock as Arkansas Baptists played host to a meeting of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees.

More than 6400 people packed the main Little Rock Convention Center exhibition hall, while others watched on closed-circuit television screens in an overflow area. At the close of the service, 251 people made spiritual decisions, including 110 who committed themselves to explore career mission service.

The only cloud over the otherwise tranquil three-day trustee meeting was the possibility of confrontation between Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and Criswell College President Paige Patterson, an FMB trustee. Parks expressed concern in March over the college's option to purchase a seminary in Belgium.

The confrontation did not materialize in this meeting, but Parks and Patterson huddled for 25 minutes with Trustee Chairman C. Mark Cortis and other board officers during a break in the board's business session April 12.

After the break, Cortis announced that a report will be given in the May 22-24 trustee meeting. The report will include what Patterson is doing in regard to the purchase of the Belgian

property as well as Parks' concerns about its impact on Baptist work in Europe.

"It is premature for us to discuss this today," Cortis said. "We will know more about the disposition of the property in May." In the meantime, he said, board officers will discuss the matter with Patterson and Parks.

In other actions, the board approved a resolution reaffirming the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget, elected three new officers, approved a new category of service, and heard reports on FMB finances and a possible change in the board's bylaws.

The resolution said: "The trustees ... go on record as being in strong support of the Cooperative Program as the lifeline of our missions effort. We urge caution at any decision that would fragment, weaken or erode the Cooperative Program principle." The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' conventionwide plan for funding missions and other denominational programs.

A discussion regarding designated giving to the Cooperative Program had emerged in the board's Feb. 13-15 meeting, when Cortis indicated he "had heard of 15 or more churches" in North Carolina that have decided against full participation in the budget.

The trustees approved a new personnel category called "tentmakers" for people who work in secular professions

overseas. The program is designed to help the board reach into limited-access or "closed" countries where traditional missionaries are unable to work, as well as countries where a more traditional approach is possible.

Tentmakers will enter into a formal agreement to cooperate with the board. Unlike Southern Baptists who happen to live outside the United States because of their work, tentmakers identify themselves as Christians whose commitment to missions and evangelism lead them overseas.

Carl W. Johnson, vice president for finance and treasurer, reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is up substantially over the amount

budgeted by the FMB, but he said receipts from the Cooperative Program may be less than the amount budgeted. Much of the increase from the Lottie Moon offering must be utilized to offset the deficit in receipts from the Cooperative Program, he said.

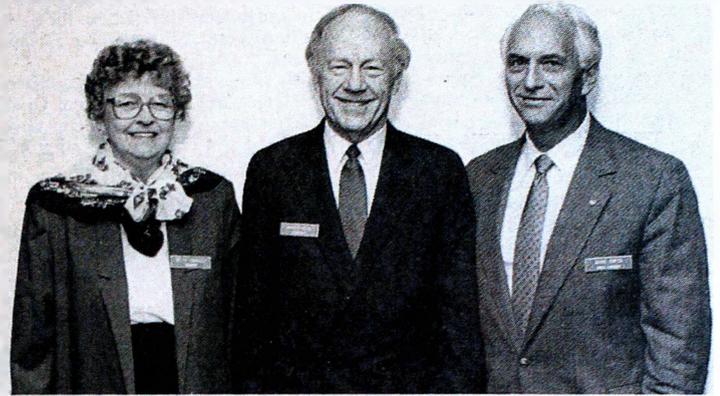
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TENNESSEAN ELECTED — Officers of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board were elected by acclamation during the April board meeting in Little Rock, Ark. They are, from left, Betty Swadley, pastor's wife and author from South Haven Church, Springfield, Mo., recording secretary; Morris H. Mills, lay member of Bellevue Church, Memphis, first vice chairman; and Mark Cortis, pastor of Calvary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., re-elected chairman.

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Vestal allows nomination for SBC presidency

NASHVILLE (BP)— Offering himself as a "responsible reconciler, a bridge to call our people back together," Daniel Vestal announced April 16 that he will permit his nomination as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., June 13.

Vestal made the announcement to Dunwoody (Ga.) Church in suburban Atlanta, where he has been pastor since October 1988, following a 12-year pastorate at First Church, Midland, Texas.

"After going through a great deal of soul-searching and prayer, I've come to a conviction that this is God's will for me," Vestal said.

He described his decision as a personal conviction and said he is "not anybody's candidate." However, he said he is a "centrist" in the SBC theological/political controversy.

"I am theologically and Biblically conservative and have proven that I am committed to the cooperative approach to missions," Vestal said.

He hopes to return to the "time-honored principles of Southern Baptists: the authority of Scripture, the priesthood of believers, the autonomy of the local church, the separation of church and state, and the cooperative approach to missions rather than the independent approach," he said.

Interviewed April 18 in Corsicana, Texas, where he was conducting a revival meeting, Vestal said his decision to allow his nomination is born out

of conviction that the SBC is "in danger of losing its viability as a denomination."

"We are languishing," he said. "Cooperative Program (unified budget) giving is down; mission budgets are being cut; seminary budgets have been cut. It's not because of the economy. It's because we have forsaken (the convention's) basic principles."

Southern Baptists also have thrived because of their commitment to freedom, which has eroded during the years of the SBC controversy, he said.

"For ten years, there has been a deliberate intentional campaign to discredit people's convictions which has intimidated them. It has created fear and threatened free expression. The intimidation has been like this: If you don't vote a certain way, you are portrayed as not believing the Bible. If you don't vote a certain way, you are portrayed as supporting liberals. . . ."

Vestal, who in February was among several people who spoke at a meeting sponsored by Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, said he welcomed the group's support of his nomination, but insisted he does not belong to Baptists Committed or any group: "I am not owned by anybody. I am owned by Jesus Christ. I welcome the support of others, but I am my own person."

He does not know who will nominate him in Las Vegas, he said, but he has had several offers.

New Middleton celebrates 150th anniversary

New Middleton Church near Gordonsville celebrated its 150th anniversary April 16.

The day-long program was based on the theme "A history to remember, a future to enjoy."

The church was established in 1839 as Macedonia Church. There were 23 members.

The name was changed to New Middleton when the church moved into a new facility. Because of damages to the church property involved with the construction of Interstate 40, the church once again relocated.

New Middleton's present building was dedicated in 1969.

During the anniversary celebration, former pastor Tommy Hight delivered the morning sermon. Tim Frank, former minister of music, presented special music. Emery Farmer, direc-

tor of missions, Salem Association, presented the church a plaque recognizing its 150th anniversary from the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society.

Current pastor Kim North noted: "As we close out our 150 years of history, we continue to exercise our faith believing that the Lord of the Harvest will add to His church for His own praise and honor.

"We give God the glory for all good that has been accomplished and we pray that we may ever be humble, consecrated, and dedicated to the Lord's work, pressing forward in the future to greater heights for Him than we have ever known.

Members of the church were given a historical booklet, chronicling the church's 150 years. Lucy Baker served as chairman of the sesquicentennial committee.



LONG-TIME MEMBERS — New Middleton Church celebrated its 150th anniversary April 16. Kim North, left, pastor, and Emery Farmer, director of missions, Salem Association, joined four 50-year members of the church. From left are Campbell Baker, Floy Litchford, Geraldine Dawson, and Catherine Scudder. Baker has been a member of the church for 71 years.

48 students commissioned as summer missionaries

NASHVILLE — About 350 students from Tennessee met here April 7-9 for fellowship, study, and to send off 48 of their own for missions service around the world.

The State Spring Conference annual features the student missionary commissioning. The missionaries are

sponsored by the state's Baptist Student Unions and directed by the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission boards.

This year's commissioning service, directed by the Baptist Student Union of Tennessee Technological University, included a skit featuring a young man

struggling with the decision to do missions work.

Friendship, represented by a friendship pin, was a theme. The character in the skit gave the pins to friends as a reminder to pray for him. Later the missionaries handed out friendship pins to friends and family members as a reminder for prayer.

Ircel Harrison, director of Tennessee Baptist Convention Student Ministries which sponsored the event, reported that the 1989 student missionaries included one, Carol Meadows of Union University, Jackson, who was appointed for her fourth term and four brother/sister members.

Blaine and Alison Dixon of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville; and Paige and Kirk Davis of the University of Tennessee — Knoxville; are brother/sister appointees.

The State Spring Conference, which met at Forest Hills Church, also included seminars and presentations by D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director-elect; Lewis Myers, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and David Garland, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The conference was planned by eight member Tennessee BSU Council, which also oversees the state BSU missionary program.



GOING TO EUROPE — Richard Glenn, left, a student at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and Lynn Burson of Belmont College, Nashville; discuss their assignments to Western Europe.

1989 Tennessee BSU student missionaries

- **SEMESTER — FOREIGN MISSIONS — Summer/Fall**
- WESTERN EUROPE — Shannon Farmer, Carson-Newman College
- **SUMMER — FOREIGN MISSIONS**
- ISRAEL — Cathy Bridgeman, Rhodes College
- Chris Leonard, University of Tennessee — Chattanooga
- PHILIPPINES — Jennifer Cheatham, Austin Peay State University
- Trevor Martin, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- Laurie Wilkerson, University of Tennessee — Memphis
- Sheila Wright, Union University
- Kirk Davis, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- Donna Davison, Carson-Newman College
- Jane Geggus, Union University
- Daryl Hall, East Tennessee State University
- Carol Meadows, Union University
- Andy Murry, Memphis State University
- Steven Tiebout, Tennessee Technological University
- Katherine Tyler, East Tennessee State University
- WESTERN EUROPE — Lynn Burson, Belmont College
- Richard Glenn, Carson-Newman College
- **SUMMER — HOME MISSIONS**
- ALASKA — David Hartsell, Walters State Community College
- Susan Murphy, Memphis State University
- CANADA — Regina Adams, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- HAWAII — Kirk McKay, Carson-Newman College
- KENTUCKY — Michael Dickerson, Union University
- Monica Powers, Union University
- LOUISIANA — Alison Dixon, Austin Peay State University
- MICHIGAN — Jodie Bowers, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- NEW YORK — Teresa Smith, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- Ken Wiandt, Union University
- OHIO — Penny Baker, Jackson State Community College
- PENNSYLVANIA — Amy Jenkins, Tennessee Technological University
- SOUTH CAROLINA — Paige Davis, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- Kevin Duffy, Vanderbilt University
- Kathy Johnson, University of Tennessee — Knoxville
- Anthony Smith, Middle Tennessee State University
- **TENNESSEE —**
- GATLINBURG — Sharon Andrews, Union University
- Blaine Dixon, Austin Peay State University
- Robin Wilcox, East Tennessee State University
- JEFFERSON CITY — Johnny Osborne, Carson-Newman College
- Jay Victory, Columbia State Community College
- KNOXVILLE — (Western Heights Baptist Center)
- Jenna Bennett, Carson-Newman College
- Kim Tyler, Carson-Newman College
- (Fifth Avenue Baptist Church)
- Bobby Dennison — Dyersburg State Community College
- **TBC CHILDREN'S HOMES**
- Franklin — April Allen, Walters State Community College
- Diana Drewery, Memphis State University
- Greeneville — Sharron Shaw, Hiwassee College
- Johnson City — David Wood, Carson-Newman College
- Memphis — Mary Ratliff, Middle Tennessee State University
- Tammie Thornton, Union University
- Millington — Mike Garrett, Union University

Southern Baptists reminded of day of prayer

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists have been asked to participate in the National Day of Prayer, May 4.

Southern Baptist Convention President Jerry Vines and SBC Executive Committee President Treasurer Harold C. Bennett both called Southern Baptists to prayer.

"The National Day of Prayer comes at a time when our nation faces overwhelming moral problems," said Vines, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla. "We have failed to find solutions to these problems. An appeal to the God of heaven is our best, indeed only, solution.

"I encourage Southern Baptists to participate in the National Day of Prayer with sincere hearts and great confidence in our prayer-answering God."

"I would urge Southern Baptists all across this land to join their countrymen in prayer," Bennett added. "God's guidance is vital — both for our leaders and for ourselves."

The observance of the National Day of Prayer dates back to 1775, when the Continental Congress first proclaimed a day for "all English colonies on the continent as a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer."

The annual observance was conducted through the years of the American Revolution and was revived

by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. In 1952, during the Korean War, Congress passed a joint resolution calling for a day of prayer to be set aside each year.

Last year, Congress permanently fixed the date, passing legislation declaring the first Thursday in May of each year as the National Day of Prayer.

President George Bush signed a proclamation supporting the prayer day this spring.

Teach/reach children focus of conference

The TBC Sunday School Department will offer a Children's Teach/Reach Conference May 19-20 at Camp Linden.

The conference will update children's workers on age-group work, help workers sharpen skills needed to reach and teach children, and offer ideas for relating to the child and his or her family.

Featured speakers are Beth Taylor, Linda Minard, and Ann Tonks from the Baptist Sunday School Board children's section.

The cost is \$40 per person. Contact the TBC Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024-0728, for additional information.

Personal Perspective

By Tom J Madden

Not long after Tennessee Baptists invited me to serve as executive secretary-treasurer, Al Shackleford, editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, asked me to write a "brief weekly article on various subjects." I was pleased to accept and thus was begun "Personal Perspective."



MADDEN

When Al resigned to become vice president for public relations for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and Fletcher Allen was elected to succeed him, I offered to cease writing the column. He encouraged me to continue the effort. As I come to retirement and to my last "Personal Perspective," I want to thank these noble editors and their splendid staffs for their most helpful cooperation, editorial assistance, and

enormous patience.

I want to thank those in our own office for their supportive help. They have frequently reminded me of deadlines, translated my scribbles, corrected my grammar and punctuation, and always encouraged me.

I want to thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for not asking the column to be removed from the paper. Thank you for the liberty you have given me to write on subjects as led by God's Holy Spirit. It has most assuredly been one of the major joys of my stewardship.

As I come to official retirement and to another adjustment in life, I want to commend to you Dr. D. L. Lowrie. I believe God has prepared Tennessee Baptists for him and prepared him for Tennessee Baptists. I do believe he will provide strong, loving, capable, and dedicated leadership for many years.

I am not retiring from the Lord's work and as long as God gives me life and strength, I plan to remain a loyal, active, supportive Tennessee Baptist.

Thank you sincerely and may God ever bless you.

Southern trustees approve recommendations

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees dispatched three days of business during their annual meeting on the Louisville, Ky., campus April 3-5, approving without dissent more than two dozen recommendations from the seminary's administration and trustee committees.

Trustees adopted a \$14.9 million operating budget for 1989-90, a one percent increase over the 1988-89 budget; approved a series of personnel recommendations, including the addition of three faculty members; and negotiated an accelerated procedure for electing new trustees to the 63-member board.

State House votes May 1 on gambling

The vote by the Tennessee House of Representatives on the bill that would repeal parimutuel gambling except in Memphis will be held May 1 at 5 p.m. in the House chambers in Nashville.

The Tennesseans Against Gambling organization urges people to call or write their representatives, but also visit them before the vote and fill the chambers as a "show of strength on this," explained Gerald Stow, a member of the group and Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes executive director.

The House Bill is no. 102 and Senate Bill is 524.

Members of TAG will be at the chambers prior to the vote to direct people, Stow added. The TAG members will wear identification badges, he said.

Contacts with senators also may help move the senate bill from committee, said Stow.

The 1989-90 budget, described by Executive Vice President Donald B. Clapp as "the leanest budget in years," provides a two percent salary scale increase for all regular employees plus an additional one-step adjustment for full-time assistant and associate professors eligible for merit increases.

Funding the salary adjustment and a significant increase in fixed costs for employee insurance and retirement benefits required internal budget reallocations of more than \$368,000, including cuts in some programs and services, seminary officials said.

A salary increase had been identified as a top priority in developing the budget, since employees received no salary increases last year.

The 1989-90 budget anticipates a reduction of more than \$100,000 in allocations from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget next year, based upon the national Cooperative Program budget to be recommended by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee to the convention in June. The Cooperative Program accounts for about 42 percent of Southern Seminary's operating budget.

Rutledge pastor dies

Darrell E. Seal, 60, pastor of New Blackwell Church, Rutledge, died April 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville. During his career as a pastor, Seal also served at Macedonia Church, Morristown, Fernwood Baptist, Morristown, and Pleasant Ridge Church, Talbott. Seal was a Korean War veteran.

Seal is survived by his wife, Helen Shockley Seal, and children Mark Stephen and Timothy Lee.

The three new faculty members, all elected with tenure, are Charles B. Bugg, pastor of First Church, Augusta, Ga., as the Carl E. Bates professor of Christian preaching; John P. Dever, professor of religion and sociology and assistant dean for academic records at Averett College in Danville, Va., as professor of church and community; and John W. Landon, professor of social work and associate dean of the College of Social Work at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, as professor of church social work.

In addition, the board granted tenure to David D'Amico, whose appointment as the Billy Graham professor of evangelism had been approved in February by the trustee executive committee.

Because of provisions in the charter, new trustees historically have been elected through a two-step process. After their election by the SBC in June, trustees are elected by the seminary board ten months later during its annual meeting in April. In addition to delaying the work of new trustees during the interim, the process has prompted accusations in recent years that the seminary board might reject convention-elected trustees and even attempt to "pull out" of the convention.

The rumors have persisted despite assurances from Honeycutt that the convention's trustee elections are binding and that the school "has never had any intention of being anything other than a cooperative Southern Baptist Convention seminary."

CLC director testifies . . .

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Explaining that about 40 percent of child care for children younger than 5 currently is provided by relatives, Land said modifications and expansions of tax incentives could provide an economic base for even more child care to be provided within the family context.

The most meaningful role federal government can play in dealing with the need for child care is to enable American families to care for their own, he said, adding, "Our social policies, and therefore our tax structure, should make the option of home-based child care as realistic as possible."

Land also told the panel child-care regulation is best conducted by state and local authorities. "These levels of

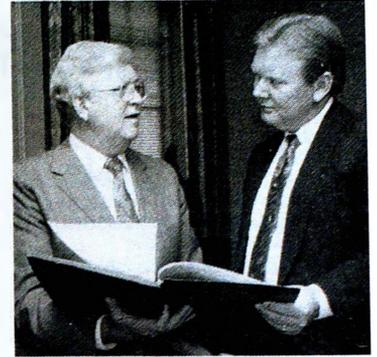
May symposium planned

HOUSTON — Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention is hosting a symposium at the Convention Center, Nashville, May 1-2.

"Here We Stand" is the focus of the two-day meeting which features Southern Baptists "sharing where Baptists Committed stand on current issues and calling the Southern Baptist Convention to unity," according to spokesmen.

Baptists Committed was formed in 1988 by Southern Baptist ministers and laypeople "to unify the SBC around the tasks of missions, education, evangelism."

Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, will speak on "Here We Stand," the opening message at 2 p.m., May 1. Discussion topics include Priesthood of the Believer, Separation of Church and State, and Local Church Autonomy.



TENNESSEE TRUSTEE — Roy L. Honeycutt, left, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, reviewed with new seminary trustee Richard D. White the list of faculty signatures that appear on the Abstract of Principles, the seminary's statement of faith since the Louisville, Ky., school's founding in 1859. White, pastor of First Church, Franklin, attended his first annual meeting of Southern's trustees April 3-5.

Recent attempts to accelerate the election process, however, have bogged down in legal and procedural complexities. After debate in last year's meeting, trustees voted to hold an adjourned session of the board during the SBC annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, to promptly elect new trustees elected by the convention.

authority, by their proximity and broad responsibility, are best situated both to provide oversight and to be responsive related to child-care needs," he said.

PAC supports RLC

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee has thrown its support behind the proposed establishment of a Religious Liberty Commission but has recommended a limit on funding for the new agency.

During an April 20-21 meeting in Washington, the PAC adopted two resolutions dealing with the Religious Liberty Commission and included mention of the proposed agency in the committee's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

In one Religious Liberty Commission-related resolution, PAC members recorded their support for the establishment of the new entity.

The resolution, which was authored by Thomas E. Pratt Jr., a pastor from Brighton, Colo., cited Southern Baptists' need for a religious liberty office that would be representative of and directly accountable to the convention. The resolution also was critical of the level of financial support given to the Baptist Joint Committee by its eight other member denominations.

PAC members said they hoped the resolution would dispel the idea that funds for the new agency would be taken from mission dollars. Pratt, who said he had heard and read estimates that placed the Religious Liberty Commission's first-year operating expenses at \$400,000 to \$750,000, argued publicity about the new agency had "cast us in the worst possible light."

One Word More

They stood on one of the busiest street corners in Zurich, preaching the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

We had rounded a corner and were crossing the street when we first heard them.

It had been a beautiful afternoon. Even the summer showers had not prevented us from Sunday afternoon sightseeing, nor had they dampened our spirits.

We were headed back to the comforts of the hotel as dusk began to drop its curtain. We dodged street cars and joined the sidewalk throng, some curious, some scornful, some interested, in a circle around the small band who proclaimed the message of salvation.

There was something compelling about the group. One man was speaking with great fervor — in German. They paused and the rest joined him in a joyous song. Another gave a testimony, with eyes so filled with love, only the hardest of hearts would be able to reject his plea.

There was more singing, more preaching, another testimony, this time by a young girl. The rain had stopped, but we did not want to leave

the shelter where we had darted to dodge the showers.

Though our German comprehension is less than adequate, we did understand the evangelistic message. When the preacher quoted from the Bible, "Ist jemand in Christo, so ist er eine neue kreatur; das alte ist bergangen, siehe ist alles neu geworden," the way he said it made me know it meant:

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come!"

They wore pins with this message: New Life in Christ.

Just a minute or two from where they were witnessing to a gawking crowd, stands a statue of Ulrich Zwingli, a leader in the Swiss reformation, and they were almost in the shadows of twin-spired Gross Munster, the church where Zwingli preached in the 1500's.

More important and more fitting perhaps, they preached on a street corner hard by the Limmat River, within shouting distance of where Felix Mantz was bound in 1527 at age 25 and drowned in Limmat's cold depths for his profession of baptism for each believer.

They heard Mantz' message down the corridors of martyrdom and were real evangelists for Christ, totally dis-counting the cost.

New life in Christ!



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1022 attend meeting

Drama, puppetry, clowning festival draws record crowd

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
 NASHVILLE — Even the world's worst "sad sack" would have had a hard time keeping a smile off his face during the ninth annual drama, puppetry, and clowning festival April 14-15 at First Church, Nashville.

More than 1000 participants from eight states met at First Church, dressed as clowns, armed with puppets, or in costume ready to perform Christian drama.

Eleanor Yarborough, director of church recreation for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, said the conference reached its highest attendance ever, 222 more than last year's attendance of 800.

Represented at the festival were 125 TBC churches from 33 associations, Yarborough said.

The TBC festival has grown tremendously during its nine-year history and is the largest state creative arts festival in the Southern Baptist Convention, she observed.

Yarborough noted the use of creative arts (drama, puppetry, and clowning) in ministry is growing because America is a visual society.

"We are out of step if we don't utilize the creative arts in our worship."

Acknowledging the creative arts does not take the place of the spoken word or music, Yarborough emphasized drama, clowning, and puppetry are other "means of reaching people with the message of Jesus Christ."

"Sometimes a truth is better understood when it is seen and not just heard," she added.

Yarborough said the two-day conference provided training for all levels of participants — from the beginner to

the more advanced.

Seventy-four conferences were offered, led by faculty from across the Southern Baptist Convention. Education was not the only way they could learn, however, Yarborough noted.

Registrants could also learn by performing or simply by observing the more experienced groups, she added.

During the conference, which was built on the theme "Our Gifts — His Glory," church teams performed in the

different areas. While not in competition with each other, they were evaluated so they could see their own strengths and weaknesses, Yarborough said.

Program personalities included Michael Morgan, minister of music, Indian Springs Church, Kingsport, who composed the festival theme song "Our Gifts — His Glory;" Doug Berky, professional mime, Nashville; Bruce Johnson, minister of Christian life activities, Immanuel Church, Lexington, Ky.; and John Lee Welton, professor of drama, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Career conference set

The TBC Church Training Department will hold a Christian Career Conference May 5-6 at Camp Linden.

The weekend retreat is designed so older youth and adults can hear and respond to God's call.

Highlights of the conference will be workshops on church and other vocations, and fellowship with business and professional leaders and church staff.

Total cost is \$18. For additional information contact: TBC Church Training Department, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024-0728.



NO CLOWNING AROUND — Serious messages can be brought to life even by clowns. Performing are the New Kingdom Clowns from Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville.



HAPPY FACES — "Clowning" around at the conference were a group from New Bethany Church, Sweetwater. From left, back row, are Mike Johnson, Mike Belcher, Jerry Webb, and Kelly Rogers. Front row, Jackie Johnson and Donna Johnson.



UNION PUPPETEERS — The Sunshine Puppet team from Union University's Baptist Student Union participated in the recent festival at First Church, Nashville. From left, back row, are Kyle Harless, Melissa Crews, Zenda Pearrow, Teri Patterson, Elizabeth Simpson, and Laura Harris. Front row, Rhonda Waldo and Anita Worley.

One Woman's View

By June McEwen

Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free . . . So if the Son make you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:32, 36 RSV)." No restraints, no schedules, no responsibilities — this idea of freedom. To do what one wants to do without hindrances may be one definition of freedom; however, an understanding of the idea of freedom in Christian terms is quite different.

As a Christian, freedom means responsibility and choosing to accept limits. As Christians, set free from the bondage of sin, we are engaged in a pilgrimage involving growth and choice.

Today, Christian women, and women in general, enjoy increasing freedom and many more opportunities which require making choices. Just consider these: choosing to attend or not to attend college (more women than men are currently enrolled in post high school training and education); to marry or not to marry (the single population of the country is numerous and continuing to increase); to have children or to remain childless (families are smaller today than ever before and there are more couples who have no children); to be homemakers or to have careers (increasing numbers of women enter professions and trades which were previously for men only); to work or not to work outside the home (since World War II the trend for women to work continues to increase and futurists predict that the trend will continue).



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Some women are more able to make choices than others. For some, the economic situation dictates the choice. We are told that less than ten percent of American families today are made up of a mother, father, and children. Many women work to enhance the family lifestyle; others work to meet life's basic needs.

There are times when everyone needs help in making choices which honor God and aid in personal spiritual growth. For example, how does one decide the extent of involvement in the work of the church? Doing a good job often means that person is tapped for every committee and every task that comes along. How does a person make right choices in allocating time and energy in serving God through the local church?

Some people use a strategy so they can make better choices in balancing freedom and responsibility in this special area. They ask themselves such questions as "What activities do I do best? and What are my special gifts and skills?" With these factors in mind and an idea of time available, one can spend time in prayer and thought. Once these steps are taken, commitments can be made.

Tasks well done benefit the church, the people served, and the Christian servant who is fulfilling the commands of Christ. Less over-scheduling by active church workers will assist in better attitudes toward family members and other Christians.

Yes, we are free to choose and we are obliged to be responsible. Freedom and obligation are a paradox of the Christian life. We want to use all our gifts to God's glory, but we need to choose in a spirit of prayer how to commit time and effort appropriate to doing a good job. We can choose knowing that "If the Son make you free, you are free indeed."

The Madden years

To retire April 30

Tom Madden reflects on years past

By Wm. Fletcher Allen

Tom Madden is the kind of executive officer who will stand back and open the door for whomever is with him.

So it should come as no surprise that he would be reluctant to talk about accomplishments of his ten-year stint at the helm of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He had rather say that everyone cooperated and gave their best to goals and achievements.

Madden steps down as TBC executive secretary-treasurer April 30. He reached 70 on April 14, and that means mandatory retirement.

He had been convention ministries director since July 1, 1976, when the Executive Board summoned him to succeed the retiring Ralph Norton on Sept. 19, 1978. He took office the following Jan. 1.

Madden was no stranger to Tennessee Baptists then — and he certainly is one of Tennessee's best-known leaders now. He had served as pastor of First Church, Tullahoma, for 22 years prior to joining the TBC staff, and was pastor of Greenbrier's First Church three years.

A challenge for Baptists

When he was called in 1978, the Enid, Okla., native, said, "I am most grateful to God for giving me life, saving me, and calling me to serve in Tennessee."

He said he hoped to challenge Tennessee Baptists "to be at our very best to see what God can do through us for Him."

He almost echoed those remarks in a Baptist and Reflector interview last week. "So many good things have happened to the Tennessee Baptist Convention that never occurred to me," he said.

"The willingness of Tennessee Baptists to adopt a program of partnership missions, for example, has sent us to Burkina Faso, Venezuela, the Philippines — and to Michigan.

Volunteer spirit

"I believe this missions-mindedness has been like yeast that's worked throughout the convention. Every

church and all our associations have been touched by the spirit of volunteerism.

"It has been like a rainbow that arches over us, and kept us aware of missions beyond — far beyond our borders."

In 1979-80, Madden's first year as TBC leader, there were 2764 churches in the convention. Cooperative Program giving was \$13,276,876. Coupled with designated gifts, the total was \$20,885,192.

Now there are 2950 churches in the convention — and last year's gifts through the CP budget amounted to \$22,439,180. When designated gifts were included, the total was \$34,953,438. And the first five months of 1988-89 show the convention's CP budget 11 percent above last year's.

Cooperative spirit

Budgets and Cooperative Program giving consistently have been strong points for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Madden believes that the generous giving of Tennessee Baptists joins with the solid missions dreams and successful plans to make the convention stronger than most state conventions.

"We have been able to have a sound endowment program for our three colleges and that blends into Christian education," Madden says. "And so our colleges are able to help young people. I have felt that our colleges are sound, and close to our churches and people."

There has been an increased amount of funding to help start new churches, coming in part from the Golden State Missions Offering, Madden believes.

"There have been church loans, grants, salary supplements — all these are important," he says.

Out of 'trouble'

"All these things have kept us 'occupied,' and involved — and out of trouble," the outgoing executive says. "We have majored on missions and evangelism, and other vital plans and programs," he said, "things that really count."

Madden, pausing to look beyond the present to the future, said that he believes the future is bright for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. "I feel the Task Force has made tremendous contributions to our future," he said. "The team has restructured the Executive Board staff, established a much-needed conference center, and added new facilities. We needed all these things," he concluded.

As for the future of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Madden is very optimistic. He says "the future certainly is bright for Baptist work in Tennessee."

In capable hands

"I think we are in very capable hands with D. L. Lowrie," he said. "He has come to us well-equipped to do a great work. Tennessee is at the very heart of Southern Baptist population. We have had a great influence on the rest of the convention, and we will do even better.

"The visions of church starts and church growth are tremendous, and in



TEAM EFFORT — Throughout Tom Madden's tenure as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, he has had quality help from the staff in the executive office. From left are, Carol Hayner, Wilma Neely, Phyllis Bates, Pat Mulloy, Ruth Bradley, and Martha Norris. Not present for the photo was Jane Garvin.

the days ahead, the dreams will continue to be realized. Our churches are missions-minded. Our institutions are sound."

Tom Madden believes in the local church. "I came to realize long ago," he said, "that the highest place of service in God's kingdom is the local church. Every church is a family, and by Christian convictions, they cooperate and work together to strengthen the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

From Oklahoma

Madden is a native of Enid, Okla. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and received his Th.M. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He became a Christian at age ten, was ordained by First Church, Cushing, Okla. He served student pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas, and was professor of Bible and BSU director at Arlington (Texas) State University.

Prior to coming to Tennessee in 1952, he was pastor of Calvary Church, Mexia, Texas. He was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1969 while serving as pastor of First Church, Tullahoma. He preached the annual TBC sermon in 1964.

Years of service

Madden's leadership ability was honored by service within the Tennessee Baptist Convention long before he became executive secretary. Among his places of service are:

Executive Board (1958-64 and 1970-76); Tennessee Baptist Service Corp. (1974-76); Tennessee Baptist Foundation (1963-69); Baptist Hospital, Nashville (1961-67 and 1969-75); Committee on Boards (1957-60 and 1965-68); and Committee on Committees (1971-74).

He also was chairman of the Centennial Committee which coordinated the 100th anniversary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1974.

Madden served on the Board of Directors for the SBC Education Commission and the Southern Baptist

Foundation. He was a member of the SBC Executive Committee (1966-74) and on the Christian Life Commission (1958-64).

Meeting Mrs. Madden

The retiring executive secretary met Mrs. Madden at Southwestern Seminary — when she was Edna Earle Parker of Jackson, Tenn. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and attended Union University. She was a school teacher for many years. Son Thomas III lives in Morristown, N. J., and daughter Jane lives in Nashville.

"Edna Earle has been a great source of strength to me across the years," Madden says. "I have always thought of us as a team. As God calls us to do certain things in life, we are helped by having families that are understanding and supportive. Ours has been that way."

As for Mrs. Madden's feelings, those who attended the special night at the Tennessee Baptist Convention last November in Jackson, heard her express her deep feelings for all Tennessee Baptists — and her family. Her husband, she said, has always been her "Preacher."

Honored by 'family'

The Maddens will be honored by the staff of the Executive Board Building and the Baptist Center on April 27. They have been recognized by many groups across the convention as they close an era of leadership that spanned a decade of growth and change among Tennessee Baptists.

His years as executive secretary end April 30, but he will still be a familiar sight in Baptist pulpits across the state. Madden plans to work part-time with the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, and continue to preach.

"My conviction is strengthened by Tennessee Baptists — the churches, the institutions, the pastors and people — in what we are doing for Christ in Tennessee. This is a marvelous place to live and work for Christ. We should all rejoice in what God has allowed us to do," he said.



TOM MADDEN — At home in his TBC office.

At Greenbrier, Tullahoma

Former church members remember Madden as pastor

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
Members of First Church, Greenbrier, and First Church, Tullahoma, are not familiar with "Dr." Tom Madden.

But mention "Brother" Madden and faces light up.

Though it has been about 35 years since Madden left the pastorate of First Church, Greenbrier, memories of his days there are entrenched in the minds of members still at the church.

"He touched our lives in such a way we just don't forget him" said Minnie Fisher.

Fisher's husband, Baxter, who died about five years ago, was on the pulpit

committee which brought Madden to Tennessee in 1952 from Texas, she recalled.

Fisher related her husband used to say it was Madden's "genuine spiritual humility" which so impressed that committee.

Brooks Hackney, who grew up in the church, agreed. "In my opinion, he is one of the most humble, spiritual people I've ever known."

Hackney led the music at Greenbrier during Madden's tenure as pastor. "I learned a lot from Brother Madden," he remembered, noting he went to Madden once to see what songs he wanted to sing during the Sunday morning service. He wouldn't choose the songs, simply saying, "Brooks, if your heart is right, the Holy Spirit will lead you in what songs to pick."

Billie Lou Watts was Madden's first secretary at Greenbrier. "Brother Madden has such a caring compassion for his church family as well as a great concern for lost souls," she recalled.

Hackney noted Madden had great inner strength. While Madden was pastor at Greenbrier his mother passed away. Madden found out about her death during the Sunday School hour. Hackney remembered.

Though he shared the news with Hackney, he did not tell the congregation until after his sermon. "That took a lot of strength — more than I ever could have mustered," Hackney said. Hackney remembered the day when

the pulpit committee from First Church, Tullahoma, came to hear Madden preach. He told me after the service he wouldn't go to Tullahoma for a million dollars, he recalled.

About four weeks later, however, Madden felt led to move to the Tullahoma church. "I've teased him since that I knew how much he was paid at Tullahoma — \$1 million and \$1," Hackney laughed.

The Hackneys summed up Madden's years at First Church, Greenbrier: "This is a better church and better community for Tom Madden having walked through here."

At Tullahoma

Clara Garrison remembered the first time she saw Madden when he came to Tullahoma in 1955 for an interview and had lunch with department heads in the church.

"When I first saw him, he looked the least like a preacher of anyone I'd ever seen. I thought he looked like a French actor," she laughed, noting mustaches were not as popular then as they are now.

But, she reflected, he soon became "the preacher."

"To everybody in Tullahoma, he was tops," Garrison added.

Bob and Louise Wilson echoed that assessment.

Brother Madden was not only the pastor of First Church, Tullahoma, he was the "town's pastor," they related.

Bob Peck added that everyone in Tullahoma "loved and respected Brother Madden regardless of the church they attended, or whether they went at all."

Marie Peck said the one thing about Madden that stood out in her memory was "he always had a twinkle in his eye."

Both the Wilsons and the Pecks recalled Madden always knew "just the right thing" to say no matter what the circumstance.

"He had a knack of handling any situation regardless of what it was to keep down controversy or ill feelings," Peck said.

Knowing what was going on in the church and community was another trait Madden had, members noted.

Lois Dorrell remembered when they left Tullahoma for a period of time, and then returned to the city. We were looking for a house, but had not made a final decision, she said.

We stopped at a house we were considering strongly and there was one of Brother Madden's cards in the door



TULLAHOMA MEMBERS — Members of First Church, Tullahoma, reminisced on Tom Madden's 21 years as pastor of the church. From left are, Marie Peck, Louise Wilson, Bob Peck, and Bob Wilson.

with the simple message, "Welcome home," Dorrell reflected.

Every member interviewed stressed the love and concern Madden demonstrated to everyone.

Marie Peck told of the Sunday morning when a man who obviously had been drinking entered the sanctuary and walked down the aisle.

"Brother Madden stopped in the middle of his sermon, walked down to the man and asked if he could help him, and then welcomed him to the church.

"He then returned to the pulpit and picked up the sermon where he had left off," she said.

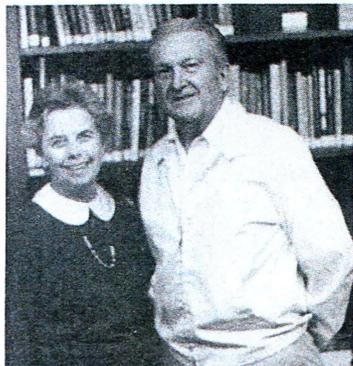
Madden's wife, Edna Earle, and children also are remembered fondly by members. Mrs. Madden was the "perfect pastor's wife," said Louise Wilson.

Marie Peck agreed, noting Mrs. Madden is a "very gracious lady." One of the church's Baptist women's circles is named in her honor, Peck added.

Members from both of Madden's Tennessee pastorates noted he has maintained ties to the churches. He's always willing to come back for revivals, weddings, funerals, or other occasions, they said.

There's little doubt Tom Madden impressed the people he loved and worshipped with during his pastorates.

As Marie Peck said: "We have lots of sweet memories of Brother Madden. He was sensitive to people's hearts, needs, and concerns."



REMEMBER PASTOR — Brooks and Anne Hackney of First Church, Greenbrier, remember when Tom Madden became pastor of the church in 1952.

Greenbrier pastor ordained by Madden

As a teenager in First Church, Tullahoma, Fred Baldwin used to hear Tom Madden talk about his days as pastor at First Church, Greenbrier.

And though he admits he didn't always pay the closest attention in those days, he now has a deep interest in what goes on at the Greenbrier church.

About three years ago the teenager who didn't always listen became pastor of the congregation which started Tom Madden on his ministry in Tennessee.

Baldwin noted he received the call to preach while he was in the military, but did not surrender to that call until 1971.

He said he appreciated the fact that Madden never tried to influence his decision. "He made me find the answer on my own," he noted.



GREENBRIER PASTOR — Fred Baldwin outside the church where Tom Madden began his ministry in Tennessee.

Baldwin said that when he was ordained in 1975 at First Church, Tullahoma, Madden allowed him to preach, in effect, his own ordination sermon.

He explained he had been called to a church in Slidell, La., and had returned to Tullahoma for the service. Madden, knowing people in the church wanted to hear Baldwin preach, gave him the opportunity. The ordination occurred after the sermon, Baldwin said.

Though Madden did not directly influence Baldwin about going into the ministry, Baldwin said he patterns his leadership style after Madden.

"Brother Madden brought dignity to the pastorate as well as compassion," the Greenbrier pastor said.

Baldwin's wife, the former Janice Williams of Tullahoma, also grew up during Madden's years as pastor. Madden baptized her and her parents, Janice said.

In addition, when her father died this past January, Madden helped conduct the funeral. "Brother Madden was always there when needed," she said.

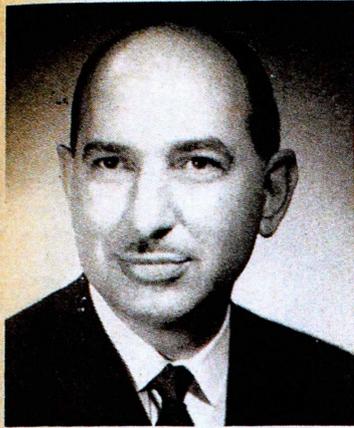
Baldwin shared one final story about his memory of Madden in Tullahoma. He was always the last person to leave the church, Baldwin said, noting Madden enjoyed turning the lights out.

Baldwin recalled he once asked Madden why he did that and said Madden explained it was his method of relaxation.

Baldwin has a different theory, however. "I think that was his way of tucking us in."

Ministry highlights

- 1941 — Ordained at First Church, Cushing, Okla.
- 1944-1947 — Pastor, Navarro Mills Church, Purdon, Texas
- 1947-1948 — Baptist Student Union Secretary, Arlington (Texas) Junior College
- 1948-1952 — Pastor, Calvary Church, Mexia, Texas
- 1952-1954 — Pastor, First Church, Greenbrier, Tenn.
- 1955-1976 — Pastor, First Church, Tullahoma, Tenn.
- 1976-1979 — Director, Convention Ministries Division, TBC
- 1979-1989 — Executive Secretary-Treasurer, TBC



TOM MADDEN in 1969.

Through the years



THE MADDEN family during their years at First Church, Tullahoma.



TOM MADDEN at groundbreaking ceremonies was a familiar sight.



SURVEYING construction with Marshall Gupton, center, and D. L. Lowrie, executive director-elect.



GRANDCHILDREN Stephanie, left, and Lindsey with the Maddens during last year's TBC meeting in Jackson.



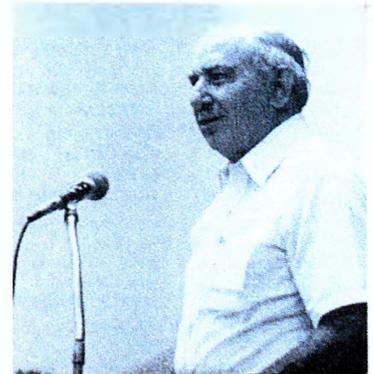
MADDEN SERVED on many SBC agencies. Here he receives a plaque from Arthur L. Walker Jr., of the Education Commission.



DURING HIS last meeting of the TBC executive Board, Madden was congratulated by Fred Pinckard of Cleveland.



A YOUNGER Tom Madden with Ernest Bragg.



RELAXED, Madden was a popular speaker at camps.

TBC staffers reflect on 'the Madden years'

By Connie Davis, assistant editor
When a person has "arrived" like Tom Madden, retiring Tennessee Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, your co-workers might try to keep you humble by dredging up stories about you that occurred before you "arrived."

One of those follows:
Tennessee Pastor Madden had gone to visit an ill church member. The man, a farmer, regularly gave Madden a country ham. Toward the end of the visit the man told Madden that his country ham was smoked and ready for him to take home.

Madden tried to assure the man that he did not come because of ham, but the man kept insisting that he get his ham while he was there. Madden finally relented.

The farmer asked Madden to get the ham from the smokehouse since he was sick. The key to the smokehouse was not available, but the window could be used, the man added.

Now Madden really resisted, but he loved the man as a pastor should and went to the smokehouse.

One can imagine Madden's surprise when, as he looked out of the window of the smokehouse with the ham under his arm, he saw his church member taking his photograph!

Leslie Baumgartner, TBC Missions Department director retiring April 30, knew Madden when they both attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He recalls that Madden was one of the few students back in the late '40s to wear a mustache.

Madden's seminary roommate was Foy Valentine, retired director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville. And missionary volunteer Edna Earle Parker, soon to become Mrs. Madden, took him on as "her mission field," joked Baumgartner.

When Madden would tell of taking a Saturday night bath in a number 2 galvanized washtub during his youth in Oklahoma, Baumgartner would respond that Tennesseans used number 3 tubs.

"If she (Edna Earle Madden) had not brought him to Tennessee, he would have disappeared among the cowboys and Indians in Oklahoma," said Baumgartner.

But seriously, the missions director since 1960 commended Madden for leading First Church, Tullahoma, where Madden was pastor, to sponsor a Baptist center that continues to this day.

In Madden's work on TBC committees and the Executive Board while a pastor and later as Convention Ministries Division director and executive secretary, he supported missions, noted Baumgartner.

"He has established himself as a friend of directors of missions across the state and gone a long way to help them feel a part of our state missions team."

Wilma Neely, Madden's secretary for the past ten years, remarked that she might enter his office, wait to get his attention, and leave unnoticed.

But he concentrates deeply, she explained. She noted only several occasions when he needed to be reminded of a person's name.

"He's a p.r. (public relations) person." He knows the names of nearly all 2500 state pastors, their places of service, and the state's denominational workers. And he knows many out-of-state Baptists, said the 33-year TBC worker.

"There's always someone going into his office, coming out, or he's receiving a phone call. . . . I'm appalled at how he can change his trend of thought so quickly."

"It's seldom that you hear Dr. Madden talk about being tired. . . . He's a mover," she reported, observing that he would often make a trip to an evening meeting as far away as Johnson City and be back in the office "before a lot of our office people."

Orvind Dangeau, director of the TBC Cooperative Program/Stewardship Department and former Tennessee pastor, has known Tom Madden since the '60s.

Dangeau served as interim pastor of First Church, Tullahoma, after Madden's 21-year tenure there.

He learned from the church members of Madden's compassion and from the church program of his ability to lead a church.



MADDEN IMPACT — "He multiplied his own ministry through the programs and the staff of the Executive Board," said Carroll Owen, left, who was honored by Madden on his retirement last year as TBC Convention Ministries Division director.

"His personal friendship did not affect his administrative leadership and his administrative leadership never weakened his personal friendship. But this is the kind of regard I have for Tom," said Dangeau of their 12 years together at the TBC.



MADDEN

Thanks — and welcome Staff members of the Executive Board Building and the Baptist Center express appreciation to Tom J Madden for his years of service, and welcome D. L. Lowrie as he begins his ministry with Tennessee Baptists.



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Tennessee ... From Boom, pausing at Brace, and moving on west to Finger ...

Leadership ...

First Church, Monterey, has called Paul Wallace as minister of music and youth.

Chilhowee Hills Church, Knoxville, has called Bob Barnes as minister of students. The pastor is John Shepherd.

Highland Church, Tullahoma, has called Marilyn S. McClendon as Minister of Education and Youth.

McClendon graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1976 and earned

her Master of Religious Education degree in 1982 from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. After graduation, she joined the staff of First Church, Bogalusa, La., and from there moved on to become the Minister of Education and Youth at Walker Church in Walker, La.

McClendon was selected for the Outstanding Young Woman of America award for three years, and included in the Official Register of Outstanding Americans, 1985-86, a special edition featuring Southern Baptist leaders.

David Lay resigned as pastor of Virginia Avenue Church, Bristol, to become assistant to the pastor at First



McCLENDON

Church, Dallas.

Larry Houston has resigned as pastor of Sunrise Church, Bluff City, to become pastor of Clifton View Church, Johnson City.

Wilton Wood has been named assistant pastor at Tennessee Avenue Church, Bristol. Joe Hudson is pastor.

Boones Creek Church, Gray, licensed David Guinn to the Gospel ministry.

Bellevue Church, Nashville, called Casey Heilman as minister of youth and education.

Two Rivers Church, Nashville, honored Lou Heath, for her ten years of service as minister to children.

James Powers resigned as pastor of Old Bethlehem Church, Rutherford, to accept the pastorate at Hillcrest Church, Trenton.

J. O. Smothers has retired as pastor of China Grove Church, Rutherford. Smothers and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February.

Kyle Rudd has resigned as pastor of Bethel Church, Humboldt, to accept the pastorate at New Hope Church, Dyer.

Dean Armour has resigned as the youth and music minister at White

Hall Church, Trenton, to accept a position at Avondale Church in Humboldt.

Revivals ...

First Church, Cookeville, held a revival April 16-21 with Charles Page speaking and C. L. Huling leading the music.

W. David Sapp, pastor of First Church, Chamblee, Ga., spoke at a revival April 9-12 at First Church, Kingston. Ron Alley, program associate in the church music department with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, led the music.

The East Tennessee Baptist Association reported the following revivals during April. Churches and revival leaders were: Lincoln Avenue Church, Newport, Charles Sullivan; English Creek Church, Newport, Bruce Coyle and Jack Tullock; First Church, Newport, Charlie Brown and Larry Wiley; Cave Hill Church, Newport, Frank Bell; Northport Church, Newport, Brian Courtney.

Manley Church, Morristown, held a revival April 17-19 with speaker Frank Houston, pastor of Bethel Church, Morristown.

Beacon Church, Beech River, held a revival April 20-22 with speaker Don Franks.

Several member churches of the Beulah Association held revivals during April. Churches and revival leaders were: Hornbeak Church, Hornbeak, Raymond Carneal; Johnson Grove Church, South Fulton, Chuck Williams; Reelfoot Church, Troy, Jim Yarbrough; South Fulton Church, South Fulton, Phil Glisson; New Home Church, Martin, Bill Wolfe; and Blessed Hope Church, Troy, Bill Phipps. Cypress Creek, Martin, will be in revival April 29-31 with Mackie Prince speaking.

Several churches in the Riverside Association held revival services during April. Churches and revival leaders are listed. West Fentress Church, Jamestown, W. L. Shipman; Livingston First, Livingston, Ray Newcomb; Memorial Church, Livingston, John R. Turner; and First Church, Byrdstown, Jim Simmon from Murray, Ky.

Central Church, Oak Ridge, held a one-day crusade April 16 with speaker Bill Murray, former atheist and son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair and music leader Joe Estes of Van Nuys, Calif.

First Church, Chattanooga held a one-day revival April 23 with Drew Gunnells, Mobile, Ala., speaking and Eddy Nicholson directing music.

Churches ...

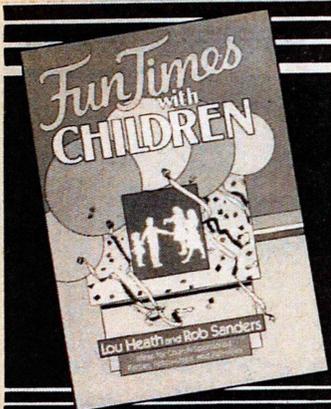
Hickory Hollow Chapel, Antioch, celebrated its fifth anniversary April 2.

First Church, Sparta, recently voted to elect a new building committee to complete their worship center balcony, build a new sound media room, fellowship hall, pre-school area and office complex. H. Dean Haun is the pastor.

Towering Oaks Church, Greeneville, began Sunday School classes April 9 in a new 14,000 square foot educational building. The pastor is David H. Foster.

First Church, Nashville, will kick off a Together We Build campaign Sunday with a banquet. The minimum goal for the program is \$1.9 million over three years.

The Single Adult Ministry of Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage, will present a conference for single adults entitled "Growth Through Crisis" May 5-6. Registration can be arranged by calling the church office at 615-883-5034.



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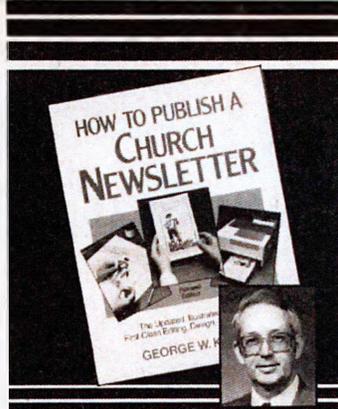
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Both experienced children's workers, curriculum writers, and conference leaders, Lou Heath and Rob Sanders reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Jackson explains giving options

By Elizabeth Young

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Despite talk of possibly becoming independent and withdrawing support from the Southern Baptist Convention's unified budget, Richard Jackson has pledged continued support to Arizona Southern Baptist causes.

Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Church, said he is considering several options, but "none of this would have anything to do with Arizona Baptists. North Phoenix is committed to the work in Arizona. . . .

"We would continue to support the work in Arizona and the local association. . . . designating that none of our money goes outside the state to Southern Baptist causes."

Jackson outlined several options that are under consideration because "we just feel like we cannot support the declining emphasis on world missions and the increasing emphasis on political power . . . in the denomination and in the country."

Totally withdrawing SBC Cooperative Program budget support at the SBC level is a "worst-case scenario," he said. The Cooperative Program supports the convention's evangelistic, missionary, educational, and church-starting endeavors worldwide.

If North Phoenix decides not to give through the Cooperative Program, he said, "we would most likely continue some giving directly to Southern Baptist causes," such as the Foreign Mission Board and seminary education.

However, he explained, while some churches do not give through the Cooperative Program but still voice their opinions in SBC matters, "we wouldn't feel right about that. If we cannot fully support the Southern Baptist Convention program, then we would not send messengers to the convention nor reports (such as the annual church statistical survey) to the convention."

Another option, he said, would be to continue minimal undesignated support to the Cooperative Program but designate most of the funds for Arizona causes, including the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Grand Canyon College, Arizona Baptist Children's Services, and Central Association of Southern Baptists.

"And we'd still be a very faithful Southern Baptist church as far as Southern Baptist work in Arizona is concerned," he said.

Or, he said, North Phoenix might reduce its overall giving. "That is so distasteful to me," he said, but "we're having to not only do without other



GIBSON PASTORS MEET — Gibson County Association Pastors' Conference met April 17 at the associational office, Trenton. Baptist and Reflector editor Wm. Fletcher Allen was present for dialogue. From left, new officers with Kenneth Sparkman, director of missions: Sparkman, Jerry Summers, Mt. Pleasant, president; Dennis Lunsford, Antioch, secretary. Chris Rigby, Spring Hill, is vice president.

programs to give the level we're giving, we're really not making ends meet this way."

However, the church does not want to make adjustments in its level of giving, he said. "One of the leading churches ought to be one of the leading giving churches," he explained.

Finally, he said, "we might decide to join the conservative movement and

give conservatively like they do." Jackson said he will not make the decision about continued Cooperative Program giving for the church, although he will have to make a decision on a personal level.

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Best wishes for a successful, happy retirement.

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Four Tennesseans chosen as foreign mission journeymen

Four Tennessee young adults have been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for training as journeymen.

Along with 51 others chosen from around the country, the college graduates represent the 30th group selected to work overseas since the journeymen program began in the 1960s. Journeymen work for two years with career missionaries sharing duties that can be accomplished in English and freeing missionaries to carry out other duties.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete a training session at the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., will be commissioned for service July 16 and sent to their posts.

Charlotte Boozer, Nashville, has been assigned to Ogbomoso, Nigeria to serve as an elementary MK teacher. A member of Immanuel Church, Nashville, Boozer attends Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's

degree in May. Her missions experience includes a trip to Michigan sponsored by Immanuel Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boozer of Nashville.

Stephanie Pippin, Nashville, has been chosen to serve in La Paz, Honduras, as a secondary MK teacher. She attends Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City and plans to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree. While at Carson-Newman, Pippin was involved with the Baptist Student Union in fund raising, and retreats. A member of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, Pippin is the daughter of Ernest C. and the late Martha Pippin, who were Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina. Pippin made a mission trip to Venezuela, sponsored by Two Rivers Church.

Karl Troyer of Knoxville, a student at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has been assigned as a center worker in Bamako, Mali. He was on the executive council of the Baptist Student Union and made a mission trip to



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Florida. He expects to graduate with a bachelor's degree in May. The son of Delon and Ida Troyer, both of Knoxville, Troyer is a member of Calvary Church, Knoxville.

Bobby Yeargin Jr., Nashville, has been assigned as a prefab chapel construction worker, Araruama, South Brazil. He expects to graduate this

year from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville with a bachelor's degree. He also attended Tennessee State University, Nashville, and Memphis State University.

A member of Park Avenue Church, Nashville, Yeargin is the son of Diane Gober and Robert A. Yeargin, both of Nashville.

Retreats set for Baptist camps during May

The Sunday School department will sponsor a retreat for individuals eight years old or older, with mental retardation and for their parents, sponsors, teachers, and church staff at Camp Carson, Newport, May 5-7, and Camp Linden, Linden, May 26-28.

A new conference on homes for retarded adults will be offered this year by J. L. Ford, director of Ten-

nessee Baptist Adult Homes.

One chaperon must accompany every four persons with mental retardation. Total cost is \$36 per person. At registration, \$18 is to be paid and the remainder is due at camp.

For additional information contact Liz Lee, Sunday School Department, TBC, 615/373-2255, ext. 4094.

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Paul's ministry in Achaia

By H. K. Sorrell, retired; Brownsville

The Apostle Paul was one who couldn't sit down and do nothing. Even when he was confined to a dungeon cell, he used the time to write. While waiting for Silas and Timothy to join him in Athens, he stayed busy. Thus, let us view:

Paul in Athens (17:16-17)

In a tour of the city, his spirit was stirred when he saw so many idols in this intellectual city. The Athenians were afraid that they might have overlooked some god so they erected an altar with the inscription, "To the unknown god."



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Paul became incensed over such spiritual blindness and disputed with the Jews, and with the devout people, in the synagogue.

He took to the streets and market places where he preached the Gospel. When some of the philosophers heard Paul preaching on the resurrection of Christ, they thought that he was setting forth strange gods. They looked upon him as a "babbler," a term used for someone who picked up scraps that had fallen off of a loaf.

The epicurean and stoic philosophers escorted Paul to the Areopagus, the

Hill of Areos (Mars), and inquired of his teachings.

Though Paul did not consider himself an orator, he handled the situation in a unique way. Knowing that a new religion could not legally be introduced, he used the altar with the inscription "to the unknown god," to introduce the true God that was unknown to them. Paul stated it was his God who had made the world and all things therein. He is the Lord of heaven and earth, and doesn't dwell in temples made with hands, and isn't worshipped with things made by men's hands. It is in the true God that we move and have our being. Paul assured them of their need to repent, for God had appointed a day in which He would judge the world in righteousness by the One He had raised from the dead.

When the philosophers heard of the resurrection of the dead, some laughed and mocked Paul while others heard him later on the matter. The outcome was somewhat disappointing to Paul but not fruitless, for God's Word does not return to Him void. For after Paul left their midst, several were converted. Among them was Dionysius, the Areopagite, and a woman by the name of Damaris.

Paul in Corinth (18:1-17)

Without waiting for Silas and Timothy, Paul left Athens for Corinth,

some 40 miles to the west. Just as Athens was the intellectual capital of the world, Corinth was the sin capital. The city was full of vice. It is reported that there were a thousand "consecrated prostitutes" connected with the pagan temple. The sexual excesses at Corinth became so notorious that the phrase, "to live like a Corinthian," became synonymous for loose living.

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Focal Passages: Acts 17:22-23, 29-34a; 18:5-10

Like every rabbi, Paul had a trade. His trade was a tentmaker. It was possibly through his trade that he met Aquila and Priscilla, for they too were tentmakers. This Christian couple had been expelled from Rome by Claudius because they were Jews. Regardless of where one might go, he will find a remnant of grace. In that they were of kindred minds, Paul moved in with his new friends.

Though Paul kept body and soul together by making tents, on the Sabbath he could be found reasoning and persuading the Jews and the Greeks. At last, Silas and Timothy joined Paul in Corinth. Like Aquila and Priscilla they added to Paul's joy for they brought encouraging news about the work in Thessalonica, and possibly a

love offering from the church in Philippi. This enabled the Apostle to lay aside his trade and devote all of his time to witnessing.

With renewed vigor, Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ (Messiah). His increased activity did two things; it provoked opposition and produced fruit.

One either loved Paul or despised him. The Jewish authorities detested him, for when Gallio became the new proconsul of Achaia, they took advantage of the situation and hauled Paul before his court with false charges. Gallio could see through their strategy and drove them out of the judgment hall.

After his ministry of a year and a half in Corinth, he felt that it was time for him to leave.

Paul in Antioch (18:18-22)

After taking his leave from those in Corinth, Paul took Aquila and Priscilla, and sailed to Ephesus. Though Paul refused to tarry in Ephesus, he left his good friends there. The Apostle wanted to be in Jerusalem for the Passover. It was also his desire to keep in touch and fellowship with the Jerusalem Church. From Jerusalem he would travel the familiar trail to Antioch where his journey had begun. Paul would now be able to share with the Church even more wonderful stories and experiences of how God was working in the Roman world.

The blessings of being a Christian

By Roger B. Bailey, pastor; First Church, Grand Junction

Ephesus was the most important city in Asia Minor, located at an intersection of major trade routes, making it a wealthy commercial center. Also found in Ephesus was a beautiful pagan temple dedicated to the Roman goddess Diana, whose worship was jealously guarded (Acts 19:23ff). Because of its key location and enormous traffic to and from the western world, it's little wonder that Paul chose Ephesus as the center for the spread of evangelism for the space of about three years.



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Acts 19 is a remarkable history of the impact of the ministry of Paul upon those in Ephesus. Many who practiced witchcraft were won to faith in Christ and publicly burned their pagan books; others, who formerly had worshiped Diana, were saved; and the business of the silversmiths, who fashioned and sold shrines of Diana, fell off so drastically that a riot broke out, after which Paul left the city to go to Macedonia (Acts 20:1).

The letter itself was written some time later from Paul's prison house in Rome and, because Ephesians doesn't address any particular error or heresy (compare with Corinthians, Galatians, and 1 Thessalonians), in addition to the fact that the words "in Ephesus" (v. 1) do not appear in many reliable manuscripts, it is very likely that the Ephesian letter was directed more generally to all of the churches in that area. Ephesians is a letter intended for all churches and all believers in all

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times.

Following his customary greeting, establishing his apostleship according to the sovereign will and work of God and the warm words of "grace" (Greek) and "peace" (Hebrew), Paul launches into perhaps one of the greatest doxologies of praise to be found anywhere in the Bible. Verses 3-14 actually comprise one sentence in the Greek. The key thought in these verses is the blessings we have as Christians. Blessings from God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God.

In verses 3-6 Paul praises our almighty Father who selected us. Our privilege in these verses is that God initiated the action, the emphasis not being on God, who chose some to the ex-

clusion of others, but on God who chose all who are in Christ, or saved. "Holy and without blame" in v. 4 is not the basis of God's choosing us, but rather the ultimate result of it. The benefit of God's acceptance of those who have been reconciled through faith in Christ implies a responsibility of praise "for the grace of God and to the glory of God" on our part.

The thrust of verses 7-12 is praise to the Son who saved us. Verse 7 speaks of our pardon, forgiveness purchased by and through the precious blood of Christ. Verses 8-10 speak of our enlightenment as to God's sovereign purpose, the "gathering together" or harmonizing of all things in Christ. This world is falling apart. But one day, when all things will be brought "in tune" with Christ, likewise all things will be in tune with one another. Praise God for the future in Christ.

Verses 11-12 tell of our inheritance, our portion, which guarantees our participation in eternity future.

Finally, in verses 13-14, Paul lifts his praise to God for the Holy Spirit who has sealed us. That "seal" in verse 13 expresses a finished transaction, meaning God now owns us and will keep us. Nobody can break God's seal! God's down payment for us, the "earnest of our inheritance" (v. 14) is assurance, not only of God's intention, but also of His ability to complete the purchase. Verse 13 promises God's protection; verse 14 our perfection.

Praise God, indeed, from Whom all blessings flow! Praise the Father, who selected us; the Son, who saved us; and the Holy Spirit, who seals us.

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God keeps His promise

By Pat Fife, pastor; English Creek Church, Newport

In order to understand the passage at hand more fully, one would do well to read chapters 8-12. These chapters detail Israel's conquests in Canaan and give a summary of the kings who were overcome.

The serious student is now faced with the problem which arises in chapter 13. The boundaries of the land of Canaan are drawn in Joshua 1:4. However, the conquest of the land in chapters 8-12 is incomplete. Therefore, the division of the land in 13:6 includes territories not yet taken by Israel.

Suffice it for our purposes to note that all of Canaan

was to belong to Israel. Therefore, the divided land either already had been captured or it was to be taken. Consequently, Joshua and the leaders of Israel would have little problem in following God's direction in the matter.

Joshua and Israel were commanded to act upon God's promise. Had God not already led Israel out of Egypt? Had He not enabled them to cross the Red Sea? Had He not given them His law at Sinai? Had He not provided their sustenance in the wilderness? Had He not assured them of His Presence as they moved across the Jordan? Would He not be with them as they moved into all of the territories they already had conquered, and all of those which they were yet to inhabit?

Surely, God had kept His promises unto Israel. They were to continue to claim God's promises, and to act upon those promises.

For Israel, however, claiming God's promise was not a one-time event, but

a life-long process. Is it not that way for us also? So many have a "salvation" experience and seem never to grow beyond that point. God continues to promise His gifts, His power, and His presence. If, however, we are to experience that abundant life with God, it will require living our lives by faith and in obedience to His commands — just as it was with Israel.

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Basic Passage: Joshua 13:1-14:5; 16-21
Focal Passages: Joshua 13:1, 6-7; 14:5; 19:49-50; 21:43-45

Israel had been told to divide the land. In 14:5 and in 19:49-50 it is to be noted that Israel did what God commanded. They divided the land as they had been directed.

After the command was heard and obeyed, Israel experienced the Lord's blessings. Joshua 21:43-45 tells us God gave them all the land He had promised. Not only did they have the land, but it was also free of their enemies. Not one of His promises had failed; all of them came to pass. These fulfilled promises were blessings of God, their reward for faithfulness.

Albert Bean in the Life and Work Lesson Annual discovered three parallels between Israel and modern Christians. In the first instance God provided a home for Israel, and He will continue to provide homes for His people.

The next point was the provision for rest. After 400 years in bondage in Egypt, 40 years wandering in the

wilderness, and the struggle to conquer Canaan, Israel needed rest. From time to time our lives also are filled with stress, demoralization, depression, tragedy, and grief. God provided a time and place for Israel to renew herself physically and spiritually and He will do the same for His people today if we remain faithful and obedient unto Him.

Most importantly, Bean observes, "God was good to Israel for His purposes. God wanted to bless the nation. Through them, He wanted to bless the world. They were, as we are, the people of God . . ."

God did not choose Israel because of their superior intelligence or for their military strength. There was nothing about Israel which deserved their position of honor, the chosen of God.

God also has not chosen us because of our superior intelligence, military strength, or great wealth. God chooses Christians — of all nations and peoples

His purpose can best be summarized by two verses in the New Testament. Our Lord said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10). Then He spoke again to His followers in John 20:21, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

If we are to fulfill His purpose we must recapture our emphasis on evangelism and missions. We can do all others things in the Christian life; attend church, pray, study Scripture, tithe, and live a good moral life. However, when we fail to seek and to save that which was lost, we also fail to fulfill the mission to which our Lord has commissioned us.



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Genevox album wins Dove Award

NASHVILLE — "In His Presence: The Risen King," a Christian musical album produced by the Genevox Music Group of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was named musical album of the year in the Gospel Music Association's 20th Annual Dove Awards April 13.

The album was one of five nominated in the musical album-of-the-year category. The songs were written by Dick and Melodie Tunney, GMA songwriters of the year for 1987. Sam Sanders and David Danner of Genevox were executive producers of the album.

Fes Robertson, director of Genevox, said he is "extremely proud we have achieved this significant milestone. Those at the Sunday School Board who laid the foundation of music publishing made it possible for Genevox to be recognized by the other members of this significant industry."

Genevox was established in 1986 by the Sunday School Board to produce music products for sale through trade outlets to churches and individuals.

CLC, Southwestern consider Fort Worth seminar in 1991

FORT WORTH, Texas — Leaders of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary have agreed to explore the possibility of holding the commission's 1991 annual seminar on the seminary campus in Fort Worth, Texas.

During an April 4-6 visit to speak to Christian ethics classes at the seminary, CLC Executive Director Richard Land approached Southwestern President Russell Dilday and other seminary leaders about the possibility of the seminary cooperating with and supporting such a seminar.

The commission holds its annual seminar each March in different cities. The seminars focus on various themes involving Christian ethics. Dates, theme, and speakers for the 1991 seminar are yet to be determined. Land and Dilday both agreed to seek support and coordination of dates and sites with their respective staffs.

Missouri association's oldest church reopens, becomes newest congregation

BERRYMAN, Mo. — The newest church in Missouri's Meramec Association is also the association's oldest. Courtois Church in Berryman, established in 1829, reopened its doors last month after being closed for about 20 years. "They've got good attendance and are growing," said Delbert Bishop, Meramec Association director of missions. At least 50 people meet weekly in the one-room

church, located in the rural community.

Since starting with four members in January, the church's membership has doubled. Weekly contacts number as high as 64. "There are good prospects in the area, and there was a lot of value in getting the church to where people can attend again," said Bishop, who credited the reopening to Center Point Church in Steelville, Mo.

Three years ago, the abandoned church building looked as though it might never be used again, recalled Center Point Pastor Delmar Hutson. Surrounded by weeds and briars, the abandoned church building "had no windows, no doors, and you could look through the roof," Hutson noted. "The whole building was leaning and the front porch was gone." He later mentioned the sad condition of the old church building to his congregation. Aware of the need for a church to serve the Berryman area, members decided to restore the building and the congregation.

Telemarketing produces largest new church in Florida history

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Four new Florida Baptist churches, including the largest new church in Florida Baptist history, were begun during March as a direct result of telephone-marketing campaigns that "reached out and touched" more than 60,000 Florida households. In addition to the four new churches, at least three existing missions used telemarketing to add new members to their church rolls. All three doubled their previous high-attendance marks.

Following one successful telemarketing campaign that dialed 18,701 homes, 341 people attended the first service of First Church, Weston, making it Florida Baptists' largest church start ever. Sponsored by Sheridan Hills Church, Hollywood, the Weston congregation's first service was held Easter Sunday in a theater and led by David Hughes, mission pastor. Two people made professions of faith in Christ, and six others rededicated their lives during the service.

Over the past two years, telemarketing has been used throughout the United States to add hundreds of thousands of people to church rolls of numerous denominations. The most popular telemarketing campaign, "This Phone's For You," was developed in California by Norm Wahn, a Quaker businessman-turned-minister. Wahn was the keynote speaker for a telemarketing training session sponsored by the Florida Baptist Convention last November. All seven of the churches that reported gains in March were represented at the November conference.

Telemarketing uses an advertising/marketing principle called the law of large numbers — the more people called, the higher the number of positive responses.

New Orleans students minister in Mexico

NEW ORLEANS — Eleven people from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary spent the week before Easter preaching, teaching, and healing in Juarez, Mexico. Their mission was to work in a clinic adjacent to Iglesia Bautista de Peniel, or Baptist Church of Peniel, to minister in a children's home run by the church's pastor and to lead revival services for the community.

Golden Gate trustees approve relocation study

BREA, Calif. (BP) — Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary have voted to study the possibility of selling the Mill Valley, Calif., main campus and relocating the seminary.

Ironically, the regular April 3-5 session was held at the Southern California seminary campus in Brea, where trustees helped dedicate new facilities for one of two branch campuses. The other branch is located in Portland, Ore.

Trustees also voted a \$5.6 million budget for the 1989-90 year, a decrease of 2.7 percent — or \$130,000 — from the current budget.

The vote to explore the "options for the best use of the Mill Valley property" came without dissent by the trustees following a proposal made by the seminary's administration and discussed in executive session by the trustees.

President William O. Crews Jr. and staff will work with representatives of the faculty, students, a long-range planning committee and the trustees for consideration and action.

Seminary officials gave no timetable for the study, but it presumably could take years, and if the seminary were to be relocated or a new campus built, it could be as long as a decade, they

said.

The resolution specifically mentions that particular consideration should be given to the best use of land presently owned by the seminary in Mill Valley, based on a determination of programs that could best be conducted at that location.

"This action is not a decision to move or sell our property," Crews said. "However, it does allow for us to study all options, including possible relocation." Any actions also would be done in consultation with the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, according to the resolution.

The budget for the 1989-90 year,

which starts Aug. 1, is less than the present budget primarily because anticipated receipts available to the seminary's operating budget from the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget will be less than this year, Crews told the trustees.

"Although we will receive the \$200,000 special allocation for housing endowment, our anticipated receipts will actually be less," Crews said. "Other income from fees and services will remain basically the same, while expenditures like employee insurance (up \$130,000) are escalating and beyond our control. During the 1978-83 period, Cooperative Program receipts grew 87 percent, while those receipts increased only 17 percent over the 1984-89 period."

Midwestern trustees approve budget

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved a reduced 1989-90 budget and elected two faculty members during their annual board meeting April 10-11 in Kansas City, Mo.

Acting upon recommendation of the board's finance committee, trustees approved an operating budget of \$4.2 million for the upcoming fiscal year. That amount represents a 2.5 percent decrease from the current \$4.3 million budget.

A. C. Woodburn, a layman from Las Cruces, N. M., and chairman of the finance committee, noted the 1989-90 budget includes funds to fill two faculty positions but does not provide funding for annual salary increases for faculty and staff.

He led the board to adopt a motion expressing "sincere regret" to

seminary employees that the monetary restrictions of the coming year make freezing their salaries necessary.

During his report to trustees, Midwestern President Milton Ferguson noted the new budget is the first since 1973-74 in which trustees could not increase salaries for faculty and staff.

Seminary administrators and trustees agreed, however, a reduced 1989-90 budget is necessary. They cited an expected decrease in SBC Cooperative Program unified budget allocations to the seminary, due to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee's proposal for a reduced convention budget next year.

Ferguson said: "We live close to the edge because we are a Cooperative Program institution. The cash flow of the Cooperative Program hits us immediately."

Two faculty members were elected unanimously by the trustees. Wilburn Thomas Stancil, associate professor of divinity at Samford University's Beeson School of Divinity in Birmingham, Ala., was elected associate professor of Christian theology. Charles Randall Bradley, minister of music at First Church, Benbrook, Texas, was elected assistant professor of church music education.

Trustees elected J. Truett Gannon, pastor of Smoke Rise Church, Stone Mountain, Ga., to his third term as board chairman. Other officers include Richard Adams, pastor of First Church, Festus/Crystal City, Mo., first vice chairman; Kerry G. Powell, pastor of First Church, McGehee, Ark., second vice chairman; and Lowell E. Socolofsky, a layman from Bellevue, Neb., secretary-treasurer.

'Kans for kids' helps Children's Home

Nashville Association recently sponsored a second annual "Kans for Kids" food shower for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin Campus.

Eighty-nine churches gave 14,963 items of commercially-packed cans and packages of food, about a 25 percent increase in both churches and food over 1988 results. The association has 121 churches and 21 missions.

The project was led by the association's Children's Home committee: Angela Beck, Roy Graves, Bob Hamner, Linda Knott, Robert LeMay, John Lowrance, Doris Martin, Diane Stewart, Howard Stockard, and Gaye McGlothlen, chairman.