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Virginia Baptists to send 'message' to denomination

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A long awaited report of a special Virginia committee dealing with the theological/political controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention will ask messengers to next month's state association meeting to change its bylaws and demand more of a say in denominational appointments.

The report also suggests that the state is proceeding with plans to change the way that local churches can keep some denominational agencies from getting the churches' money.

The proposed changes will be in a report to the meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in Salem Nov. 13-15.

Many Virginia Baptists are angered by the conservative group's political control of certain agencies.

And the report of the Special Committee on the Denominational Crisis is the latest step in a dispute involving the conservatives who have taken control of the 14.8-million-member denomination's policy-making system.

The committee, appointed in January, recommends that the bylaws of the Baptist General Association of Virginia be changed so that two people to the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees would be nominated annually.

The Committee on Committees — always hand-picked by the convention's president — is the pivotal group in a process that selects trustees of the convention's boards, agencies, and seminaries.

Control of the denomination's policy-making system has been the goal of
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Southwestern Seminary meeting

Trustees, Dilday discuss 'family matters'

By Dan Martin

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The president and trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary discussed "family matters" behind closed doors for nearly five hours Oct. 17.

When they emerged, they issued a three paragraph statement of affirmation and warning, directed at President Russell Dilday and the 36-member board of trust.

Trustee Chairman Ken Lilly, a medical doctor from Fort Smith, Ark., read the statement to the gallery of about 250 people at the Fort Worth, Texas, seminary:

"Our executive session consisted of healthy dialogue in which we all acknowledged our differences and failings.

"We, the trustees and Mr. President hereby affirm one another and pledge our mutual support.

"Because of the sensitivity of the issues involved, we covenant together as trustees and president to cease and desist from making any statements, or writings, or engaging in any activities that could reasonably be interpreted as being intentionally political in nature, all the while seeking to deal with each other and the institution we serve in truth and love."

Lilly's reading of the statement was

greeted by polite applause. "That's it," he said, as he moved trustees into regular business.

Dilday, who has headed the 4800-student seminary for 11 years, interrupted regular business after Lilly had read the statement to say he wanted a time to "let everybody kind of rejoice in what has happened."

"There was a unanimous expression of coming together after a long and orderly and very positive process of discussion," he said.

"The statement came about in a very providential way," he added. "The board gathered around here with me on our knees. We pledged our best; we covenanted — a very important word — as trustees and president to abide by the very best part of this statement to the very best of our ability.

"The board has taken a very positive and strong step that will ensure a strong future for this seminary," he added.

Trustees called for the executive session after some — including former Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. — said they feared a "circus-like atmosphere" would be generated.

They voted 22-11 to conduct the executive session after Draper, pastor of

First Church, Euless, Texas, said trustees needed to deal with a "family matter" in discussing "some things with the president."

He added he is "not afraid to discuss them in open session, but sometimes we need to get together as a family. I do a lot of things in public, but I don't dress and undress in public."

After the vote to hold the executive session, Dilday, in his report to trustees, said he would "rather have had the session open to Baptists around this convention, but you (trustees) have voted to do that in a secret and private way. I will work with you in this regard."

He said: "It is not likely we will settle those differences in our perspectives about the convention, the nature of the SBC or the direction it ought to take.

"But those differences do not directly relate to the work of this institution. That work continues to be the priority responsibility (of trustees) to guide, direct and govern this school.

"The work of this institution continues to be strong."

Dilday urged all concerned to "deal with the complaints ... in a way that would not deter" the work of the convention.

"Our task is to be sure that in the
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CP budget increases, but misses SBC goal

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program ministry budget closed its fiscal year with receipts of \$137,332,523, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and

treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee.

"This is \$2,544,980 more than was received last fiscal year, and we are grateful for the increase," he said.

The Cooperative Program supports Southern Baptist missionary, evangelistic and educational efforts worldwide. It is funded by contributions from individual Southern Baptists, who give to their churches.

The 1988-89 Cooperative Program received \$2,544,981 more than the previous year's budget, for a 1.89 percent increase, Bennett reported.

The Cooperative Program's basic operating budget goal was \$137,610,000. Receipts were \$227,477 below that goal, marking the first time since 1984-85 that the Cooperative Program has not reached its basic operating budget.

Bennett noted that the 1988-89 receipts were the highest in the Cooperative Program's 64-year history. But he expressed disappointment with two aspects of the budget total.

"First, our mission budget could not be met, and second, we failed to achieve one of our basic goals," he said.

Because the basic operating budget was not met, funds were not allocated to the other two portions of the Cooperative Program, he said. The capital needs budget was targeted for \$6,899,000. A second-phase operating budget was to receive \$1,091,000; it would have allocated receipts to 19

convention entities that receive Cooperative Program funds in the same proportion as they receive first-phase basic operating budget funds.

The Cooperative Program's gain over the previous year was 1.89 percent, less than half the U.S. inflation rate, which has been hovering around five percent.

"I am optimistic about this next year," Bennett said. "I believe Southern Baptist churches will see the urgent needs and will increase Cooperative Program giving."

The \$137,332,523 total will be the maximum 1990-91 Cooperative Program goal. That is because it will be the total of the latest budget of record when the next Cooperative Program budget is prepared by the Executive Committee at its February 1990 meeting. The current goal, \$134,787,543, was set by receipts for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1988.



CAMPBELL COUNTY LEADERS — Leading the Oct. 16-17 annual meeting of Campbell County Association were, from left, Director of Missions Ralph Cordell; Don Reynolds, pastor, Glade Springs Church, LaFollette, moderator; Nila Sellers, Indian Creek Church, Jacksboro, clerk/treasurer; and Robert Stephens, music director, Indiana Avenue Church, LaFollette, vice moderator.
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Editorials**Responsibility of the church — providing a news link**

Often we are questioned about the policy on complimentary subscriptions. One of the privileges of the editor is sending the *Baptist and Reflector* without cost to some readers who want the newsjournal but who otherwise might not receive it.

We do this within limits allowed by the Postal Service.

Complimentary subscriptions are given to all Tennesseans under appointment as foreign missionaries, anywhere in the world. We try to include those who are in language school or on furlough. As we work in partnership with the Philippines, we send the paper by first class mail to all Tennessee Baptist missionaries serving there, and also to many of the leaders. Michigan pastors too receive complimentary subscriptions.

It is also our policy to extend the same privilege to missionary associates and journeymen with Tennessee roots. The *Baptist and Reflector* is mailed without charge to all Tennessee Baptists studying in our seminaries if a church does not subscribe for them.

Missionaries and others in similar categories may not have access to a church subscription plan. Though the paper may arrive late because of long distances, the *Baptist and Reflector* provides the missionaries with a vital link to events in the home church and convention, as well as the Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointees of the Home Mission Board most likely subscribe to the paper in their **Tennesseans in program**

home state or the paper of the state where they serve. Students are included because they need to keep in touch with their home state while they are preparing for ministry. Like many missionaries, they do not have extra funds that would provide access to a Baptist paper.

And most of them will return to Tennessee to serve; they need uninterrupted linkage with the churches of the home state.

The *Baptist and Reflector* has had for years a policy that makes pastors, retired pastors, and retired missionaries ineligible for free subscriptions. This is a difficult task of the editor. We believe that the church where the individual has membership is responsible for subscribing for all members.

If we had more churches as fulltime subscribers, we would have fewer decisions to make about complimentary subscriptions. In several of the "old line" state conventions, a majority of the churches send the state paper to most, if not almost all, of the Baptist families.

However, this is not true in Tennessee. Of the almost 3000 churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention, less than a third place the *Baptist and Reflector* in the budget for all resident families — or a reasonable portion of the families.

Of 781,000 resident church members in the state convention, 71,000 families receive subscriptions to the paper. This means that the paper's potential for readers, with those

figures in mind, is about 280,000, or 30 percent.

We strongly encourage all Tennessee Baptist churches to enroll in the every family plan — or a club plan which sends the paper to at least ten resident members. We believe churches, when they do not subscribe, should have a policy to pay for subscriptions for all retired ministers and missionaries in the fellowship.

There is an exception to our rule on complimentary subscriptions. We send complimentary subscriptions to pastors who cannot subscribe and whose churches have no subscriptions plan. This is a small missions project. Some source pays for all complementaries.

Churches who subscribe for their members find that the Cooperative Program and missions endeavors are important to the members. They get a full view of Baptists at work in Tennessee and across the SBC — that they cannot get elsewhere.

When pastors become regular subscribers and avid readers, they will often lead the church into the Every Family Plan of subscribers, sensing the missions and evangelism role played by the state paper.

We are happy to provide the complimentary service when the person is eligible. We will continue to regularly review this and other policies and guidelines. Every Tennessee Baptist should receive the *Baptist and Reflector*, but the responsibility, first, is with the churches. — WFA

Tentmakers depart from traditional approach

By Marty Croll

TAIPA, Macao (BP) — On the tiny Portuguese island of Taipa in Macao, off the coast of China, Tennesseans Mark and Barbara Brock are testing a different way to do missions.

During the next several years the Brocks will discover whether they can be effectively employed by the Macao government and at the same time work side by side with Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Brocks are tentmakers and are not appointed as missionaries. They represent what could become an increasingly common approach to helping career missionaries spread the Gospel.

As tentmakers, they will sign a covenant pledging support of — and agreement to — the way Southern Baptist missionaries work in Macao. Tentmakers are committed laypersons who use vocational skills overseas.

Macao, a Portuguese colony bordering mainland China, has a population of more than half a million people. Because the Baptist community is small and tightly knit, missionaries say the Brocks' official title as tentmakers won't really set them apart from missionaries in the minds of local people.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrators who designed the tentmaker program realize they must overcome the perception that tentmakers are employed as missionaries. They stress the strength of the tent-making role rests in the fact tentmakers are not missionaries who receive a salary. And they are not professional ministers.

The Brocks, of Athens and Knoxville,

Tenn., respectively, are excited to work alongside missionaries. "We feel like we can be a part of the mission strategy," said Brock, 31. He teaches English as a second language at the University of East Asia on Taipa.

"I think the main thing we feel right now is a sense of anticipation that we're here for more than just my work," he added. "God has something more for us to do here, something real special and something good."

Although they have been in Macao only weeks, the Brocks already have begun to acquaint themselves with the student work of Southern Baptist missionary Steve Baker. Like Baker, they hope to form friendships with students searching for what the Gospel of Jesus Christ has to offer. The couple also could play a key role during Baker's upcoming furlough in maintaining student programs he has begun.

Mrs. Brock, 32, joined an international women's group in Macao and found out about language classes in Cantonese, the Chinese dialect most people speak. As a nurse, she hopes to become fluent enough in Cantonese to work in her field while they are in Macao.

The "tentmaker" label dates back to the Apostle Paul, who supported himself by making tents while he started churches.

In April, Foreign Mission Board trustees decided to start the tentmaker category for those who want to enter into a formal relationship with missionaries. The action represented an attempt to mobilize more Southern Baptists to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust, the denomination's plan to help reach the whole world with the Gospel

by the year 2000.

The Brocks saw an article about the board's new program in a Baptist state newspaper last spring. "It sounded like the perfect thing for us," he recalled. He had interviewed for the Macao teaching position during the summer of 1988 when he visited nearby Hong Kong, where he worked as a journeyman for the Foreign Mission Board from 1980 to 1982.

The Brocks are the first tentmakers assigned to an area where Southern Baptists do traditional mission work. Two other couples work in nations where Southern Baptists have no missionaries.

Because of the nature of their employment, tentmakers potentially can pioneer mission work where tradi-

tional missionaries cannot go. But they also can be a vital force in places like Macao where Baptist work is established, said Mike Barnett, transnational advisor for the Foreign Mission Board.

Liberty Church, Dresden, calls Vernon Smith

Vernon Smith recently joined the staff of Liberty Church, Dresden, as pastor.

Smith has served as a supply minister for the last four years. He has been pastor of Little Bethel Church, Wingo; Fairview Church, McKenzie; and Concord Church, McKenzie.

Ordained in 1972 at Davis Memorial Church, Dresden, Smith is a native of Mayfield, Ky. He and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters.

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Southern Baptists respond following California earthquake

By Mark Wingfield

ATLANTA (BP) — Two days after being jolted by a major earthquake, Southern Baptist leaders in the San Francisco Bay area said they will need money more than manpower for immediate disaster relief and cleanup.

A mobile feeding unit from the Texas Baptist Men organization had left Dallas the afternoon of Oct. 18 headed for San Francisco but turned around at Santa Rosa, N.M. Units from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Missouri that were on standby also were released.

Red Cross officials notified the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission that mass feeding was not needed because the most serious earthquake damage was concentrated in small areas, allowing local volunteers to handle feeding operations adequately.

"The response from other state conventions has been phenomenal," said Edd Brown, Baptist Men director for the California Southern Baptist Convention, who is coordinating Southern Baptist response in the bay area.

"Right now, we are in a status of trying to determine the real needs.

"Apparently feeding — which is what Southern Baptists do best — will not be a major need at this time. There will be some long-range reconstruction needs."

Fellowship set for TBC volunteers

Tennessee Baptists who have served as missions volunteers to Burkina Faso, Venezuela, or the Philippines are invited to a reception during the Tennessee Baptist Convention, said Clarence Stewart, director of the TBC's Partnership Missions Department.

The reception will be held Nov. 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Central Church, Bearden, in Knoxville.

In addition to fellowship with other volunteers, there will be opportunities to visit with career missionaries, Foreign Mission Board personnel, and others involved in missions ministries, Stewart said.

Light refreshments will be served.

"We don't know of any who are hungry or homeless whose needs are not being met," said Greg Sumii, director of the state convention's mission ministries department. "We've offered, as Southern Baptists, to provide interpreters in ten different languages, churches as shelters, food, and counseling."

"The greatest need here is for money," added Larry Fisher, director of missions for East Bay Baptist Association, which encompasses Oakland, where a portion of Interstate 880 collapsed. "None of the churches have earthquake insurance, and we will have to find a way to replace and repair buildings."

Reports of damage to Southern Baptist church buildings were slow in coming due to jammed and downed telephone lines. Fisher and Karl Ortis, director of missions for San Francisco Peninsula Baptist Association, reported moderate damage to several churches.

However, as of Oct. 20 Baptist Press had received only sketchy reports of damage from two other associations, Santa Clara Valley and Central Coast. Both associations are located south of San Francisco near the earthquake's epicenter.

Directors of missions in those two associations initially reported only minor damage to a few churches, but a complete survey was to be made over the weekend.

Historic First Church, San Francisco received the greatest damage of any church in the San Francisco Peninsula Association, Ortis said. Pastor James Higgs reported the dome atop the sanctuary had cracked, some stained glass was broken, and church walls had about 100 cracks.

Nineteenth Avenue Church and First Slavic Church, San Francisco also sustained some damage. First Slavic and San Francisco Peninsula Association share the same property, which is owned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. A half-inch crack runs halfway up the back wall of that three-story structure as a result of the earthquake.

Churches throughout the area will have to evaluate their buildings for

safety, whether damage is apparent or not, Sumii said. "The problem is the liability of declaring something safe and then having something happen," he explained.

Sumii noted that some buildings could have been jarred enough that they might not withstand subsequent shocks. Even if not required by law, such an evaluation "makes good sense," he said. "You're responsible for a lot of people's lives."

Structural evaluations could cost churches "thousands of dollars," he added.

Disaster relief and hunger relief funds from the Home Mission Board already are being channeled to areas of need through the California

Southern Baptist Convention and the four associations affected by the earthquake

The Home Mission Board released \$10,000 in disaster relief funds and \$50,000 in domestic hunger funds the day after the quake hit. With the earthquake striking the West Coast so closely behind Hurricane Hugo on the East Coast, disaster relief and domestic hunger funds are being depleted quickly, said Paul Adkins, vice president for the HMB's ministry section.

Adkins urged Southern Baptists who wish to assist California's earthquake victims to send contributions to the Home Mission Board, designated for California Disaster Relief.

Former professor sues SWBTS, Dilday

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — A former professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, fired in 1985, has filed suit against the seminary and its president, Russell Dilday.

T. Farrah Patterson, the only tenured professor to be fired in the history of the Fort Worth, Texas-based seminary, filed suit in 352nd District Court in Fort Worth Oct. 19, alleging he had been deprived of his livelihood and suffered severe mental anguish.

Patterson also sued a Fort Worth lawfirm, Gandy, Michener, Swindle, Whitaker and Pratt, alleging they failed to give him prudent legal advice.

Also named is attorney J. Shelby Sharpe, a member of the lawfirm when the firing occurred. The suit alleges Sharpe cared more about Christianity than his client.

The suit seeks unspecified compensatory and exemplary damages.

Patterson was fired on a 27-2 vote of seminary trustees Oct. 22, 1985. In the March 1985 meeting of trustees, Dilday brought a six-point charge against Patterson, then associate professor of preaching and communication. Patterson had been on the seminary faculty since 1969.

Dilday's charges alleged political implications by Patterson and alleged the professor was a "profane man," a poor

teacher, insubordinate, and a poor churchman and that he had made an "intentional distortion of the truth."

The political controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention was featured in the discussion of Dilday's charges.

Trustees voted in the March 1985 meeting 19-12 to fire Patterson, two short of the required two-thirds majority needed.

After the meeting, three members of the seminary administration devised a "re-engagement" process designed to return Patterson to the classroom. He had been suspended prior to the board meeting.

The matter came before the trustees again in their October 1985 meeting. Trustee Chairman J. Drew Gunnells, a pastor from Mobile, Ala., reported Patterson, then 52, would not follow the plan and would not meet with the administration about it.

Trustees voted to fire Patterson for his failure to respond to the "re-engagement" process, and they did not act on Dilday's original charges.

International evangelism meeting set at Union



PHILLIPS

WILLIAMS

West Tennessee pastors and church staff will participate Nov. 3 in an International Institute of Evangelism at Union University.

The conference, led by Jere Phillips and Shad Williams, is styled after the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism and has been held internationally in countries on five continents with over 5000 participants.

Phillips, dean of the Institute, is associate pastor to Germantown Church, Germantown.

Williams is an international evangelist, serving primarily in third-world countries.

There is no cost to the seminar and pre-registration, while encouraged, is not required. Pastors from over 20 cities and towns across West Tennessee have already pre-registered. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

◀ AT SHELBY MEETING — Shelby County Association voted four churches into fellowship Oct. 16. The pastors brought members to the session at Leclair Church, Memphis. From left, seated: Robert Dickerson, Old Salem Church; Greer Garrott, Metro Church; standing: Terry Adney, Unity of Millington; John Floyd, Peterson Lake Church. Below, Ray Gilder, left, pastor of Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, takes the gavel from John McBride, Shelby County Association's executive director, as moderator for the associational meeting.

— Photos by Wm. Fletcher Allen



Ferguson: Future of Midwestern tied to health of SBC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — "The future of Midwestern Seminary is inextricably tied to the health and vitality of the Southern Baptist Convention," Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Milton Ferguson told the school's trustees.

"We are a convention institution," he said. "The future of this institution is as viable as the future of the Southern Baptists' life and fellowship."

In his president's report during the Oct. 16-17 meeting of seminary trustees, Ferguson urged them to join him in pledging commitment to reconciliation within the convention.

In the face of conflict and animosity,

Youth ministers plan TBC meeting

The Tennessee Baptist Youth Ministers Association will hold its annual meeting Nov. 14.

The 5:30 p.m. meeting will include a dinner and a program at Manley Church, Morristown. All TBMYA members are encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome.

For information and reservations call: Phil Johnsey at (615) 824-6154.

Robertson County Association holds 75th anniversary celebration

SPRINGFIELD — Robertson County Baptists celebrated the 75th anniversary of their association Oct. 16-17 during their annual meeting in Springfield.

The Oct. 16 session was held at Springfield Church, where 16 churches met Nov. 9, 1915, to lay the groundwork for an association in Robertson County.

According to the 1915 minutes, the total membership of Robertson County Association was 3316. The association's current membership is 12,124.

The association has grown from 16 churches at that first meeting to 30.

In 1930, the association gave \$6268.41 to the Cooperative Program compared to \$345,196 in 1989.

In his annual report, Director of Missions Frank Evans told Robertson County Baptists their "history is something to be proud of; it's present, a joy to be part of; and its future, a challenge to be our best."

Evans noted the future of Robertson

"God's answer is always reconciliation," Ferguson said. "Therefore, I challenge you to join me in redoubling our commitment here at Midwestern Seminary to be a part of reconciliation and a part of finding an answer to the problems" of the convention.

Ferguson affirmed his commitment to be "part of the solution" and said, "I shall not be partisan, politically."

He added, "I call on this trustee board to search your own convictions ... and to ask God to give you the grace to be relieved from partisan commitments."

The lingering denominational controversy is partly to blame for the decline in enrollment at Midwestern and other Southern Baptist seminaries, Ferguson said.

"Many of our students just now graduating from college cannot remember when the Southern Baptist Convention was in conflict," he explained. "Increasingly, some of them are having difficulty responding to the challenge (of seminary education) because they don't know for sure what the future holds."

Southern Baptists can restore fellowship and harmony to the

County Association is bright due to people moving into the area from across the world.

"My prayer is that we will accept His challenge to us. If so, our growth will be great during the next few years."

"We have a great history, but yesterday's work will not meet today's challenge. We must not forget to be about the Father's business as we face the future."

The following day's events were held at The Center in Springfield. Exhibits from the association's churches highlighted the history of both the churches and the association.

In addition, there were exhibits from Tennessee Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention institutions.

In recognition of the anniversary, a special booklet was published which detailed the history of not only the association, but member churches as well.

denomination when they focus on commonalities rather than differences, Ferguson continued.

"The way to do that is to make sure that Christ is at the center of each of our lives, and to be less concerned about who's right and who's wrong," he said. "As we focus more on the reality of the risen Christ in our fellowship, we will find that we will be drawn closer to each other."

Throughout the past two years, Ferguson acknowledged, Midwestern trustees have demonstrated a will-

ingness to explore this common ground with one another and with seminary faculty and staff.

Through their example, Midwestern trustees can help Southern Baptists "forgive and forget, affirm and learn from each other again, and become part of the solution," Ferguson said. "Frankly, there is no institution in this country that has a greater opportunity, possibility and challenge than Midwestern Seminary, located in the heart of America."

In Knoxville

Hospital system cuts positions

By Connie Davis, assistant editor
KNOXVILLE — Last week Baptist Health System, Knoxville, eliminated 18 positions, downgraded ten others, all managerial, and offered special early retirement packages to 118 in a "repositioning" move, said President Bob Chandler.

"Health care is going through a revolution which centers around funding," Chandler said.

The process is "painful," said Chandler, but added, "We'll have to eliminate some other positions later." BHS has 1400 employees.

Chandler assured that the restructuring is not the result of the system's projected \$7 million loss this year. The Knoxville health system had about \$190 million total income during 1988-89.

Chandler accrued the debt to four factors: decreasing Medicare and Medicaid payments, exclusion by Blue Cross in Knoxville of BHS in its preferred provider organization, BHS's health maintenance organization, a form of insurance, which is projected to begin showing a profit, and a "write off" on \$3 million of patient accounts.

BHS issued \$45 million in bonds this year, which was allowed by the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board's September 1987 action to increase its debt ceiling to \$60 million. Chandler explained that included \$26 million for construction and equipment and \$16 million for refinancing old debt.

Chandler also wanted to clear up one matter that was incorrectly reported. BHS is not building a new office tower, he said. A developer is building on land owned by BHS.

Outplacement services and some compensation is being provided to employees effected by the restructuring, Chandler added.

The non-profit system, which includes several hospitals and clinics in east Tennessee, was started with Tennessee Baptist financial support, but currently the only support received is through the annual financial audit conducted by the TBC. The convention also elects the BHS trustees.

Union professor resigns

JACKSON — John Meadows, associate professor of religion and philosophy, has resigned after being taken into police custody for alleged misdemeanor possession of marijuana and rape of a female student.

Charges were filed Oct. 16 in Madison County. Meadows was released Oct. 17 on a \$10,000 bond.

"This is quite a shock to the entire Union University community," said President Hyran E. Barefoot.

He noted Meadows "was one of the most respected members of our faculty. He has done an excellent job, both on campus and off campus."

Barefoot added that Meadows "was in constant demand as an interim pastor and supply preacher in Baptist churches throughout West Tennessee."

"In the two years that he served Union, all reports about his ministry were extremely positive."

Meadows joined the Union faculty in the fall of 1987. He previously taught at Mid-Continent Bible College in Mayfield, Ky. His primary area of teaching was in Old Testament.



ROBERTSON COUNTY OFFICERS — New officers of Robertson County Association include, from left, (front row) Homer Felts Jr., North Springfield Church, music director; Tom Cooper, North Springfield Church, clerk; Jo Nelle James, Flewellyn Church, associate clerk and treasurer; Ray Stonecypher, pastor, North Springfield Church, moderator; and Glynn Copeland, pastor, Barren Plains Church, associate moderator. (Back row) Frank Evans, director of missions, and Johnson Privette, Bethlehem Church, RA director.

AT CENTRAL CHURCH — Weakley County Association met Oct. 17 at Central Church, Martin. From left, Roy Auvenshine, Bethlehem pastor, vice moderator; Richard Skidmore, director of missions; Wayne Perkins, Bethel pastor, moderator; and Gertie Sheffield, clerk, member of First Church, Dresden.



Trustees, Dilday discuss 'family' . . .

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midst of this debate and confrontation that the school be protected and that it does not suffer," he said.

In the debate over the executive session, Drew Gunnells, pastor of Spring Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., opposed closing the doors, noting the discussion "has nothing to do with moral or fiscal matters" but dealt strictly with political issues.

Another trustee, Pat Campbell, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, St. Charles, Mo., told Baptist Press after the meeting trustees were not critical of Dilday's operation of the seminary but were unhappy with his political activities.

Virginia Baptists . . .

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conservatives since they began a takeover of the denomination a decade ago. The party has controlled the process through the annual elections of the president.

Before the Virginia report was drafted, the committee held a series of "listening" sessions across the state in which many of the people who spoke advised the committee not to be timid in its report.

The report acknowledges that "many Virginia Baptists are beginning to realize that the Southern Baptist Convention will never be the same again, and that now is the time to search for new ways of working with our fellow Baptists."

Besides seeking the bylaw change, the committee urges the state association's resolutions that will speak out on the conservatives' treatment of some agency heads.

Particular resolutions are expected to deal with the recent muzzling of Lloyd Elder, head of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, and possibly with Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

"It is distressing that, with increasing frequency, respected and effective leaders in the SBC agencies and institutions have been subjected to systematic abuse so that their personal ministries are crippled and the institutions they serve are weakened," the report says.

The report also says that unless given a new direction by the state association, the crisis committee will develop a new plan of financial giving in place of the 64-year-old Cooperative Program unified budget.

Under the Cooperative Program all congregations, regardless of their theological slant, contribute to a financial pool to support domestic and

The executive session was protested by about 125 pastors and laymen — most from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but some from as far away as Abilene, Texas. "We are family, too," said Charles Wade, pastor of First Church, Arlington, Texas, and spokesman for the dissenters. "We feel like we belong in the house, too."

Lilly allowed Wade to address the trustees after noting the remarks should be brief and were allowed "if it will allow you to go on out. We are having an executive session and cannot do our business with you here."

Wade, who asked the board to reconsider its decision to close the meeting and to allow observers to remain, said

foreign missions, seminaries, religious education, and outreach programs.

As suggested in the report, a "new wineskin" for handling money — to be called "Cooperative Missions Giving" — would offer a potpourri of ways congregations can contribute. The committee plans a series of public forums on the proposals for 1990.

The committee suggests four ways that churches can continue their support and remain members of the Virginia association. They are:

- Inclusive support: Undesignated gifts distributed according to the annual association budget.
- Custom support: Gifts distributed according to a percentage established by the giving church.
- Selective support: Gifts to both state associations and Southern Baptist Convention causes as designated by the local church.
- Exclusive support: Gifts designated to a specific state association or denominational cause.

The report also encourages continued financial support by the state association of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs — a nine-denomination religious liberty organization whose continued SBC support is in question.

During the "listening sessions" many of the speakers also urged the crisis committee to give some suggestions to congregations on what they can do.

In response, the committee is suggesting that each congregation form a denominational affairs committee to study the crisis; use state association-supplied booklets to study the Virginia Baptist history of religious freedom; stand up for the right of "dissent within the embrace of fellowship"; participate "as fully as possible" in all denominational meetings; keep stewardship standards high; and continue support of missions through the state association.

World hunger not always distant

World hunger can become a distant issue, but it was brought home to Belmont College students during a chapel with world hunger as the emphasis.

The special emphasis could not have been timelier with collection boxes placed all over campus to aid Hurricane Hugo victims.

Robert Parham, assistant director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, asked "What shall we do in a hungry world?" His answer was to "think globally and act locally."

From a national perspective, world

hunger is the most important question faced by the American people, he said. With 2000 children dying every day, Parham localized the tragedy by saying the pockets of poverty in Appalachia are just as desolate as pockets in foreign countries such as Africa.

He suggested two modes of action to make a difference in world hunger. One is giving to world-wide hunger relief efforts. The other is getting involved in public policy issues to "assure that the weakest among us have a chance at a better life."

the dissenters "are afraid" for Dilday, who has been under fire from conservative trustees for what Lilly previously called the "whole problem of political activity by the president."

"We have heard in published reports what may happen here," Wade said. "We cannot leave our president alone to be censured or spoken to in a way that does not respect the great contributions he has made to Southern Baptist life."

Wade alluded to an effort in August to fire Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Trustees of the SSB discussed for an hour a motion to fire Elder before allowing it to be withdrawn.

"One of the reasons we are so afraid (for Dilday) is because of what happened" to Elder, Wade told trustees.

The reports, he added, were that efforts would be made to "pressure him, quiet him, silence him, make him change his ways. We want the trustees to understand how much we love him and are grateful for what he has said."

Draper took exception to the remarks, noting Wade "has made assumptions that these people (trustees) don't love the president. He has already determined what we will do . . . when we haven't even met yet. This is the kind of circus atmosphere I have spoken of."

"There is no intent to hurt him (Dilday). There is a need to discuss some

things with him and this (the dissent) is counterproductive and makes our task much more difficult."

One man who refused to identify himself walked to the front of the meeting room and told Lilly and trustees, "The Lord would have me stay."

"The Lord doesn't have anything to do with this; we are having a trustee meeting," Lilly responded.

The young man — along with the other dissenters — left the meeting room. A sign was posted outside which said, "Closed Session." Shortly after they were expelled from the meeting, Wade led the dissenters in singing the Doxology and breaking into small prayer groups.

Occasionally, the group broke into other songs, but generally stood in the rotunda of the seminary's student center waiting for the meeting to end.

After Lilly read the statement to the gallery, Draper also addressed the audience: "I want to thank you for allowing us to have this executive session, even if you did not agree with it."

"It was difficult at the time, but on the behalf of the trustees I thank you because we had a freedom we would not have had with you here."

Contributing to this story were Toby Druin, associate editor of the Texas Baptist Standard; Lynn Clayton, editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message; and Scott Collins, news director at Southwestern Seminary.

One Word More By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

One of the certainties I've discovered as an editor is that when you're away from the office for several days — mail accumulates.

Some of the mail is junk, completely worthless. But most of the mail is important — including news items, suggestions, greetings, questions, ideas. The mail I like most is that which connects my office with the Baptists of Tennessee through letters and news.

But mail is not my topic for today. Because I have been to many associational meetings these weeks, mail has piled up — and perhaps we will talk about that mail another time.

Meeting with Shelby County Association a few days ago at Leclair Church, I was witness to our largest association hard at work. Every report, every message, demonstrated accomplishment, and opportunity.

Shelby, Executive Director John McBride told a "full house," is the fifth largest association in the Southern Baptist Convention. That means there always will be evangelizing and missions work to be done.

He reminded the congregation that the Shelby budget for next year is like the time when Jews under Pharaoh's thumb in Egypt were required to make bricks without straw.

Now, he said, bricks are not made with straw and yet they last longer than those Egyptian bricks which contained straw. He asked Shelby County Baptists if there are lessons to be learned by cutting the associational budget by \$58,734. Further, he challenged every individual and each of the 121 churches to discover what they can do.

In Fred Kendall's Tennessee Baptist history, he tells of the beginning of The

Baptist by R. B. C. Howell in August 1835.

Baptists were struggling to form a convention of churches, which they eventually called the general association — which later gave way to our current organization of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Problems among the Baptists led Howell to begin the newspaper. There often was opposition against education of pastors and missions. From those days until recent times — when

Baptists have seen a definite need, they turned to the paper for assistance in spreading the news.

McBride's challenge to Shelby is typical of the urgings of directors of missions and other leaders across our convention. We must not slacken our pace of winning people to Christ, of planting new churches where they are needed, of training and discipling new Christians, of involving laity and clergy in the great work of soul-winning.

As we move into the 1990's, the pace must be quickened, the workers' zeal and numbers increased. The Baptist and Reflector, in the best tradition of Baptist journalism, will continue to share news of what Tennessee Baptists are doing locally in their churches and associations — and through the convention channels. We will answer the call unabashedly and without hesitation. What we do together as Tennessee Baptists will strengthen kingdom work.



ALLEN

Call for new missionaries rises 11 percent for 1990

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries are asking the convention's Foreign Mission Board to fill 370 new missionary jobs in 1990, an increase of about 11 percent over personnel requests for 1989.

The 3800-plus missionaries also are asking for 285 workers who are not career missionaries, a 30 percent jump over last year. That increase shows a growing emphasis on broadening the pool of Southern Baptists participating in overseas mission work.

The rise in missionary requests represents a sign of hope to the

Religious educators schedule meeting

The Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its fall banquet Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at First Church, Knoxville, at 510 West Main Street.

Speaker for the banquet is Ron Pratt of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Reservations deadline is Nov. 6. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

Mail reservation fees to: Samuel Galloway, First Church, Church and Masonic, Dyersburg, Tenn. 38024. Make checks out to TBREA.

denomination's foreign mission enterprise, board strategists said. Two years ago missionaries asked for new co-workers to fill 426 jobs, but missionary requests dropped by nearly one-fourth last year after a funding shortfall forced the Foreign Mission Board to shave 12 percent off its operating budget.

Area directors of mission work worldwide presented the 1990 requests during an annual review of personnel needs at board offices in Richmond, Va., Oct. 16. Also at the session, board enlistment workers told area directors how they plan to reverse a four-year downward trend in new missionary appointments.

Top needs for 1990 include missionaries to start churches among Muslims in the Middle East, train pastors and lay leaders through theological education in Angola, and start churches in Hong Kong.

Priorities also include workers to teach English as a second language in Poland, minister to pastors in an Eastern European nation, coordinate a program for the handicapped in Mexico City and work in a hospital and public health services in Yemen.

Twelve of the global strategists' 25

top requests call for missionary church starters. Four ask for nonresidential missionaries, a new category of workers assigned to help evangelize unreached people groups from outside their homelands, which often are closed to missionaries.

The greatest increase in requests for new missionaries comes in the area of general evangelism. Last year missionaries requested 179 preacher missionaries to help start churches. This year they are asking for 210. In the evangelism and church development category, which includes church starters, missionaries increased their requests by 15 percent, from 240 last year to 276 for 1990.

For 1990, missionaries are requesting 14 educators, 36 health-care profes-

sionals, 14 media workers, 13 people with business skills, and 11 community development specialists.

Enlistment staff members at the Foreign Mission Board said they will have to increase their pool of applicants to find these people. The number of missionary appointments has fallen each year since hitting a peak in 1985.

So far this year, the board has appointed missionaries to fill only 35 percent of missionary personnel requests from last year. Of the top 25 mission assignment requests highlighted by overseas strategists last year, five have been filled by new missionaries and one by transferring a missionary. From 118 requests offered last year as priorities by area mission directors, 32 have been filled by new missionaries.

Pressler turns down ethics post

WASHINGTON (BP) — Paul Pressler, a Houston judge and vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has turned down President Bush's nomination to direct the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

But Pressler has accepted a part-time administration appointment, which is to be announced later this fall.

Pressler met in the Oval Office with President Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and White House Chief of Staff John Sununu Oct. 11. At that time, Pressler declined to accept the top federal ethics post but indicated he would be willing to serve in another capacity, he said.

In a statement released by the White House press secretary's office to Baptist Press Oct. 18, President Bush said:

"Judge Paul Pressler is a man whom I have known and admired for many years. His integrity, outstanding qualifications and exhibition of the highest ethical standards prompted me to again urge him today (referring to the Oct. 11 meeting) to accept the nomination as director of the Office of Government Ethics."

Bush said he was "disappointed" Pressler did not accept the post.

Contacted in Houston Oct. 18, Pressler told Baptist Press: "The president and I have reached an agreement, and an announcement will be forthcoming within the next month."

"The new position will allow me to stay on the bench, maintain my residence in Houston and to stay on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. If I had taken the other (Office of Government Ethics) position, I realized from the very beginning, I would have had to resign the position on the Executive Committee. I have an obligation to serve out the term to which I have been elected by Southern Baptists."

Bethel Church, Troy calls Don Bowlin

Don Bowlin recently accepted the pastorate at Bethel Church, Troy.

The Hickman, Ky., native most recently served as pastor at Liberty Church, Dresden. He also served at Moore's Chapel, Greenfield, and spent two years as a missionary in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ordained in 1975 at Fellowship Church, Sharon, Bowlin earned a Bible degree at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.



BAKER NAMED — Doug Baker, left, pastor of Parrans Chapel, was elected moderator of Hardeman County Association Oct. 17 at Middleton First. Mary Louise Craft is clerk, Dennis McMahan is outgoing moderator, and Deryl Watson is director of missions.

— Photo by Wm. Fletcher Allen



CUMBERLAND GAP FRIENDS — Participating in the Cumberland Gap Association annual meeting Oct. 16-17 were, from left, Byron Chambers, pastor, Shawanee Church, Shawanee, moderator; Lou Vernia Buis, Cedar Grove Church, Tazewell, clerk for the past 30 years; Director of Missions Bill Hazlewood; Hubert Brooks, Oak Grove Church, Harrogate, who has attended associational meetings for the past 59 years; and Doug Cottrell, Gap Creek Church, Arthur, treasurer.

— Photo by Connie Davis

TeamTalk

By D. L. Lowrie

Our Baptist people share some basic concerns. I have heard some of these concerns expressed as I have attended associational meetings across the state. One concern I heard several times is the kind of programming being offered on television. They are concerned about the sex, violence, and bad language being sent into our homes.



LOWRIE

The Shelby Association voted their approval of the boycott being promoted by Christian leaders for responsible television. This coalition of 1600 Christian leaders have targeted the Mennen Company and Clorox Corporation for a boycott until July 1990. They were chosen because they led the way in sponsoring television programs with offensive material. They market a long

and varied list of products.

Do boycotts work? Sure they do. When concerned Christians began to boycott a major chain of convenience stores, they decided they would quit selling offensive magazines.

For this boycott to work you must not only check the quality and price of a product, you must check to see who made it. Since women purchase most of the products in question, let me urge you to become a part of this effort.

Since the courts have determined that the television networks have the freedom to televise these programs, this is our only means of protest. First, you turn the programs off, and then you vote with your dollars against those who sponsor the programs.

All of this is another piece of evidence of how badly we need a spiritual awakening. Let's continue to work for the good of society and pray for a visitation from God at the same time.

Tennessee Baptist Convention Guide

CENTRAL CHURCH, BEARDEN, KNOXVILLE

NOVEMBER 14-16, 1989

115th annual session

Tennessee Baptist Convention meets Nov. 14-16 in Knoxville

The 115th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 14-16 at Central Church, Bearden, in Knoxville.

Featured on the program are sermons by TBC President Calvin Metcalf and Hendersonville pastor Leonard Markham, presentation of a proposed \$26.7 million budget, and a vote on a report from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Metcalf, pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, in Knoxville, will call the convention to order at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Judson Hays and Paul Peak will report for the committees on credentials and arrangements, respectively.

The first order of business, after a devotional by retired Knox County Association Director of Missions Ted Huckaby and a welcome by host pastor Larry Fields, is the treasurer's report and presentation of the budget by D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director-treasurer. Messengers will later vote on the \$26.7 million budget.

A ten-minute slot for miscellaneous business is scheduled during the opening session.

Tuesday morning business also includes reports from the Church Staff Compensation Study Committee, the Minister's Aid Committee, and the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Metcalf will close the opening ses-

sion with the annual president's address preceded by special music from the Central Church, Fountain City, choir.

Tuesday afternoon's business will include recognition of new pastors and church staff in Tennessee, miscellaneous business, reports from the TBC's Convention Ministries Division and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Messengers will have the opportunity later to approve for the second year two changes in the constitution. The first change simply clarifies that officers of the convention must be resident members of churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The second change proposes that "no director (of the Executive Board) who has served two successive terms shall be eligible for re-election until such director shall have been out of office for four convention years." Previously, a director only had to be out of office for one year before eligible for re-election.

The afternoon session will close with a message by H. Franklin Paschall, retired pastor of First Church, Nashville.

The highlight of the Tuesday night session will be the annual convention sermon delivered by Leonard Markham, pastor of Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville.

Other activities that night will include reports from the TBC's Church Program Division and recognition of TBC retirees — Orvind Dangeau, J. William Harbin, Wilma Neely, Dorothy Fore, and Archie King.

A reception in honor of Lowrie as new executive director and the retirees will follow the Tuesday evening session.

Election of officers is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 9:25, with subsequent times at 10:40 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. if needed.

Metcalf is not eligible for a second year at the helm since the presidency is a one-year, non-successive term. His successor traditionally would come from Middle Tennessee.

Fred Isaacs, a Cosby businessman, is first vice president and Bennie Creel, director of missions for Sweetwater Association, is second vice president. Other officers are Wallace E. Anderson, statistical secretary; Pat Porter, registration secretary; and Lowrie is treasurer, elected by the Executive Board.

Also scheduled for Wednesday morning are the reports of the Executive Board and Task Force, and the adoption of the budget.

Recommendations from the Executive Board include new program statements for telecommunications and partnership missions and changes in the program statements of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc., and the Church Training Department. The Board recommends that the name of the Church Training Department be changed to Discipleship



CONVENTION HOST — Central Church, Bearden, located on 6300 Deane Hill Drive in Knoxville, will be the site of the 115th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. For directions to the church, see the map on page ten.

Training to be in compliance with action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas at the request of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The Executive Board also will present the goals and objectives for 1991-95 as submitted by the special Long-Range Planning Committee. The theme for the five-year emphasis is "ImpacTennessee."

The four objectives of the long range plan is evangelism, church growth, ministry, and church starting.

The proposed budget is a six percent increase over last year. If approved, it would offer no funds for new programs, and allocations to Tennessee Baptist education institutions and most of its Executive Board departments would remain the same. Some entities would receive less, while a few would receive more.

As approved by the Executive Board in September, the amount sent to Southern Baptist Convention causes would remain at 37.5 percent instead of 37.75 percent.

Messengers will hear on Wednesday morning reports from the Committees on Resolutions, Audits, and the Journal and Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

Frank Houston, pastor of Bethel Church, Morristown, will deliver the closing message.

When the convention reconvenes Wednesday afternoon, messengers will hear reports from the Convention Ministries Division, Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. There also is a miscellaneous business session scheduled.

The afternoon session will end with a report from the Tennessee Baptist schools.

During the Wednesday evening session, reports will be presented by Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc., Baptist and Reflector, and the TBC's Church Program Division.

The closing message will be delivered by D. L. Lowrie.

The last session of the annual TBC meeting will convene Thursday morning. Reports will be given by the United Tennessee League, Committee on Resolutions, American Bible Society, Historical Committee, and Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems Inc.

Damon Patterson, president of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, will deliver the final message of the convention.

Throughout the three-day meeting there will be a variety of special music and congregational singing, coordinated by Julian Suggs, director of the TBC's Church Music Department.

Parliamentarian for the 1989 TBC meeting is Jimmy Stroud, pastor of Third Creek Church, Knoxville.

According to TBC President Metcalf, Stroud "has good expertise in parliamentary procedure and will seek to be fair."

Metcalf said he is anticipating a "good time of fellowship while we are attending to the business of the convention."

Services provided for TBC messengers

A first aid room will be provided during the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville. The room will be located in the activities building on the west side of the sanctuary, near the convention office.

A doctor or nurse will be on duty during each session.

Also, a nursery for children, ranging from bed babies to five years old, will be provided at the church.

Children may be taken to the church 30 minutes prior to each session and must be picked up no later than 30 minutes after each session.

Meals for the children are to be provided by the parents.

Registration instructions

Registration for the 115th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will begin Monday.

Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. at Central Church, Bearden, according to Pat Porter, TBC registration secretary.

Two areas of registration will be available to assist messengers. Registration area #1 will be in the church foyer and registration area #2 will be in the hallway outside the church offices.

The Committee on Credentials reminds messengers of the following:

- A pastor is not automatically considered a messenger and should be voted on by the church along with other messengers.
- Be sure the messenger card is completely filled in and properly signed by the moderator or church clerk.
- Only one name should appear on the messenger card.
- No church, regardless of size, can have more than ten messengers.
- The TBC Constitution does not provide for alternates.
- If lost, ballots and name badges cannot be replaced.
- Visitors are encouraged to register. They will not receive a name badge or ballots, but can receive a program.

Judson Hays of Old Hickory is chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

Local arrangements

Central Church, Bearden, becomes 'super sub'

KNOXVILLE — Coaches of most any sport will affirm that good teams need a "super sub," an individual who can come off the bench at a moment's notice and perform admirably.

The same principle can be applied to other facets of life, including business, church, and even convention activities.

Central Church, Bearden, has become the "super sub" for the 1989 annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to be held Nov. 14-16 in Knoxville.

Originally set for the civic auditorium in Knoxville, TBC officials learned early this year that there was a scheduling conflict and that the TBC

Seminary alumni meet

Five of the six Southern Baptist seminaries will hold annual alumni meetings in conjunction with the Tennessee Baptist Convention Nov. 14-16 in Knoxville.

Southern Seminary — Nov. 15, Noon, First Church, Knoxville, 510 W. Main Avenue; Tickets, \$7.50; contact Norris Smith (615) 251-2084.

New Orleans Seminary — Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., West Knoxville Church, 205 Bridgewater Road; for information, contact Emerson Wiles (615) 433-8887 or 433-6835.

Southwestern Seminary — Nov. 15, 12:15 p.m., Calvary Church, 3200 Kingston Pike; for information, contact Davy Henderson (901) 761-1110.

Midwestern Seminary — Nov. 15, 8:00 a.m., Shoney's, I-640 and Western Avenue; for more information, contact Wrex Houth (901) 523-8990.

Southeastern Seminary — Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., Half Shell Restaurant, Western Plaza, 4429 Kingston Pike; for more information, contact Joe Wren at (615) 453-9001.

meeting would have to be moved.

The staff and congregation of Central Church, Bearden, graciously agreed to let the convention use its facilities.

Hosting a convention is not new for the church. The TBC met there in 1978, said Mack Bingham, minister of education and administration at the church. Bingham is coordinating local arrangements with the help of 11 committees from the church.

Bingham offered several suggestions and an outlook of what messengers can expect when they arrive in Knoxville for the convention and related meetings.

On Knoxville

"The messengers will find Knoxville is a really fine city and will be receptive to the messengers," Bingham said.

For those who want to combine business and pleasure, Knoxville is conveniently located to many major tourist attractions including Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Cade's Cove, and the Appalachia Museum at Norris.

Food and lodging

Most of the hotels made available for use by messengers are about five miles from the church, Bingham said, noting there are some good hotels closer to the church.

Finding a good meal will be easy, Bingham affirmed. The west Knoxville area where the church is located has an abundance of eating establishments ranging from nice, expensive restaurants to fast food chains.

Some of the noteworthy establishments near the church are Grady's, Seafare, Ryan's Family Steakhouse, and Quincy's, Bingham said.

A three-fold map of the vicinity,

which details the restaurants, will be handed out at the pre-convention meetings and the opening session.

The map was a project of the church's High School Baptist Young Men and Baptist Young Men, Bingham said, noting the printing of the map is being financed by the local restaurant owners.

Parking

Parking could be a problem, Bingham admitted. The convention normally likes to have parking for about 750 cars, and the church can accommodate about 550, Bingham noted.

He encouraged people to carpool from the hotels. For those who drive, he asks cooperation with the church's

parking and security committees which will be in the lots.

Bingham especially asks that people do not park on business lots adjacent to the church property.

He noted some plans are being studied that might provide more parking during the convention, but could not elaborate at this point.

Glad to help

In order to host the convention, the church has cancelled all activities except its weekday preschool program, Bingham said.

The church, however, "is taking it in stride. We're glad to be able to do this since the civic auditorium was not available."

Reach, Teach, Touch — Challenge for WMU members

The annual meeting for the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union is scheduled for Nov. 13 at Central Church, Fountain City in Knoxville.

The theme for this year's meeting is "That Every Tongue Shall Confess," with an emphasis on reaching, teaching, and touching lost people.

"Our theme speaks to our desire to reach out to all peoples regardless of language or culture, and to teach and touch these lives with the love of Christ through creative ministries," said Katharine Bryan, Tennessee WMU executive-director. "This will be accomplished through our seven missionary speakers, outreach ministry displays from local associations, and testimonies of lay members," she added.

Visiting missionaries will be Pat Stooksbury, on furlough from Costa Rica; Carter and Charlotte Davis, on furlough from the Windward Islands; Bill and Cindy Black, resort missionaries in Gatlinburg; Paula Settle, on furlough from Togo; and Glen Petree, church and community ministry in Clinton Association.

WMU annual meeting schedule

THEME: "That Every Tongue Shall Confess"

Central Church, Fountain City
MONDAY MORNING, 10:00-11:45

"Reaching ... that every tongue shall confess"

Pre-session music

Theme interpretation

Welcome, call to order — Carol Pharris

Music — Bob Burroughs

Prayer — Jewell Jennings

Introduction of host committee — Bobby Turner

Executive Director's Report — Katharine Bryan

Music — Bob Burroughs

Business session

Music - hymn — Bob Burroughs

Handbell solo — Lisa Hunter

Reaching ... around the world ... that every tongue shall confess — Cindy Black, Paula Settle, Wanda Edmondson, Pat Stooksbury, Charlotte Davis

Prayer

Lunch in Family Life Center

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 12:50-2:15
"Teach ... that every tongue shall confess"

Pre-session music

Theme interpretation

Music — Bob Burroughs

Calendar of prayer — Willodene Peek

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Executive Director's report —

Katharine Bryan

Music — Bob Burroughs

Teaching ... around the world ... that every tongue shall confess — Cindy Black, Charlotte Davis, Paula Settle, Acteens Panelist (1), Pat Stooksbury

Prayer — Judy Trivette

MONDAY EVENING, 6:50-8:40

"Touch ... that every tongue shall confess"

Pre-session music

Theme interpretation

Music — Bob Burroughs

Executive Director's report —

Katharine Bryan

Introduction of officers (1990)

Prayer of dedication — Mary Hutson

Special Music — Chapel Choir

Touching ... around the world ... that every tongue shall confess — Carter Davis, Christopher Atkinson, Bill Black

Prayer Calendar — Marguerite Babb

Music — Bob Burroughs

Special music

That Every Tongue Shall Confess —

Esther Burroughs

Choir (with signing)

Recommendations from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to the Tennessee Baptist Convention Nov. 15, 1989

Constitution

(This Constitution, except Article IV which remains forever intact, may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a vote of two thirds of the messengers present and voting provided (1) that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the Convention and (2) that an amendment shall be so approved by the Convention at which it is presented and by the next annual Convention.)

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends that the TBC give approval to the following amendments to the Constitution (second reading with changes in boldface type):

1. That Article VI. OFFICERS, Number 2, be amended to read as follows:

Present

2. Officers shall be resident members of cooperating Baptist churches.

Proposed

2. Officers shall be resident members of churches affiliated with The Tennessee Baptist Convention.*

* That the Convention authorize consistent wording throughout the Journal relative to resident requirements, the language to be "resident members of churches affiliated with The Tennessee Baptist Convention."

2. That Article VII. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, Number 4, be amended:

Present

The term of each director shall be three years; one third shall be elected by the Convention in each annual session. No director who has served two successive terms shall be eligible for re-election until such director shall have been out of office for one Convention year.

Proposed

... No director who has served two successive terms shall be eligible for re-election until such director shall have been out of office for FOUR Convention years.

Tennessee Baptist Convention

"Proclaiming Redemption In Christ"

Convention Officers

President Calvin Metcalf
 Vice president Fred Isaacs
 Second vice president Bennie Creel
 Recording and statistical sec. Wallace Anderson
 Registration secretary Pat Porter
 Treasurer D. L. Lowrie
 Music coordinator Julian Suggs
 Parliamentarian Jimmy Stroud

November 14

Tuesday morning session 8:45 a.m.-Noon

Music Director: Mike Hodges
 Organist: Carla Hawkins
 Pianist: Mary McDonald
 Pre-session music - Mary McDonald/Carla Hawkins
 Roll call to order - Calvin Metcalf
 Invocation - Joe Thomason
ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION
 Committee on Credentials - Judson Hays
 Committee on Arrangements - Paul Peak
 Congregational singing - Mike Hodges
 Devotional - Ted Huckaby
 Welcome - Larry Fields
 President's announcements - Calvin Metcalf
 Treasurer's report and presentation of budget - D. L. Lowrie
 Miscellaneous business
 Church Staff Compensation Study Com-

mittee - James Austin
 Ministers' Aid Committee - W. D. Thomason
 Tennessee Baptist Foundation - Earl Wilson
 Congregational singing - Norman Gardner
 Special music - Central Baptist (FC)
 President's address - Calvin Metcalf
 Benediction - James Jackson

Tuesday afternoon session 2:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m.

Music Director: Bill Choate
 Organist: Nancy Skidmore
 Pianist: Evelyn Sproule
 Congregational singing - Bill Choate
 Invocation - Steve Murphree
 Devotional - Preston Latch
 Recognition of new pastors/church staff - D. L. Lowrie
 Recognition of fraternal messengers - Calvin Metcalf
 Miscellaneous business
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee - Larry Parrott
 Convention Ministries Division (Evangelism, Missions, Student and Cooperative Program and Stewardship Promotion)
 Congregational singing - Mike Williams
 Special music - Korean Ensemble - Cumberland Church, Knoxville; Margaret Shieh
 Message - H. Franklin Paschall
 Benediction - Wayne Rowan

Tuesday evening session 6:45 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

Music Director: Ron Alley
 Organist: Mary McDonald
 Pianist: Suzanne Adams
 Tennessee Baptist Chorale - Julian Suggs
 Invocation - Kenneth Richey
 Devotional - Ansell Baker
 Tennessee Baptist Chorale - Julian Suggs
 Church Program Division (Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood)
 Congregational singing - Ron Alley
 Recognition of retirees - John Laida
 Special music - Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville
 Convention sermon - Leonard Markham
 Benediction - Thomas Baines

Election of officers
 Congregational singing - Robert Lawson
 Committee on Resolutions - Robert L. Orr
 Committee on Audits - Roger Shelton
 Committee on the Journal - Sam Brooks
 Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. - Gerald Stow
 Special music - Knoxville Area Men's Ensemble - Mike Bundon
 Message - Frank Houston
 Benediction - Bill Whitman

Wednesday afternoon session 2:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m.

Music Director: Dave Love
 Organist: Karen Love
 Pianist: Kathy Simpkins
 Congregational singing - David Hyers
 Invocation - David Cochran
 Devotional - Gerald Naylor
 Committee on Arrangements - Paul Peak
 Convention Ministries Division (Church Ministers Information, Protection Plans, Telecommunications, and Partnership Missions)
 Election of officers
 Miscellaneous business
 Committee on Boards - Thomas Gaines
 Committee on Committees - Paul Moody
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee - Larry Parrott
 Congregational singing - Dave Love
 Tennessee Baptist schools - Cordell Maddox
 Benediction - Randy Sledge

November 15

Wednesday morning session 9 a.m.-Noon

Music Director: David Glover
 Organist: Mary Charlotte Ball
 Pianist: Louis Ball
 Congregational singing - David Glover
 Invocation - Donald Elmore
 Devotional - Wayne Markham
 Election of officers
 Reports of Executive Board, Task Force, Adoption of Budget - John Laida

Wednesday evening session 6:45-9:10 p.m.

Music Director: Wendell Boertje
 Organist: Mamie Sullivan
 Pianist: Cliff Kosier
 Pre-session music - Carson-Newman College
 Invocation - Guy Milam
 Devotional - Bill Rice
 Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes Inc. - J. L. Ford
 Baptist and Reflector - Fletcher Allen Church Program Division (Church Administration, Family Ministry, and Woman's Missionary Union)
 Congregational singing - Wendell Boertje
 Special music - Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville
 Message - D. L. Lowrie
 Benediction - Paul Veazey

Tennessee Baptist Convention week activities

Monday, November 13

7:30 a.m. Convention Site Subcommittee, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Conference, Central Church, Bearden
 10:00 a.m. Woman's Missionary Union, Central Church, Fountain City
 11:30 a.m. Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 11:30 a.m. Committee on Boards, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 11:30 a.m. Committee on Committees, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 11:30 a.m. Committee on Credentials, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 1:00 p.m. Woman's Missionary Union
 1:30 p.m. Pastors' Conference
 2:00 p.m. Registration, Central Church, Bearden
 3:30 p.m. Executive Board, Central Church, Bearden, Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. Committee on Arrangements, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 5:30 p.m. Committee on Resolutions, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 5:30 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference Banquet, First Church, Jefferson City
 6:30 p.m. Pastors' Conference
 6:30 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association Banquet and Alumni

Meeting, Calhoun's On The River

7:00 p.m. Woman's Missionary Union

Tuesday, November 14

7:15 a.m. Tennessee/Michigan Coordinators' Meeting, Holiday Inn West, 1315 Kirby Road
 9:00 a.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention
 2:00 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention
 5:00 p.m. Union University Alumni and Friends Dinner, Radisson Hotel, Knoxville, 401 Summit Hill Drive
 5:00 p.m. Belmont College Alumni and Friends Dinner, The Half Shell Restaurant, 4429 Kingston Pike
 5:00 p.m. Carson-Newman College Alumni and Friends Dinner, Deane Hill Country Club
 5:00 p.m. Annuitants Dinner, West Hills Church, 409 Winston Road
 5:15 p.m. Chaplains' Fellowship Dinner, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital Board Room, Blount Avenue
 6:45 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention
 9:15 p.m. Reception for Executive Director-Treasurer and TBC Retirees, Central Church, Bearden, Activities Building

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 a.m. Baptist and Reflector Joggers' Jubilee, Central Church, Bearden
 7:30 a.m. Agency/Institution Leadership Breakfast, East Tennessee Baptist

Hospital, Blount Avenue

7:30 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Alumni Breakfast, Shoney's, Chapman Highway
 8:00 a.m. Midwestern Seminary Breakfast, Shoney's, I-640 and Western Avenue
 12:00 Noon Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Riverboat Cruise
 12:15 p.m. Southwestern Seminary Luncheon, Calvary Church, 3200 Kingston Pk.
 12:30 p.m. New Orleans Seminary Luncheon, West Knoxville Church, 205 Bridgewater Road
 12:30 p.m. Southeastern Seminary Luncheon, Half Shell Restaurant, Western Plaza, Kingston Pike
 12:30 p.m. Southern Seminary Luncheon, First Church, 510 W. Main Avenue
 1:00 p.m. Baptist Homes for Retarded Adults, Central Church, Bearden - Room 220
 2:00 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention
 4:40 p.m. TBC Executive Board, Central Church, Bearden, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship for Volunteers, Burkino Faso, Venezuela, Philippines, Central Church, Bearden, Activities Building
 6:45 p.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention

Thursday, November 16

7:00 a.m. TBC President's Breakfast, Hyatt Regency, Knoxville
 9:00 a.m. Tennessee Baptist Convention

November 16

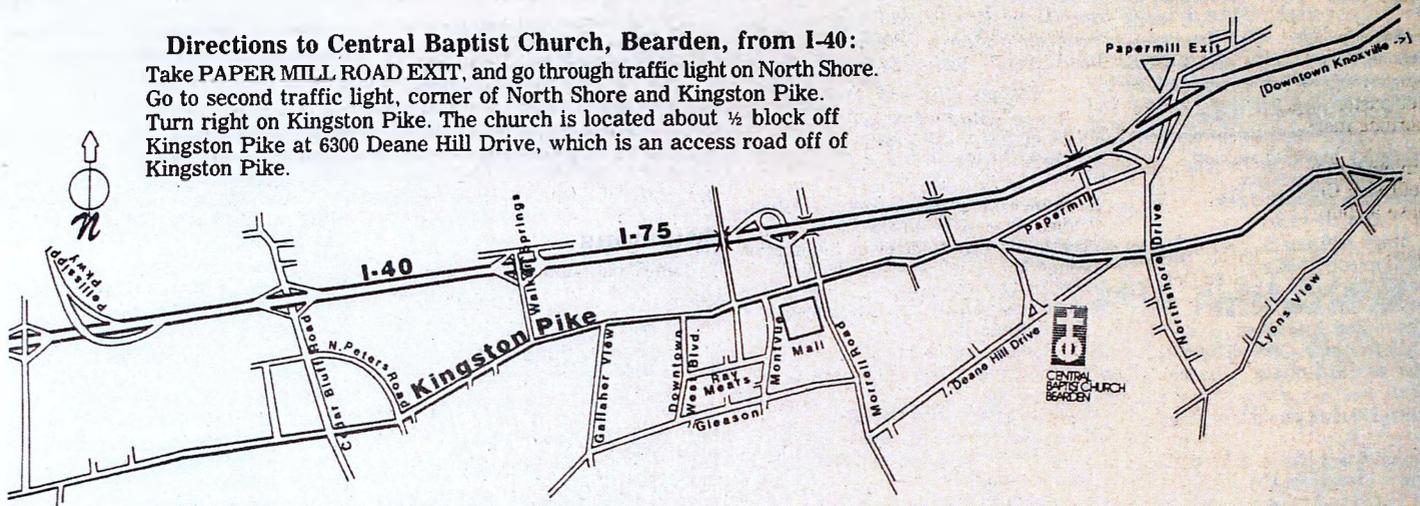
Thursday morning session 9:00-11:50 a.m.

Music Director: Bill Brewer
 Organist: Cindy Ogle
 Pianist: Sharon Brewer
 Congregational singing - Bill Brewer
 Invocation - Joe Little
 Devotional - Jack Randles
 United Tennessee League
 Committee on Resolutions
 American Bible Society
 Presentation to outgoing officers
 Presentation of incoming officers
 Historical Committee
 Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems Inc. - Robert Chandler
 Congregational singing
 Special music - Corryton Church
 Message - Damon Patterson
 Benediction - Gerry Claybrook

Convention area map of Knoxville

**Directions to:
Central Church, Fountain City
(Woman's Missionary Union Convention)**
Take I-640, from the east or west, off I-40. Go to the Broadway exit, and turn right on Broadway (441N). Go north about two miles. You will see the back of the church and the marquis on the right. Turn right on Gresham Drive to get to the parking area.

Directions to Central Baptist Church, Bearden, from I-40:
Take PAPER MILL ROAD EXIT, and go through traffic light on North Shore. Go to second traffic light, corner of North Shore and Kingston Pike. Turn right on Kingston Pike. The church is located about 1/2 block off Kingston Pike at 6300 Deane Hill Drive, which is an access road off of Kingston Pike.



-1/2 mile-

'Jesus — Our Hope' theme of TBC Pastors' Conference

The theme of the 1989 Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will be "Jesus — Our Hope," said Reed Wright, conference president.



WRIGHT

Wright, pastor of Maple Street Church, Cleveland, said the theme is related to the 1990 Here's Hope revival theme. "Jesus is our hope in everything," Wright emphasized.

The conference will be held Nov. 13 at Central Church, Bearden, the site of the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which convenes the following day.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. D. L. Lowrie, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will deliver the opening sermon at

10:15 a.m.

Greetings will be brought during the first session by TBC President Calvin Metcalf, pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, in Knoxville.

Wright will deliver the annual president's address that evening at 7:45. The closing sermon will be preached by Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Church, Woodstock, Ga. Wright noted Hunt is used often as a convention and evangelism conference speaker.

Other speakers include Bob Pitman,

pastor, Kirby Woods Church, Memphis; Charles W. Sullivan, pastor, First Church, Lenoir City; Don Long, pastor, Chamberlain Memorial Church, Chattanooga; Glenn Weakley, pastor, First Church, Hendersonville; B. Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis; Gene Mims, pastor, First Church,

Cleveland; and Ron Phillips, pastor, Central Church, Hixson.

Wright noted that program participants include pastors, directors of missions, evangelists, church staff members, and others. There are speakers from all three grand divisions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Wright said.

The music program has been planned by Julian Suggs, director of the TBC's Church Music Department.

During the afternoon session of the conference, new officers will be elected.

Wright called for pastors and Tennessee Baptists to pray for the conference and urged everyone to arrive in Knoxville early and be prepared to attend the opening session.

Present officers besides Wright are Long, vice president, and Robert Sharp, pastor, Gillespie Avenue Church, Knoxville, secretary.

Recreation association holds dinner meeting

The Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association's annual dinner meeting will be held Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Calhoun's Restaurant on the River.

Jim Florence, president of Mid-American Wellness Institute in Franklin, will be program speaker.

Formerly director of the center for health promotion for Baptist Health Care System in Nashville, Florence has a doctorate in health science from the School of Public Science at Loma Linda University in California.

An active member of First Church, Franklin, Florence will discuss statistical data on the health of Southern Baptists and its relevance to Tennessee Baptists and to those who



FLORENCE

serve in positions of ministry.

For more information and dinner reservations (\$15 per person), contact Eleanor Yarborough, TBC church recreation office at (615) 371-2033.

Ministers' wives set TBC meeting

The annual luncheon meeting for the Ministers' Wives Fellowship, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference, will include a riverboat cruise on Knoxville's "Robert E. Lee."

The Nov. 15 event will be held in conjunction with the Tennessee Baptist Convention sessions, Nov. 14-16, at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville.

Buses will be provided from Central Church to the cruise departure site. Call McCluskey at (615) 689-2306 for reservation information.

Theme for the meeting is "That Personal Touch."

Pastors' Conference

THEME: "Jesus — Our Hope"

November 13, 1989

Central Church, Bearden

MONDAY MORNING, 9:30-Noon

Pre-session music
Praise in song — Julian Suggs
Welcome — Reed Wright
Invocation — Mark Hearn
Special music
Devotional — Lamar Dietz
Worship in song — Eleazar and Rebeca Inciarte
Sermon — D. L. Lowrie
Special music — The Inciartes
Sermon — Bob Pitman
Welcome and greeting — Calvin Metcalf
Praise in song
Special music — DOAM chorus
Sermon — Charles Sullivan
Benediction — Tom Gatton

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30-4:30

Pre-session music
Call to worship — Premier's Quartet
Invocation — Benny Creel
Devotional — Jerry King
Praise in song — Rocky Hodge
Special — Carson-Newman College B.S.U. Gospel Choir
Sermon — Don Long
Worship in song — Rocky Hodge
Sermon — Glenn Weekley
Election of officers
Congregational singing — Rocky

Hodge
Special — Carson-Newman College B.S.U. Gospel Choir
Sermon — B. Gray Allison
Special music — C-N B.S.U. Choir
Sermon — Gene Mims
Benediction — Larry Gilmore

EVENING SESSION, 6:00-9:15

Pre-session music
Call to worship — Don Long
Offering — Robert Sharp
Prayer — Robert Sharp
Congregational hymn — Darrell Hodge
Special music — Angie Griffin
Sermon — Ron Phillips
Praise in song — Darrell Hodge
Recognition of officers and Annuity Board promotion — Vern Powers
Special music — Maple Street Baptist Quartet
President's address — Reed Wright
Congregational singing — Darrell Hodge
Special music — Calvary Church Choir
Sermon — Johnny Hunt
Presentation of new officers — Reed Wright
Benediction — new president

TenneScene

It's 500 miles from Memphis to Bristol — but you can start at Edith, rest a while in Henrietta, and stop at Norma rested ...

Churches ...

Members of Orlinda Church, Orlinda, will dedicate new church facilities Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will follow the service.

Remodeling work was recently completed on the auditorium of North Cleveland Church, Cleveland.

Members of First Church, Lobelville, dedicated a new Sunday School addition and remodeled sanctuary Oct. 8. Former pastor Roy Shepard delivered the morning message.

Emmanuel Church, Jacksboro, held a benefit sing Oct. 21 to raise funds to purchase a church van.

Fellowship Mission Church, Dickson, was constituted into a church Oct. 1. Immanuel Church, McEwen, is the mother church, Gary Gibson is pastor at Fellowship Church.

Fredonia Church, Crossville, recently held homecoming and celebrated its 115th year. Dennie Moore Sr., father of Fredonia Church member Dennie Moore Jr., delivered the homecoming message.

The congregation of Johnson's Grove Church, South Fulton, will celebrate Harvest Day Oct. 29. Dinner will be served followed by special music with the Cumberland Aires from Fulton. James Holt will be guest speaker.

Fisher's Creek Church, and Caney Creek Church, both in Rogersville and members of Holston Valley Association, have new fellowship halls.

Clark Street Church, Johnson City, will hold revival services Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Frank Blevins, pastor of First Church Bluff City, will speak and minister of music Dianne Fortune will lead music.

Homecoming will be held Nov. 5 at Hickory Grove Church, Moscow.

The congregation of Oak Hill Church, Crossville, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Oct. 29.

Leadership ...

Bob Knisley joined the staff of South Knoxville Church, Knoxville, as interim pastor, effective Oct. 1.

Fellowship Church, Sharon, recently called Robert Johnson as pastor.

Charles J. Ballard from First Church, Brandon, Fla., has been called to First Church, Maryville, as minister of education/outreach effective Nov. 1.

Bobby Mahan has accepted the pastorate of Valley View Church, Church Hill.

Bethel View Church, Bristol, recently called Aaron Rayburn as minister of youth and Eric Godfrey as minister of education.

Glenn Kolwyck was recently called as pastor of Luray Church, Luray.

Bruceon Church, Bruceon, called David Steele as minister of music and youth.

Ordinations ...

Frank Phillips was ordained as deacon Oct. 15 by Immanuel Church, Lawrenceburg.

Falling Water Church, Hixson, ordained Alan Wayne Barnes and Mike Hutcherson as deacons Sept. 24.

Siam Church, Elizabethton, recently ordained Carroll Montgomery and Lowell Tedder as deacons and Darold Bradshaw to the ministry. Bradshaw is pastor of Sink Valley Church, Butler.

Ray Lincoln and Kevin Smith were ordained as deacons Sept. 24 by Valley View Church, Nashville.

Chi Won Lee was ordained to the ministry Oct. 8 by Concord Church, Chattanooga.

Raleigh Church, Memphis, ordained Mike Galbreath and Hugh Mills as deacons.

New Salem Church, Limestone, ordained Jerry Cox and Jack Snapp as

deacons Sept. 24. Larry Waddle was also elected as deacon.

First Church, Selmer, recently ordained Michael Ray Bryant as deacon.

Jeff Strong was ordained as deacon Sept. 24 by Sullivan Church, Kingsport.

David Worley and Robert Dameron were ordained to the ministry at Leewood Church, Memphis, Sept. 24. Worley has been called as pastor to Sardis Church, Sardis, effective Oct. 1.

Bill Thomas and Mickey Collins were recently ordained as deacons at Chamberlain Memorial Church, Chattanooga.

Missions ...

James and Lorene Nicely arrived in Kenya Sept. 1 to serve for one year under the Foreign Mission Board's auxiliary personnel program. Nicely will serve as an area auditor and his wife will serve in church and home ministry.

A crew of 12 men from First Church, Gallatin, recently returned from South Carolina, where they delivered supplies to the victims of Hurricane Hugo. Members of the mission team also helped clear church property and the yards of elderly people.

Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, held Mission Emphasis Night Sept. 23 to review the church's mission projects. It participates in programs with the Nashville Union Mission, the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, the Hospital Hospitality House, the Loaves and Fishes program at Holy Name Catholic Church, and the Nashville Baptist Association Christmas Toy Store.

Revivals ...

Revival services will be held Nov. 5-10 at New Lebanon Church, Greeneville. Tom Holtzclaw, Sullivan Association director of missions, will speak.

R. C. Harless will speak at revival Oct. 30-Nov. 5 at West End Church, Knoxville. Judy Piles will direct music.

First Church, Pulaski, will hold revival Oct. 29-Nov. 1 with John Laida and Bill Kennedy.

Riverview Church, Columbia, will hold revival Oct. 27-29 with James Redding, Tennessee Baptist Convention, speaking. Church music director Ron Touchton will lead music. Homecoming will be held Oct. 29.

Mack Kearney will speak at revival Oct. 29-Nov. 2 at Washington Pike Church, Knoxville.

Revival will begin Oct. 30 at Bethel Springs Church, Calhoun. Claude Irons will be guest evangelist.

David Reagan will speak at revival Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Charlotte Road Church, Nashville.

University Parkway Church, Johnson City, will hold a lay-led revival Oct. 26-29.

Fredonia Church, Crossville, will begin revival Oct. 29. Bill Hazelwood, Harrogate, will be guest evangelist.

Cedar Creek Church, Lebanon, held revival Sept. 10-15 with Bill Enoch.

Lawrence County Association reports revivals held recently at the following churches: Iron City Church, Iron City, Ray Maddox; Gum Springs Church, Lawrenceburg, Curtis Kelly; and Beech Grove Church, Lawrenceburg, Ed Lopp.

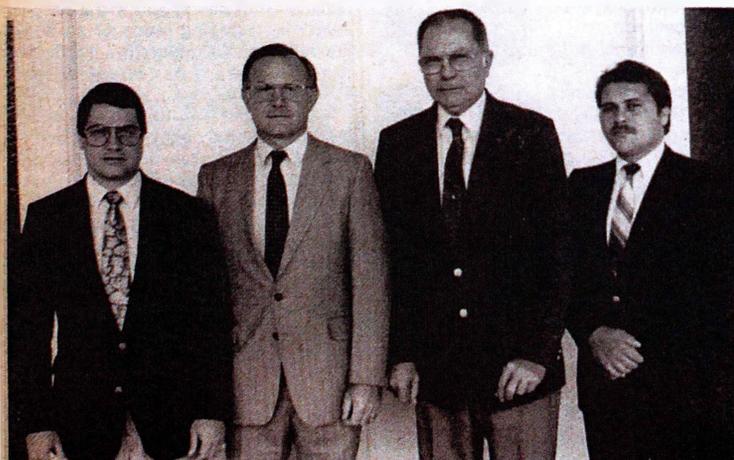
Weakley County Association reports several revivals held recently at member churches. Churches and leaders follow: Bethlehem Church, Greenfield, James Kinsey; Eastside Church, Martin, Richard Skidmore; First Church, Gleason, Otis Hinton; Southside Church, Martin, Jimmy Johnson and Phillip Willis; and Tumbling Creek Church, Gleason, Eddie Mallonee.

Lake City Church calls Wayne Hubbs

Wayne Hubbs joined the staff of First Church, Lake City, as pastor in July.

Lake City is Hubbs' first pastorate. Ordained in 1988 at Beaver's Dam Church, Knoxville, Hubbs earned a bachelor's degree from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and plans to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in December.

Hubbs and his wife, Judy, have three children.



NOLACHUCKY LEADERS — Involved in the annual meeting of Nolachucky Association Oct. 17-18 were, from left, Benny Keck, pastor, Buffalo Trail Church, Morristown, re-elected moderator; newly-elected Director of Missions James C. Williams; Director of Missions Glenn Toomey who will retire at the end of 1989; and Terry Bunch, pastor, Highland Church, Whitesburg, elected vice-moderator. — Photo by Connie Davis



NEW WORSHIP CENTER — Members of First Church, Hixson, opened the doors of their new \$2.3 million worship center Sept. 10, and filled the 1250-seat auditorium for morning and evening services. The members of First Church joined in a three-year Capital Stewardship Program to finance the new worship center.

Tennesseans included

Retired FMB missionaries 'fought good fight'

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND (BP) — Ed Trott tapped the words of the Apostle Paul in reflecting on his retirement as a Southern Baptist missionary: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Trott, a missionary to Brazil for 33 years, added words of his own: "There's only one good fight, and that's to take the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Any other fight is not worthy of the name of Christ. And I hope Southern Baptists will be engaged in putting the priority on the good fight."

Trott was among 72 retirees honored for their careers in foreign missions during ceremonies in Richmond, Va., Oct. 9-10. The group worked for a combined total of 2247 years on 40 different overseas mission fields, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

Trott recounted various ways he has been a part of the "good fight," such as "seeing 400 people come down the aisles in a stadium in a driving rain ... to trust Christ as Savior through the power of God."

"The good fight is like going to a home of a man who had never wanted to go inside a church door with his Christian wife," Trott said, explaining that the man had fallen ill and was ready to respond to the Gospel. "For the next three days that he lived, this man only wanted his wife to read the Bible, to sing hymns to him, and to

pray to God. He died with a smile on his face."

For Trott and his wife, Freda, the "good fight" also entailed leading the Living Water Project, one of the largest hunger relief efforts ever undertaken by Southern Baptists. Irrigation, clean water systems, community centers, small factories, farms for the landless poor, and home gardens — all infused with evangelism — have been a part of the project in Brazil's Pianco River Valley.

The retiring missionaries "represent nearly every facet of our work," Parks said, citing careers in evangelism, education, medicine, nutrition, agriculture, administration, church construction, and journalism.

"These have demonstrated selfless love time and again in place after place," he said.

Doug Knapp, who helped baptize nearly 55,000 people during 26 years as a missionary in Tanzania, commented: "In Africa, it doesn't take long to get a work started, but it takes a lifetime to bring incarnation into the lives of people as they apply the Gospel to their individual lives."

Knapp said the Tanzanian Baptist leaders "God has called forth" give him confidence "that we've left a lasting work." Knapp and his wife, Evelyn, chronicled their mission careers in the book, "Thunder in the Valley."

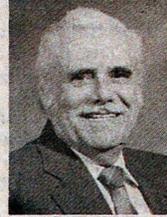
Carl Hunker voiced gratitude to Southern Baptists "that you freed my hands so that I could minister without any worry about any kind of support in prayer or in finances." Hunker's 40-year career began in China and later included work in the Philippines and Taiwan.

Among other retirees were:

• Jack and Doris Hancox, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to France and later to Haiti. Both are natives of Tennessee — Jack, from Maryville,



M. DAUGHERTY



R. DAUGHERTY



D. HANCOX



J. HANCOX

and Doris, from Columbia.

Hancox is a former Tennessee Baptist pastor, having served at First Church, Dayton, before his appointment. He was also pastor of churches in Kentucky and Virginia.

The couple was appointed in 1959 and served first in France from 1960-69. They also served in the Ivory Coast and Guadeloupe, West Indies. They resigned from missionary service in 1974. They were reappointed as missionaries to Haiti in 1978.

• Grayson and Betty Tennison, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Portugal.

• Edwin and Joyce Perimon, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean.

• Catherine Chappell, who founded House of Friendship in 1953, the first Baptist goodwill center in Brazil. It provides classes in adult literacy and various skills and offers Bible clubs and other activities in Rio de Janeiro.

• Robert and Myrtle Daugherty, another couple with Tennessee ties, who served in Japan.

Daugherty, a native of Montgomery County, considers Nashville his hometown. At the time of his appointment, Daugherty was pastor of Forest

Hills Church, Nashville.

Mrs. Daugherty is a native of Kentucky. They began serving in 1973 in Japan at Calvary Church Misawa. They began serving in encounter evangelism in 1978 in Tsukuba.

The Daughertys' have three grown children, one of whom is a missionary to the Philippines.

YouthPlus seminar set for Knoxville

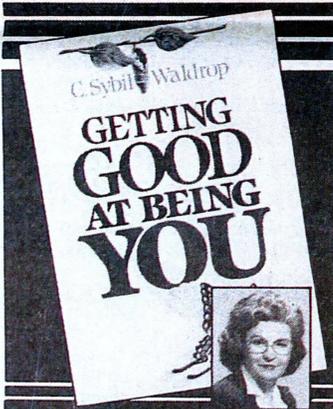
A YouthPlus Sunday School Seminar for youth workers will be held Nov. 4 at Chilhowee Hills Church in Knoxville.

The seminar will cover: How to Increase Your YouthPlus Awareness; How YouthPlus Can Help You Develop a Growing Sunday School; and Train YouthPlus Class Leaders to Share Their Faith.

Doug Merritt, a lesson design editor in the youth program section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the featured speaker.

The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served for \$5. Reservations are required.

Mail \$5 lunch reservation to: Lyn Brasfield, TBC Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024.



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One Woman's View

By June McEwen

"Don't worry, be happy." This song title is emblazoned on t-shirts and bumper stickers. Accepted wisdom and clever statements sooner or later appear on our cars and our shirts.

Americans have a penchant for publicly displaying ideals, jokes, causes, and satire.

In these settings, the topic of worry gets a lot of space. Books on worry include the popular works of Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller. Avoiding worry and anxiety occupy the pen of more serious scholars such as Henri Nouwen and other writers on the spiritual life.

On the shelves of most bookstores, the interested reader will find many volumes on worry and anxiety. These works focus on worry about health, marriage, child-rearing, self-esteem, success, overeating, co-dependency, and many other areas of coping and relationships.

In spite of the slogan, "Don't worry; be happy," and the many books, articles, television talk shows, and sermons which tell us we ought not to worry, most people do worry. Anxiety is a fact of life for everyone at one

time or another.

In the face of the universal experience of worry, it is not at all surprising that Jesus addressed the subject. His words are direct and explicit: "Do not worry about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body ... Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? ... So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own (Matthew 6:25, 34 TEV)."

Some people take this direct command and simply obey it. They don't worry. For others, to obey means constant and conscious effort.

Psychologists who use the family systems model for therapy urge patients to avoid worrying by caring for but not taking care of other family members. This attitude change results in less anxiety and worry. Someone has observed that worry is interest paid on the past or prepaid on the future and is interest unwisely invested.

The writer of the epistle of Peter commanded that Christians "leave all your worries with Him because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7 TEV)." So perhaps there is truth in the song title, "Don't worry; be happy." We can care for those we love, leave our worries with our heavenly Father, and live happier lives.



McEWEN

HMB, Louisiana leaders plan New Orleans effort

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Southern Baptist leaders have set the stage for what one called the "most significant and perhaps the greatest opportunity" to impact the New Orleans area with the Gospel message.

New Orleans area pastors and leaders met with Louisiana Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board workers at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The group gathered to prepare details for an evangelism emphasis during the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans June 12-14.

Leaders outlined the "Sharing Hope with Greater New Orleans" plan to assist 250 churches within 100 miles of New Orleans in an evangelism effort June 8-10. The plan seeks to enlist Southern Baptists from across the country to lead one-day soul-winning workshops. The workshops will be followed by door-to-door witnessing visits by Baptist teams, similar to the effort at Las Vegas during the 1989 annual meeting.

"This represents one of the most significant and perhaps the greatest opportunity we've ever had in the New Orleans area," Louisiana Evangelism Director Charles Harvey told Sharing Hope steering committee members and

others at the meeting.

"We believe God is going to use this," Harvey said. "It could be the golden opportunity we've looked for and prayed about for a long time. I believe it ought to be a burden and a concern to us like never before. We've never had an opportunity like this. I believe this is going to be catalytic in winning persons to Christ in the Crescent City."

About half of the state's four million residents live in the targeted area. Home Mission Board workers stressed the importance of outreach in such an area.

"We should never go to a town with 20,000 messengers and not have an impact on that city," said Tom McEachin, associate director of mass evangelism at the board. "Some people say it won't work in New Orleans. But they were saying the same thing about Las Vegas this year."

HMB Personal Evangelism Director Howard Ramsey stressed the need for Baptists to work together in the effort. He emphasized the need to involve the 400 black Baptist churches in the area: "We feel like (in) having our black churches involved, we'll reach this city. We feel like (in) not having our black churches involved, we're just spinning our wheels here."

To aid in that area, steering committee members voted to include three National Baptist pastors in the planning group.

The Sharing Hope plan calls for the Home Mission Board to enlist workshop leaders from across the nation. About 100 people already have indicated interest in the project. The leaders and other outside team members will pay for their own lodging and meals during the effort. Local churches will provide transportation.

Meanwhile, the Louisiana Baptist Convention will seek to enlist 250 churches in the greater New Orleans area. The churches will indicate how many outside team members they wish to come to their churches for the effort. Workshop leaders will enlist team members, depending on the requests.

Workshop leaders and team members are scheduled to arrive in New Orleans June 8 for orientation and an afternoon rally. HMB President Larry Lewis is scheduled to address the rally.

On Saturday, leaders will conduct

two-hour evangelism workshops at the churches. Team members will be instructed on how to use tracts and a religious questionnaire supplied by the board.

Following the workshop, team members will be sent on door-to-door witnessing visits. They will report back to the churches later in the afternoon.

Stone Association offers class

A seminary extension course on 2 Corinthians is being offered by Stone Association.

The first class began Oct. 24 and will be held every Tuesday through Dec. 12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Although classes have begun, people can still register for credit before Oct. 31, said Michael Prowse, director of missions.

The course, held at First Church, Cookeville, is taught by Russell Flatt, pastor of First Church, Gainesboro.

For more information, contact the Stone Association office at (615) 526-4655.



NASHVILLE OFFICERS — Elected officers of the Nashville Association for 1989-90 were, from left, Doyle Chatham, Inglewood Church, clerk; Ken Castleberry, pastor, Dalewood Church, vice moderator; David George, pastor, Immanuel Church, moderator; Kerney Bailey, pastor, Inglewood Church, outgoing moderator; and Carl Duck, director of missions.

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NEW MODERATOR — Haywood Association met Oct. 17 for its 23rd annual session at Holly Grove Church. Eddie Mallonee, pastor of Poplar Corner Church, is new moderator; Gary Lin, Antioch, vice moderator. Charles Pratt, director of missions, is at right.

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BEECH RIVER LEADERS — Conyer Walker, left, pastor of host church Sand Ridge, welcomes LaVaughn Moody, First Church, Decaturville, moderator; Phil Mitchell, Mt. Gilead pastor and Tuesday morning speaker; and Doyle Neal, director of missions. Meetings were held Oct. 16-17.

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FMB appoints Tennessee couples

RICHMOND — Four Tennessee Baptists were among 38 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Oct. 10 at Bethany Place Church in Richmond, Va.

William and Gincy May were appointed to Benin. May, a dentist, will work in Bohicon and the couple will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Before attending New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, the Mays were members of First Church, Cleveland.

May, a native of Rockwood, holds degrees from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, and the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis.

Mrs. May is the former Gincy Ownbey of Cleveland. She is a graduate of East Tennessee State University. The couple have two children.

Clay Porter Jr. and his wife, Debbie, will live in Hong Kong where he will be starting and developing churches. Together, they will be involved in a



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variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1986, Porter has been language missions consultant for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Porter, a native of Newbern, considers First Church, Newbern, his home church. He holds degrees from Dyersburg State Community College, University of Tennessee, Martin, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Porter, the former Debbie German, is a native of Somerville. She expects to receive the bachelor of science degree from University of Tennessee, Martin, in October.

The Mays will go to Rockville, Va., in January for a seven-week orientation while the Porters are scheduled for orientation in November.

Encouragement in difficult times

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

Archibald MacLeish wrote a play in the 1950's entitled "J.B." The play was a contemporary re-enactment of the Old Testament Book of Job. One of the actors in the play is named Nickles, a sardonic young popcorn vendor in a traveling circus. He thinks he is to play the part of Job in a play, then discovers he is not to play the part after all. Listen to Nickles as he cries out that there must be thousands who could play the part of Job. Nickles then says "Millions and millions of mankind burned, crushed, broken, mutilated, slaughtered, and for what? For thinking! For walking around the world in the wrong skin, the wrong-shaped noses, eyelids: Living at the wrong address — London, Berlin, Hiroshima, wrong night, wrong city. There never could have been so many suffered more for less."

All of us like Nickles have said there must be thousands, yea millions that suffer, and there are, and will be until the end of earthly time. At the heart of this lesson is not a pat answer to suffering, but the promise of encouragement in suffering and difficult times.

Salutation — 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2
It is difficult to construct all of the events between the letter of 1 Thessalo-



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nians and 2 Thessalonians. We know that persecution continued (1:4; cf. 2:17; 3:3 ff.). We know that the trio, Paul, Silas, and Timothy were still together, probably at Corinth, and encountering opposition (1:1,7; 3:1F.). Some at Thessalonica obviously thought Paul had said the day of the Lord was present (2:2). There were filled with frustration. How could they accomplish what Paul wanted them to do if the day of the Lord was here (1 Thessalonians 3:13; 5:8)? They cried out to Paul for help (cf. 3:11). Paul wrote to encourage them, and by encouraging them, he also encourages us (1:3, 3:5).

Paul's gratitude and emphasis on suffering (1:3-4)

Paul's gratitude to the Thessalonians
Paul stated three reasons for his thanksgiving for the Thessalonians. They had experienced vigorous faith growth, increased love for each other, and endurance as they faced persecution, affliction, and suffered for Christ. Their patience and faith in the midst of persecution was significant to Paul. Patience here means being under a heavy load. Persecution in its verb form means to pursue, chase, or be hounded. Tribulation is pressure.

Job suffered and the Thessalonian Christians suffered. We suffer, often because of circumstances beyond our control. We feel stress and pressured, and loaded down. Many times how we use our suffering determines whether

they are good or not (1 Peter 4:16, 1 Peter 4:19).

Christ uses people's suffering to help them recognize their needs and become constructive Christians.

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God's righteous judgment (1:5-10)

Paul then began to deal with judgment concerning the righteous and wicked. The term manifest token relates to their persecution, tribulations, patience, and faith. The term judgment here in its overall context means the judgment at the return of Christ. Christ will act as judge when history ends (John 5:22).

The same God who wrote the commandments promises justice to saved and unsaved. We can trust God for justice, because He is aware of all injustice. His justice is perfect and He will recompense (repay) tribulation (affliction) to all who afflicted the Thessalonian Christians.

Though the consequence of persecution continues, often in the human body and spirit, in Jesus there is a rest which comes from the realization of His justice.

Paul assured them that the ultimate rest or release from stress will come

with the second coming of Jesus. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians (1:11-12)

Paul closes this chapter with a prayer for the Thessalonians. Though it is difficult to translate "count worthy" in our non-flexible English, it can be done. The two words here mean to count worthy of the calling already received and in which they live. The thought is also expressed in 1 Thessalonians 2:12. This does not refer to some sort of notice that would come to the Thessalonians at the return of Christ. They know they belong to Christ now. We know this walk as the process of sanctification in our Christian lives. They have been converted, and Christ will accomplish their ultimate deliverance from sin (Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13). The work of faith in verse 11 means the work resulting from faith (1 Thessalonians 1:3) Paul wanted all these good things for them and for Christ, so that Jesus would be glorified in the Thessalonians and that they could be glorified in Spiritual union with Jesus. All of this would be possible because of God's grace.

Summation

Paul's gratitude for the Thessalonians is obvious in all these passages. His assurance of Christ providing meaning from suffering is extremely useful in any age. His confidence in the true pure judgment of God is comforting to all of us. His prayer for them provides enlightenment for us. We are to walk with Jesus through life for He has saved us and is in the process of delivering us from ourselves and will one day deliver us completely from this sinful world in which we live.

Challenged to stand firm

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

The teaching about our Lord's return was basic to Paul's instruction to new converts. The Bible contains a considerable amount of prophetic teaching. If we ignore it, we are saying it is not important. Jesus Himself had much to say about future events.

Chapters two and three of Second Thessalonians have three major purposes: to correct misunderstandings about Christ's return, to rebuke the idleness of some believers, and to give encouragement to stand fast.

Now, let us see what the error was concerning the second coming. Believers were told it was useless to look forward to a second coming, that it had already happened. This false idea persists today. Some believe that Christ's second coming took place at Pentecost. Others say that His coming is personal for the believer and that it occurs at death. These ideas conflict with the teaching of the Scripture. The people who taught this claimed a special revelation from God.

Paul says in verse 3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first; and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

In verse 5, Paul reminded them that he had told them this before; that the Lord's return would be preceded by rebellion against the authority of God. The world is not getting better and bet-

ter, but is on a downward slide that will continue until God Himself intervenes in the return of His Son.

"A falling away," (v. 3), is humanity's rejection of God's rule. In the last few years in America, we have seen more open rebellion against God than at any other time in our history. People want freedom to engage in violence and lust. They don't want anyone to tell them they can't do something.

"The man of sin" indicates a person who sets himself in opposition against God, claiming to be God. There has been speculation since day one as to the identity of this evil figure. This person will serve the purposes of Satan (v. 9).

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There will be a falling away and there will be the man of sin before Christ returns. Chapter 3:5 says we are to wait patiently for the coming of Christ.

The second purpose in chapters 2 and 3 is to rebuke idleness of some believers. Although Paul has much to say about this, he sums it all up in one verse, chapter 3:10. "That if any would not work, neither should he eat."

The third purpose in this passage is to encourage Christians to stand firm in their faith.

There are many uncertain things in this world, but the judgment of God is certain. God will have the last word. Chapter 2:8 says, "The Lord shall con-

sume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." This is a promise of victory.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, the life." In chapter 2:10, Paul says, "They perish because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." The devil is a deceiver, a liar, and a murderer. Satan has deceived many into thinking they are saved and on their way to Heaven when they are really on their way to Hell.

Paul called the Thessalonian Christians to stand firm in their faith because God had chosen them, (v. 13). Paul's theology, in a nutshell, was that salvation begins with God.

In facing false teaching, Paul encouraged the Christians to hold fast to the truths of God. The devil is always trying to get us to depart from the truth. He is still doing this today. There are more false religions today than ever before in the history of the

Jack McEwen named pastor emeritus

Jack McEwen has been named pastor emeritus at First Church, Golden Gateway, in Chattanooga.

McEwen was pastor of the church from 1973-80, during which the second half of the church's massive building program was completed.

McEwen left the church in 1980 to become dean of the school of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He returned to Tennessee three years later to Chattanooga State Technical Community College to assist in public relations and teach psychology. He later became dean of arts/sciences.

McEwen was installed as pastor emeritus Oct. 1 by senior pastor Gary

Carver. McEwen, who was given a Bible, presented the morning sermon.

The South Carolina native told The Chattanooga Times he appreciated "the confidence of the church in this honor and of Dr. Carver who led it. "He and I have a very unusual friendship and working relationship. It takes a big man to call a former pastor as pastor emeritus, and Gary is a big man."

McEwen said he will "do probably 30 or 35 sermons or Bible studies a year." In addition, he will be available for funerals and weddings.

McEwen and his wife, June, who writes a regular column for the Baptist and Reflector, have two children and three grandchildren.

The power for missions

By Mattie Carroll Mullins, layperson; Gray Church, Gray

We are all familiar with the old saying, "There are those who watch things happen; there are those who make things happen; and there are those who do not know what happened." As we look to the world, let us be Christian individuals and churches who make things happen in proclaiming the Gospel to all nations.

We realize we cannot accomplish the task by ourselves, by our own strength. We must depend on the power of the Holy Spirit who go about the task of winning the lost to Christ.

Our newspapers, radios, and television have been filled with news of Hurricane Hugo over the past few weeks. We know the devastation it

caused and that thousands were without power for long periods of time in their homes, businesses, and churches. This caused extensive problems for many people. Without power, life is at a stand still.

Webster's dictionary has approximately 21 definitions for the word "power." The most simple one is "the ability to do, or act." So naturally, the lack of power would have to mean "the inability to do, or act." Christians must possess the power of God to go about the task of missions.

Acts 1:8 tells us of the promise of having the Holy Spirit in our lives, which gives us power and enables us to witness to all the world.

Now when we experience something, we usually feel we are authorities on the matter. We can easily tell others what we saw, heard, or felt in a given situation. If we have had a real experience with the Lord, we should be ready, willing, and able to tell all people we come into contact with about our salvation.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus told His disciples where they were to witness. "In

Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In other words, they were to start at home and continue everywhere they went. The interesting part of this verse is that Jesus did not command them to go on their own. He assured them of the power of the Holy Spirit before He gave them their map.

you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

What was the reaction to Peter's message? About three thousand souls accepted this message and received the power of the Holy Spirit, committing themselves to making changes in their lives and steadfastly continuing to tell others of this salvation experience.

I shall never forget the frustration in our home one Christmas morning after it was discovered Santa had left a much anticipated toy for our four year old son, and had failed to leave a battery to insure the power needed to make it run. A quick trip to a neighbor's house saved a child's dream from being shattered.

We as God's children must first receive power to enable us to be the witness He calls us to be. As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will possess this source of power to make things happen. Power — the ability to do, or act. This power enables us to go about the missions task of winning the world for Christ.

Round Lick Church calls Bill Griffith

Round Lick Church, Watertown, called Bill Griffith as pastor. Griffith, a senior at Belmont College, formerly served as youth director at Radnor Church, Nashville.

He and his wife, Karen, have two daughters.



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Peter's message in Acts 2:36-41 emphasized the fact that although the people had crucified Jesus as a felon, He had risen as Lord and Savior. The people were convicted of their sin and immediately asked what they could do. In response to their question Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of

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Indiana Baptists, Braidfoot fight casino gambling in Gary

GARY, Ind. — Indiana residents fighting establishment of casino gambling in Gary received encouragement from Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission General Counsel Larry Braidfoot during legislative hearings Oct. 10. While Gary Mayor Thomas V. Barnes depicted casino gambling as an ideal opportunity for economic revitalization, Braidfoot countered with testimony that casinos have driven up property values and taxes, forcing residents and businesses out of Atlantic City, N.J.

The author of *Gambling: The Deadly Poison*, Braidfoot described casino gambling as "a predatory activity that strikes very much at the family and home," noting also the dramatic increase in criminal activity in Nevada and Atlantic City following its introduction. Braidfoot quoted a New Jersey casino association president as saying, "This is a town noted for taking suckers, ... but it's the biggest sucker of all."

House passes own version of child-care legislation

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a comprehensive child-care measure as part of fiscal 1990 budget-reconciliation legislation. The legislation includes plans designed by two House panels, the Education and Labor Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

Both plans call for an expansion of the Head Start program, funding for school-based before-and after-school programs, and state child-care standards for providers receiving federal funds. The Ways and Means plan includes an expansion of the earned income tax credit, which would assist low-income working parents. Sponsors of the Education and Labor plan have said they support the tax-credit provision.

But sponsors of the two plans have been unable to work out a compromise on how to provide additional funds to assist with child-care services.

The Education and Labor measure would establish a new grant program that would provide funds for day-care programs for infants, toddlers, and children under 13. The funding would be distributed through the states, which in turn would give funds to eligible child-care providers. In contrast, the Ways and Means proposal would increase the existing Title XX Social Services Block Grant. The increase would be earmarked for child care and could not be used to take the place of federal and state funds already being used for that purpose.

Conflicts between the two approaches are expected to be worked out during the House-Senate conference process.

BTN begins sixth year of training Baptists

NASHVILLE — Building the Baptist Telecommunication Network into an education and training resource for local church ministries has been both rewarding and expensive, according to Joe Denney, who has led the five-year denominational effort. Denney, manager of the telecommunications department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said accomplishments of the network have strengthened ministries in local churches by using up-to-the-minute technology to deliver training materials and special events.

Since 1981, the Board has invested \$19.2 million in establishing BTN as a national Southern Baptist network, Denney said. The number of subscribers has increased steadily, but the network still is not self-supporting. As of Aug. 31, 1989, a total of 1567 churches, associations and denominational agencies were subscribing to BTN. Denney estimates that BTN needs approximately 3500 subscribers to reach a financial break-even point.

A problem in recent months has been with churches which are not willing to pay to use the material because the satellite signal is not scrambled, Denney said. Sunday School Board trustees instructed the administration of the board to send information to churches advising them of the legal and moral ramifications of taping programs from satellite broadcasts without paying subscription costs.

Material telecast over a satellite is copyrighted just like printed material, according to attorneys in a Washington, D.C., law firm retained by the board. It is a violation to reproduce tapes from a satellite telecast without a subscription agreement because it represents a loss of income for the owner.

51 conversions reported during first soul winning conference

OKLAHOMA CITY — Southern Baptists' first National Soul Winning Conference sponsored by the Home Mission Board resulted in at least 51 professions of faith following a Friday evening neighborhood visitation.

The 51 conversions were recorded following two hours of knocking on doors as conference goers were linked up with lay people from area churches.

Seven Southern Baptist schools make magazine's 'best' list

NASHVILLE — Seven Southern Baptist universities have been named to a list of America's best colleges by U.S. News and World Report magazine.

Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C.; the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va.; Stetson University in Deland, Fla.; and William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., were named to the list of America's best schools in the "variety and vitality" category of regional colleges and universities. The 60 schools in this category were cited as the best at mixing research and liberal arts and catering to students seeking professional and occupational degrees.

The listing published in the national news magazine's Oct. 16 edition, also cited Samford University, Birmingham; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz., as "up-and-coming" schools.

Governments 'doomed' without religious influences, dean says

WASHINGTON (BP) — Faith in God is not a negative influence in society but society's salvation, L. Russ Bush III told the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee Oct. 1.

"It is my conviction — and many Baptists today and yesterday agree — that without the acknowledgement of God, the state is doomed," said Bush, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Bush, who spoke on the Baptist heritage of religious liberty, was joined on the two-day PAC program by several other speakers, including Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.

To succeed, a society needs to be based on faith in God, Bush said, because any other basis is fatally flawed by human nature.

"Governments based upon 'caesars' can never lift their people beyond the caesars," he explained. "When people support government by submitting to higher law, the government will prosper. America needs biblical theism, not as a state religion but as an ethos," or a distinguishing feature.

Since the country's founding, however, Americans have witnessed a "total reversal" in the government's attitude toward religion, Bush said.

While founding fathers like Thomas Jefferson would never have tolerated "an anti-Christian bias in society," he noted, the U.S. Supreme Court since 1962 has treated religion as "oppressive and thus unconstitutional in

the public arena."

The U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights were written for a theistic society, Bush said. Jefferson's analogy of a "wall of separation" between the church and state was intended to ease the fear among Baptist ministers that the government would interfere in the church, he explained.

"The wall was not to surround the church and lock it in," he said. "The wall was to surround and limit government so that the church could be free.

"Roger Williams of Massachusetts complained not that Massachusetts was Christian but that it was not Christian enough," Williams was an early Baptist leader who founded Rhode Island.

"Church and state must be separate, not because separation would produce religious liberty — it doesn't — but because the state church would always produce a pluralistic religion, and that by definition would be a corrupt religion."

Historians who suggest Williams advocated civil liberties "manipulate the facts," Bush said. "His affirmation of religious liberty was almost exclusively aimed at getting the church free of state control so that the church could be truly God's church and God's slave."

"We need not let Roger Williams be our model. He was only a Baptist for about three months anyway. He found that we were not perfect either. But we should learn this one thing from him: Religious liberty means that churches must be protected from the power of

the state."

Political freedoms, including religious liberty, are not absolutes, Bush said, noting, "Freedom is the result of submission to a higher absolute ... God."

People who use II Corinthians 3:17 as a "proof-text" for absolute political freedom mishandle and misinterpret the verse, Bush said. The Scripture,

which says freedom exists where God's Spirit is present, refers to freedom "from the eternal wages of sin," Bush said.

"How is it that II Corinthians 3:17 has become the byword for liberal politics, for liberal theology, as well as for charismatic theology and for any other cause someone may wish to defend?"

New Polish government: Baptists say 'let's wait and see'

WARSAW, Poland (EBPS) — Following national elections last summer which resulted in the landslide victory for the labour union Solidarnosc, Polish Baptists are expressing their approval over the election of union activist Tadeusz Maszowiecki as president of the Polish Parliament. At the same time, some Baptists are taking a "wait and see" stance regarding the new Polish government. Above all, Baptists are hopeful regarding the future of Poland. This, in summary, is the result of several conversations EBPS had recently in Poland.

Polish Baptist Union president, Konstanty Wiazowski, expressed his own encouragement over the speech which Maszowiecki delivered on Sept. 12. According to Wiazowski, the prime minister said among other things, "The government wants to cooperate with Catholic Church and all the other confessions in Poland. Religious freedom is a natural and undeniable right of mankind, and every attempt to abolish it is an act worthy of condemnation."

Commented Wiazowski, "The tone of the speech was very noble and full of hope, and was very well received by the people. The Baptist Union sent congratulations to Maszowiecki."

This opinion was shared by others as well. Ruth Kowalczyk, director of the new School of Languages in Wroclaw, said, "I think Maszowiecki is the right person for (the job). His last sentence in his acceptance speech was, 'I believe God will help us.' When I saw him being elected and heard his speech, and saw all the people (and) knew how long they had been in prison — it was something I never dreamed I would see in my lifetime — I was moved to tears."

"It's too early to tell what the new government will do," said several. "We must wait and see."

One person expressed caution because of the new government's close ties with the Roman Catholic Church. "We don't know yet if (they) will continue to give us freedom of religion. Because of history, we have to be cautious."