

Message to Executive Committee

PAC against expanded role for CLC

By Dan Martin

WASHINGTON (BP) — An expanded role for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission to include religious liberty issues has been opposed by the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee.

During its Oct. 1-2 meeting in Washington, the 18-member PAC adopted a motion to "recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that the program assignment of the Christian Life Commission not be expanded to include religious liberty issues."

The motion, which was adopted with only one dissenting vote, was the only mention of possible changes in the role of the PAC, which is a standing committee through which the SBC relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, which traditionally has represented the SBC in religious liberty and separation of church and state issues.

The BJC has been a source of controversy in the SBC, as conservatives have complained the organization and its executive director, James M. Dunn, have not represented Southern Baptists' concerns adequately and that the group is not directly accountable to the SBC.

At least five efforts have been made to defund the BJC, dating to 1984, and three special committees of the Executive Committee have been appointed to study the relationship between the SBC and the BJC.

In February 1989, the Executive Committee proposed creation of a new

agency, the Religious Liberty Commission, to represent Southern Baptists in Washington on religious liberty matters. Under the proposal, the SBC would continue to cooperate with the BJC through the PAC, although with reduced financial contributions.

Action on the new agency was postponed at the 1989 SBC annual meeting at the request of SBC President Jerry Vines.

During its September 1989, meeting, the Executive Committee changed direction, rescinding the proposal to create the RLC and proposing the transfer of the program assignment for religious liberty to the convention's moral and social concerns agency, the CLC.

Currently, the proposal is before two subcommittees of the Executive Committee.

The program and budget subcommittee is working with the CLC to revise the commission's program statement "to give it authority to act on religious liberty matters." It also is revising the program statement of the PAC, "taking into consideration the expanded role of the CLC in religious liberty matters."

The subcommittee, which plans the 1990-91 SBC Cooperative Program unified budget, was instructed to "take into consideration" the changes in the program assignment of the two organizations when it proposes the budget for presentation to messengers at the 1990 SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

The bylaws workgroup of the administrative and convention arrangements subcommittee was in-

structed to study Bylaw 18, which regulates the standing committees of the convention.

Any changes will have to be approved by messengers to the annual meeting in June before they could take effect.

Although the proposal to create the RLC, its rescission and the proposal to shift the assignment for religious liberty to the CLC all have taken place since the last meeting of the PAC, the subject was not on the agenda for the two-day October meeting.

Committee member J. I. Ginnings, an oilman from Wichita Falls, Texas, made the motion to put the PAC on record opposing giving responsibility for religious liberty to the CLC late on the second day of the meeting.

He noted the CLC "must and should speak on moral issues," but religious liberty and moral issues are "vastly different."

He made the motion, he said, because he believes the "Executive Committee ought to know how this committee feels about this."

Later, he told Baptist Press the convention in 1987, in adopting a revised structure for the PAC, had instructed the committee to work in relationship with the BJC and to act independently where the two either do not agree or the BJC does not speak.

The PAC, he said, should continue to be the representative of Southern Baptists on First Amendment issues, working through the BJC.

The only opposition to Ginnings' motion was from committee member Larry Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, who said he opposed creation of the RLC but favors assigning the religious liberty assignment to the CLC.

"We need a single and strong voice in Washington speaking for Southern Baptists on all the issues of particular interest to our denomination. Three voices would be confusing to our senators and congressmen," he said. Lewis noted the convention, however, (See page 5)

State convention set for Nov. 14-16 at Central Bearden

"Proclaiming Redemption in Christ" will be the theme of the 1989 annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention when it convenes Nov. 14-16 at Central Church, Bearden, in Knoxville.

Each session of the convention and an exhibit area will be at the host church. The annual Pastors' Conference, which meets Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m., also will be held at Central Church, Bearden.

The Woman's Missionary Union will meet Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at Central Church, Fountain City, in Knoxville.

Headquarters hotel for this year's session of the convention is the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville.

Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, and TBC president, will deliver the annual president's address during the opening session on Nov. 14.

Later that evening, Leonard Markham, pastor of Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, will preach the convention sermon.

Election of officers takes place on Nov. 15 as does the adoption of the 1989-90 budget for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and other items of business.

Messages during the three-day meeting will be presented by H. Franklin Paschall, former pastor of First Church, Nashville; Frank Houston, pastor, First Church, Morristown; D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director; and Damon Patterson, pastor of Monroe Church, Monroe, Mich., and president of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

The 115th meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will adjourn at 11:25 a.m. on Nov. 16.

Additional information regarding the annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and related meetings will be printed later this month.

Missionary Rick Goodgame talks about AIDS — page 3



NOW ITS A CHURCH — Eastview Chapel was constituted into a church Oct. 1, in Huntingdon, Carroll-Benton Association. From left are some program participants, James Humphreys, director of missions; Joe Harris, first pastor of the chapel and former associational director of missions; Stan Smith, pastor; Fred Ward, pastor of First Church, Huntingdon, the mother church; and George Hill, pastor of Ararat Church, Jackson, and pastor of Huntingdon First when chapel work began. Larry Kirk, TBC missions associate, was speaker.

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Big October needed

One month left in CP budget

Tennessee Baptists' Cooperative Program giving for the month of September exceeded the total for the previous September, and almost matched the healthy total for August.

The September gifts totaled \$2,001,257.12, topping the September 1988 total of \$1,946,906.32 by \$54,350.80.

The increase placed the year's giving through the Cooperative Program at \$22,301,987.96, a gain of \$1,354,048.90 over 1988. That amounts to 6.46 percent.

To meet the 1989 Cooperative Program giving goal with one more month left, Tennessee Baptist Convention churches would have to give \$2,979,013. Monthly giving for 1989 should have been \$2,106,750. To meet the CP budget, gifts would amount to \$872,000 above the month's share of the year's budget.

Churches are urged to send the CP budget gifts for October as quickly as possible to the Baptist Building, Brentwood, according to D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director, so gifts would be included in the 1988-89 budget total.

Editorials

Cooperative Program Month — celebrate by participating

Though Paul the Apostle wasn't a Southern Baptist, we would probably fit his description of partners in the Gospel of Christ.

As partners, we have the privilege and opportunity of participating in what we know as perhaps Christendom's greatest partnership effort, the Cooperative Program.

Tennessee Baptists should remember with humility and gratitude that the Cooperative Program was born in our state, during the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention session in Memphis.

Since the birth of our united plan of stewardship, Southern Baptist work has been blessed beyond expectation. Though we may at times claim the honor of having designed and established the Cooperative Program plan of giving, we became partners because of what we have cooperatively received.

From local church giving to association, state convention, and to the SBC, the Cooperative Program undergirds and strengthens the cause of Christ around the world.

The CP supports missionaries in 116 nations — in every corner of the United States. It supports ministries in all 50 states, and six seminaries.

Through the Cooperative Program individual Southern Baptists and local churches are able to share the generosity of giving worldwide. The spirit of thanksgiving expands, and benefits are reaped for the Lord here and abroad.

One of our grandest and most astonishing goals was set in 1977 when the convention met in Kansas City. Taking the Great Commission of our Savior seriously, we declared our

awesome intention of sharing the Gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000.

We call it Bold Mission Thrust. And if it is to succeed, along with prayer and hard work, we must develop the financial structure through the Cooperative Program to accomplish great things for Christ.

Southern Baptists must place a renewed emphasis on cooperation. To obey the Great Commission, to make the Gospel available to every person before 2000, our efforts must be doubled.

October is Cooperative Program Month on Southern Baptist calendars. What does it mean to you, to me? Why not celebrate this month by challenging every member of every church in Tennessee to prove the tithe — by giving through the Cooperative Program — even sacrificially? — WFA

For those who are left behind — what now?

The news of more than 20,000 East German citizens making their way to freedom in West Germany is refreshing but sobering.

For those now free and on the way to becoming contributing citizens of a democracy among brothers and sisters, we share their joy. Many of these have suffered humiliation and loss of dignity. They have endured hunger, stress, and circumstances tantamount to slavery.

The sobering effect of this mass exodus is that the East German communist government

has been thoroughly embarrassed on the international stage. Such a large exodus of its population is refutation of communism nationally and locally. The world now knows that thousands and thousands of Germans see communism as a failure. They were preceded by thousands of Hungarians, and the Polish citizenry (who voted out communism when given a chance).

Now embarrassment and indignation may cause the East German government to use more force and stronger measures against

citizens who could not leave — or who chose to stay.

An East German church leader passed the word along to a Free World journalist that he had been warned of upcoming restrictions that will endanger even the current weak status of religious "freedom." The warning said, "Don't work for more freedoms."

It is a sobering thought indeed, and gives us cause to remember those East Germans with caring and alert prayer concern. — WFA

Alcohol warning labels may be useless says senator

WASHINGTON (BP) — Warning labels that are to be carried on all alcoholic beverage containers beginning this fall may end up being useless, said Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn.

Citing a recent report by Congress' General Accounting Office, Gore said regulations approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms would allow labels to be so small and inconspicuous that they will not effectively warn anyone.

Congress last year passed legislation requiring all cans and bottles contain-

ing alcoholic beverages to bear a label stating: "Government Warning: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery and may cause health problems."

Gore expressed specific concern that pregnant women will not receive adequate warning about the effects of maternal alcohol consumption. Polls

indicate the vast majority of people are unaware that even moderate alcohol consumption during pregnancy can cause mental retardation and serious birth defects on the developing fetus, he said.

"A visible warning on a bottle or can, pointing out the dangers of consuming alcohol during pregnancy, may be the most important and perhaps the only information about fetal alcohol syndrome that some women receive," he said.

Pressure from the alcoholic beverage industry appears to have played a major role in undermining the new warning program, Gore noted. The industry has generated more than 4000 "consumer" letters urging the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to adopt regulations allowing "virtually microscopic warning

labels," he added.

"We have a warning for the alcohol beverage industry," Gore said. "They can help make this program work, or they can be sure that we will be back with a new program."

Gore pledged to work with other senators — including Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., principal sponsor of the original warning-label legislation — to correct the bureau's regulations. "Thank goodness Sens. Gore and Thurmond are not under the influence of the alcohol industry," said Robert M. Parham, associate director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. "Sen. Gore's criticism of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm's proposed rule on warning labels on alcoholic beverages is on target."

Missionary says, 'Thank you'

We praise God for your love and support for missions through the years, not only in Colombia, but throughout the world. Your support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and through the Cooperative Program is vital to Christ's work around the world.

We have been working in Medellin for almost two years. As church planters, our priority is to plant a strong church in Bello (a town outside Medellin). Twenty adults have accepted Christ and are taking a discipleship course. Our goal is to have



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decline in missions offerings (among Southern Baptists). Cutbacks for 1989 will affect every area of mission work, including top priorities of evangelism and church planting. During the 1988 meeting of the Colombia Mission, most of us missionaries faced the dilemma of having to cut our working budgets while our ministry needs were much greater. It was not easy to do that, because every cut made will greatly affect planting of new churches, disciplining new believers, training new leaders, and making a meaningful evangelistic impact in Colombia.

We encourage all Southern Baptists to renew their commitment to missions; to unite behind the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; and to give sacrificially to the cause of Christ. — Arnold Pessoa, missionary to Colombia.

Pessoa works in the area where cocaine and other drugs are rampant — and where the strongest of drug "lords" challenge the national government.

I am a promoter of evangelism and missions for the Medellin Association and am emphasizing evangelism training in all the churches, so that by the end of 1989 each church may have a group of well-trained people to help plant churches in the association. We are concerned with the latest

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Missionary Rick Goodgame talks AIDS with physicians

By *Connie Davis, assistant editor*
NASHVILLE — Rick Goodgame, Nashville native recently awarded the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission's 1990 Distinguished Service Award for his work with AIDS in Uganda, addressed health care workers at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and those attending a state Baptist meeting Oct. 6-7.

Goodgame, credited with educating Ugandans about AIDS through a pamphlet and education program, reported on his pioneering work from 1980-89 as a foreign missionary and encouraged Baptists to respond to AIDS.

"Is AIDS being talked about enough? ... What about students? Are students at Vanderbilt chaste?" asked the lumens of Vanderbilt and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Some participants at the Tennessee Baptist Health Care Fellowship meeting at Nashville's Woodmont Church admitted that Vanderbilt was upholding the use of condoms rather than abstinence from sex.

One health care worker reported a Tennessee physician declined to treat an AIDS patient. Several agreed on the need for more information because of their fears.

Asked if AIDS is a judgment of God, Goodgame declined knowledge of the mind of God, but added that God will judge people "based on how we treat people who have AIDS."

"AIDS is a wimp of a virus. It's hard to catch; that's an absolutely, positively, substantial scientific fact."

Goodgame didn't leave Uganda when information was still scarce even in

the United States about the contagious nature of the fatal disease.

"Every church is dealing with AIDS right now," said Goodgame, noting that persons practicing "risk behavior," persons HIV-positive who will develop the disease, and AIDS victims are a part of today's church.

In other discussion the Baptist health care workers admitted fear concerning AIDS transmission among children in church.

"Set policies for church nurseries to reduce the transmission of all infectious diseases," said Goodgame, who said that the same policies that would stop the spread of cold, Hepatitis A, and diarrheal viruses would eliminate AIDS transmission.

"You can't get AIDS even by kissing, so you can't get AIDS in church."

"Is the medical community mobilizing itself in a volunteer fashion to care for AIDS patients?" he asked about 50 health care volunteers at Woodmont. Goodgame also addressed groups from Vanderbilt University's Departments of Medicine, Pathology, and Surgery.

Reporting on Uganda where 30 percent of the population is infected with what is called "slim disease," Goodgame cited, "There is no cure for AIDS, and certainly not for Uganda."

"Helping people die, that's what the church is all about now in Uganda. ... In some villages only the saved people are left."

Goodgame wrote the pamphlet with medical and Biblical answers to AIDS after a meeting with Uganda's minister of health about the crisis.

Partially paid for by Southern Baptist missions funds, the pamphlet received the Ugandan president's en-

dorsement. The president proclaimed that anyone reading the pamphlet in public was doing government work. Over two million copies have been distributed in 13 languages.

Goodgame explained that he had to write it for people "without sophisticated medical concepts." For example, AIDS is asymptomatic in that a person with the virus may not become ill for many years, he noted.

The Ugandan culture accepts sexual promiscuity, Goodgame reported. Ugandan women allow sex "to get a few breaks in life," he stated.

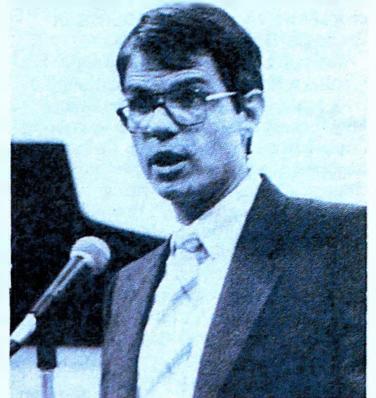
When the pamphlet is used to train health counselors and presented to groups of students, Goodgame said reports are shared to support the fact that the virus is transmitted among sexual partners and not by insects, food, or water as many Ugandans believe.

The pamphlet also notes that it is safe to care for an AIDS patient, said Goodgame, reporting that of the 2000 health care workers in Uganda, none have contracted the virus.

Sexual contact "from the virus' point of view" extends beyond the sexual partner to his or her contacts and all of their contacts, noted the physician.

The Christian message of the pamphlet includes the Scriptural plan for sex and marriage, controlling sexual behavior, responsibility toward people with AIDS, comfort for AIDS victims, and salvation for every life.

Goodgame shared that when the presentation of the pamphlet, called the Answers program, was made at a university, the hundreds of students were unattentive, "like it would be at Vandy," until students were called to



AIDS EXPERT — Physician Rick Goodgame, who treated patients in Uganda before the risks were known, speaks in Nashville.

read the Scripture in the pamphlet.

"All truth is God's truth. There's not medical truth and Biblical truth. ... This stuff can set people free."

Change stemming from a spiritual rather than human nature is a new concept for most Ugandans though the country has had a Christian witness for 100 years, observed Goodgame.

But through the Answers program, "Many have accepted the promises of Scripture and received eternal life," stated Goodgame.

He and his wife, Susan, who are furloughing in Houston, Texas, with their five children, have asked to be reassigned to another country to accept another challenge, Goodgame explained.

Tennessee relief teams return from S. Carolina

Tennessee Baptists' disaster relief teams served their last meal Oct. 6 and returned home the following day, reported Cameron Byler, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Department.

During the two-week period the TBC disaster relief units were at Providence Church in Macedonia following the destruction wrought by Hurricane Hugo, the teams provided 54,063 meals, Byler said.

The people near the church "are over the shock and realize that life goes on," Byler said.

He noted people are dealing with insurance companies and other organizations which are providing relief funds.

These matters must be settled before reconstruction is done, Byler added. "We'll then put out calls for work teams as they are needed," Byler said, predicting it will take about four weeks.

Byler, who directed TBC's relief efforts, was pleased with Tennessee Baptists' response to the emergency.

He estimated about 100 men and women worked with the disaster relief units "at one time or another."

In addition, several Tennessee Baptist churches worked directly with congregations in the Charleston area.

"Tennessee can be proud of its people for the way they responded," Byler said.

Polish Baptists happy, cautious about new government

By *Mike Creswell*

WROCLAW, Poland (BP) — Polish Baptists are cautiously beginning to use freedoms gained under a new democratic government for increased evangelistic activities.

But they are moving slowly because old, repressive laws remain on the books. Until elections next spring, local government officials remain unchanged, said Konstanty Wiazowski, president of the Baptist Union of Poland.

World attention focused on Poland in recent months as it elected its first non-communist government in more than 40 years. Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a former opponent of communists, became prime minister in a series of maneuvers by Lech Walesa and other Solidarity trade union leaders.

"It's rather encouraging for us,

Literacy rally set

Two literacy missions workshops and a rally will be held Oct. 19-21 at the Baptist Center in Brentwood.

The 16-hour literacy missions workshops are: Adult Reading and Writing — led by Jewell Jennings; and Conversational English — led by Sue Stencil and Muriel Briggs.

A Literacy Rally will be held Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The speaker for the rally is Mrs. Jack Merritt, literacy missions consultant for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

For registration information, contact J. C. Carpenter, in TBC Missions Department at (615) 371-2044.

because it's for betterment maybe in economics and improvement in democracy," said Wiazowski. "We cannot say anything about the new government; it's only a few weeks old. But we're identifying with a society that is very much for a new government, for removing the political element from the economy, for putting the economy on its feet. As Baptists, we were always for it. The opinion of the common man was that communists were not competent."

Others are even more frank. "I never thought I'd live long enough to see this change to democracy, to see the collapse of this nonsensical system," said a jubilant Ruth Kowalcuk, director of an English school being started by Wroclaw Church. "I thought maybe my son would see it. I didn't think it would go so quickly. A few years ago people were in prison, beaten, and tortured. I thought Walesa was history."

During communist rule, Poland's more than 3000 Baptists often were shut out of government offices or jobs, which usually were distributed on the basis of allegiance to the Communist Party and atheism. The result: "We Baptists abstained from the political side," Wiazowski explained.

A few Baptists were active in Solidarity's early struggles, and some were jailed for their political activism as late as 1981. Those activists have since moved to Canada or the United States.

Stefan and Lydia Zachanowicz, a

Baptist couple living in Wroclaw, said they dropped out of Solidarity several years ago because of its close ties to the Roman Catholic Church. "It is not right to mix religion and politics as they have done," she said.

Although relations between Baptists and Catholics are generally good now, Baptists are watching to see if close Catholic ties with the new government will result in pressure on non-Catholic Christian groups. Poland's people are more than 90 percent Catholic. Non-Catholic groups often are seen as suspect, Polish Baptists say.

The new prime minister, a devout Catholic, has given assurances on freedom of religion, Wiazowski said, but refers to "the church," meaning the Catholic Church, and "other confessions," meaning other groups. Still, Ruth Kowalcuk rejoices that the prime minister said "God will help us" in his opening address. "This is something we haven't heard for over 40 years," she said.

Church services were held freely in earlier days, but open religious meetings such as evangelistic crusades were difficult, Wiazowski said. Even the renting of private meeting halls required Communist Party approval. "The party decided what type of meeting could be held. If it was religious, well ..." Wiazowski dismissed the idea with a wave of his hand.

— *Creswell, correspondent for Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa, visited Poland in late September.*

Sponsored by CSI

Baptists return to China

HONG KONG (BP) — Southern Baptist teachers and students have returned to China after leaving the nation following the June 4 military crackdown on student protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The teachers, sponsored by the Southern Baptist aid organization Cooperative Services International, joined most other foreigners in leaving China after the crackdown. Chinese students at most universities boycotted classes, closing out the spring semester a month early. Cooperative Services International also canceled its summer language institutes.

The 52 CSI teachers and students in this fall's group comprise the largest number assigned to China by the Southern Baptist organization in its four-year existence. The 46 teachers in the group top by nearly one-third last year's total of 35. The six students double last year's figure.

Figures quoted in China's official Broadman, Opryland present 'I Love Life'

Broadman Press, a division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Opryland USA are joining forces Oct. 21 to present "I Love Life."

The event is a salute to a recently published Broadman book, *I Love Life In Spite Of It All*, and other items based on the "I Love Life" theme.

The day's activities include a Bill and Gloria Gaither and Friends concert, free with Opryland admission.

Southern Baptists can get \$3 off their ticket price by stopping at a special table at the main entrance and saying "I Love Life."

Groups of 15 or more can receive an additional discount by calling in advance (615) 889-7070.

People's Daily newspaper indicated CSI teachers make up nearly one-fourth of the 205 English-language teachers from the United States and Canada working in Chinese colleges and universities this fall.

CSI increased the number of its China personnel as other sending organizations reduced their commitments to China. CSI accepted Chinese educators' requests to fill slots vacated by some other organizations, although CSI officials insisted they are not trying to undercut the work of other groups. CSI personnel are scattered throughout 21 colleges and universities in ten Chinese provinces. But officials decided not to assign personnel to remote regions of the country because the political situation in China still is tense.

"Our experience seems to be unique even among Christian organizations," said Jack Shelby, CSI's Hong Kong-based administrator. "There seems to be a drop-off in the number of people wanting to go to China this year."

Four teachers who initially requested CSI sponsorship dropped out of the program May 31, five days before the Tiananmen Square incident. These were the only cancellations reported by the organization, and all were unrelated to events in China. One-third of the current group of teachers taught in China last year, as all teachers eligible for another year returned.

However, the Chinese government canceled the United States' Fulbright scholar exchange program in retaliation for the U.S. government's support of the Chinese pro-democracy movement. Fulbright scholars slated for China are studying in other Asian nations. The British university system also decided not to send students or teachers to China.



ALMOST FINISHED — The new educational building for Mount Pleasant Church, Gibson County Association, awaits finishing touches, but the congregation is using part of the new structure already. Space of 2000 square feet on both levels includes a fellowship hall. Cost is \$85,000. From left, building committee members: Cecil Dowland, Frank Smith, deacons chairman; Dale Akin, chairman; Ruby Hampton, David Curtis, and Jerry Summers, pastor. The building will be debt free when dedicated in a few weeks.

Kentucky association drops church; women deacons cited as reason

CORBIN, Ky. (BP) — Kentucky's Zion Baptist Association has voted 93-20 to withdraw fellowship from First Church, Corbin.

The association's action is traced to the election and ordination of two women, Ann Hacker and Betty Black, as deacons at First Church a year ago.

The association's credentials committee met last spring with Pastor John Dunaway and the church's deacon chairman and chairman of the deacon nomination committee. No formal recommendation was made to the association by the committee.

Herschel Walker, pastor of Hopewell Church, Corbin, a messenger who introduced the issue at the associational meeting, said: "Our backs were against the wall. Our church bylaws state that qualifications of deacons are those found in I Timothy. . . . If they are right, then all our preaching brothers (in the association) have been wrong. . . . I certainly hated it. This is a no-win situation, and we Baptists lost."

Walker further expressed concern that Mt. Zion churches might withdraw from the association and join other associations if the action were not taken. "We really had no other choice," he said.

Raising the question at the associational meeting, Walker said: "Can we . . . continue to fellowship with a

church that does not interpret the Scriptures as we do? I don't think we can. Therefore, . . . I move that Mt. Zion Association disfellowship the First Church, Corbin."

Dunaway is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and was chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee earlier this decade.

"We hold no ill will," Dunaway told the *Western Recorder*, the Kentucky Baptist weekly newsjournal. "In all likelihood, we will continue to support certain mission projects developed by our director of missions in rural areas of our association. First Church has had a harmonious working relationship in Mt. Zion."

"This is an unfortunate situation that should not have taken place. It is a continuation of problems of ideology of the Southern Baptist Convention in a narrow interpretive position that does not allow for freedom of difference."

Joe Hatcher called to Cog Hill Church

Cog Hill Church, Etowah, called Joe Hatcher as pastor.

Hatcher most recently served as pastor of Council Church, Charleston. He also served at Hiwassee Union Church, Reliance, and Fellowship Church, Benton.

Funnyside up

"They say he married her because her uncle left her a million dollars."

"Oh, I don't think he's that kind of boy. I think he'd have married her no matter who left it to her."

A western movie was showing at the local theater, and in one exciting scene the Indians had tied the heroine to a stake. They were setting fire to the stake and shooting arrows, when a voice in the theater was heard to say, "Dear, do you think I should call home and see how the sitter is getting along with the kids?"

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One Word More

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

In Catfish Creek Baptist Church cemetery near Latta, South Carolina, are headstones bearing names of my paternal great-grandparents and others of the family.

I have often tried to visualize the lifestyles of these frontier people. Short sketches have been written by their descendants, and there are some pages of verification in biographies described by others about others.

But how do I capture the essence of their daily lives? What did they aim for, where did they place values? Who were their neighbors?

Joel Allen was my great-grandfather. He was a circuit-riding Baptist preacher, who journeyed along the South and North Carolina state lines, telling the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have imagined Grandfather Joel riding majestically astride a strong white horse, Bible in one hand, reins in the other. He was sitting straight and tall, wearing rugged but clean clothes, a feathered hat on his head of flowing hair — to protect him from the elements.

Well, I don't really know about those things. He probably was an average sized man with ordinary clothing — and he may have done his traveling on a reluctant mule. It is doubtful that he carried a weapon, even though he preached in the mid-1800's and there

were possibly many enemies "out there."

Brief biographies detail his courage and endurance. I have read that he stubbornly persisted. And I know that he did not spend many nights at home, perhaps resting in forests occasionally and sometimes with folks to whom he had preached.



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ly of believers.

He was one of those redoubtable stalwarts, a vital link in the chain of Christian witnesses. Because of him, and others like him, unborn generations would know the Gospel of Christ. Several descendants were foreign missionaries and pastors. Bible scholars and editors.

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Baptist Joint Committee adopts resolutions, budget

By Dan Martin

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopted resolutions on two controversial issues as well as a proposed 1990-91 budget during its annual meeting Oct. 2-3 in Washington.

One of the resolutions adopted by the 48-member committee dealt with the Report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Taskforce on Youth Suicide while the other dealt with the right of religious institutions to enforce their religious doctrines and practices.

Both of the adopted resolutions — which had been passed in more strongly worded versions by the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee — dealt with some aspect of homosexuality. The BJC declined to adopt two other resolutions adopted by PAC.

During the two-day meeting, BJC members discussed but did not act on a PAC proposal to support one of three amendments to child-care legislation now in Congress.

The BJC, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada that deals with religious liberty and separation of church and state issues, also were told J. Brent Walker has been named associate counsel for the organization.

Walker, who will assist General Counsel Oliver S. Thomas, is a

graduate of the University of Florida, Stetson University College of Law, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Members adopted a resolution that noted the report of the taskforce on youth suicide "includes a paper which criticizes the theological and ethical teachings of Baptist and Catholic churches on homosexuality."

The adopted resolution calls on the Department of Health and Human Services "to refrain from dictating or appearing to dictate the policies, teachings or behavior of churches" and recommended that any future taskforce "that might deal with theological and ethical issues and with the possible role of organized religion in dealing with such issues include representatives of the religious community."

Members of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee had adopted a more strongly worded resolution during their two-day meeting which preceded the annual meeting of the BJC.

The PAC, which discussed the possibility of asking the federal agency to withdraw the report from circulation but did not act on that suggestion, included in its resolution the statement, "This committee makes a clear statement that homosexuality is moral-

ly wrong and any reference by a governmental agency that churches should 'preach an enlightened view' to accept homosexuality without stigma cannot be accepted . . ."

The BJC adopted another resolution on the right of religious institutions to enforce their religious doctrines and practices which grew out of a discussion of the Armstrong amendment to the District of Columbia appropriations bill.

The discussion began regarding support for an amendment to the District of Columbia act by Sen. William R. Armstrong, R-Colo. A year ago, Armstrong introduced an amendment to the appropriations bill instructing the D.C. government to allow Georgetown University to deny a group of homosexual students official recognition and support.

A resolution supporting the new Armstrong amendment was adopted by the PAC, but was not recommended by the BJC resolutions committee. It was introduced from the floor by J. I. Ginnings, an oilman from Wichita Falls, Texas, who said the Georgetown issue is a local issue, but might set an important precedent.

After tabling the resolution during a lunch break, the BJC adopted "a more generic" action supporting "the right of religious institutions to enforce their

religious doctrines and practices, including their moral and ethical standards, among their faculties, staffs, memberships, student groups and student bodies."

The BJC also adopted a proposed 1990-91 budget of \$722,772.

Southern Baptist member Tom Pratt, pastor of Calvary Church, Brighton, Colo., noted the SBC was being asked to increase its contribution from \$391,248 in 1988-89 to \$403,556 in 1989-90 and asked why.

Dunn said the SBC was the only constituent of the nine which had cut its contributions, noting the 1987 funding from the SBC was \$448,000, and the new request does not get funding back to the previous level.

Dunn said the adopted budget was the "asking budget" which will be presented to the constituent bodies.

Pratt called the amount contributed by Southern Baptists a "gross inequity," and said of the requested increase, "We know it is not going to be granted."

As part of the budget discussion, committee members were given a listing of donations made to the BJC by associations, churches, individuals, other Baptist entities, and state conventions from Oct. 1, 1988, to Oct. 1, 1989.

The report, which complies with a newly adopted policy of the SBC Executive Committee requiring full financial disclosure, shows associations contributed \$250; churches, \$43,574,461; individuals, \$22,043,30; other Baptist entities, \$9,969,60; and state conventions, \$26,139,38, for a total of \$101,976,74.

Members also were provided information on the specific donors, but were told the data was for their own use. Representatives of the media were told they could not look at the information.

When Southern Baptist member Roy Gean Jr., an attorney from Fort Smith, Ark., copied data out of the book, the committee was again told the material is "confidential information. We want everyone to be faithful to that."

PAC against expanded role . . .

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needs to "maintain our relationship with the BJC," although with "more equitable funding. I see no reason for Southern Baptists to carry 90 percent of the bill."

He referred to a charge the SBC provides 90 percent of the budget of the BJC, while having only 18 of 48 representatives on the BJC board. Dunn has disputed the claim Southern Baptists provide 90 percent of the funding.

Lewis added the "CLC is uniquely Southern Baptist and should represent us on all issues, not just separation of church and state, but pornography, abortion and the whole spectrum of issues."

During the discussion, committee member Roy Gean Jr., an attorney from Fort Smith, Ark., told the committee members to remember that in

October of 1987, the PAC had voted to dissolve all institutional and financial ties with the BJC and that it did not consider Dunn its executive director or the staff its staff.

"I don't know that we have ever changed that position. I don't personally want to change it," he said.

Albert Lee Smith, a Birmingham, Ala., insurance executive and PAC chairman, said that despite the actions of the Executive Committee, he sees the role of the PAC expanding.

Smith, who was a Republican congressman from the Birmingham area in 1981-82, recounted he made the motion to sever all ties with the BJC in 1987. He added: "I haven't seen anything to indicate a reason to change my mind."

"I still think we (the SBC) ought to pull out of the BJC. The PAC ought to handle all First Amendment issues and

the CLC should handle moral issues. Perhaps later, they ought to be merged."

In other business, the PAC adopted a proposed budget of \$96,600 for 1990-91, an increase of \$72,900 over the 1989-90 allocation of \$23,700.

Robbie Hughes, a homemaker from Jackson, Miss., who chaired the committee which proposed the budget, noted: "We don't know where we will be in 1991. But we have to go on with this committee as if we are going to be a strong voice."

The budget includes \$60,500 for production of four newsletters; \$5000 for two pamphlets; \$13,500 for committee meetings; \$600 for telephone calls; \$12,000 for a religious liberty conference; \$2000 for secretarial help; \$1500 for direct mail to members of Congress; and \$1500 for expenses for a booth at the annual meeting of the SBC.

Gean said the committee needed the budget because "we don't know if we will be able to continue to work with them (the BJC). Our concept of religious liberty is different from them . . . we haven't been able to see eye to eye with them."

The budget was adopted with only one negative vote, that of Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sun- day School Board.

In other business, the committee elected Tom Pratt, pastor of Calvary Church, Brighton, Colo., as vice chairman. Smith appointed Gean as secretary and chairman of the staff valuation committee; Pratt as newsletter editor and Hughes as chairman of the long-range planning committee and the committee to select a recipient of the 1990 Religious Liberty Award.

The committee will meet again April 19-20, 1990, in Washington.



ON MONDAY MORNING — These are some of Carroll-Benton Association's pastors at their Pastors' Conference on Oct. 2 in Huntingdon. From left: Dillard West, retired; James Humphreys, director of missions; Ken Zike, Missionary Grove Church; Fred Ward, First, Huntingdon; Leon Edwards, First, Bruceton; Paul Merwin, Mt. Nebo; Joe Harris, associate, McLeomores; and Ray Jones, First, Camden. Wm. Fletcher Allen, Baptist and Reflector editor, was guest speaker.

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Clarksville couple participate in Laity Abroad program

A Clarksville couple, Dick and Joanne Binkley, have been very active in Laity Abroad during a year's assignment in Botswana in southern Africa. Dick Binkley works for the U.S. government. On a previous assignment in Germany he was deacon and Sunday School director in an English language Southern Baptist church. JoAnne started WMU work there.

However in Botswana there is no English Southern Baptist church, so they have been active in one of the national churches. JoAnne has done volunteer work at the Baptist Center.

Horace Dyer retires

Horace J. Dyer will retire Oct. 31 as director of missions for Northern Association.

Dyer, 71, is a native of Luttrell where he still resides.

He has been pastor of four Tennessee Baptist churches:

Fairview, Washburn; New Blackwell, Rutledge; Cedar Ford, Luttrell; and Hickory Valley, Maynardville.

Dyer has been director of missions for Northern Association since 1986.

Dyer, who also served as moderator for the association since 1977, was re-elected to another term as moderator at the association's recent meeting at Alder Springs Church in Maynardville.



HORACE and IMOGENE DYER

Additionally she has led children's sessions at the annual missions meeting for Southern Africa and at a prayer retreat.

Their home has provided an oasis of relaxation for the missionaries. Their presence and involvement have given support to missionaries and national workers.

The Binkleys have hosted short term volunteers in their home. Ralph Conklin, a friend from their home church, Gracey Avenue, in Clarksville, came with a construction team from North Carolina last February. They helped host the team and transported some materials 400 miles to a church which was built by the team.

The Binkleys in August hosted a volunteer stewardship/evangelism team including the W. T. Moores, formerly of Clarksville. The team spoke in 11 churches.

Laity Abroad is an emphasis of the Foreign Mission Board to encourage and help Southern Baptists visiting or living abroad to become involved in Baptist work. The Binkleys complete their assignment in Botswana this month. — W. T. Moore, former pastor of Gracey Avenue Church.

Wagers receives call

Ryan Eugene Wagers has been called to Little Flat Creek Church, Coryton, as pastor, effective Aug. 27.

Wagers was most recently associate pastor/minister of youth and music at First Church, Surgoinsville.

He will graduate from East Tennessee State University in December.

First Church, Seymour, to relocate

SEYMOUR — First Church, Seymour, broke ground Oct. 1 for a new \$2.8 million facility which will be located about a mile from the present site.

The new structure will consist of a 1200-seat sanctuary which can be expanded to accommodate 1650; an educational and administrative annex; and a Family Life Center.

Pastor Mark Hearn said the new facility will have 52,800 square feet and will be built on 30 acres of land on the Chapman Highway in Seymour. Expected completion date is May of 1991, he added.

The existing church sits on five acres of land adjacent to Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy.

Hearn said the church is averaging more than 400 people in Sunday School and has been holding two worship services and two Sunday Schools since April. "We have been over capacity in the present facilities for several years," Hearn said.

In order to help finance the building project, the church already has sold almost \$1 million of a \$1.2 million bond issue.

The new building will be the fourth sanctuary and third location for the 98-year-old church, Hearn said.

During the afternoon groundbreaking, D. L. Lowrie, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, challenged church members to be "people of faith and do what God would have you do in this place."



ON THE MOVE — First Church, Seymour, looks to sell its existing facilities as leaders break ground for a new \$2.8 million facility about a mile from its present site adjacent to the Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy campus. From left are, Hugh Frederick, deacon chairman; Rick Davis, trustee chairman; John Smith, building committee chairman; Pastor Mark Hearn; John Churchman, director of missions, Chilhowee Association; and D. L. Lowrie, executive director, Tennessee Baptist Convention. — Photo by Lonnie Wilkey



FAMOUS LINEAGE — Ten new members joined the fellowship of Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, during its homecoming and dedication celebration recently. Pastor Leonard Markham, left, stands with a new family — Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Frost, and daughters Erica and Dianne. Frost is the great-great-grandson of James Frost, a founder of the present Baptist Sunday School Board. Bluegrass member Betsy Wedekind, right, promised to give the Frosts a tour of the BSSB building where she works — since they had not seen the facilities.

Sunday School growth conference set

The TBC's Sunday School Department will offer six regional Adult Growth Conferences this fall.

The sessions will train church staff, Sunday School general officers, workers with adults, and adult members.

Sessions will show how to start new classes/departments and how to help the programs promote and conduct Adult Growth Week.

Personnel from the adult section of

WMU schedules GA-JAMS

Three GA-JAMS (Journey into Adventure Missions) will be held in October for girls in grades three through six.

The JAMS will give GAs the opportunity to meet home and foreign missionaries.

Dates and places are: Oct. 14, Immanuel Church, Lebanon; Oct. 21, Manley Church, Morristown; and Oct. 28, First Church, Milan.

Programs at each location begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Girls should bring a sack lunch and drinks will be provided. A non-refundable \$5-per-person registration fee must be sent to the state office.

Registration is limited at each location and closes when capacity is reached. Send registration fees to: Tennessee WMU, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024-0728.

the Sunday School division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the sessions.

Dates and locations are: Oct. 16 — First Church, Jackson; Nov. 2 — Ridgeway Church, Memphis; Nov. 6 — Inglewood Church, Nashville; Nov. 9 — Brainerd Hills Church, Chattanooga; Nov. 20 — Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville; and Nov. 30 — North Johnson City Church.

Times for the conferences are 5-9 p.m. with meal schedules varying. For information, contact Roy Miller, TBC Sunday School Department at (615) 371-2054.

HCBA begins classes

Preachers' School, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's weekend educational opportunity for area pastors and ministerial students, will begin its second study session Oct. 14. Classes will be held at 8 a.m. each Saturday through Dec. 2.

Courses of study include a survey of Acts, Evangelism, How to Build an Evangelistic Church, and an intensive study of 2 Corinthians.

Students attending the session have no tuition costs. Benefactors have provided funds to pay the tuition fees of properly certified ministerial students. The student's only expense is the cost of textbooks, ordinarily \$3 each.

For additional information, contact the academy at (615) 397-9313.



NEW OFFICERS — Crockett County Association elected new officers at their recent meeting held at Cairo Church in Alamo. From left are Mickey Hanks, pastor, First Church, Maury City, moderator; Mrs. R. V. Via, Crossroads Church, Bells, clerk; Herbert Higdon, director of missions; and Mike Melton, pastor, Friendship Church, Friendship, vice moderator.

Soon to be 80 years old

Retired missionary keeps busy as active church member

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
MEMPHIS — Missions is a way of life for Anne Sowell Margrett.

Perhaps that's why the retired missionary from Argentina just can't say no when she's asked to perform a missions-related task.

With her 80th birthday fast approaching (Oct. 22) Margrett recently accepted the directorship of Woman's Missionary Union for the upcoming year at Eudora Church, Memphis, where she has attended since her retirement from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1975.

In addition, she takes an Evangelism Explosion class and can always be counted on for weekly visitation.

Her involvement also goes beyond the local church.

On the association level, she teaches English as a second language to internationals, something she has done for 4 years.

"This has been a very rewarding ministry for me as I have visited in their homes and they have visited me. I have witnessed to them about the Lord and felt very close to them," she said.

Margrett's experience in Evangelism Explosion has helped her minister to internationals. "I had the joy of teaching a Bolivian girl for the Lord," Margrett said, adding that the girl and her husband are now members at Eudora.

The retired missionary's love and concern for the local church comes naturally.

"My father used to say that 'to be a good church member was more important than any executive position you could have,'" she recalled.

Margrett is extremely supportive of

her pastor, Calvin Harvell, and the staff and members at Eudora, noting they "have been so wonderfully good to me."

Harvell noted the church has been fortunate to have Margrett among its membership because of her love for missions and her rich heritage in missionary work.

"She has been a real inspiration to the church in regards to missions involvement," Harvell said.

Margrett's concern for missions is not that surprising. As she puts it, "My whole life has revolved around missions."

Her grandparents — Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby — had nine children, five of whom became missionaries. The Bagbys were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil.

In addition, her parents — S. M. and Ermine Bagby Sowell — were long-time missionaries to Argentina. Sowell was instrumental in beginning the Baptist International Seminary in Buenos Aires and later became president.

Margrett recalled her parents "built churches together as the Lord allowed them to use their gifts in many different ways."

She added that the "best thing about her parents was they loved the Lord and the Argentine people with all their hearts."

Margrett observed her life has spanned that of the Argentine convention. She was born in 1909, the same year the convention was organized there.

"It seemed I lived the unfolding of Southern Baptist life in Argentina and I loved it even as my parents had," she said.

Margrett came to the United States in 1925 for five years to attend high school and junior college at Virginia Interment College in Bristol, Va.

While there she was active in student volunteer work and spent several summers on staff at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center. She was also active in sports, playing on the varsity basketball team and earning the distinction of being the tennis champion of her school.

She returned to Argentina in 1930 where she later married H. G. Margrett. He died in 1936 only three months after their daughter, Doreen, was born.

Margrett returned to the States in 1937 for further education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, before her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board.

Her first missionary assignment was as director of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Rosario, Argentina. She became dean of women for the seminary when that school merged with the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires in 1953.

She retired 34 years later to live in Memphis where her daughter resided until her death in 1978. Margrett decided to make Memphis her home because she "did not have a city I could call my own."

Margrett reflected on her life as a missionary and her Southern Baptist heritage.

"One of the things I've been most proud of about the Southern Baptist Convention is the Cooperative



PROUD HERITAGE — Retired missionary Anne Sowell Margrett displays books which have been written about her grandparents and father, all of whom were long-time Southern Baptist missionaries. Margrett is now an active member at Eudora Church, Memphis.

Program.

"I would think that all of our Southern Baptist churches would be thrilled to belong to a financial agreement that makes it possible for all SBC churches to cooperate in the ongoing of our missionary work," she said.

Margrett added that she continues to support the efforts of the Foreign Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Having served on the field for 34 years and been cared for in every way by Southern Baptist churches, I could not have but the utmost loyalty for our convention and Foreign Mission Board," she said.

State BSU convention challenges students for missions service

By Lonnie Wilkey
HARROGATE — A rainy weekend failed to dampen the enthusiasm of almost 400 college students from across the state during the 61st annual Tennessee Baptist Student Union Convention Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in Harrogate.

Even though rain forced the relocation of outside activities which had been planned, there was "a good spirit," said Rodney Wilson, program associate in the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Student Department.

The annual meeting, held on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University, had a two-fold purpose, Wilson said.

The state student convention helped students on local campuses "see how they fit in a state-wide network of similar BSU programs," Wilson observed.

They are encouraged by the similarities and can learn from the differences, he added.

The second purpose of the state meeting, held in the fall, is to begin

promotion for summer missions work the next year, Wilson said, adding that the program was geared toward that goal.

The theme of the 1989 BSU convention was "As you go . . ." with sub-themes of "grow, care, and share," Wilson said.

Roy Cotton, an associate with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, challenged students to be open to God's call for their lives.

He said it is easy to give excuses about not having certain skills or talents. "But if you listen to testimonies of students who have served in summer missions, they will say, 'It's not your ability, but your availability.'"

Cotton told students that God expects complete devotion, noting that Peter "was willing to go all the way" for Jesus.

"Jesus is not calling for us to give up our lives, but He is calling us to love Him and to prove our love by serving Him," Cotton said.

The Virginia student worker concluded his series of three messages by reminding the students about Jonah, a "reluctant" sharer of God's Word.

But, God gave Jonah a second chance just like He gives us second chances, Cotton affirmed.

"Many of us fail miserably on our first call, but we serve a God who at times gives us more than one call.

"And, every call is a call of grace

because we are not deserving," he said.

Cotton observed that "many of the greatest missionaries never went."

"Are you going to let inconveniences and pride keep you from going?"

"What will you do with your call?" he concluded.

During a business session, students adopted last year's financial report of the student missions program; approved 60 summer missionary positions for 1990; and selected Second Church, Memphis, as the site for the 1990 BSU convention.



STUDENT LEADERS — Rodney Wilson, left, program associate, Tennessee Baptist Convention Student Department, looks over the program of the annual BSU convention with Roy Cotton, center, of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and Steven Tiebout, state BSU resident from Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville.



MONOLOGUE — Mike Day, of First Church, Memphis, led three monologues during the state BSU convention based on the theme "As you go . . ." Here, he portrays Peter.

Tennessee pastor interviews Philippines' leaders

Wood reports on new partnership

Barry Wood is pastor of East Ridge Church, Chattanooga. He was one of 47 Tennessee Baptist volunteers who spent two weeks recently in the Philippines on mission, as part of the Tennessee/Philippines Partnership Mission.

His interviews with Carlito Dadula, president of the Mindanao/Visayas Convention; and Glenn Thompson, chairman of the Mindanao/Visayas Baptist Mission, make the second story in a two-part series.

Wood's first impressions of the mission trip appeared in the Oct. 4 Baptist and Reflector.

Barry Wood: Pastor Dadula, please share your thoughts about the Tennessee/Philippines Partnership.

Carlito Dadula: I am so glad we have this partnership for three years. I am hoping for three years of partnership and for years beyond that.

We really need the partnership here in Mindanao-Visayas because we have identified many churches in need of help from the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Wood: Would you identify some of these needs for Tennessee Baptists?

Dadula: I am talking about training. We need training for our pastors, our lay workers, and our people. We lack education in preaching, witnessing, evangelism, and stewardship.

The Philippine Baptist Mission is doing this, but we have 1155 churches in Mindanao-Visayas and consequently we also need help from the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

We have 27 associations on these two islands, and while we have training workshops, we need people from Tennessee with skills of training and also whatever skills that they have which can help us.

Wood: You need pastors and lay

members to do training in the local church and in the association. How are these requests made?

Dadula: These requests must come first from the local churches to the Philippine Baptist Convention. As these requests are finalized, we will send them to the Tennessee Baptist Convention to be coordinated through Brother Clarence Stewart's office.

Wood: You need pastors and lay members to come and do training in the local church. Are there other needs?

Dadula: Many of our churches reach poor people who cannot really afford to go to hospitals for treatment and medication. If we could have medical people to come and help, this would really meet a need. We may also need carpenters and construction workers, but we will have to receive these requests from the local churches. At that time they will be relayed to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Wood: Is there a need for volunteers to work with Filipino people in the areas of children, youth, and music?

Dadula: Yes, very much. We need hymn books and pamphlets with songs for the churches. We also need people who have the knowledge in teaching music reading in an island-wide workshop.

Wood: What materials could partnership volunteers bring with them that would be useful to your churches?

Dadula: We need Gospel tracts and other materials such as visual aids, hymn books, Bibles, pencils, paper, anything like this would help.

Wood: Pastor Dadula, as president of the Mindanao-Visayas Baptist Convention, do you have a message that you would send back to Tennessee Baptists?

Dadula: There are several things I want to say. First, I thank Tennessee Baptists for allowing me to be in their state during July. I was able to visit your state convention office in Brentwood as well as some very hospitable churches. I would like to thank Clarence Stewart, Dr. D. L. Lowrie,



INTERVIEWED — Filipino leader Carlito Dadula recently answered questions about the new partnership posed by Tennessee pastor Barry Wood. Dadula and his wife, center, are shown with other leaders from the Mindanao Convention — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Salazar, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Malabar. — Photo by Wm. Fletcher Allen

and the other officers of the convention for their leadership.

Finally, my message is that we need more people to come to the Philippines. I do hope that you will be sending missionaries here to the Philippines because the hardest time in the Philippines is right now. We have many people and the harvest time is almost ripened. We need to do our best at this time. We need to do many things before Christ returns, before there is no further opportunity for people to come and work. Our people are

shouting and crying to the Lord for help and I am happy that the Tennessee Baptist Convention is strong enough to help us in these areas of need.

I am committed to the partnership. This partnership is really beneficial. If we can have more people come to the Philippines we can say to the leaders in our convention that the concepts or thinking of their people can be turned upside down. If you give a man a fish he has fish for one day, if you teach a man to fish he will have more fish.

An interview with Glenn Thompson:

Barry Wood: Dr. Thompson, tell me about yourself and your background before being appointed as a missionary.

Glenn Thompson: We are from Texas. My wife and I attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California. We were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975 and have served here in Davao City, Philippines, all that time. After you leave and have been away for 15 years or so, the Philippines becomes home.

Wood: Glenn, do you think that partnership teams from Tennessee have been successful these past ten days?

Thompson: I haven't heard all reports yet, but from talking to Filipino brethren who have been around, and from some points I have visited, this week has been a tremendous success. There have been many people won to the Lord that the Tennessee volunteers have been able to encourage. They have also helped our pastors, our churches, and their ministries. We will know more when we study our evaluation forms.

Wood: What do you identify as needs that Tennessee Baptists should be aware of, and what needs should be targeted to be met in the Philippines over the next three years of our partnership?

Thompson: I think our greatest needs now are in the church nurturing area, strengthening our churches, training our people to use the resources they have to be able to go out into their own communities to bring people to Jesus Christ.

We have many needs, almost unlimited needs as far as training in our churches and for our pastors. We would like to have deacon training,

church member training, continuing witness training, music training, worship training, Sunday School workshops, and practically anything you can think of... there is a need for it here.

Wood: Are you saying that any Baptist in Tennessee who wanted to get involved in missions would be welcomed and could use virtually any skill they possess right here in the Philippines?

Thompson: Yes, we can benefit from their skills.

Wood: Is there a word you would share with Tennessee Baptists about becoming involved in partnership missions in the Philippines?

Thompson: Although you may hear that the Philippines is a Christian nation, in reality we have less than three percent of Filipinos who are evangelical Christians believing in the Lord and knowing Jesus Christ as Savior. So the fields are really white to harvest.

The Filipinos are open to the Gospel. If we can find methods and ways to reach these people, to get into their communities, and into their homes, to tell them about Jesus, many will come to know Him.

John Floyd accepts call of Peterson Lake

Peterson Lake Church, Collierville, called John D. Floyd as pastor. Floyd graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in history. He also earned a master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and a doctorate from Mid-America Seminary, Memphis.

TeamTalk

By D. L. Lowrie

The new church year usually begins with excitement. You have some new leaders and sometimes a new method. Let me speak a word of caution about methods. Most any method will work if God is in it. The blessing of God is the secret of success — not the method.

I wonder how many young Israelites lost their lives because they did not understand this. They heard about Samson slaying the 1000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey, and decided that the best way to defeat a Philistine was with the jawbone of a donkey. They had Samson's method, but did not have Samson's blessing. In their hands it was just a jawbone — not much of an instrument of war. To Samson's credit he never offered a seminar on how to use a jawbone in battle.

God may want to give you and your

church a new jawbone for this church year, but it will be His blessing that will make the difference. God is the source of the success, not the method. Recognize the jawbone for what it is: simply an instrument. But any method is mighty if God is in it.

How do you get blessings of God on your work? You must first present God a life He can bless. There came a day in Samson's life that no method could work. His compromises in his personal life cost him the favor of God. Could this be our problem?

Then you need to seek the blessings of God. You must rely upon the Lord rather than your methods. This reliance expresses itself in persistent prayer. A prayerless church is obviously a church that is relying upon its jawbones rather than on the Lord. When you do this you get what the jawbone of a dead donkey can do. When you rely upon the Lord, you get what God can do.

Remember any old jawbone will do if God is in it.



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Take your choice — from Belfast in Middle Tennessee, go west to Moscow, or east to Athens ...

Associations ...

Members of Robertson County Association, Springfield, will celebrate the association's 75th anniversary Oct. 17.

Churches ...

Members of Rugby Hills Church, Memphis, will hold a note burning service Oct. 22 to signify ending the church year debt-free for the first time in the church's 40-year history.

Members of Maplewood Church, Paris, observed the church's 55th anniversary Aug. 13. H. Franklin Paschall spoke.

Renovation will soon begin on a building purchased earlier this year by First Church, Nashville. The \$500-square-foot building will be used for additional educational and musical space, and provide a larger location for the church's growing singles ministry.

Paul Ketran, Bristol, has seen a 65 percent increase in Sunday School enrollment at Holston Valley Church, Abingdon, Va., where he serves as pastor.

The congregation of Malesus Church, Jackson, will celebrate homecoming and the church's 100th anniversary with an old-fashioned day Oct. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Paul Clark, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, will speak. Dinner will be served on the church grounds.

Silverdale Church, Chattanooga, will celebrate their 100th anniversary with homecoming and special services Oct. 5. The church was organized October 7, 1889, across the street from its present location.

Since April of this year, former pastors have been returning as special guest speakers. These have included H. Petty, Chattanooga; E. M. Sherwood, Lenoir City; Harold Smith, Shelbyville; John Stair, Seymour; and Charles Gibbs, New Johnsonville. Carolyn Farah, former missionary nurse to Gaza, spoke on behalf of her late father, Burke Cate, a former pastor.

Herschel Woodburn has served as pastor for 14 years. Eddie Wilson, Folkston, Ga., came to the church Oct. 8 as minister of music and youth.

Missions ...

A mission team from Mt. Pleasant Church, Bradford, went to Bangor, Mich., in August to do construction work on Bangor Church. The team consisted of David Curtis, William Little, Dale Akin, Stanley Cates, Kevin Cates, Jamie Summers, and Pastor Jerry Summers. It was an exciting time for both groups, the pastor reported.

A group from First Church of Donelson, Nashville, traveled to Lagrulla, Texas, near the Mexico border, during August to conduct Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and evening revivals. A mission team from the church has gone to Lagrulla for ten years.

Leadership ...

First Church, Jamestown, recently called Barry Ellis as pastor.

W. C. Summar, Columbia, will be honored Oct. 15 by Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, for serving 60 years in the ministry. Summar was pastor of Robertsville Church from 1951 to 1969. He will preach during the morning worship service and a reception will be held in the afternoon.

Jeff Myers recently joined the staff of Cedar Valley Church, Sweetwater, as pastor.

Blue Springs Church, Cleveland, called Robert Dunn as minister of visitation.

Macedonia Church, Lawrenceburg, called Charles Ingram as pastor.

First Church, Collierville, called Doris Sams as director of childhood education.

Wayne Marshall accepted the call of Leawood Church, Memphis, to serve as associate pastor.

Oak Street Church, Soddy, called Tommy Taylor as pastor.

Bellevue Church, Memphis, called Les Helton as director of outdoor activities.

Brotherton Church, Cookeville, recently called Donnie Stewart as bivocational pastor.

Ordinations ...

First Church, Oliver Springs, elected R. C. Fox, Harley Orange Sr., Mike Parten, and Joe A. Hileman as deacons Aug. 6. Hileman will be ordained.

Mike Smith was ordained as deacon Sept. 24 at Rocky Mount Church, Athens.

White Oak Church, Chattanooga, ordained Steve Lewis and Steve Kerr as deacons Oct. 1.

First Church, White House, ordained Harold Tate Jr. as deacon Oct. 1.

Revivals ...

Leawood Church, Memphis, recently held revival with evangelist Kelly Green and Randy and Kala Stone, music leaders. There were 164 professions of faith, eight additions by letter/statement, and 19 rededications.

Jake Hess, professional gospel musician, will be in revival Oct. 15 at Mt. View Church, Antioch. Hess has performed with several groups during his 57-year musical career, and he formed The Imperials in 1963. The Grammy winner was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1987 and was awarded "America's Music Award" by the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in January.

Holiday Heights Church, Hendersonville, along with Proclaim Ministries, sponsored a three-day revival in July at Roan Mountain State Park for the second year. Services were led by country music stars who sang and gave their testimonies. Leaders included Johnny Russell, Ferlin Husky, Bill Monroe, Jack Greene, The Mueller Family, Donnie and Vicki Clark, and Neil Stretcher. Pastor Gene Crane reported that a total of 9000 people attended the services. Roan Mountain churches of all denominations served picnic lunches each day. Crane said they plan to have another revival next July.

Wilson County Association reports several upcoming revivals. Churches, dates, and leaders follow: Trinity Church, Lebanon, Oct. 8-11, Nick Holman; First Church, Alexandria, Oct. 8-14, Allen Buhler, Wayne Ray; Gladeville Church, Gladeville, Oct. 8-15, Jerry Songer, Douglas Burr; Barton's Creek Church, Lebanon, Oct. 22-25, Bob Capra; Immanuel Church, Lebanon, Oct. 22-25, Gary Cook, Ray Conner.

First Church, Franklin, will hold revival Oct. 15-18 with Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Lenoir City.

Grainger Association reports several upcoming revivals. Churches and dates follow: Block Springs Church, Blaine, Oct. 8-12, Robert Bickford; Sunrise Church, Rutledge, Oct. 9-15, Oliver Wolfenbarger; Buffalo Church, Rutledge, Oct. 9-13, Lewis Thomas; Central Point Church, Rutledge, Oct. 22; and Blue Springs Church, Rutledge, Oct. 22-25, Alvin Talent. In addition, Puncheon Camp Church, Washburn, recently held revival with Gabriel Haynes and Richard Nicely.

Central Church, Oak Ridge, began revival Oct. 8 with Leon Kilbreth. Services will conclude Oct. 11.

Pine Grove Church, Five Points, will hold revival Oct. 15-20 led by Larry Wright, evangelist, and Tim Spurgeon, musician.

First Church, Brace will hold revival Oct. 15-18. Addis Potts will be evangelist.

Cumberland Drive calls Shockley as pastor

Cumberland Drive Church, Clarksville, called Gary Shockley, Henderson, Ky., as pastor, effective Aug. 6.

Shockley was most recently pastor of Thompsonville Church, Springfield, Ky. He has also served as pastor of churches in three other Kentucky towns.

Shockley graduated from Campbellsville (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.



SHOCKLEY



FROM NORTHERN — Northern Association elected new officers Sept. 30 at Alder Springs Church in Maynardville. Seated, from left, are Horace Dyer, director of missions and moderator; Eddie Perry, newly-elected director of missions; and Ralph Cox, pastor, Milan Church, associate moderator, standing, from left, are Carl Coppick, Alder Springs, associate clerk; Jack Walker, Nave Hill Church, youth director; Leslie Corum, Milan, clerk; Wayne Roach, First Church, Maynardville, choir director; Cheryl Walker, First Church, Maynardville, pianist; Wayne Henderson, pastor, Willow Springs Church, treasurer; and Lawrence Hultz, pastor, Lone Mountain Church, trustee.



LOWRIE WELCOMED — Pastors at Truett Association welcomed D. L. Lowrie, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to their annual meeting Sept. 28 at Trace Creek Church in New Johnsonville. Lowrie delivered the evening message. From left are, Lowrie, Harold Phillips, Sylvia Church; Charles Gibbs, Trace Creek Church; Tom Drake, associate pastor, Immanuel Church; J. D. Rains, director of missions; and Charles Potter, Liberty Church.

Church librarians award first annual scholarship

By *Connie J. Umstead, news assistant*

In spite of driving rains left over from Hurricane Hugo, more than 200 church media workers from approximately 70 churches attended the Tennessee Baptist Church Media Library 26th biannual convention Sept. 22-23 at Immanuel Church, Nashville.

At a special banquet, the church media library ministry awarded the first Wayne E. Todd Memorial Scholarship to Nancy Wilson, media library director at First Calvary Church, Chattanooga.

The Todd scholarship fund was named in honor of Wayne Todd, who

was director of the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1959 to 1978. It is to be used to help train media library workers in Tennessee Baptist churches.

The recipient has his or her choice of training at Church Media Library Week at Ridgecrest or Glorieta, or the National Church Media Library Seminar held at the BSSB.

An endowment fund was established to support the Todd Scholarship, which is managed by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. A goal of \$10,000 has been set for the fund and scholarships will

be awarded annually from the interest generated by the fund. The fund currently has \$4000.

Eleanor Yarborough, TBC church media library associate, said annual scholarship amounts will increase as the principal in the fund increases.

"We will eventually pay for the recipient's full expenses to attend one of the seminars," Yarborough said.

Even though flooding in the eastern part of the state prohibited many media library workers from attending, Yarborough called the convention "highly successful."

"It was successful in that 50 percent of the people were first time attendees, which is significant because that means church media library ministries are growing," she observed.

Yarborough emphasized that Tennessee leads the Southern Baptist Convention in new starts of media library programs.

Susan Warren, media services director at First Church, Brandon, Fla., spoke to the group about her experiences in establishing a church media library program.

She told the group that promotion, creativity, and meeting the needs of

specific groups of people were necessary for a successful media library.

"You have to find out what people want. Listen to them. Find out who they are. When the library meets the needs of people, it becomes a valuable ministry. It goes out of its walls," Warren said.

"The sky really is the limit as far as what we can do. I have never found anything so unique as the church media library," she added.

Blue Springs calls Driver as pastor

Michael Driver accepted the call of Blue Springs Church, Rutledge, to serve as pastor.

Driver previously served as interim pastor, interim youth minister, and supply minister. He was also a mission volunteer in India in 1985.

A native of Memphis, Driver received a bachelor's degree in business from Bethel College and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

He and his wife, Cindy, have two children.



TODD SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — The TBC Church Media Library Department awarded the first Wayne E. Todd Scholarship for church media library directors to Nancy Wilson, media library director at First Calvary Church, Chattanooga. From left are Richard Boyd, chairman of the Todd Scholarship committee and media library director at Fifth Ave. Church, Knoxville; Myrtis Todd, wife of the late Wayne E. Todd; and Eleanor Yarborough, TBC church media library associate.

One Woman's View

By *June McEwen*

"I don't mind growing older, but I do hate misplacing my mind." This and similar statements as well as a flow of jokes about memory lapses serve to underscore, however humorously, a source of concern to aging adults. There are strategies to reduce the lapses and to restore confidence.

First, write it down. Keep a calendar in your pocket or purse and one by the telephone on your desk. Make notations of every sort in your calendar and never be without access to it. Make lists for shopping, for errands you need to do, appointments to keep, cleaning to be done. Keep your lists in one place.

The idea of one place will work to help with finding keys, eyeglasses, dentures, prescriptions, and other items that seem to have a habit of disappearing. Repetition will build habits and make locating things easier.

Label things plainly and legibly. This can apply to folders or envelopes for bills, insurance forms, supplies, or whatever you may have had difficulty keeping up with.

Organize specifically for short- and long-term activities. For example, ad-

dress birthday and anniversary cards at the same time you write your monthly bills. Note the date of the occasion lightly in the spot where you will affix the stamp. Stand the addressed envelopes in a prominent place and you will remember to mail as the day arrives. Make a looseleaf notebook and have sections for house repairs, automobile maintenance, your own visits to dentist and doctor, important phone numbers, and gift ideas for friends and family. You can check back to see what gift you gave last year and avoid concern about repetitions.

Learn to act as quickly as possible when you think of something to be done. Follow through on ideas.

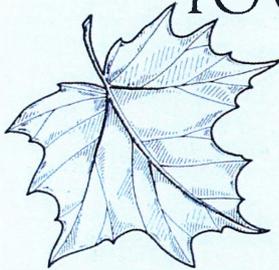
If you do forget something, simply admit it and ask for help. When telling a story, move on to the main thought if specific details elude you. If you lose your train of thought, say so and let the conversation flow on.

Finally, and most importantly, don't worry about your memory slips. If you devise plans for habit, repetition, organization, planning, and attention, keep your perspective and do your best. For those inevitable times when you cannot remember, be patient with yourself and consciously slow your pace. These actions and attitudes will help shore up a slipping memory and add to one's peace and harmony in day-by-day living.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARDS FOR 1989-90

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1992 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another. (E) East (M) Middle (W) West **Bold Face Type** indicates person nominated. The church and church's city are listed for each nominee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Term Expiring 1992**
- EAST**
1. Fred Steelman, Red Bank, Chattanooga
 2. Gary Anderson, First, Dunlap
 3. Bruce Hullette, Oak Grove, Mt. Carmel
 4. John Burleson, Dixie Lee, Lenoir City
 5. Howard Olive, Monte Vista, Maryville
 6. Donald A. Givens, St. Elmo, Chattanooga
 7. Guy M. Milam, N. Knoxville, Knoxville
 8. Harold Lingerfelt, Emmanuel, Elizabethton

- Term Expiring 1990**
- EAST**
9. Mrs. Laurann Whetham, Corryton
 10. Danny Ruehling, New Union, Dayton
 11. John Compton, Oak Grove, Mt. Carmel
 12. B. Franklin Davis, First, Chattanooga

- MIDDLE**
13. John Langlois, Lockeland, Nashville
 14. Emerson Wiles Jr., First, Fayetteville
 15. James Growden, Edgemont, Shelbyville
 16. Fate Wilson, Gum Springs, Sparta
 17. James Parch, First, Tullahoma
 18. Dean Haun, First, Sparta
 19. Paul Moody, First, Erin
 20. Leonard Markham, Bluegrass, Hendersonville
 21. Lee Barrett, Whitsett Chapel, Nashville

- WEST**
22. Ruth Agee, Fairview, Lebanon
 23. David Capes, Eastwood, Memphis
 24. Jerry Barker, First, Alamo
 25. Fred Ward, First, Huntingdon
 26. Ken Story, Germantown, Germantown
 27. Raymond Boston, First, Dyersburg
 28. Truman Spurgin, Munford, Munford
 29. Clint Oakley Jr., Mt. Terrace, Memphis
 30. Jimmy Breddlove, Parkview, Jackson
 31. Joe Littlefield, White Station, Memphis
 32. Bob Armour, First, Troy
 33. Max Walker, First, Selmer

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- EAST**
1. John W. Holland, Salem, Knoxville
 2. A. Mancrief Jordon, First, Jefferson City
 3. Mrs. Jack McEwen, First, Chattanooga
 4. Mrs. Dan Farmer, Southwestern, Johnson City
 5. Hershel Chevallier, Cumberland, Knoxville
 6. Donald C. Pharris, N. Etawah, Etawah
 7. David W. Crocker, Central, Johnson City
 8. William L. Swafford, Magna View, Morristown
 9. Larry Williams, Ooltewah, Ooltewah
 10. Wayne Markham, First, Lake City
 11. Mrs. Paul Nolan, Signal Mountain, Signal Mountain
 12. Ron Owens, Grace, Elizabethton
 13. Ann Davenport, First, McMinnville
 14. Gerrald Bland, First, Monterey
 15. Paul Durham, Radnor, Nashville
 16. Larry Gilmore, College Heights, Gallatin
 17. Donald Owens, Immanuel, Lebanon
 18. C. William Palmer, Bethel, Greenbrier

- MIDDLE**
19. John Laida, First, Clarksville
 20. T. Jerrell Sutton, Two Rivers, Nashville
 21. J. Mike Kemper, Green River, Waynesboro
 22. William D. Henard, First, Lawrenceburg
 23. Mark Slinnett, Prosperity, Auburntown
 24. Mickey Basham, North Jackson, Jackson
 25. John Bedford, Beverly Hills, Memphis
 26. Calvin Harvell, Eudora, Memphis
 27. Franklin Samuels, Southland, Memphis
 28. Ray E. Fowler, Highland Heights, Memphis
 29. David Bartholomew, First, Trimble
 30. Wilburn Nelson, Chapel Hill, Milan
 31. Wayne Perkins, Bethel, Greenfield
 32. Leon E. Edwards, First, Bruceton
 33. Howard S. Kolb, Audubon Park, Memphis

- WEST**
34. Mrs. Munford Turner, West Hills, Knoxville
 35. Mrs. Kelper Mullins, Gray Southern, Gray
 36. Fred Pinckard, First, Cleveland
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 38. Dean Buchanan, Glenwood, Kingsport
 39. Lon Shoopman, First, Madisonville
 40. James McCluskey, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
 41. Earl McCosh, Central Heights, Jefferson City
 42. Jim Hutson, First, Rockwood
 43. Larry Reeves, First, Jacksboro
 44. Elmer Sharp, New Salem, Clinton
 45. Ray Sorrells, Calvary, Elizabethton
 46. Thomas Gatton, Second, Knoxville
 47. George Coaker, Milton, Milton
 48. Margaret Morton, Trace Creek, New Johnsonville
 49. Tim Floyd, First, Columbia
 50. Charles Norton, Judson, Nashville
 51. Guy Farris, Wilhite, Cookeville
 52. Robert Leonard, Woodmont, Nashville
 53. Bob Mowrey, Park Avenue, Nashville
 54. Garner Foster, First, Pulaski
 55. Houston Inman, Homestead, Crossville
 56. Jerry Oakley, Springfield, Springfield
 57. Dennis Pulley, First, Ripley
 58. Don Davidson, Calvary, Brownsville
 59. M. B. Howard, Oak Grove, Covington
 60. Irvin Hays, Bartlett, Bartlett
 61. Thomas Robinson, First, Henderson
 62. Leon Bolton, Highland Heights, Memphis
 63. Otis Hinton, Temple, Paris
 64. William Northcott, West Jackson, Jackson
 65. Joe Trybone, Hillcrest, Dyersburg
 66. Doug Baker, Parran's Chapel, Bolivar

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 2. William E. Crook, Grace, Nashville
 3. Paul Jennings, Southeast, Murfreesboro
 4. Bruce Hammond, Brook Hollow, Nashville
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 3. Don Early, Brentwood, Brentwood
 4. Calvin Metcalf, Central, Fountain City
 5. Glen Stophel, Brainerd, Chattanooga

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- WEST**
1. William Blackwell, First, Nashville
 2. James W. Best, First, Greeneville
 3. Mrs. Frances Slover, Pleasant Grove, Covington
 4. Verlon Moore, Hilldale, Clarksville
 5. William F. Mason, Meadowview, Georgetown
 6. Robert Spradlin, Cedar Fork, Philadelphia
 7. Ronnie Batchelor, First, Greenfield
 8. Gerald Hallmark, Colonial, Memphis
 9. Clark Gross, First, Chattanooga

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1. Herschel Lake, First, Pulaski
 2. James Roddy, Siam, Elizabethton
 3. Mrs. Vivian Cunningham, Cedar Grove, Maryville
 4. Franklin D. Hawkins, First, Kingsport
 5. George Horton, Haywood Hills, Nashville
 6. Frank Ingraham, First, Franklin
 7. Hoyt Wilson, First, Lexington
 8. Talmadge Cribfield Sr., Macedonia, Ripley
 9. Roy Fisher, First, Donelson

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 2. Mrs. Helen Downey, Springfield, Springfield
 3. Lloyd Comer, Immanuel, Lawrenceburg
 4. Mrs. Betty Suter, First, Cookeville
 5. James Kinsey, Calvary, Union City
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 8. James Tuck, Central, Martin
 9. R. J. Homes, Cedar Hill, Chattanooga

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 2. Drew Maddux Sr., First, Hendersonville
 3. Rebecca Wilson, Second, Memphis
 4. Gordon Inman, First, Franklin
 5. Robert Lee Wood, Tulip Grove, Old Hickory
 6. G. Fred Baldwin, First, Greenbrier
 7. Donna Hilley, Park Avenue, Nashville
 8. George West III, Brentwood, Brentwood
 9. W. Gerald Ezell, First, Nashville
 10. J. Gibson DeLacey, Hobson Pike, Mt. Juliet
 11. Jerry Tracey, First, Manchester
 12. M. Felts Dent Jr., First, Clarksville
 13. Richard Herrington, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage

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 2. James Covington, West End, Fayetteville
 3. Steve H. Horrell, Woodmont, Nashville
 4. Jane Jones, Bethel, Greenbrier
 5. Richard Patton, First, Portland
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 13. Malcolm Barrett, Glenwood, Nashville

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 2. Shelby Massey, Germantown, Germantown
 3. Harold Brundige, First, Martin
 4. John W. Williams, Wards Grove, Jackson
 5. David R. Nunn, First, Halls
 6. Cecil Ebersold, Germantown, Germantown
 7. Elzie Danley, Malesus, Jackson
 8. Wesley Pitts, First, McKenzie
 9. Marvin Sandidge, First, Memphis
 10. James Threlkeld, Union Avenue, Memphis
 11. Joe H. Walker Jr., First, Ripley
 12. Mrs. George Harvey, First, Jackson
 13. John McRee, First, Memphis
 14. Paul Williams, First, Somerville
 15. John Dickinson, Woodland, Brownsville
 16. Thomas Moore, First, Dresden

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 2. Henry Blanc, First, Jefferson City
 3. J. Reed Dixon, First, Sweetwater
 4. Marvin Cameron, First, Gallatin
 5. Harlan F. Reynolds, Tulip Grove, Hermitage
 6. Lonas Tarr, First, Jefferson City
 7. Jack Stewart, Manley, Morristown
 8. Frank Crumpler, Brainerd, Chattanooga
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 5. Mrs. Robert Alderson, West Jackson, Jackson
 6. Benny Fesmir, West Jackson, Jackson
 7. Hobart Townsend, First, Parsons
 8. Kenneth Hawkins, First, Selmer
 9. Robert Hensley, Parkway Village, Memphis
 10. Michael Garner, First, Paris
 11. A. W. Ferguson, Brownsville, Brownsville
 12. James H. Austin, First, Maury City
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 2. Enoch Simerly, Rockford, Rockford
 3. Charles D. Bailey, Oak View, Louisville
 4. R. H. Filler, Fifth Avenue, Knoxville
 5. Patrick Fife, English Creek, Newport
 6. Michael Collins, Rutledge, Rutledge
 7. McKinley Braden, Central, (Bearden) Knoxville

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 3. Hugh M. Willson, First, Niota
 4. Milton Magee, First, Dyersburg
 5. William S. Cockroft, Second, Memphis
 6. Robert L. Orr, First, Dyersburg

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 3. Thomas Walker, First, Paris
 4. J. Edward North, First, Humboldt
 5. Jesse M. Price Sr., First, Somerville
 6. Jerry Glisson, Leawood, Memphis
 7. Philip D. Jett, Englewood, Jackson
 8. S. Powers Smith, First, Henning
 9. Mrs. Thomas Freels, Bellevue, Memphis
 10. Kenneth Leathers, West Jackson, Jackson
 11. William Adcock, First, Newbern
 12. William B. Cockroft, Germantown, Germantown
 13. Joe Swaim, First, Covington
 14. Polk Glover, First, Obion
 15. Ray Newcomb, First, Millington
 16. John Pippin, First, Savannah

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 2. William Sheriff, Forest Hills, Nashville
 3. William J. Gregg, Immanuel, Nashville
 4. George L. Holmes III, Brentwood, Brentwood
 5. C. Thomas Drake, First, McEwen City
 6. Robert Wooddy, Bluegrass, Hendersonville
 7. Joseph C. Huts Jr., Clearview, Franklin
 8. Bill G. Looper, Pleasant Heights, Franklin
 9. John McCall, First, Carthage
 10. Gary Webster, First, Goodlettsville
 11. Mary Lu Smith, Brook Hollow, Nashville
 12. Calvin Dunham, Harpeth Heights, Nashville
 13. Phillip Cooley, First, Gallatin

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 5. William F. Mason, Meadowview, Georgetown
 6. Robert Spradlin, Cedar Fork, Philadelphia
 7. Ronnie Batchelor, First, Greenfield
 8. Gerald Hallmark, Colonial, Memphis
 9. Clark Gross, First, Chattanooga

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 3. Mrs. Vivian Cunningham, Cedar Grove, Maryville
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 5. James Kinsey, Calvary, Union City
 6. Jackie Kay, Bartlett, Bartlett
 7. Mrs. Louise Wilburn, First, Collierville
 8. James Tuck, Central, Martin
 9. R. J. Homes, Cedar Hill, Chattanooga

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 2. Drew Maddux Sr., First, Hendersonville
 3. Rebecca Wilson, Second, Memphis
 4. Gordon Inman, First, Franklin
 5. Robert Lee Wood, Tulip Grove, Old Hickory
 6. G. Fred Baldwin, First, Greenbrier
 7. Donna Hilley, Park Avenue, Nashville
 8. George West III, Brentwood, Brentwood
 9. W. Gerald Ezell, First, Nashville
 10. J. Gibson DeLacey, Hobson Pike, Mt. Juliet
 11. Jerry Tracey, First, Manchester
 12. M. Felts Dent Jr., First, Clarksville
 13. Richard Herrington, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage

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- EAST**
1. Hortense M. Downard, Belmont Heights, Nashville
 2. James Covington, West End, Fayetteville
 3. Steve H. Horrell, Woodmont, Nashville
 4. Jane Jones, Bethel, Greenbrier
 5. Richard Patton, First, Portland
 6. Bernard Barkley, First, Old Hickory
 7. J. Milton Knox, First, Shelbyville
 8. Joe L. Evans, Memorial, Chattanooga
 9. Joel Snider, Crieveewood, Nashville
 10. Mary Frances Rudy, Immanuel, Nashville
 11. Peggy DePriest, Edgefield, Nashville
 12. Larry Thrailkill, Brentwood, Brentwood
 13. Malcolm Barrett, Glenwood, Nashville

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 2. Shelby Massey, Germantown, Germantown
 3. Harold Brundige, First, Martin
 4. John W. Williams, Wards Grove, Jackson
 5. David R. Nunn, First, Halls
 6. Cecil Ebersold, Germantown, Germantown
 7. Elzie Danley, Malesus, Jackson
 8. Wesley Pitts, First, McKenzie
 9. Marvin Sandidge, First, Memphis
 10. James Threlkeld, Union Avenue, Memphis
 11. Joe H. Walker Jr., First, Ripley
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1. David Nunn, First, Malls
2. J. Ralph McIntyre, First, Nashville
3. Buddy Roberson, Wynnburg, Wynnburg

BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM INC., NASHVILLE

Term Expiring 1992

1. Michael Seshul, Woodmont, Nashville
2. Gaye McGlothlen, Immanuel, Nashville
3. Elbert Conrad Shackelford, First, Hendersonville
4. Joe Casey, Eastland, Nashville
5. Virgil Peters, Eastside, Burns
6. James W. (Bill) Owen Jr., Mount Carmel, Cross Plains
7. Roy Babb, First, Hendersonville
8. Osta Underwood, Belmont Heights, Nashville
9. H. Dean Dickey, First, Columbia

Term Expiring 1991

1. D. Ed Moody Jr., First, Franklin
2. Guy Bates Sr., First, Joelton
3. Virgil H. Moore Jr., First, Columbia
4. Robert J. Norman, Clearview, Franklin
5. Jewell Jennings, First, Lebanon

6. Jack Adams, East Commerce, Lewisburg
7. H. David Smith, Brook Hollow, Nashville
8. Gary Carver, First, Chattanooga
9. J. Harold Stephens, Edgemont, Shelbyville

Term Expiring 1990

1. Frank McGregor, First, Clarksville
2. Richard D. White, First, Franklin
3. David Buchanan, Walker Memorial, Franklin
4. Willie K. Davis, First, Nashville
5. Charles Page, First, Nashville
6. Scott Jenkins, First, Gallatin
7. Kenneth L. Ross, Woodmont, Nashville
8. Bill Morris, First, Dayton
9. Tony Hudson, First, Cookeville

THE BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM OF EAST TENNESSEE

Term Expiring 1992

1. Aubrey Hay, First, Erwin
2. William Cope, First, Pigeon Forge
3. Robert Burch, Calvary, Knoxville
4. John Edward Way Jr., First, Powell
5. William B. Stokely III, West Knoxville, Knoxville
6. Warren Payne, Central, (Bearden) Knoxville
7. John D. Wallace, First, Morristown

8. David Myers, First, Maryville
9. Elizabeth McCluskey, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1991

1. Jack Easterday, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
2. John Sample, West Hills, Knoxville
3. Dudley Cockrum, Glenwood, Powell
4. Harry Wampler, First, Lenoir City
5. Paul Walker, Central, (Bearden) Knoxville
6. Edsel Lee West, South Harmon, Harriman
7. Mrs. Judy Duncan, Trenton Street, Harriman
8. James Temple, First, Sevierville
9. Robert E. Hill, First, Knoxville

Term Expiring 1990

1. M. L. White, Beulah, Mohawk
2. Richard Cramer, West Hills, Knoxville
3. George Child, Mt. Olive, South Knoxville
4. Mrs. Patricia Davis, First, Knoxville
5. Byrl C. Logan, Central, (Bearden) Knoxville
6. Glenn Sullivan, First, Concord
7. Charles P. Crawford, Mount Olive, Knoxville
8. Dean Williams, First, Newport
9. Warren Gooch, First, Jefferson

City

TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES INC.

Term Expiring 1992

1. Howard Foshee, Clearview, Franklin
2. Kenneth Clayton, Tulip Grove, Old Hickory
3. Bill Baird Griffith, Bangham Heights, Cookeville
4. Terry Gant, Two Rivers, Nashville
5. Obie Campbell, New Providence, Loudon
6. Mrs. James H. Cooley, East Lake, Chattanooga

Term Expiring 1991

1. Chester LaFever, Grace, Nashville
2. Mrs. Betty Norton, Westwood, Cleveland
3. Lloyd Johnson, Dickerson Road, Nashville
4. Danny Wheeler, Wards Grove, Lexington
5. Alvis Stryan, Temple, Memphis
6. Margaret Duncan, Eastland, Nashville

Term Expiring 1990

1. James Harney, First, Huntland
2. William S. Bates, First, Jackson
3. Earnest Vincett, First, Cleveland
4. James Cambron, Pinecrest, Johnson City

5. Marvin Ogle, Tusculum, Greeneville
6. Mrs. Joyce Moore, First, Paris

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Term Expiring 1992

1. Ronald T. Murray, First, Kingston (E)
2. C. W. Dean Oak Grove, Springfield (M)
3. Gerry Claybrook Long Hollow, Hendersonville (M)
4. Paul K. Moore Charleston, Charleston (W)
5. William Summers First, Trimble (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. William E. Owens Ridgedale, Chattanooga (E)
2. Mrs. Howard Cockrum Cumberland, Knoxville (E)
3. Charles D. Williams Shelbyville Mills, Shelbyville (M)
4. W. D. Thomason Green Hills, Mt. Juliet (M)
5. Bob Mathews Berclair, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Gary Rickman Ridgeview, Chattanooga — Temporary Chairman (E)
2. Mrs. Burness Hamilton Valley Grove, Seymour (E)
3. Robert Amason Trinity, Lebanon (M)
4. Lynn King Maplewood, Paris (W)
5. Preston Latch Hatchie, Bolivar (W)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1989-90

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1992 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

(E) East (M) Middle (W) West
Bold Face Type indicates persons nominated. The church and church's city are listed for each nominee.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Term Expiring 1992

1. David Simmons, White Oak, Chattanooga (E)
2. Mary Jayne Allen, First, Chattanooga (E)
3. Archie King, First, Murfreesboro (M)
4. Mike Gass, Southside, Shelbyville (M)
5. E. Gordon Crocker, White Station, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Benny Keck, Buffalo Trail, Morristown (E)
2. Brian B. Courney, First, Sneedville (E)
3. Randy P. Latch, New Bethlehem, Dyer (W)
4. Dennis Lunsford, Antioch, Medina (W)
5. John A. Harrison, Pleasant Hill #2, Rives (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Herman Ellis, Chilhowee Hills, Knoxville (E)
2. Alton Brown, North Fork, Shelbyville (M)
3. Earl Baker, First, Ridgeway (M)
4. Paul Peak, First, Murfreesboro (Temporary Chairman) (M)
5. Hillard Goode, First, Humboldt (W)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

Term Expiring 1992

1. Robert Calloway, Cumberland, Knoxville (E)
2. Jim Skillington, Ridgedale, Chattanooga (E)
3. Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, First, Lawrenceburg (M)
4. Harold Galyon, First, Smyrna (M)
5. Ronald W. Stallings, First, Bolivar (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Vernon Cox, Central, Chattanooga (E)
2. Donald L. Bright, Sharon, Knoxville (E)
3. Robert N. Allen, Springfield, Springfield (M)
4. W. L. Branin, Balmoral, Memphis (W)

5. David Ray, First, Parsons (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Eva Reeser, Cedar Grove, Johnson City (E)
2. Roger Shelton, Haywood Hills, Nashville (E)
3. Roy Gilleland Sr., Belmont Heights, Nashville (M)
4. Roy Jones, First, Camden (W)
5. Wendell Smith, First, Sharon (W)

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

Term Expiring 1992

1. John Parrott Jr., East Rogersville, Rogersville (E)
2. Ken Altom, First, Cookeville (M)
3. Glenn Weekley, First, Hendersonville (M)
4. William A. Foote, Cherry Road, Memphis (W)
5. Paul Clark, Calvary, Jackson (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Stephen Witt, First, Jasper (Temporary Chairman) (E)
2. Mack Bingham, Central (Bearden), Knoxville (E)
3. Mrs. Helen Child, Mt. Olive (South), Knoxville (E)
4. Marshall Gupton, Una, Nashville (M)
5. Paul Barkley, Ardmore, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Wallace Parham, First, Chattanooga (E)
2. Don Edwards, Southeast, Murfreesboro (M)
3. Harold L. White, First, McMinnville (M)
4. Jerry Legg, First, Dyer (W)
5. J. Thomas Gaines Jr., White Station, Memphis (W)

CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1992

1. Brenda Tenpenny, Manley, Morristown (E)
2. M. L. Hicks Sr., First, Madisonville (E)
3. Kenny Beam, Woodmont, Nashville (M)
4. Jack Knox, Germantown, Germantown (W)
5. (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Harry K. Hoys, Brainerd, Chattanooga (E)
2. C. W. Cordell, Cartwright, Cartwright (E)
3. Roy Gilleland III, Belmont Heights, Nashville (M)
4. Tom B. Burners, Parkview, Lewisburg (M)
5. Thomas M. Kesterson, Maplewood, Paris (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Mrs. James L. Oliver, First, Elizabethton (E)
2. Charles Sullivan, Crieveewood, Nashville (M)
3. Eddie Weaver, Bethlehem, Lewisburg (M)
4. Lawrence Bright, Highland Heights, Memphis (W)
5. James Pulliam, First, Bolivar (Temporary Chairman) (W)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1992

1. James Robertson, Sharon, Knoxville (E)
2. Ken L. Castleberry, Dalewood, Nashville (M)
3. W. Roy Fisher, First, Donelson (M)
4. Ron F. Harber, Puryear, Puryear (W)
5. Charles Timberlake, Shelby Forest, Millington (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Thomas Bandy III, First, Kingsport (E)
2. Bill Hill, Ball Camp, Knoxville (E)
3. Bobby Zumbro, First, Woodbury (M)
4. Jerry Hamlin, First, Ashland City (M)
5. A. Sidney Waits, Walnut Grove, Bolivar (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Larry Parrott Jr., McPheeters Bend, Church Hill (E)
2. John E. Pennington, First, Etowah (E)
3. Paul Woodford, First, Lewisburg (M)
4. Jerry Powell, Southside, Martin (W)
5. Clyde Watson, First, Camden (W)

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Term Expiring 1992

1. Gary Jared, Lakeview, Tennessee Ridge (M)
2. Tom Brown, First, Murfreesboro (M)
3. C. Kenny Cooper, Bellevue, Nashville (M)
4. Charles Brown, North Fork, Shelbyville (M)
5. David Elkins, First, Ripley (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Mrs. Tommy Holtzclaw, First, Kingsport (E)
2. Danny West, Litz Manor, Kingsport (E)
3. Jere H. Plunk, Broadway, Knoxville (E)
4. James M. Roberts, Western Valley, Memphis (W)
5. Jerry M. Lee, New Harmony, Paris (W)

1. Huel Hooker, Mossy Grove, Rockwood (E)
2. Troy Cady, Unity, Maryville (E)
3. Judson Hays, First, Old Hickory (Temporary Chairman) (M)
4. Steve Bain, Lakeview, Selmer (W)
5. Joe Thomason, Munford, Munford (W)

Term Expiring 1990

1. Joyce Goodman, Riverside, Harriman (E)
2. Bob Knisley, Alice Bell, Knoxville (E)
3. Duffie Peek, Shelbyville Mills, Shelbyville (M)
4. Mrs. Thomas Patton, West Jackson, Jackson (W)
5. Billy Joe Stewart, Good Hope, Adamsville (W)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1992

1. Mrs. Doris Conley, First, Whitwell (E)
2. Grant Bishop, Lions Creek, Strawberry Plains (E)
3. Mitchell Jones, Stone Brook, Nolensville (M)
4. J. Harold Stephens, Edgemont, Shelbyville (Temporary Chairman) (M)
5. Ken Zike, Missionary Grove, Camden (W)

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1. James Canaday, Central, Johnson City (E)
2. Paul Hall, Brentwood, Brentwood (M)
3. James Lee, Leoma, Leoma (M)
4. George E. Webb Jr., First, Paris (W)
5. Charles Griffin, First, Dyer (W)

COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL

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1. Joe Caldwell, Hopewell Springs, Madisonville (E)
2. James R. Maples, Valley Grove, Knoxville (E)
3. Paul E. Tiley, First, Waverly (M)
4. Randall Cummings, First, Whiteville (W)
5. Richard Van Cleave, Jones Chapel, Paris (W)

Term Expiring 1991

1. Kelper Mullins, Gray, Gray (Temporary Chairman) (E)
2. James Herbert Thigpen, Hillview, Murfreesboro (M)
3. David Deavers, Immanuel, McEwen (M)
4. Craig Peeveyhouse, Idelwild, Martin (W)
5. Michael W. Owens, Rugby Hills, Memphis (W)

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**1989-90 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE**

**Executive Board
TO THE
Tennessee Baptist Convention**

The Executive Board recommends to the Tennessee Baptist Convention:

1. That the basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1989-90 be set at \$26,797,860.
2. That the Expanded Annuity Program for Tennessee Baptist members and staff be made a preferred budget item.
3. That 37.5 percent of Cooperative Program receipts be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 62.5 percent be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
4. That all subsidiary units live within their income and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression, the Executive Board review budgets at midyear to make necessary adjustments.
5. That, after the percentage to the Southern Baptist Convention is distributed, the remainder of any overage be designated for the retirement of the debt on the Tennessee Baptist Center.
6. That the following proposed Cooperative Program budget for 1989-90 be adopted:

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

Benevolent Institutions		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
OPERATING FUNDS		
Hospitals	\$ 0	\$ 0
1. Bapt. Adult Homes	122,643	168,717
1. Bapt. Children's Homes	1,145,118	1,153,746
1. Missions	43,650	46,160
Total Operating Funds	\$ 1,311,411	\$ 1,368,623
CAPITAL FUNDS		
1. Bapt. Adult Homes	50,000	50,000
1. Bapt. Children's Homes	75,000	75,000
Total Capital	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Total Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,436,411	\$ 1,493,623

Educational Institutions		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
OPERATING FUNDS		
1. New-Newman College	\$ 1,755,355	\$ 1,755,355
1. Monticello College	1,477,480	1,477,480
1. University	1,477,480	1,477,480
1. Mission-Chilhowee Academy	391,987	391,987
1. Scholarships	79,860	79,860
1. Missions	44,185	46,696
1. Historical Archives	15,000	15,000
Total Operating Funds	\$ 5,241,347	\$ 5,243,858
CAPITAL FUNDS		
1. New-Newman College	\$ 536,985	\$ 536,985
1. Monticello College	389,468	389,468
1. University	389,468	389,468
1. Mission-Chilhowee Academy	113,920	113,920
Total Capital Funds	\$ 1,429,841	\$ 1,429,841
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL INST.	\$ 6,671,188	\$ 6,673,699

**Convention-Administrative Departments-
Agencies-Institutions**

	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
CONVENTION SERVICES		
General Convention Expense	\$ 158,016	\$ 0*
Executive Board Expense	382,367	0*
Ministers Aid	38,000	38,000
Total Convention Services	\$ 578,383	\$ 38,000
EXECUTIVE OFFICES		
Exec. Director-Treas. Office	\$ 190,831	\$ 734,731*
Public Relations Office	78,335	84,024
PACL Office	73,110	38,281
Total Executive Offices	\$ 342,276	\$ 857,036
INSTITUTION		
Tenn. Bapt. Foundation	\$ 274,174	\$ 347,079
Audit	0	5,800
Total Institution	\$ 274,174	\$ 352,879
AGENCY		
Baptist and Reflector	\$ 839,195	\$ 816,647
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Conv., Adm. Dept., Agency	\$ 2,042,239	\$ 2,072,773
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Baptist and Reflector —		
Anticipated Income	\$ 585,000	\$ 530,000
EDT Office — Earned Interest	75,000	37,500
PACL Office — BSSB Supplement	4,668	2,334
Ministers Aid — GSMO	13,000	13,000
Public Relations — Fees	0	1,500
Total other income	\$ 677,668	\$ 584,334
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,364,571	\$ 1,488,439

* General Convention Expenses and Executive Board Expenses, formerly budgeted separately, are combined with the office of the Executive Director-Treasurer in the 1989-90 budget. All three budgets combined totaled \$731,214 for 1988-89.

Central Administrative Division		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
BUSINESS OFFICE and CAMPS		
Business Office	\$ 584,687	\$ 556,532
Capital — Ex. Bd. — Office Equip.	42,000	42,000
Camps Operating	437,135	459,432
Capital — Camps	185,000	150,000
Total Business Office and Camps	\$ 1,248,822	\$ 1,207,964
OTHER CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE		
Accounting Office	\$ 143,651	\$ 153,041
Program Services	313,765	326,089
Property Maint. Office	51,788	47,160
Total Other	\$ 509,204	\$ 526,290
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Central Administrative	\$ 1,767,237	\$ 1,742,465
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Accounting — Earned Interest	\$ 143,651	\$ 76,521
Camps — Anticipated Income	385,000	398,641
Camps Capital — GSMO	150,000	150,000
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,088,586	\$ 1,117,303

Church Programs Division		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
Division Office	\$ 50,000	\$ 36,748
DEPARTMENTS		
Brotherhood	\$ 196,939	\$ 198,138
Church Media Library Rec.	0	69,476
Church Music	161,478	163,520
Discipleship Training	291,571	298,982
Sunday School	372,013	350,402
Total Departments	\$ 1,022,001	\$ 1,080,518
Contingency	8,211	8,211
AUXILIARY		
Woman's Missionary Union	537,220	556,407
Total Church Programs	\$ 1,617,432	\$ 1,681,884

LESS OTHER INCOME		
Brotherhood — GSMO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Church Music, D. T., S. S., Division		
Director Office, Church Media —		
BSSB Supplement	56,016	60,684
SS — GSMO	47,100	43,000
WMU — GSMO	115,000	114,000
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,389,316	\$ 1,454,200

Convention Ministries Division		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
Conv. Ministries Dir. Office	\$ 126,720	\$ 109,673
DEPARTMENTS:		
MISSIONS		
Missions — Office	\$ 260,739	\$ 267,805
Miss. Lot, Bldg., Site Fund	200,000	250,000
Missions — Program	962,443	1,011,753
Total Missions	\$ 1,423,182	\$ 1,529,558
STUDENT		
Student — Office	\$ 132,239	\$ 138,503
Student — Campus	816,643	835,799
Student Campus Capital	104,400	86,752
Total Student	\$ 1,053,282	\$ 1,061,054
ANNUITY PROGRAMS		
Annuity Programs — Office	\$ 113,827	\$ 117,399
Annuity Board Programs	1,757,500	1,975,838
Total Annuity Programs	\$ 1,871,327	\$ 2,093,237
Evangelism	\$ 212,600	\$ 215,917
Coop. Prog. — Stewardship Prom.	145,474	147,473
Church Minist. Inf. — Office	106,723	112,875
Telecommunications — Office	150,523	90,589
Partnership Missions	69,680	78,427
Church Bldg. and Loan	10,313	10,673
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Pastoral Counseling	2,500	0
Total Other	\$ 706,024	\$ 664,165
Total Convention Ministries	\$ 5,180,535	\$ 5,457,687
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Missions, Evangelism — HMB	\$ 97,462	\$ 97,508
Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund — GSMO	200,000	250,000
Missions Program —		
GSMO and HMB	230,976	268,030
Student Campus — GSMO	21,000	21,000
Telecommunications — GSMO	9,900	9,700
Annuity Programs — Annuity Board		
Liability Fund	220,135	0
Annuity Directors Office — Annuity Board, SBC supplement	34,418	34,000
Partnership Missions, Telecommunications, Division Dir. Office — BSSB	30,342	25,674
Church Bldg. and Loan — Self-Liq.	10,313	10,673
Partnership Missions — Spec. Appr.	67,346	38,047
Total	\$ 4,258,643	\$ 4,703,055
Less Preferred Item	1,088,240	1,188,479
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 3,170,403	\$ 3,514,576

SUMMARY		
	Budget 1988-89	Proposed 1989-90
Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,436,411	\$ 1,493,623
Educational Institutions	6,671,188	6,673,699
Conv., Adm., Agency, Institution	1,364,571	1,488,439
Central Administration	1,088,586	1,117,303
Church Programs	1,389,316	1,454,200
Convention Ministries	3,170,403	3,514,576
Interest Payments — TBC Building		200,000
TBC General Fund		64,023
Total Cooperative Program	\$ 15,120,475	\$ 16,005,863
Tennessee Baptist Convention	62.5%	\$ 16,005,863
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Preferred Item		\$ 1,188,479
Total Cooperative Program		\$ 26,797,860

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A challenge to godly living

By Deryl G. Watson, director of missions; Hardeman County Association

The gift of human life is precious and the gift of life in Christ is most precious. As one matures, life takes on its highest meaning as lived in Christ.

To live in Christ carries certain requirements. People must live to please God and not themselves. They must live morally in brotherly love. They must also work honestly in the profession or trade in which they find themselves.



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Pleasing God and not ourselves (4:1-2)

The appeal to please God is seen in the words beseech and exhort. These are personal, fraternal type words as used here. Paul spoke here as to the dearest of friends. He urged them to keep testing themselves and reminded them that they are under the eyes of God in their daily walk.

Paul promised the Thessalonians that if their walk with God was pleasing, then their enjoyment of the blessings of Christian life would be beyond measure. Paul reminded them in chapter 4:2, that these commandments have divine authority behind them. The term commandment literally means military command. A walk pleasing to God demands that we follow His directions.

Pleasing God through moral living (4:3-8)

It is often difficult to know the will of God. In these passages, however, God's will is set in concrete. The Christians at Thessalonica were to live morally pure lives.

These Thessalonians lived in a cosmopolitan seaport society. A seaport setting such as this is often rife with immorality. In this mixed cultured society, sexual immorality and cultic fertility rites were often accepted as the norm rather than the exception. These Thessalonian Christians would not be culturally accepted if they did not conform to what was normal for most Thessalonians.

Paul stated that to please God, God's norm, and not man's, must be observed. Paul said it is the gracious design, or will of God that they understand about sanctification and fornication. Sanctification in Biblical usage denotes separation from things that are sinful or ungodly. Sanctification is a progressive work in those who have been regenerated or saved.

Chapter 4:4 is interpreted differently by scholars. Some interpret the term vessel to mean a personal body; others think this term means wife. The term probably could best be interpreted wife. The Thessalonians were to abstain from illicit sex and acquire a wife in sanctification and honor under the leadership of Christ.

Verse 5 points out that sexual relations outside of Christian marriage are

not holy or honorable, but are based on passion and lust. "Lust of concupiscence" is literally translated passion of lust. That type of passion is like that of the unsaved cosmopolitan seaport sinners among which the Thessalonian Christians live. Thessalonian Christians were to reflect a moral purity which sprung from knowing Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, and Master.

Paul gives three reasons (4:6b-8) why Christians should practice a life of moral purity. The Thessalonians were reminded first that sins of immorality would be punished (4:6).

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October 15 Lesson

Basic Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Focal Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Another reason God's people should live morally is found in verse 7. God did not provide them with salvation so they could live immorally and say they were saved, even though unclean. God instead saved them to be holy and set forth the standard of Jesus. They were not to lower their standards to the worldly level, but to seek to raise the standards of the world to those of Christ.

A final reason is given for moral life. This reason centers in the word desipeth. This word means to annul, reject, or set aside. When they lived immorally, they rejected God, not Paul.

Pleasing God through brotherly love (4:9-10)

These verses point out that God demands we have Christian love for others. Brotherly love in its broadest sense means love for relatives. As us here, this type of love refers to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

When we love and please the Lord more, we love our Christian brothers and sisters more. Often, our problem in trying to love the unloving Christian brother or sister without seeking to love and please the Lord more.

Pleasing God by working (4:11-12) Apparently some of the Thessalonian Christians stopped working because they wrongly interpreted the words of Jesus. They thought Jesus was to return immediately, so why work? With time in their hands, they began tend to the affairs of others. The term be quiet means to remain silent; don be a busy body.

The term to do your own business means attend to your own affairs rather than those of others. Paul reminded them that they need to set good example as Christians at Thessalonica, and earn a living to be self-supporting.

God help us to be pleasing to you: In a world which seeks only pleasure.

In a world which is filled with moral impurity.

In a world which is concerned with love, usually the wrong kind.

In a world where so many tend to the affairs of others and can't see the beam in their own eye.

Final victory for God's people

By Charles E. Gibbs Jr., pastor; Trace Creek Church, New Johnsonville

The first verse in Daniel 12 says, "At that time." What time was that? Daniel's last vision is found in chapters 10, 11, and 12. It was the time of the final antichrist and the battle of Armageddon.

When "that time" of trouble, darkness, and sorrow comes for God's people, Michael will become their champion. This time of trouble will be worse than anytime in the history of the world. Jesus said in Matthew 24:21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."



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The name "Michael" means, "who is like unto God." He is called an archangel in Jude 1:9. Michael's presence does not keep the people of God from going through times of trouble and trial.

We need to remember this today. God has not promised that we will be free from sickness and trouble once we are saved. We have just two choices in life. One is to face life with all its problems alone, or to face them with Jesus as our shepherd.

Are the nations today moving toward peace? From the world news we hear every day on television, it sounds as if we are moving closer and closer to war. The money spent on weapons of war is at an all time high. There is

more violence and bloodshed today than ever before.

Even though Palestine is a very small piece of land, the whole world knows the explosiveness of the Middle East crisis. In Zechariah 12:2,3, we find these words concerning Jerusalem, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about . . . and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people." Many world leaders have tried to devise a peace plan for the Middle East. All plans have failed. There is no solution to this problem. Only God has the solution.

In the midst of all this trouble and sorrow, the believing remnant of Israel will be preserved. Daniel says, "Everyone that shall be found written in the book shall be delivered." The concept of the Book of Life comes from the habit of making genealogical tables tracing the families of Israel. God has a family and their names are enrolled in the Book of Life. Those whose names are written in the Book of Life are the children of God. Jesus said, "Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven," (Matthew 10:20). Every Christian who has his name in heaven ought to shout for joy.

Now we come to the resurrection of the good and the bad. Some believe that the unsaved who are lost will cease to exist after they die. In John 5:28,29, Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear

His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." The children of God will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus and the children of the devil will spend eternity in hell with the devil and his angels.

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Basic Passage: Daniel 12

Focal Passages: Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13

Daniel tells us who are the wise and the unwise in the world today, and makes it so simple that even a child can understand his answer. The truly wise people today are those who lead others into righteousness. We have many today leading our nation and youth into drugs, violence, and murder. Where are those who would lead our nation in righteous living? This is our greatest need today.

Each day in our daily newspapers and on television, we see corruption in homes, schools, and government. Sometimes we wonder if there is anyone who is righteous. Daniel says, "Those who win souls to Jesus will shine as stars forever and forever." The wisdom of Solomon says in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is reproach to any people." We give glory to God by bringing people to Jesus.

The phrase, "many shall be purified and made white" refers to those who come to Jesus and are cleansed by His blood.

When Daniel says, "None of the

wicked shall understand," this refers to the natural man. In 1 Corinthians 2:14, the Bible says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Even though the lost do not understand the truth of God, the children of God will understand. Jesus promised in John 16:13 that the spirit of truth will guide you into all truth.

In the last two verses in chapter 12, God told Daniel and his children to rest in the assurance of God's promise of victory. God's people will be victorious over the enemy and we will reign with Him forever and forever. God has not forgotten His people.

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The call to missions

by Mattie Carol Mullins, layperson; Gray Church, Gray

The first call to missions was extended to Abraham in Genesis 12:1. There really isn't any difference between the way God called Abraham and the way He calls individuals today. He asked Abraham to leave his country, his family, and home, and go to a place where He would lead him.

Most home and foreign missionaries today would tell you that when God spoke to them to surrender their lives completely to follow Him, leaving family, home, and careers, they did not know exactly where they would serve.

God not only called Abraham, but He promised to make him the father of a great nation and to bless him personal-

ly even when there arose opposition or problems in his life.

Today, God calls and promises us that He will help us spread the message to the kingdom of God and give us the strength for the task.

In Exodus 19:3-6, God spoke to Moses with a call similar to Abraham's. Moses traveled a few weeks journey out of Egypt. He left the campsite and went up onto a mountain where he, too, heard God's call. God told Moses to go back down to the valley and tell the nation of slaves that they were to be a kingdom of priests, an holy nation, and witnesses to the world.

Our next passage of Scriptures, Matthew 28:19-20, is known to most Christians as the great commission. We find first the real source of power as Jesus said, "All power is given unto me." The command was to "Go ye therefore." It is very clear we do not go alone, but we go with the power of God.

My husband studied under Cal Guy, missions professor at Southwest-



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ern Baptist Theological Seminary. I remember one day he came home from class and shared with me Dr. Guy's interpretation of this verse saying, "Beings as how you are going anyway." One understands this to mean you do not have to go somewhere out of your way, but to tell all you see everywhere you go.

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Basic Passages: Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:1-6; Matthew 28:18-20
Focal Passages: Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:3-6; Matthew 28:18-20

Next we see the specific reason we are called — to teach and baptize. The real call to missions then is to introduce the lost to salvation in Christ. Our job does not stop here, however. Verse 20 gives us the direction we are to follow. We are to teach them to observe or to be educated in obedience to His commandments.

The greatest part of this commission is God's promise to go with us just as He promised to go with Abraham and Moses.

I have attended several commissioning services both for full-time career missionaries and short-term volunteers on mission assignments. The thrilling

testimonies you hear remind us of the many ways God works in lives of individuals to the call to missions. The call to missions comes in varied ways, but the answer is the same, "Here am I, O Lord, send me."

This is the third lesson this quarter on missions. Earlier we studied the urgency and the scope of missions. We can understand the urgency and scope of missions and as individuals or as churches do nothing about it. We must accept the challenge to see that every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the Gospel by the year 2000, but that involves hearing the call to missions. In the original command found in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus spoke to the eleven disciples who were left after the crucifixion, but the command was for all people from that day forth.

It is evident Southern Baptists have gotten serious about the call to missions. The number of home and foreign career missionaries has increased, and hundreds of volunteers have heard the call to do special project assignments in the states and around the world. Men and women have come to realize there is a need for every person to listen to the call and give their time, money, and abilities to the mission and evangelistic opportunities of the world.

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