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MissionsFest

Memphis church scene of adventure

The countdown has been almost completed for MissionsFest Tennessee.

In the planning stage for many months, the foreign missions extravaganza is scheduled to begin Friday at 4 p.m. at Eudora Church, Memphis.

Nine Foreign Mission Board area directors will team with 42 career missionaries as they share missions experiences.

Program personalities include Bill O'Brien, FMB public affairs executive director; R. Keith Parks, FMB president; and D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director.

Parks will dialogue with pastors and directors of missions, and other associational leadership.

Global "walk-arounds" are planned, hands-on missions experiences. The meeting concludes with a Saturday night commitment service.

Several missionaries have ties with Tennessee.

One killed

Baptist teachers in Chinese airline crash

By Donald D. Martin
GUANGZHOU, China (BP)— Chinese government officials confirmed Oct. 5 that Southern Baptist teacher Mary Anna Gilbert was among 127 people killed in the Oct. 2 crash of a hijacked Chinese jetliner in Guangzhou, China.

Chinese officials told the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou that investigators had identified Gilbert's remains and would immediately prepare them for return to the United States.

Gilbert, 23, and co-worker Erin Thomas, 30, of Harrah, Okla., were returning to teaching assignments at Jia Ying University after a weekend trip, when hijackers tried to divert their Chinese Boeing 737 to Taiwan or Hong Kong. The failed attempt ended in a fiery crash-landing.

Thomas, who was seated next to Gilbert, survived the crash and is in stable condition in a Guangzhou hospital. She has a dislocated shoulder, several broken bones and second- and third-degree burns on one leg. Her parents, Paul Thomas of Newalla, Okla., and Diane Aimes of Norman, Okla., have left for Hong Kong and

were scheduled to arrive Oct. 7 in Guangzhou.

Gilbert, of Alexander City, Ala., had taught only about one month at Jia Ying University in Meixian, in Guangdong Province. She had planned



GILBERT



THOMAS

to teach English in China for two years through Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist service organization.

In that short time, Gilbert's spirited personality and contagious laughter had made its mark and launched several friendships, said Joy Hilbun, a former CSI teacher Gilbert replaced at the university. Hilbun helped Gilbert and Thomas get settled at the school

before returning home to Baton Rouge, La.

"People in Meixian were always commenting to me that Mary Anna loved to laugh," Hilbun said. "Even the women working in the post office said they looked forward to seeing her check for mail. They hoped she'd receive a letter almost as much as she did, just to see her break into that smile."

"I felt very good about leaving my work at Jia Ying with both of them there," she said.

As lively as Gilbert was, she also was gentle in spirit. "She was sensitive to learning new customs and adapting to new surroundings," Hilbun recalled. "She was already developing a good feel for appropriate ways to be a strong witness. You could see how excited she was to be where she was."

It was not easy for Gilbert to reach China, said Clayton Gilbert, her father. Mr. Gilbert, 69, who worked with the Royal Ambassador boys missions education program at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in the early 1970s, is retired associate pastor of First Church, Alexander City. He is now pastor of Pine Grove Church, Camp Hill, Ala.

Cooperative Services International had delayed her approval for teaching in China until she reduced her weight and lowered her blood pressure, he said.

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Historic measure

Soviets adopt religious freedom law

By Martha Skelton
MOSCOW (BP)— After seven decades of religious repression in the Soviet Union, a historic law enacted Oct. 1 forbids the government from interfering with religious activities.

The law, passed by the Soviet parliament, improves the legal status of religious organizations and gives Soviet citizens the right to study religion in homes and in private schools, in the country or abroad.

"We strongly believe it will have a positive influence on our churches," said Gregory Komendant, president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. "We have had past problems with the government, but this new law will protect us from all punishment."

For thousands of Baptists and other religious believers in the Soviet Union, the new law also clears the way for the Sunday Schools, youth activities, and charitable ministries they already are operating.

"We rejoice that it gives a legal basis for what is already being done. This is something to thank God for," said Keith Parker, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area director for Europe.

The Soviet constitution long has guaranteed "freedom of religion," but in practice all but basic worship services were stifled. Christian believers were denied job advancement, higher education and housing because of their

faith, and some were imprisoned. Places of worship were confiscated and put to non-religious uses. The state also financed campaigns to promote atheism in schools, through the media and in so-called Museums of Religion and Atheism — some located in former cathedrals.

Passage of the new law, observers agree, is a de facto acknowledgment that 70 years of atheistic teaching, propaganda and discrimination against believers has failed to diminish, much less eradicate, religious practice in the

Soviet Union.

Komendant attended the parliament debate on the new law, accompanied by Alexei Bichkov, UECB vice president. Peter Shatrov, vice president of the Russian regional Baptist union, attended similar sessions of the Russian republic's representatives.

"All people are pleased and glad that such a law was developed and adopted," said Komendant. He addressed the deputies about a point in the third article of the draft law, and it

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CP needs big total in October

Broken down into equal monthly segments, the monthly Cooperative Program budget goal for Tennessee Baptist Convention is \$2,233,155.

September giving by Tennessee Baptist churches fell below that mark, totaling \$1,591,183.85, a shortfall of \$641,972. September gifts were well below September 1989 — \$410,073.27. Last September's total was \$2,001,257.12.

Total giving for the budget year amounts to \$22,620,038.80 — compared to budget needs of \$24,564,705.

The good news is that giving is up over last year by 1.43 percent, or \$318,050.84. However, CP budget giving is almost \$2 million below budget goal

(\$1,944,666.20).

According to comparative figures, months with five Sundays, such as September, often fall below budget. Those fifth Sunday gifts usually are received in the TBC accounting office too late to be counted in the monthly total.

"We are hoping for a very good October," said D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director/treasurer. "To achieve our budget goal, Cooperative Program giving would have to be \$2.9 million for the rest of October."

"While we may not reach that large a total for October, we believe our churches will be generous and bold in their giving. We hope to come close to our budget goal."

Lowrie pointed out that the Executive Board staff in Brentwood has operated this year on a 95 percent budget. And he noted that the Executive Board is recommending the upcoming budget for 1990-91 remain at the 1989-90 level.

Call to prayer set for Nov. 11

Murray Mathis, Tennessee Baptist Convention president and pastor of Third Church, Murfreesboro, has issued a Call to Prayer and Solemn Assembly on Nov. 11 in Nashville, at Belmont Heights Church.

Mathis' call extends to all Tennessee Baptists and other interested persons, he said. "There will be many Baptist pastors and others already arriving in Nashville," he said, since the annual meeting of the TBC begins Nov. 13. Belmont Heights is the host church.

Mathis said the prayer assembly will begin at 9 p.m. and last "until." He added, "We plan to pray through the night for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the decisions to be made during its sessions."

Claude King, with the Discipleship Training department of the Sunday School Board, will assist in the assembly and "offering guidance."

Convention sessions begin on Tuesday, Nov. 13, but several adjunct meetings are scheduled on Monday, including the annual Pastors' Conference.

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Editorials

Three months of frenzied Baptist activity

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is in the midst of three very important months, months that can vitally affect the wellbeing of its ongoing tasks.

September is the vanguard. Most families have completed their vacation time. The new year cranks up in Sunday School. Groups are promoted. There is a freshness and vigor about new beginnings.

And now we are in October — that blessed time of year for blue skies and associational meetings. Associational leaders, guided by directors of missions, have planned for budgets and ministries.

Tennessee's sixty-eight associations are getting into "high gear." As the meetings are held, there is a time for great expectations. Some rejoicing in the Lord is incorporated into the sessions as blessings are recounted.

There seems to be a firmness re-established when we think of Biblical foundations and Baptist doctrines. There is fellowship, good reporting, joyful singing, praise and prayer, and — food. In all this, the spirit of cooperation must be on a high plane.

We have just completed two days of new staff orientation here at the Baptist Center. The Executive Board staff in Brentwood, agencies, and in-

stitutions, hosted pastors and other new church staff members, and their spouses, for an orientation period.

Plans for implementing ImpacTennessee were discussed by D. L. Lowrie, TBC executive director, and other leaders. There was opportunity for response. The group toured the Baptist Center facilities, met the staff in their places of work, and then had opportunity to hear reports from the leaders.

Sitting around the tables on more than one occasion, one-on-one discussions were commonplace. The talk eventually turned to work in the local church, the association, and, "We'll see you at the state convention."

As the entity heads reported to the new staffers and pastors, each stressed the importance of the local church and the ministry done there. The overall strategy for missions, ministry, and evangelism, is only as strong as the local church. Bonded together, we can attempt and accomplish great things for our Lord.

Soon we will gather at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville for the state convention. Churches and

individuals should be making commitments for attendance and participation on November 13-15.

The state convention is an enlarged version of the associational meeting. We will discuss plans — financial, ministries, missions, education, evangelism. We will hear reports from our Baptist Center departments, from the three colleges and school, from our hospitals, our institutions.

We will hear individual concerns. There will be time for inspirational music and messages. We will vote on important matters. Leaders will be elected. Committee work will be reinforced.

But — none of this can transpire if messengers are not present. Churches should remind members of the November meeting. People should be aware of the program. The Baptist and Reflector is preparing its traditional convention issue which will soon be in the mail. Read about the convention. Be prepared to participate. Get your messenger card validated.

September, October, November — important months for Tennessee Baptists. It is true that it takes great stamina and dedication to be a "good" Baptist! — WFA

'What then shall we do?' Realize reality of hunger

By Robert M. Parham

Many Tennessee Baptist churches will observe World Hunger Day on Sunday, October 14.

Physicians investigating hunger found that Pat Jones' refrigerator contained only a jug of water, a slice of cheese, and three eggs. They learned that their three-year-old son had not had milk to drink in three weeks and that he had eaten his last bowl of cereal with water.

Pat Jones and her son, residents of Montgomery, Alabama, were at dire risk of hunger.

Hundreds of miles away in Roses Creek Hollow, here in Tennessee, Letta Casey and her two boys eked out a living in the Appalachian Mountains. She eagerly waited for school to start in September so that her sons could get decent breakfasts and lunches.

These news stories represent the ongoing reality of poverty and hunger faced by countless people at home and abroad.

Hunger is a grinding reality which causes a host of problems. Lack of adequate nutrition between

conception and age three can cause permanent brain damage. Daily hunger can dull the ability of children to learn in school, diminish the productivity of adults and weaken the immune system of aged adults.

The reality of chronic hunger compels us to ask what we can do to alleviate the problem. Our modern-day question is similar to another which has echoed down through the ages of history.

When the multitude heard John the Baptist's call for repentance and righteous living, they asked him: "What then shall we do?" They desperately wanted to know what they could do to avoid judgment and to live rightly.

John the Baptist replied: "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise" (Luke 3:11). John expected concrete actions as a sign of righteous living.

We, too, ask the question, "What shall we do in a hungry world?" We, too, hear the answer, "We must act."

Consider the following concrete actions:

- Pray that those who are hungry might have bread and that those of us who have bread might have a hunger to act.
 - Study your Bible about the causes of and the cures to hunger.
 - Organize the missions committee in your church to study and to act on the problem of hunger.
 - Give to the hunger ministries of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.
 - Volunteer at a soup kitchen or night shelter.
 - Observe World Hunger Day in your church on October 14.
- What will you do in a hungry world this year, now?

Robert M. Parham is an associate director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention responsible for hunger concerns. The office is in Nashville.

Madagascar — a new spirit in Indian Ocean Islands

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (BP) — A celebration was in full swing, with plenty of food and song.

Slowly, one by one, dancing relatives brought shrouded skeletons of long-deceased ancestors forth from a tomb and paraded them high on their raised hands for all to see. August is the annual time of exhumation in Madagascar — rites that require removing and rewrapping the bodies of sacred ancestors.

Southern Baptist missionary Fred Sorrells describes a common practice for many Malagasy people: "A person will dream, and in the dream one of the ancestors, a grandparent, will say, 'My bones are cold.' That means they must go into the tomb, take out what remains of the body, clean it, and wash the bones, then wrap it again in silk cloth."

Ancestor veneration is just one of many forms of worship in Madagascar, where a people from many races have just as many gods. Madagascar is a mission field as ripe as any on earth.

Baptist work in Madagascar has roots dating back to 1932, when a London Missionary Society worker named Brinkley Evans arrived. He worked with the people, left for a time, and returned as an evangelical missionary.

He worked until he fell sick and returned home in 1945.

From 1945 until 1966, no Baptist missionaries lived on the island. In 1966 Malagasy Baptists invited missionaries from the Conservative Baptist Convention into Madagascar. The first Southern Baptist missionaries, Fred and Sami Sorrells, arrived in 1987.

According to Sorrells, many pockets of unreached people groups live on the island. "There are officially 18 tribes in Madagascar," he said. "Out of those there are only two million people, that you could say are really evangelized. The rest of the population of 12 million is very much unreached."

Many Malagasy Baptists readily admit that evangelical outreach historically has taken a back seat to other church affairs. In 50 years, Baptists in Madagascar have grown only to 1300 believers. They represent 30 churches, 15 of which they started in the past five years.

But Sorrells insists things are different now; a new evangelical spirit is sweeping the churches. "My goal is to motivate Malagasy Baptists to reach out to this island," he said.

Landi Rabenirainy, a choir director and church leader, believes Baptists are starting to recognize the need for

reaching outside the church body. "You could say we are mature because of our years of Christian work, but not in how we share it," he said. "We thank the Lord for this opportunity to share Christ during the Indian Ocean Island Games. It's just the beginning of something bigger for Malagasy Christians."

Sorrells agrees. "The Indian Ocean Island Games have really unified our

Malagasy Baptists," he said. During the games, held Aug. 24-Sept. 4, Baptists took a high-profile position by erecting a large tent just across from Antananarivo's main sports stadium complex. Large green banners all over the capital city invited one and all to visit the Baptist Visitors Center. They also rented the city's natural amphitheater for musical productions and preaching.

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Virginia executive director calls for 'renewal' of CP

By Robert H. Dilday

RICHMOND — A renewal of the Southern Baptist Conventions' Cooperative Program will provide the denomination with "the most effective means possible to spread the Gospel to a world in need," Virginia Baptists' executive director maintains.

"We can no longer ignore the need for a thorough re-examination and updating of the Cooperative Program to make it viable for current and future generations," Reginald M. McDonough, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, said Oct. 2.

McDonough discussed the SBC's 65-year-old missions support system in an address to the Virginia Baptist General Board during its fall meeting.

The state association will consider a proposed 1991 budget at its annual meeting Nov. 13-14 that would reduce

by half undesignated contributions to the SBC's Cooperative Program budget. The remaining amount would be designated for selected Southern Baptist causes.

"A healthy, growing Cooperative Program is essential to our mission now and in the future," McDonough said. "But we don't have to spell 'cooperative program' the same way we have always spelled it."

He noted that Southern Baptists' understanding of the CP has varied in the years since its establishment in 1925 "because needs and circumstances have changed."

While most Southern Baptists today define CP contributions as undesignated gifts to state and national unified budgets, past definitions have included foreign and home missions offerings, McDonough explained.

In fact, he continued, Austin Crouch,

the first executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, defined the CP as "all funds received for any (Southern Baptist) cause . . . whether they be distributable, designated, or special funds."

"Although I am not suggesting that we try to reclaim the original approach," McDonough said, "I do believe we need to be willing to let the plan change as the needs change in order for it to remain effective in witnessing and ministering to a lost world in the name of Christ."

McDonough insisted the need to re-evaluate the CP is not exclusively due to the 12-year theological and political conflict in the SBC.

Recent "conservative" control of national Southern Baptist agencies and institutions has prompted some "moderates" to develop alternative

means of missions funding that bypass the CP.

North Carolina Baptists have proposed a budget similar to Virginia's and an unknown number of churches are considering alternative plans.

But "while there is no doubt that the search for 'new wine skins' was initiated by our despair and anger relating to the denominational controversy, we must turn our anger into a positive pilgrimage toward a renewal of our cooperative missions program," McDonough countered.

"The denominational controversy did not initiate the pressures on the Cooperative Program . . ." he said. "The controversy, by breaking down the level of trust among us, has simply magnified and accelerated the need for change."

BJC changes bylaws to trim SBC representation

WASHINGTON (ABP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Oct. 1 changed its bylaws to trim the official delegation from the Southern Baptist Convention from 18 to 11 members.

At the same time, during their annual meeting, the trustees seated representatives from another Southern Baptist group created to support the work of the Washington-based religious liberty organization.

The bylaw change cuts the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee delegation while adding a new "national member body," the Religious Liberty Council, an umbrella organization representing state conventions, churches, and the Southern Baptist Alliance.

The action was in response to the 1990 annual meeting of the SBC, in which messengers adopted an operating budget which cut the BJC's allocation from \$391,796 in 1989 to \$50,000 in 1990-91.

Documentation provided directors of the BJC at the Oct. 1 meeting noted the SBC "slashed its contribution . . . by more than 87 percent. As a result, the vast majority of our Southern Baptist funding will now come from state conventions and other Southern Baptist

At Tennessee schools

Freshmen ACT scores increase

Average ACT scores of first-year freshmen have increased this year at Tennessee's three Baptist colleges.

Officials at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, reported average ACT scores of the 404 entering freshmen increased from 19.6 last year to 21.9 for 1990.

In addition, overall enrollment topped last year's record of 2016 by reaching an all-time high of 2121 students enrolled, 1918 of them full-time. Enrollment figures reflected a five percent increase over last year.

Approximately 70 percent of the students are Baptist. The majority of students are from the southeast, but 37 states and nine foreign countries are represented in the student body.

Union University, Jackson, reported a nearly two point increase in average ACT scores of the 390 new freshmen. The average is up from 20.41 last year to 22.05 this year.

The overall enrollment of 2072 at the

organizations.

"Obviously," the document states, "we want to be responsive to these Southern Baptist entities that will now be providing the lion's share of this agency's funding."

The bylaw change will go into effect March 4, 1991, at the conclusion of the BJC's Executive Committee meeting.

The change was opposed by the Executive Committee of the SBC in its Sept. 17-19 meeting. The SBC Executive Committee also determined that if the bylaw were adopted, the seven eliminated seats will be the slots given to agency executives and the convention president.

The bylaw also expands the BJC board to 60 members.

Because the current membership is limited to 54 members, only five of the representatives from the Religious Liberty Council were seated for the Oct. 1 meeting. When the bylaw change goes into effect, the RLC will be entitled to nine members.

The Joint Committee voted 32-12 by secret ballot to seat representatives from the Religious Liberty Council after an effort by the Public Affairs Committee to have the issue decided by a roll call vote was defeated.

Jackson and Memphis campuses is down from last year's 2211. Full-time students number 1752 this year, down from 1820 last year.

Nearly 67 percent of students are Baptist, and 54.8 percent are Baptists from Tennessee. Students represent 32 states and 11 foreign countries.

Belmont College, Nashville, entered its centennial year with records in enrollment and average ACT scores.

Enrollment is up 3.9 percent over last year from 2700 to 2812 students. Full-time enrollment is 2137.

The average ACT score this year was 22.3, a one point increase over last year's average, which was top ranked among Tennessee's private colleges.

The student body represents 42 states and 47 foreign countries.

Belmont's School of Biblical Studies and Ministry reported a 44.7 percent increase in religion majors, the largest increase in ten years.

The application for membership on the joint committee was submitted by RLC Chair Grady Cothen, retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Baptist Press informed the Baptist and Reflector that BP could not cover

PAC opposes BJC bylaws changes

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee voted to oppose a proposed bylaw change which would reduce SBC representation on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs from 18 to 11 members and provide for representation from the Religious Liberty Council, a coalition of Southern Baptists representing some state conventions and churches, and the Southern Baptist Alliance.

This action is similar to action taken by the SBC Executive Committee in its Sept. 17-19 meeting.

PAC members were encouraged by its chairman, Albert Lee Smith Jr., an insurance executive from Birmingham, Ala., to "please vote against this motion and do some personal lobbying of other members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs . . ."

The PAC held its semi-annual meeting in Washington Sept. 30-Oct. 1, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the BJCPA.

PAC members, who also represent the Southern Baptist Convention on the BJCPA, had received an Aug. 22 memorandum from BJCPA Executive Director James M. Dunn informing them of the proposed bylaw change to be considered in the annual meeting Oct. 1.

Discussion on how the bylaw change was developed focused on the involvement the PAC members who also serve on the BJCPA executive committee. PAC members questioned Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; Lloyd Elder, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Landrum P. Leavell III, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and Robert Showers, an attorney from Washington, regarding their role in developing the recommendation to change the bylaws.

Leavell, who as BJCPA vice chairman worked with other BJCPA officers

the meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs because of "lack of press representation."

The Baptist and Reflector chose to use an Associated Baptist Press report on the BJC meeting — and the PAC response to BJC actions was reported by BP. — Editor

in considering a bylaw change, indicated that he had received materials introducing the suggested changes and had voted to have them presented to the full BJCPA for consideration. Other Southern Baptist members on the BJCPA executive committee stated that they were not involved.

After discussing the issue for almost an hour, a motion was made by Norris W. Sydnor Jr., pastor of Riverside Church from Fort Washington, Md., that "the PAC go on record as simply disapproving the proposed changes in the membership criteria as set out in Article II of the BJCPA bylaws." The motion passed.

PAC members who serve on the BJCPA executive committee were asked to "forcefully" present the expressed concerns of the PAC in the meeting of the executive committee.

In its meeting the following day, the BJCPA voted to approve the bylaw change, but delayed its implementation until March 1991.

Philippines missionaries safe after bombing

BUTUAN, Philippines (BP) — From the relative safety of their yards four miles away, Southern Baptist missionaries watched Philippine fighter planes make about ten bombing and strafing runs over a rebel-held military post Oct. 5.

The planes were launching a counteroffensive against a rebel mutiny led by a military colonel.

After the bombings, missionaries in Butuan City reported by radio that most of them temporarily had moved in together in three homes. All 14 missionaries in the city were safe.

Rebels who were driven from the base fled into Butuan City, the missionaries reported. From Manila, mission administrator Sam Waldron advised missionaries "to stay inside (and) keep as low as possible."

Our Readers Write

Help is appreciated

We are expanding our educational program this fall in order to meet the continuing demands our growth has brought upon us. Our Michigan church is grateful for the dedicated support we received from three of your churches.

Our growth is due in part to the laymen and youth of Mt. Olive Church in Knoxville, First Church of Newport, and Lincaya Hills Church in Nashville. These congregations are wonderful testimonies to the mission spirit inherent in Tennessee volunteers.

These groups helped us add a 4000 sq. ft. addition, distribute scriptures, repair the pastor's old car, led Vacation Bible Schools, shared in Backyard Bible Clubs, and encouraged everyone in the church.

Best of all, we are still seeing people committing to Jesus Christ because of the seeds that were planted by your volunteers. On behalf of our congregation, I give thanks.

Tony L. Lynn, pastor
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Love for Bible

I am proud to have been pastor of Erin Church for more than 16 years. We are a small congregation in size but our love for God and His Son is huge! Each Christian member is accountable only to God and our church believes in the autonomy of each congregation. This year our gifts to the Cooperative Program will increase and there will be no attempt to circumvent any program or agency. I feel strongly that it is time to practice the Golden Rule and to allow the Lord to reign on His throne. The following essay was written by Sarah Martin, an 11-year-old who was recently saved and baptized in our church:

"The Bible is the most important book in the world to me because it is God's Word. The Bible is special to me for several reasons.

"The Bible is special to me because it shows me how to become a Christian. John 3:16 is one of the most popular verses in the Bible. It tells me that God sent Jesus into the world, and if we believe on Him we will have everlasting life.

"The Bible also teaches me how to love and obey God and how to treat other people. The Ten Commandments are God's laws for me.

"Finally, the Bible offers words of comfort and hope in times of need or sorrow. The Psalms are the best collection of songs and poems to help us.

"These are just a few reasons why the Bible means so much to me. I am thankful for the freedom to read and learn from my Bible each day."

From these words I conclude that her home and church are doing what we should. Let's return to the work and lay aside everything else which hinders us.

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Getting together

I was glad to read Mr. Vandiver's letter of Sept. 26. He is correct. What happens at those annual conventions is pastors voting for other pastors. They self-perpetuate their convictions in their politics over the Bible. The majority there is pastors.

There's no definitive majority of what Baptists believe. No questionnaire has been completed by all 14 million Southern Baptists to determine "conservative" or "moderate" theological convictions.

Not even half could tell you the difference much less what the initials CP or FMB stand for. We can't get half in church on any given Sunday.

The reason most people go to any (Christian) church is because of friends. Not because of politics, "conservative" or "moderate" theology, or even the pastor's sermons. And the reason they leave is because somewhere, somehow, the fellowship has soured.

Most Southern Baptists are in bed or on the golf course on Sundays. What's even worse, all of my Baptist friends from college have left and joined non-denominational churches because they were tired of mindless backbiting in the SBC. They were ashamed to be called Baptists.

Wake up, you pastors and messengers from both camps. The future of the SBC is leaving. No matter what you may think, it isn't because they've gone "liberal" or "fundamentalist." It's because we're fighting! The only reason I've stayed is because of the CP and FMB.

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Trustees' responsibility

Perhaps the most pernicious action of any recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was "a bylaw change which permits its officers to fill staff vacancies . . ."

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We refer to the members of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention as "The Executive Committee."

The sound principles enumerated above are sacrosanct. Those principles are sacred. Those principles are also fully binding upon the committee, all and singular.

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'Local girl makes good'

I am glad Carson-Newman College honored Dolly Parton. She's an example of "Local girl makes good," and she has used her God-given talents to help young people of Sevier County to stay in school and realize their potential.

She uses her time and money to help her home town. I've never heard any scandal about her. Just because a person is in show business doesn't mean they are unfit.

I believe she's a good Christian lady and comes from a Christian family. Let's not sit in judgment of her.

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More about honor

Recently in an executive board meeting of the Holston Association, a representative of the trustees of Carson-Newman College, as well as others, defended their position of awarding Dolly Parton with an honorary degree from that institution, an institution which receives Cooperative Program funds and which has adopted guidelines that must be met to even consider such an honor.

The majority of consideration was given because of her humanitarian assistance to the children/students of

GUIDELINES: Opinions of Tennessee Baptists on pertinent subjects are welcomed. Letters should be concise, no more than 250 words. Writer's name may be withheld for sufficient reason. Only one letter from the same writer will be considered for publication per quarter. Letters must not make personal attacks on the character or integrity of anyone. Form letters and "open" letters will not be published. Writers should send original copy. Writers are encouraged to write in a positive, Christian manner. Address and phone number must be included. Letters not conforming to these guidelines will be returned.

Sevier County. After further discussion, those speaking for Carson-Newman, admitted they had not heard her testimony of faith in Christ, nor was she asked if such a commitment to Christ had even been entered into.

If Sevier County wants to commend her for her work let them. The majority of those assembled voted to oppose her receiving this degree.

For many years we have heard representatives from Carson-Newman say "We are your college" or "We are here to serve you." I urge trustees and others who have a voice in this matter to not bring shame and disgrace to Southern Baptists by following through with plans to confer this degree.

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Mixed reports

It seems that the trustees' decision of Carson-Newman College to grant an honorary degree to Dolly Parton has sparked controversy in this section. Pastor Joe R. Wren of Sevierville thinks it's a good idea and Phil Comer of Dandridge thinks Dolly is pretty much a saint as indicated by their letters in the Sept. 12 issue. Others in previous editions have opposed the idea.

Isn't this the same Dolly Parton who has had starring roles in questionable movies?

But, alas, we Baptists can relax since we know the "conservatives" now have control of our schools and universities and I presume this means Carson-Newman.

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Jackson 38301

Carson-Newman College announced several weeks ago that Dolly Parton will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in a special academic ceremony Oct. 21. Her personal interest in the education of youth was cited, along with "commitment to the educational and economic vitality of East Tennessee."

Several letters, pro and con, have been printed. After this issue, other letters will not be used. — Editor

L. W. Todd dies

L. W. Todd, pastor of Mt. Gilead Church, Bethel Springs, died Aug. 30. Todd had been pastor of Mt. Gilead Church for more than two years.

Since being ordained in 1947 at Madison Church, Jackson, Todd served as pastor of First Church, Adamsville; First Church, Friendship; Crossroads Church, Bells; Sandridge Church, Lexington; Missionary Grove Church, Camden; Cairo Church, Alamo; and Madison Church.

The Parsons native is survived by his wife, Isobel, and son, Howard Todd of Ridgely.



MISSIONS MEETING — Approximately 29 Tennessee Baptist mission pastors and their spouses attended a retreat Sept. 21-22 sponsored by the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In the photo above, Faye and Leon Edwards, left, of Harvest Field Mission, Pegram, visit with Nancy and Tony McClanahan of Blythe Avenue Mission, Cleveland. In photo below, from left, are TBC Executive Director D. L. Lowrie; Lemuel Wade, Hickory Hollow Mission, Antioch; Larry Kirk, TBC Missions Department; James Henderson, Oakhaven East Mission, Memphis; and Willie Freeman, Greater Tabernacle Church of Lawrence County.



Soviets adopt religious freedom . . .

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was adopted with the revision he requested. A reference had been made about the form of worship services being "not bad for human health." Concerned that this phrase might be used against churches in certain situations, Komendant asked that it be dropped. Instead, the law affirms all human rights in relation to worship.

An equality provision in the law will affect both young and old church members. No longer will young people be excluded from educational opportunities because of their church involvement. And retiring pastors, like all workers, will be eligible for state pensions. "We are equal with all, equal in pay and pensions," Komendant said.

The educational rights have been extended to all churches equally, so students from the evangelical tradition will have the same prospects as Orthodox or Catholic students.

The government will continue to have a religion department, but its function will change. It will be an information center, not a body monitor-

Richard Herrington dies

Richard Herrington II, pastor of Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage, died Oct. 6 of a heart attack.

A native of Mississippi, Herrington had been pastor of the Hermitage church since 1978. He also was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Kentucky.

Herrington held degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was a trustee of Belmont College, Nashville.

Herrington, 47, was writing the fall quarter Life and Work Sunday School lessons for the Baptist and Reflector.

Herrington is survived by his wife, Sharon, and three daughters — Sara, Marea, and Holly.

First Church, Kingsport, members build Habitat house

Members of First Church, Kingsport, adopted another building program this summer though they are raising funds for a \$2 million church renovation project.

The church built a house for a family through Habitat for Humanity, a non-denominational program providing housing for families.

Members not only gave about \$22,000, but met a challenge to it in

ing the churches, said Komendant. Local authorities will be the governmental bodies with which churches will deal, he said.

The diminished government relationship to atheism is a key provision of the law. While atheism remains an integral part of communist dogma, the new law prohibits the government from funding either religious or atheistic activities and propaganda. For years religious leaders, including Baptists, called for the government to put atheism and religion on equal legal footing. They presented these and other ideas in discussions with government representatives about what provisions the new law should contain.

"Atheism ought to be the same voluntary organization like religion — self-supported, self-governed," Bichkov said after a 1988 meeting with government officials. He was general secretary of the UECB for many years.

Some members of the Soviet parliament are Christian, but none are evangelical, Komendant said. But many "are sympathetic to us," he added.

Observers of religion in the Soviet Union see ambiguities and unanswered questions in the new law and its implementation. But they expressed a guarded optimism that fundamental change has come to relieve decades of inequality for the nation's churches and believers.

Peter Reddaway, an expert on Soviet religion at George Washington University in Washington, told the Associated Press: "The authorities have been loosening restrictions for a couple of years, and now they're putting it in writing." He estimates 50 million Muslims, 30 million Russian Orthodox followers, six million Catholics, two million Jews, and one million Baptists live in the Soviet Union.

just ten days. Carl and Donna Patrick and their three sons moved in Sept. 18.

"The fellowship, camaraderie of working with other members of the church and with the family . . . was the greatest thing about it," said Ray Willis, member of the church committee which led the project.

About 100 church members invested 533 "workdays" on the house, including many like Robert Strupe, an engineer at Eastman Kodak Company

Certain elements of the law will be worked out later. It calls for establishing a panel of religious leaders to advise the government on human rights issues. Religious practice in the Soviet military is another incomplete area. The law says soldiers may participate in religious services during free time. One lawmaker asked about the military organizing services for soldiers, but was told this question would have to be worked out later.

Another open question remains: will the Russian Orthodox Church attempt to regain a pre-eminent position among legally recognized religions? It was the state church in Russia for centuries.

Bichkov has participated in preliminary meetings to establish a new Bible society in the Soviet Union. In the course of these discussions, he has become concerned that some Russian

Baptist teachers in crash . . .

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Charlie Wilson, representative of Cooperative Services International based in Hong Kong, went to nearby Guangzhou early Oct. 3 to aid Thomas and try to determine the status of Gilbert, who originally was listed as "missing."

CSI, a Southern Baptist service organization, helped both women secure their English-teaching assignments at Jia Ying University in Meixian, China.

Thomas told Wilson the dramatic story of her escape from the fiery wreck:

The two teachers were returning aboard a Chinese Boeing 737 to their teaching assignments from a holiday trip to the coastal city of Xiamen. Thomas said a man clutching two bunches of silk flowers walked from the back of the jet to the cockpit, disappearing behind the curtain separating the cockpit from the passenger cabin.

and former building contractor, who gave a week of vacation, said Willis.

The cost of the 2300 square foot house was so low because the city of Kingsport gave the lot, reported Willis.

Workers often labored 12 hours a day, sharing numerous talents. All needed labor was donated except the work of one blocklayer, Willis added. Likewise the community responded as local companies gave or discounted materials.

The Patrick family worked 500 hours on the house and will repay the cost of the house as required by Habitat for Humanity, which provides capital for future housing projects. Habitat also screens the candidates.

The project is an example for other churches, noted Tommy Holtzclaw, director of missions, Sullivan Association. Smaller churches could cooperate, he added.

"Everybody feels good about something like this. The family was really humbled by it," said Holtzclaw.

Even though the church is raising money for its own building project, Willis explained, "the mission committee decided we need to do something for the poor people in Kingsport."

"The theme of Habitat for Humanity is 'No more shacks,'" said Willis. — Connie Davis

Orthodox leaders want to get as close as possible to their former state church supremacy.

Evangelicals and those of other faiths, who remember the oppression they suffered during those years, are not encouraged. "When atheism oppressed us, we were together. When oppression disappeared, (Orthodox leaders) repudiated 70 years of experience," Bichkov said. "We are afraid they will become the national, institutional church."

Bichkov said he has seen indications that the Russian Orthodox Church may insist that any Bible society operate under its jurisdiction rather than serve all faiths from an independent stance. The first Russian Bible Society, organized in 1813, was closed later by the czar under pressure from the Orthodox church.

The flowers (which may have concealed a weapon, although Thomas did not see one) did not attract attention because China was celebrating both National Liberation Day Oct. 1 and a mid-autumn festival. The man also may have had an accomplice — another man in a yellow shirt — Thomas said. News reports have said the two hijackers demanded that the plane fly to Hong Kong.

A short time later two members of the flight crew emerged from the cockpit, and flight attendants asked passengers in the first six rows to move farther back in the cabin. One attendant told Thomas — who was seated with Gilbert in the 10th row — that there had been a "mistake" and that the flight, scheduled to land in Guangzhou, might fly to a foreign city.

The plane continued on to Guangzhou, however, and circled the city's airport for some time, Thomas recalled. The pilot then attempted to land the plane there, and a scuffle began in the cockpit during the attempted landing.

Apparently out of control, the plane skidded down the runway, clipped one empty plane on the ground, rammed another one with passengers aboard, and flipped over. Thomas said she had no memory of an explosive being set off before or during the landing, as some reports have indicated.

After the crash, "she was aware of being upside down," Wilson related. "She kicked her way loose and crawled toward a spot of light she thought she saw. Then things went black, and there was a vacuum and a kind of 'whoosh,' then a fireball. She was still going toward where the light had been, even though everything was dark."

"She literally crawled out (of the wreckage) and popped on the ground," Wilson continued. "She knew she had to get away from the plane before it exploded, and she began to crawl away on her hands and knees. She felt something cold and wet — the foam spread on the runway by the rescue people — and then three Chinese men picked her up, put her on a stretcher and took her to the infirmary. Later she was brought to the hospital."

Wilson called Thomas' survival "a miracle." One witness told the Associated Press that "there wasn't much left of the plane. It was just a crematorium." Other witnesses said the plane snapped in half.



BUILDERS — First Church, Kingsport, members, from left, Robert Strupe, Marilyn Nations, and Ruth Goodwin, take a break during construction. — Photo by Ray Willis

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARDS FOR 1990-91

The Committee on Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1993 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another. [E] East [M] Middle [W] West

Bold Face Type indicates person nominated, renominated, or filling an unexpired term. The church and church's city are listed for each nominee.

The names and churches of nominees listed below were furnished by the TBC executive director's office.

An asterisk (*) indicates renomination.

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1993

- EAST**
1. Mrs. M. P. Turner, West Hills, Knoxville*
 2. Mrs. Kelver Mullins, Gray Southern, Gray*
 3. Dean Buchanan, Glenwood, Kingsport*
 4. James McCluskey, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville*
 5. Earl McCosh, Cherokee Hills, Morristown*
 6. Roy Sorrells, Calvary, Elizabethton*
 7. Thomas Gatton, Second, Knoxville*
 8. C. David Brown, Mine City, Ducktown
 9. Ralph Hooker, Shiloh, Ocoee
 10. Oren Creasman, Easton Olive, Riceville
 11. Gary Baker, First, Sweetwater
 12. Robert Segrest, Concord, Chattanooga
 13. Margaret Morton, Trace Creek, New Johnsonville*
 14. Tim Floyd, First, Columbia*
 15. Bob Mowrey, Park Avenue, Nashville*
 16. Garner Foster, First, Pulaski*
 17. Roger Shelton, Haywood Hills, Nashville
 18. Jerry Oakley, Springfield, Springfield*
 19. Christine Bess, Crivewood, Nashville
 20. Joseph E. Wiles, Silver Point, Silver Point
 21. David George, Immanuel, Nashville
 22. Mike Adams, First, Linden
 23. Hillard Goode, First, Humboldt
 24. Ron Davidson, First, Henderson*
 25. M. B. Howard, Oak Grove, Covington*
 26. Joseph H. Trybone, Hillcrest, Dyersburg*
 27. Doug Baker, Parran's Chapel, Bolivar*
 28. J. H. Patrick, Colonial, Memphis
 29. Lynn King, Maplewood, Paris
 30. Conyers Walker, Sand Ridge, Lexington
 31. Don McCulley, First, Dresden
 32. Harold Maples, Ridgeway, Memphis
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Fred Steelman, Red Bank, Chattanooga
 2. Gary Anderson, First, Dunlap
 3. Bruce Hullette, Oak Grove, Mt. Carmel
 4. John Burleson, Dixie Lee, Lenoir City
 5. Howard Olive, Monte Vista, Maryville
 6. Donald A. Givens, St. Elmo, Chattanooga
 7. Guy M. Milam, N. Knoxville, Knoxville
 8. Harold Lingerfelt, Emmanuel, Elizabethton
 9. Mrs. Laurann Whetham, Coryton, Coryton
 10. Danny Ruehling, New Union, Dayton
 11. John Compton, Oak Grove, Mt. Carmel
 12. B. Franklin Davis, First, Chattanooga
- MIDDLE**
13. John Langlois, Lockeland, Nashville
 14. Emerson Wiles Jr., First, Fayetteville

15. James Growden, Edgemont, Shelbyville
16. Fate Wilson, Gum Springs, Sparta
17. James Parch, First, Tullahoma
18. Dean Haun, First, Sparta
19. Paul Moody, First, Erin
20. Leonard Markham, Bluegrass, Hendersonville
21. Lee Barrett, Whitsett Chapel, Nashville
22. Ruth Ages, Fairview, Lebanon
23. Reuben Trussell, Cherry Road, Memphis
24. Jerry Barker, First, Alamo
25. Fred Ward, First, Huntingdon
26. Ken Story, Germantown, Germantown
27. Raymond Boston, First, Dyersburg
28. Truman Spurgin, Munford, Munford
29. Clint Oakley Jr., Mt. Terrace, Memphis
30. Jimmy Breedlove, Parkview, Jackson
31. Joe Littlefield, White Station, Memphis
32. Bob Armour, First, Troy
33. Max Walker, First, Selmer

Term Expiring 1991

- EAST**
1. John W. Holland, Salem, Knoxville
 2. A. Moncrief Jordan, First, Jefferson City
 3. Mrs. Jack McEwen, First, Chattanooga
 4. Mrs. Dan Farmer, Southwestern, Johnson City
 5. Hershel Chevallier, Cumberland, Knoxville
 6. Wendell Boertje, Central, Bearden, Knoxville
 7. David W. Crocker, Central, Johnson City
 8. William L. Swafford, Magna View, Morristown
 9. Larry Williams, Oolewah, Oolewah
 10. Gary Gerhardt, First, Church Hill
 11. Mrs. Paul Nolan, Signal Mountain, Signal Mountain
 12. Ron Owens, Grace, Elizabethton
- MIDDLE**
13. Ann Davenport, First, McMinnville
 14. Gerald Bland, First, Monterey
 15. Paul Durham, Radnor, Nashville
 16. Larry Gilmore, College Heights, Gallatin
 17. Donald Owens, Immanuel, Lebanon
 18. C. William Palmer, Bethel, Greenbrier
 19. John Laida, First, Clarksville
 20. T. Jerrell Sutton, Two Rivers, Nashville
 21. J. Mike Kemper, Green River, Waynesboro
 22. Wayne Markham, Lantana, Crossville
 23. Mark Stinnett, Prosperity, Auburntown

- WEST**
24. Mickey Basham, North Jackson, Jackson
 25. John Bedford, Beverly Hills, Memphis
 26. Calvin Harvell, Eudora, Memphis
 27. Franklin Samuels, Southland, Memphis
 28. Ray E. Fowler, Highland Heights, Memphis*
 29. David Bartholomew, First, Trimble
 30. Wilburn Nelson, Chapel Hill, Milan
 31. Wayne Perkins, Bethel, Greenfield
 32. Howard S. Kolb, Audubon Park, Memphis

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- Term Expiring 1993**
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 2. Calvin Metcalf, Central, Fountain City, Knoxville*
 3. Glenn Stophel, Brainerd, Chattanooga*
 4. Gladys C. Cowart, First, Pigeon Forge
 5. Edward M. Smith, First, Franklin

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Stanley Brumfield, Brook Hollow, Nashville
 2. William E. Crook, Grace, Nashville
 3. Paul Jennings, Southeast, Murfreesboro
 4. Bruce Hammond, Brook Hollow, Nashville
 5. Robert G. Lamons, First, Jackson
- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Fred Steelman, Red Bank, Chattanooga
 2. Tom Jensen, Wallace Memorial, Nashville
 3. Gene Taylor, First, Jackson
 4. E. Earl Dausner, First, Selmer
 5. Don Hill, Calvary, Kingsport

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES INC.

- Term Expiring 1993**
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 2. James A. Kinsey, Walnut Grove, Union City*
 3. Jackie Kay, Bartlett, Bartlett*
 4. Mrs. Louise Wilburn, First, Collierville*
 5. Kenneth Newman, Inglewood, Jackson
 6. R. J. Hames, Brainerd, Chattanooga*
 7. Greg Boston, First, Sparta
 8. Bob Hunt, First, Lawrenceburg
 9. Serbella Terry, Tabernacle, Clarksville
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. William Blackwell, First, Nashville
 2. James W. Best, First, Greeneville
 3. Mrs. Frances Slover, Pleasant Grove, Covington
 4. Verlon Moore, Hildale, Clarksville
 5. William F. Mason, Meadowview, Georgetown
 6. Robert Spradlin, Cedar Fork, Philadelphia
 7. Ronnie Batchelor, First, Greenfield
 8. Gerald Hallmark, Colonial, Memphis
 9. Clark Gross, First, Chattanooga

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Gerald Huddleston, First, Jamestown
 2. James Roddy, Siam, Elizabethton
 3. Mrs. Vivian Cunningham, Cedar Grove, Maryville
 4. Franklin D. Hawkins, First, Kingsport
 5. George Horton, Haywood Hills, Nashville
 6. Frank Ingraham, First, Franklin
 7. Hoyt Wilson, First, Lexington
 8. Talmadge Cribfield Sr., Macedonia, Ripley
 9. Roy Fisher, First, Donelson
- BELMONT COLLEGE**
- Term Expiring 1993**
1. W. E. Sheriff, Forest Hills, Nashville
 2. John E. McCall, Forest Hills, Nashville*
 3. Gary V. Webster, First, Goodlettsville*
 4. Mary Lu Smith, Brook Hollow, Nashville*
 5. Horace Houston Hooper Jr., Harpeth Heights, Nashville
 6. Phillip A. Cooley, First, Gallatin*
 7. Clinton H. Swafford, First, Winchester
 8. B. Otto Wheeler, First, Concord
 9. T. J. McDaniel Jr., Harpeth Heights, Nashville
 10. F. Murray Mathis, Third, Murfreesboro
 11. Ken L. Castleberry, Dalewood, Nashville
 12. Helen Kennedy, Judson, Nashville
 13. Thomas R. Boyd, First, Lebanon
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Glenn Hester, First, Flintville
 2. Drew Maddux Sr., First, Hendersonville
 3. Rebecca Wilson, Second, Memphis
 4. Gordon Inman, First, Franklin
 5. Robert Lee Wood, First, Mt. Juliet
 6. G. Fred Baldwin, First, Greenbrier
 7. Donna Hille, Park Avenue, Nashville
 8. George West III, Brentwood, Brentwood
 9. W. Gerald Ezell, First, Nashville

10. J. Gibson DeLacey, Hobson Pike, Mt. Juliet
11. Jerry Tracey, First, Manchester
12. M. Felts Dent Jr., First, Clarksville
- 13.

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Hortense M. Downard, Belmont Heights, Nashville
 2. James Covington, West End, Fayetteville
 3. Steve H. Horrell, Woodmont, Nashville
 4. Jane Jones, Bethel, Greenbrier
 5. Richard Patton, First, Portland
 6. Bernard Barkley, First, Old Hickory
 7. J. Milton Knox, First, Shelbyville
 8. Joe L. Evans, Memorial, Chattanooga
 9. Joel Snider, Crivewood, Nashville
 10. Mary Frances Rudy, Immanuel, Nashville
 11. Peggy DePriest, Edgefield, Nashville
 12. Larry Thrailkill, Brentwood, Brentwood
 13. Malcolm Barrett, Glenwood, Nashville

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

- Term Expiring 1993**
1. Bob Bell, Westwood, Cleveland*
 2. Mrs. Frances Kitchell, First, Mountain City*
 3. Edwin W. Davis, Mt. Olive, Knoxville*
 4. Billy Edmonds, Pleasant Grove, Coalfield*
 5. Joe R. Haynes, Central, Fountain City*
 6. John Carpenter, Trinity, Jonesborough*
 7. Mrs. Carolyn Guerry, First, Chattanooga*
 8. Phillip Kazee, First, Oneida*
 9. Roger Purkey, Pleasant View, Morristown
 10. Harry McClurg, First, Alcoa
 11. Jim Hoyal, First, Etowah
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Odie Major, First, Morristown
 2. Elbert L. Willson III, First, Athens
 3. George Lockett, Trenton Street, Harriman
 4. Mrs. Merrill Moore Jr., Monte Vista, Maryville
 5. Mrs. Leo Walker Yaakum, Tazewell, Tazewell
 6. Dillard Mynatt, First, Gatlinburg
 7. David McConnell, First, Newport
 8. Harry McNeely, First, Kingsport
 9. Larry Fields, Central, Bearden
 10. Charles W. Ownby, First, Sevierville
 11. T. Maxfield Bahner, Signal Mountain, Chattanooga

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Robert C. Fox, First, Oliver Springs
 2. Henry Blanc, First, Jefferson City
 3. J. Reed Dixon, First, Sweetwater
 4. Marvin Cameron, First, Gatlinburg
 5. Harlan F. Reynolds, Tulip Grove, Hermitage
 6. Lonas Tarr, First, Jefferson City
 7. Jack Stewart, Manley, Morristown
 8. Frank Crumpler, Brainerd, Chattanooga
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 10. Samuel D. Dean, First, Clinton
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 8. Mack Forrester, First, Ridgely*
 9. Katherine Bowld, Woodland, Brownsville
 10. William C. Clear Jr., First, Dyersburg
 11. H. G. Coltharp, First, Jackson
 12. Dan Davidson, Calvary, Jackson
 13. Trevis Otey II, First, Trenton
 14. Jack Porter, Bethel, Greenfield
 15. Billy Skinner, First, Union City

16. Bob Upton, Pleasant Hill, Jackson

Term Expiring 1992

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

Term Expiring 1991

1. Judson Lambert, First, Tiptonville
2. Mrs. Millard K. Kesterson, Bird's Creek, Paris
3. Thomas Walker, First, Paris
4. J. Edward North, First, Humboldt
5. Jesse M. Price Sr., First, Somerville
6. Jerry Glisson, Leawood, Memphis
7. Phillip D. Jett, Englewood, Jackson
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10. Kenneth Lecker, West Jackson, Jackson
11. William Adcock, First, Newbern
12. William B. Cockroft, Germantown, Germantown
13. Joe Swain, First, Covington
14. Polk Glover, First, Obion
15. Ray Newcomb, First, Millington
16. John Pippin, First, Savannah

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 4. Hollis Marshall, First, Greeneville
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 6. McKinley Braden, Central (Bearden), Knoxville*
 7. Wesley Goddard, Armona, Maryville
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Mrs. Peggy Litz, Buffalo Trail, Morristown
 2. John Douglas, Colonial Heights, Knoxville
 3. William Scandlyn, Trenton Street, Harriman
 4. Roy Gilleland III, Belmont Heights, Nashville
 5. Tim Page, Grace, Knoxville
 6. Judy Mitchell, Mouth of Richland, Blaine
 7. Dan Farmer, First, Greenfield

Term Expiring 1991

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3. Ted Huckaby, Buffat Heights, Knoxville
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 2. S. Powers Smith, First, Henning
 3. Hugh M. Willson, First, Niota
- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Milton Magee, First, Dyersburg
 2. William S. Cockroft, Second, Memphis
 3. Robert L. Orr, First, Dyersburg
- BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM INC., NASHVILLE**
- Term Expiring 1993**
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 2. Mack Forrester, First, Ridgely*
 3. Katherine Bowld, Woodland, Brownsville
 4. William C. Clear Jr., First, Dyersburg
 5. H. G. Coltharp, First, Jackson
 6. Dan Davidson, Calvary, Jackson
 7. Trevis Otey II, First, Trenton
 8. Jack Porter, Bethel, Greenfield
 9. Billy Skinner, First, Union City

1. Frank McGregor, First, Clarksville*
 2. Charles Page, First, Nashville
 3. Scott Jenkins, First, Gallatin*
 4. Kenneth L. Ross, Woodmont, Nashville*
 5. J. Bill Morris, First, Dayton*
 6. Toney Hudson, First, Cookeville*
 7. C. Dennis Newkirk, First, Clarksville
 8. Ralph Bryant, First, Celina
 9. Bill Banks, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage
- Term Expiring 1992**
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 2. Gaye McGlothlen, Immanuel, Nashville
 3. Elbert Conrad Shackelford, First, Hendersonville
 4. Joe Casey, Eastland, Nashville
 5. Virgil Peters, Eastside, Burns
 6. James W. (Bill) Owen Jr., Mount Carmel, Cross Plains
 7. Roy Bobb, First, Hendersonville
 8. Osta Underwood, Belmont Heights, Nashville
 9. H. Dean Dickey, First, Columbia
- Term Expiring 1991**
1. D. Ed Moody Jr., First, Franklin
 2. Guy Bates Sr., First, Joelton
 3. Virgil H. Moore Jr., First, Columbia

4. Robert J. Norman, Clearview, Franklin
5. Jewell Jennings, First, Lebanon
6. Jack Adams, East Commerce, Lewisburg
7. H. David Smith, Brook Hollow, Nashville
8. Gary Carver, First, Chattanooga
9. J. Harold Stephens, Edgemont, Shelbyville

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Term Expiring 1993

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 3. Dean Williams, First, Newport*
 4. Warren Gooch, First, Jefferson City*
 5. Lon Shoopman, First, Madisonville
 6. Betty Gill, First, Concord
 7. William J. Acuff, First, Concord
 8. Donald Morris, Inskip, Knoxville
 9. Frank Charton, South Harri-man, Harri-man
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. William Cope, First, Pigeon Forge
 2. Robert Burch, Calvary, Knoxville

4. John Edward Way Jr., First, Powell
 5. William B. Stokely III, West Knoxville, Knoxville
 6. Warren Payne, Central (Bearden), Knoxville
 7. John D. Wallace, First, Morristown
 8. David Myers, First, Maryville
 9. Elizabeth McCluskey, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Jack Easterday, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
 2. John Sample, West Hills, Knoxville
 3. Dudley Cockrum, Glenwood, Powell
 4. Harry Wampler, First, Lenoir City
 5. Paul Walker, Central (Bearden), Knoxville
 6. Edsel Lee West, South Harri-man, Harri-man
 7. Harold Cates, Lincoln Avenue, Newport
 8. James Temple, First, Sevierville
 9. Robert E. Hill, First, Knoxville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES INC.
Term Expiring 1993

1. James Hamey, First, Huntland*
2. Ernest Vincett, First, Cleveland*

3. James Cambron, Pinecrest, Johnson City*
4. Marvin Ogle, Tusculum, Greeneville*
5. Mrs. Joyce Moore, First, Paris*
6. Ray D. Graves, First, McKenzie

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Howard Foshee, Clearview, Franklin
 2. Kenneth Clayton, Tulip Grove, Old Hickory
 3. Bill Baird Griffith, Bangham Heights, Cookeville
 4. Terry Gant, Two Rivers, Nashville
 5. Obie Campbell, New Providence, Loudon
 6. Mrs. James H. Cooley, East Lake, Chattanooga
- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Chester LaFever, Grace, Nashville
 2. Mrs. Betty Norton, Westwood, Cleveland
 3. Lloyd Johnson, Dickerson Road, Nashville
 4. Danny Wheeler, Wards Grove, Lexington
 5. Alvis Styron, Temple, Memphis
 6. Margaret Duncan, Eastland, Nashville

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Term Expiring 1993

1. Jerry Mantooth, Robertville, Oak Ridge (E)
2. Kerney Bailey, Inglewood, Nashville (M)
3. Wayne Roman, Oakwood, Milan (W)
5. Jimmy O. Sparks, Charjean, Memphis (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Ronald T. Murray, First, Kingst-own (E)
 2. C. W. Dean, Oak Grove, Springfield (M)
 3. Gerry Claybrook, Long Hollow, Hendersonville (M)
 4. Paul K. Moore, Charleston, Charleston (W)
 5. William Summers, First, Trimble (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. William E. Owens, Ridgedale, Chattanooga (Temporary Chair-man) (E)
 2. Mrs. Howard Cockrum, Cumberland, Knoxville (E)
 3. Charles D. Williams, Shelbyville Mills, Shelbyville (M)
 4. W. D. Thomason, Green Hills, Mt. Juliet (M)
 5. Bob Matthews, Berclair, Memphis (W)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1990-91

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1993 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, resigned, passed away, or moved from one grand division to another.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS
Term Expiring 1993

1. Larry Parrott, McPheters Bend, Church Hill (E)
2. Jerry Tidwell, Grace, Tullahoma (M)
3. Leslie L. Bruce, First, White House (M)
4. Bobby Johnson, La Guardo, Lebanon (M)
5. Lamar Boothe, Grace, Ripley (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. David Simmons, White Oak, Chattanooga (Temporary Chair-man) (E)
 2. Mary Jayne Allen, First, Chattanooga (E)
 3. Archie King, First, Murfreesboro (M)
 4. Mike Gass, Southside, Shelbyville (M)
 5. E. Gordon Crocker, White Station, Memphis (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Benny Keck, Buffalo Trail, Morristown (E)
 2. Brian B. Courtney, First, Sneedville (E)
 3. Randy P. Latch, New Bethlehem, Dyer (W)
 4. Dannis Lunford, Antioch, Medina (W)
 5. Tommy Stevens, First, Rutherford (W)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS
Term Expiring 1993

1. Richard N. Perkey, Central, Fountain City (E)
 2. Lyndell Parks, Belle Aire, Murfreesboro (M)
 3. David Hughes, Tusculum Hills, Nashville (M)
 4. Charles Ennis, First, Covington (W)
 5. L. Paul Wynne, Berclair, Memphis (W)
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Robert Calloway, Cumberland, Knoxville (E)
 2. Jim Skillington, Ridgedale, Chattanooga (E)
 3. Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, First, Lawrenceburg (M)
 4. Harold Galyon, First, Smyrna (M)
 5. Ronald W. Stallings, First, Bolivar (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Vernon Cox, Central, Chattanooga (E)

2. Donald L. Bright, Sharon, Knoxville (E)
3. Robert N. Allen, Springfield, Springfield (M)
4. W. L. Branin, Balmoral, Memphis (W)
5. David Ray, First, Parsons (Temporary Chairman) (W)

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS
Term Expiring 1993

1. John Perkins, Immanuel, Elizabethton (E)
2. Richard C. German, Highland, Tullahoma (M)
3. Thomas Mattox, First, Summertown (M)
4. Ronald E. Wylie, Southside, Dyersburg (W)
5. Mickey Hanks, First, Maury City (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. John Parrott Jr., East Rogersville, Rogersville (E)
 2. Ken Altom, First, Cookeville (Temporary Chairman) (M)
 3. Glenn Weekley, First, Hendersonville (M)
 4. William A. Foote, Cherry Road, Memphis (W)
 5. Paul Clark, Calvary, Jackson (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Stephen Witt, Mountain Creek, Chattanooga (E)
 2. Mack Bingham, Central (Bearden), Knoxville (E)
 3. Mrs. Helen Child, Mt. Olive (South), Knoxville (E)
 4. Marshall Gupton, Una, Nashville (M)
 5. Paul Barkley, Ardmore, Memphis (W)

CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE
Term Expiring 1993

1. Robert A. Harris, First, Kingston (E)
 2. Fred Singleton, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Juliet (M)
 3. Ronny Gray, Trinity, Manchester (M)
 4. Sarah Emerson, Saulsbury, Saulsbury (W)
 5. James A. Willoughby, Southside, Dyersburg (W)
- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Brenda Tenpenny, Manley, Morristown (E)
 2. M. L. Hicks Sr., First, Madisonville (E)
 3. Kenny Beam, Woodmont, Nashville (M)
 4. Jack Knox, Germantown, Germantown (W)
 5. Bennie Davis, Southland, Memphis (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Harry K. Hays, Brainerd, Chattanooga (E)
 2. C. W. Cordell, Cartwright, Cartwright (E)
 3. Roy Gilliland III, Belmont Heights, Nashville (M)
 4. Tom B. Summers, Parkview, Lewisburg (Temporary Chair-man) (M)

5. Howard Ragsdale, First, Union City (W)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Term Expiring 1993

1. Mrs. Carolyn Dipboye, First, Oak Ridge (E)
2. Richard Reagan, Valley Grove, Knoxville (E)
3. Howard Bradley, North Springfield, Springfield (M)
4. Bob Lane, Faith, Atoka (W)
5. S. Ray Jones, First, Camden (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. James Robertson, Sharon, Knoxville (E)
 2. Ken L. Castleberry, Dalewood, Nashville (M)
 3. W. Roy Fisher, First, Donelson (M)
 4. Ron F. Harber, Puryear, Puryear (Temporary Chairman) (W)
 5. Charles Timberlake, Shelby Forest, Millington (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Thomas Bandy III, First, Kingsport (E)
 2. Bill Hill, Ball Camp, Knoxville (E)
 3. Bobby Zumbro, First, Woodbury (M)
 4. Jerry Hamlin, First, Ashland City (M)
 5. A. Sidney Waits, First, Collier-ville (W)

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
Term Expiring 1993

1. Jim O'Dillon, Ooltewah, Ooltewah (E)
2. Dan Murphy, Paint Rock, Philadelphia (E)
3. Harold G. King, Philadelphia, Waynesboro (M)
4. Ed Mallonee, Paplar Corner, Brownsville (W)
5. Rick L. O'Bryan, Roellen, Dyersburg (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Gary Jared, Lakeview, Tennessee Ridge (M)
 2. Tom Brown, First, Murfreesboro (M)
 3. C. Kenny Cooper, Bellevue, Nashville (M)
 4. Charles Brown, North Fork, Shelbyville (M)
 5. David Elkins, First, Ripley (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Mrs. Tommy Holtzclaw, First, Kingsport (E)
 2. Danny West, Litz Manor, Kingsport (E)
 3. Jere H. Plunk, Broadway, Knoxville (E)
 4. James M. Roberts, Western Valley, Memphis (W)
 5. Jerry M. Lee, New Harmony, Paris (Temporary Chairman) (W)

- HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**
Term Expiring 1993
1. Todd Hill, E. Brainerd, Chattanooga (E)

2. Mrs. Fred Rolater, Southeast, Murfreesboro (M)
3. Mrs. Michael L. Prowse, First, Cookeville (M)
4. Teddy Evans, Oak Grove, Covington (W)
5. Jim Witherington, Ellendale, Ellendale (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. Joyce Goodman, Riverside, Harri-man (E)
 2. Bob Knisley, Alice Bell, Knoxville (E)
 3. Duffie Peck, Shelbyville Mills, Shelbyville (M)
 4. Mrs. Thomas Patton, West Jackson, Jackson (W)
 5. Billy Joe Stewart, Good Hope, Adamsville (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Mrs. Doris Conley, First, Whitwell (E)
 2. Glenn Toomey, First, Morristown (E)
 3. Mitchell Jones, Stone Brook, Nolensville (M)
 4. J. Harold Stephens, Edgemont, Shelbyville (Temporary Chair-man) (M)
 5. Ken Zike, Missionary Grove, Camden (W)

COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL
Term Expiring 1992

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

Term Expiring 1991

Bob Agee diagnosed with treatable form of leukemia

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — Tennessee native Bob R. Agee of Brownsville, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, has been diagnosed with a rare, but treatable, form of leukemia.

Specialists have told the president who has been hospitalized for the past week, that the disease is incurable, but not immediately life-threatening. With treatment Agee, 51, will be able to resume his responsibilities at the university, provided he reduces his travel schedule and the number of off-campus engagements.

"The good news from the doctor is that I should be able to undergo the treatments over an extended period of time while resuming normal responsibilities at the university," said Agee, former vice president of religious affairs at Union University, Jackson.

Doctors will define the specifics of Agee's treatment schedule over the next few weeks. He was released Sept. 29. Agee, who has been OBU president since 1982, may be back in his office on a limited schedule in about two weeks, a university spokesman said.

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

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS
Term Expiring 1993

1. Drew A. Hays, First, Loretta (E)
2. Greg Long, Bear Cove, Sparta (M)
3. Mack L. Hannah, Harpeth Heights, Nashville (M)
4. Jerry Powell, Southside, Martin (W)
5. J. G. Wise, First, Trezevant (W)

- Term Expiring 1992**
1. David Myers, Signal Mountain, Signal Mountain (E)
 2. Steve Holt, Hickory Cove, Rogersville (E)
 3. James Hickey, East Commerce, Lewisburg (M)
 4. Richard Harrington, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage (M)
 5. Fred Wood, Eudora, Memphis (W)

- Term Expiring 1991**
1. Charles N. Bryan, Central Church, Alcoa (E)
 2. Steven A. Jett, Stock Creek, Knoxville (E)
 3. Richard D. Cassidy, Henards, Rogersville (E)
 4. Joe E. Franklin, Immanuel, Humboldt (Temporary Chairman) (W)
 5. Joe Jernigan, Boulevard, Memphis (W)

**1990-91 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
Executive Board
TO THE
Tennessee Baptist Convention**

The basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1990-1991 is \$26,797,860, the same as the 1989-1990 budget. The Expanded Annuity Program for Tennessee Baptist ministers and staff is continued as a preferred item. Cooperative Program receipts are to be distributed 62.5 percent through the Tennessee Baptist Convention and 37.5 percent through the Southern Baptist Convention. Of the 37.5 percent for Southern Baptist Convention causes, 29 percent is designated for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The proposed Cooperative Program budget for 1990-1991 is as follows:

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

Benevolent Institutions		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
OPERATING FUNDS		
Hospitals	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tenn. Bapt. Adult Homes	168,717	168,717
Tenn. Bapt. Children's Homes	1,153,746	1,153,746
Audits	46,160	46,160
Total Operating Funds	\$ 1,368,623	\$ 1,368,623
CAPITAL FUNDS		
Tenn. Bapt. Adult Homes	50,000	50,000
Tenn. Bapt. Children's Homes	75,000	75,000
Total Capital	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Total Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,493,623	\$ 1,493,623

Educational Institutions		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
OPERATING FUNDS		
Carson-Newman College	\$ 1,755,355	\$ 1,755,355
Belmont College	1,477,480	1,477,480
Union University	1,477,480	1,477,480
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	391,987	391,987
CRV Scholarships	79,860	79,860
Audits	46,696	46,696
Historical Archives	15,000	15,000
Total Operating Funds	\$ 5,243,858	\$ 5,243,858
CAPITAL FUNDS		
Carson-Newman College	\$ 536,985	\$ 536,985
Belmont College	389,468	389,468
Union University	389,468	389,468
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	113,920	113,920
Total Capital Funds	1,429,841	1,429,841
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL INST.	\$ 6,673,699	\$ 6,673,699

Convention-Administrative Departments- Agencies-Institutions		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
CONVENTION SERVICES		
Ministers Aid	\$ 38,000	\$ 0
Total Convention Services	\$ 38,000	\$ 0
EXECUTIVE OFFICES		
Exec. Director-Treas. Office	\$ 734,731	\$ 692,092
Public Relations Office	85,524	85,524
PACL Office	38,281	7,375
Total Executive Offices	\$ 858,536	\$ 784,991

INSTITUTION		
Tenn. Bapt. Foundation	\$ 347,079	\$ 347,079
Audit	5,800	5,800
Total Institution	\$ 352,879	\$ 352,879
AGENCY Baptist and Reflector		
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Conv., Adm. Dept., Agency	\$ 2,074,273	\$ 2,055,728
LESS OTHER INCOME Baptist and Reflector —		
Anticipated Income	\$ 530,000	\$ 608,442
EDT Office — Earned Interest	37,500	37,500
PACL Office — BSSB Supplement	2,334	0
Ministers Aid — GSMO	13,000	0
Public Relations — Fees	1,500	1,500
Total other Income	\$ 584,334	\$ 647,442
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,489,939	\$ 1,408,286

Central Administrative Division		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
BUSINESS OFFICE and CAMPS		
Business Office	\$ 556,532	\$ 541,049
Capital — Ex. Bd. — Office Equip.	42,000	42,000
Camps Operating	459,432	459,432
Capital — Camps	150,000	150,000
Total Business Office and Camps	\$ 1,207,964	\$ 1,192,481

OTHER CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE		
Accounting Office	\$ 153,041	\$ 153,041
Program Services	326,089	313,488
Property Maint. Office	47,160	47,160
Total Other	\$ 526,290	\$ 513,689
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Central Administrative	\$ 1,742,465	\$ 1,714,381
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Accounting — Earned Interest	\$ 76,521	\$ 76,521
Camps — Anticipated Income	398,641	398,641
Camps Capital — GSMO	150,000	150,000
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,117,303	\$ 1,089,219

Church Programs Division		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
Division Office		
DEPARTMENTS		
Brotherhood	\$ 198,138	\$ 210,638
Church Media Library Rec.	69,476	69,476
Church Music	163,520	163,520
Discipleship Training	298,982	298,982
Sunday School	350,402	346,026
Total Departments	\$ 1,080,518	\$ 1,088,642
Contingency	8,211	8,211
AUXILIARY		
Woman's Missionary Union	556,407	571,864
Total Church Programs	\$ 1,681,884	\$ 1,681,801
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Brotherhood — GSMO	\$ 10,000	\$ 22,500
Church Music, D. T., S. S., Division Director Office, Church Media — BSSB Supplement	60,684	60,684
SS — GSMO	43,000	38,624
WMU — GSMO	114,000	125,461
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,454,200	\$ 1,434,532

Convention Ministries Division		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
Conv. Ministries Dir. Office	\$ 109,673	\$ 109,492
DEPARTMENTS:		
MISSIONS		
Missions — Office	\$ 267,805	\$ 267,471
Miss. Lot, Bldg., Site Fund	250,000	250,000
Missions — Program	1,011,753	1,517,850
Total Missions	\$ 1,529,558	\$ 2,035,321
STUDENT		
Student — Office	\$ 138,503	\$ 142,610
Student — Campus	835,799	829,369
Student Campus Capital	86,752	93,500
Total Student	\$ 1,061,054	\$ 1,065,479
ANNUITY PROGRAMS		
Annuity Programs — Office	\$ 117,399	\$ 113,762
Annuity Board Programs	1,975,838	1,679,020
Total Annuity Programs	\$ 2,093,237	\$ 1,792,782
Evangelism	\$ 215,917	\$ 212,267
Coop. Prog. — Stewardship Prom.	147,473	143,506
Church Min. Inf. — Office	112,875	146,059
Telecommunications — Office	90,589	87,889
Partnership Missions	78,427	72,824
Church Bldg. and Loan	10,673	14,473
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Other	\$ 664,165	\$ 685,229
Total Convention Ministries	\$ 5,457,687	\$ 5,688,303
LESS OTHER INCOME		
Missions, Evangelism — HMB	\$ 97,462	\$ 86,884
Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund — GSMO	250,000	250,000
Missions Program —		
GSMO and HMB	268,030	295,317
Student Campus — GSMO	21,000	22,500
Telecommunications — GSMO	9,700	7,000
Conv. Min. Information — GSMO	0	15,000
Annuity Directors Office — Annuity Board, SBC supplement	34,000	34,000
Partnership Missions, Telecommunica- tions, Division Dir. Office — BSSB	25,674	25,674
Church Bldg. and Loan — Self-Liq.	10,673	14,473
Partnership Missions — Spec. Appr.	38,047	38,047
Student Campus — Cap — Payment Property	0	4,425
Less Preferred Item	\$ 4,703,101	\$ 4,894,983
Net from Cooperative Program	\$ 3,514,622	\$ 3,706,504

SUMMARY, TBC		
	Budget 1989-90	Proposed 1990-91
Benevolent Institutions	\$ 1,493,623	\$ 1,493,623
Education Institutions	6,673,699	6,673,699
Conv., Adm., Baptist and Reflector, Foundation	1,488,439	1,408,286
Central Administration	1,117,303	1,089,219
Church Programs	1,454,200	1,434,532
Convention Ministries	3,514,576	3,706,504
Interest Payments — TBC Building	200,000	200,000
TBC General Fund	64,023	0
Total Cooperative Program	\$ 16,005,863	\$ 16,005,863
Tennessee Baptist Convention	\$ 16,005,863	\$ 16,005,863
Southern Baptist Convention	9,603,518	9,575,668
Baptist Joint Committee	0	27,850
Total	\$ 25,609,381	\$ 25,609,381
Preferred Item (Annuity Programs)	1,188,479	1,188,479
Total Cooperative Program	\$ 26,797,860	\$ 26,797,860

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Associations ...

The first Saturn community picnic, sponsored by Giles County Association and the TBC Missions Department, is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the recreation center in Pulaski. The association has invited, through the Saturn Company, about 56 Saturn-employed families who live in Giles County. Carl Bond is director of missions for Giles County Association. Other Saturn Community picnics will be scheduled by Baptist associations.

Churches ...

Members of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, recently approved a two-phase building plan for a 22,500 square foot multi-purpose facility, a worship center, and educational space. Preliminary cost estimates are \$750,000-950,000.

William J. Murray, son of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, spoke at Oak Grove Church, Gray, Sept. 30. He is president of the William J. Murray Evangelistic Ministries in Dallas.

Members of Central Point Church, Rutledge, celebrated homecoming recently. Oscar Garrett was guest speaker.

The congregation of Mansfield Church, Mansfield, recently celebrated the church's 160th anniversary.

Members of Balmoral Church, Mem-

phis, will celebrate homecoming Oct. 21.

Homecoming is scheduled Oct. 14 at First Ethridge Church, Lawrenceburg. A covered dish meal will follow morning worship, and the Gospel Heirs and the Williams Family will perform in the afternoon.

Members of Scott Avenue Church, Cookeville, will celebrate homecoming Oct. 14. The Brazzels will provide special music.

Ordinations ...

Westview Church, Chattanooga, ordained Walter Bolling, John Gilbreath, and Will Munsey as deacons Sept. 16.

Nannette Avery, Ed Nichols, Larry Oakes, and Rodney Strong were ordained as deacons Sept. 9 at First Church, Chattanooga.

Ardmore Church, Memphis, ordained Lee Thornton and Mike Anderton as deacons Sept. 9.

First Church, Sparta, ordained Malcolm Alley and Lonnie Hickey as deacons Sept. 23.

Steve Barnes was ordained as deacon Sept. 30 at Highland Heights Church, Memphis.

First Church, Columbia, ordained Royal Dickson, John Walton, and Hugh White Sr., as deacons.

Revivals ...

First Brace Church, Summertown, will hold revival Oct. 18-19 with evangelist Dwight Mercer.

Evangelist Phil Glisson of Memphis is holding October revivals in Berclair Church, Orchi Church, and Ellendale Church, all in Memphis and Shelby County Association.

A revival for the deaf led by Deaf Opportunity Outreach, Louisville, Ky., will be held Oct. 20-21 in Brentwood. It will begin Saturday at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck supper and activities at Brentwood Church, and continue Sunday morning at 9:30 with Sunday School and worship at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Center. It will conclude Sunday at 5:30 p.m., at Brentwood Church.

Don Mathis will lead revival Oct. 21-25 at New Hope Church, Alexandria.

College Heights Church, Gallatin, will hold revival Oct. 14-17. Jerry Drace will lead the services and Ken and Lois Holland will present special music. The church will also celebrate its 14th anniversary Oct. 21.

Lynn King led revival recently at McDavid Grove Church, Springville.

Revival will be held Oct. 14-21 at West End Church, Knoxville. Jack Parrott will be evangelist.

The Jerry Drace evangelistic team, Jacksonville, Fla., will lead revival Oct. 21-24 at First Church, Memphis. Drace will speak and Ken and Lois Holland will provide special music.

Second Church, Union City, reported 11 professions of faith at revival led recently by Henry Linginfelter and Barry Keathley.

W. I. Bill Thomas will lead revival Oct. 21-25 at First Church, Lenoir City. Fritz and Shirley Smith will be music evangelists.

First Church, Maryville, will hold revival Oct. 21-24 led by evangelist Raymond Bailey, professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and music director Clint Nichols, Picayune, Miss.

David Abernathy, pastor of Blairland Church, Loudon, began revival Oct. 8 at Antioch Church, Sevierville. Services will conclude Oct. 12.

Adrian Rogers will lead revival Oct. 21-27 at Calvary Church, Knoxville.

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Texas Baptist leaders meet to respond to Baylor's charter change

DALLAS (BP) — Top elected leaders of the Baptist General Convention of Texas have called meetings of the convention's administrative committee and the 193-member executive board in response to Baylor University's amending its charter.

Texas Baptist leaders met in Dallas

Retired pastor dies

Retired Tennessee Baptist pastor, Boyd LeCroy of Savannah, died Sept. 26 in Hardin County Hospital.

LeCroy, 84, served as pastor and associational missionary in several counties and associations in Tennessee, including Hardin, Wayne, Lincoln, Hickman, Henry, and Maury counties. His ministry spanned 45 years.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Hough LeCroy, three daughters, Elizabeth Smith of Olive Hill, Dianah West of Nashville, and Jane Davis of Radford, Va., and a son, Jack LeCroy of Savannah.

to discuss how to respond to Baylor's action. The Baylor board of trustees on Sept. 21 voted to establish a board of regents "with sole responsibility for governance of Baylor" and elected 16 people to the new body.

Previously, Baylor's charter provided for school governance by a 48-member board of trustees, elected by the BGCT.

Elected officials who met to discuss the Baylor action were Phil Lineberger, pastor of Richardson Heights Church, Richardson and president of the BGCT; Robert Parker, pastor of Park Place Church, Houston and chairman of the BGCT executive board; and George Gaston, pastor of Willow Meadows Church, Houston and chairman of the BGCT administrative committee.

Mindful of a long cooperative relationship between Baylor and the BGCT, the convention leaders moved to secure legal research and counsel to

clarify the convention's position in relation to Baylor. They also agreed to initiate communication between convention leaders and the Baylor trustees and administration concerning the matter.

The 15-member BGCT administrative

Nashville church sponsors divorce recovery workshop

First Church, Nashville, will sponsor a divorce recovery workshop Oct. 26-27.

Titled "Moving Ahead With Life," the two-day workshop will be led by Louis Twyman, a registered clinical therapist. The workshop is designed to help those experiencing divorce deal with the following issues: understanding and dealing with your feelings, relating to ex-spouse and in-laws, finding support through small groups, determining your growth needs, relating to children, starting again, and growing through the grief process.

committee normally meets four times a year to discuss and prepare convention business for presentation to the executive board. The executive board conducts business of the 2.5 million-member BGCT and its institutions between annual convention sessions.

Sessions will be held from 5-9:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 and from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Oct. 27. Both sessions will be held at the church. The \$25 registration fee includes materials, light supper on Friday, and lunch on Saturday. Free child care will be provided (reservations required by Oct. 24).

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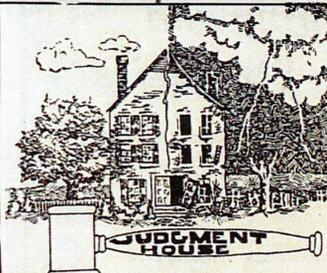
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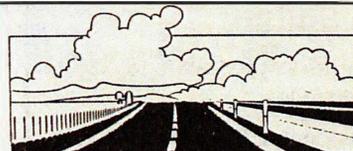


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Agenda

Friday Evening — October 26, 1990
6:30 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. "Discovering New Pathways" Shirley Stanifer
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The ministry of John the Baptist

By Dennis P. Lunsford, pastor; Antioch Church, Humboldt

Can you imagine what it would be like to have never heard the prophetic voice of God for over 400 years?

John's coming to the world was a part of God's perfect timing. God knew there were those who were hungry for His Word. God in His own time sent John to be His prophet. Everything God does is on schedule. My pastor's favorite saying was: "God's trains always make connections." God provided His prophet to be His mouthpiece, according to His timing.



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Luke included seven distinguished men through whom God could have worked and sent His Word (3:1-2). Included in this group were a Roman emperor, a governor, three tetrarchs, and two Jewish high priests. God could have worked through any of these, but He chose to do His work through a humble Jewish

prophet named John.

Consider John's coming: Luke 3:3
John was ordinary, plain. He wasn't "flashy" in dress. Though he was an ordinary man, his message was extraordinary. John came preaching and baptizing. He proclaimed the arrival of the kingdom of heaven and called the people to repentance. "Repent and turn from sin, turn to God," was his message.

John preached against sin and proclaimed the Gospel. The word "preached" is the word from which we derive the English word "evangelize" (Luke 3:18). Our desire to see people "saved" has been one of the distinguishing characteristics of Southern Baptists. It has been a fire within our souls as it was for John.

John also made it clear his baptism could not compare to that of the anticipated Messiah. "He," John declared, "shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire," (Luke 3:16). Jesus' message will cause one to judge self. Trusting Christ as Savior will allow one to be filled with power

such as the world has never known. Thank God this same power can be ours today as we place our faith and trust in Him, repenting and claiming forgiveness from sins!

BIBLE BOOK
October 14 Lesson
Basic Passage: Luke 3:1 to 20

Consider John's message: Luke 3:4-20

John was God's voice, crying in the wilderness to a world darkened by sin. John came to "prepare the way of the Lord." This is the challenge the church of today must face. We are called to be the voice of God. We are called to call the world to faith and repentance. Are we busy fulfilling this task? John was.

Worship, as it was known in John's time, was a farce, totally corrupt. The hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees had weakened the nation spiritually. What was the answer, what message was needed? Clearly the message was

that God's standard had been used to reveal Israel's rebellion: They are out of line in relation to God's will and purpose for them. Judgement will come to Israel without question or fail, and Amos was God's appointed messenger of this tragic news.

No one likes to be the bearer of bad news, and Amos was no exception. However, once he became convicted of what was to be, he accepted his assignment without regard for the danger it posed for him personally.

CONVENTION UNIFORM
October 14 Lesson
Basic Passage: Amos 7

Challenge of a false priest
(Amos 7:10-13)

The prophecy of Amos was creating a stir among the citizenry of Israel. News that the government would be overthrown and the people punished by the sword of Assyria was more than the people could bear. Amaziah, the chief priest of the royal sanctuary at Bethel, reported to Jeroboam that

"Repent for judgment comes!"

John taught as well. He became involved in a personal ministry to the people. John disciplined the converts. He was faithful in ministry and faithful in preparation of the hearts of the people as he presented the Messiah to them.

John knew his responsibility within the will of God for his life. He accepted the task God set before him. When accolades were given and comparisons were made linking him to the coming Messiah, he rejected them. Jesus is Lord (Luke 3:4) and the Son of God (John 1:34). John preached without fear and intimidation. He held true to his task because of the divine call upon his life. May we today have this kind of sensitivity and perception to the task God has called us to undertake for Him.

Conclusion: John surrendered his will to God's will for his life. He was acutely aware his task was to "preach, teach, and reach."

John kept trusting and obeying. His mind was focused upon four things: God, John's purpose, his message, the needs of man. It is easy to lose sight of any of these and as a result lose our joy. John kept trusting and obeying God. Will you?

Amos was inciting the people to riot and essentially guilty of treason against the state.

Amaziah challenged the prophecy of Amos, accused him of prophesying only for money, and demanded that he return to his own land. Within his verbal attack on the prophet, there was the suggested threat of personal harm if Amos persisted in preaching his message of doom.

Valor of a true prophet (Amos 7:14-17)

Amos' reply to Amaziah was a simple acknowledgement of God's call to be His messenger for a specific, single task. He was only a willing instrument in the hands of His Sovereign God. Nothing hindered him from fulfilling his task, especially not the threats of a false priest destined for defeat. And the passage ends with the dreadful prophecy against Amaziah and the entire nation of Israel.

Taking a stand upon one's convictions in the face of opposition or adversity is never easy. But to those who exercise "stickability," there is always the grateful commendation of our Lord, "Well done!"

Amos and Amaziah

By Carlos R. Peterson, pastor; First Church, Athens

Two hundred feet above the East River, workmen were constructing the Manhattan Tower of the Queensboro Bridge.

Several feet below the two men working at the top, others were at work, and still farther down, more were at work. A steel beam weighing several tons was lowered to its position. The business of the two men at the top of the structure was to guide this huge beam into position.

Before the great mass of steel could be fastened, it began to slip. Try as they might, the efforts of the two men were powerless to keep it from sliding toward their fellow workers below. They had only to stand out of

the way to protect themselves, but it would mean that many of their friends below would be crushed to death.

An instant for decision was all they had. One of these brave men shouted to the other, "I'll stick to it if you will." The other man nodded and they held on grimly until their fellow workers could swarm up the ladder to attach the derricks. In the meantime, however, a hand of each of these two heroes had been ground off at the wrist.

This tragic yet inspiring account of two brave men is the basis of the Scripture for this week's lesson. It concerns "stickability," perseverance, or commitment even in the face of adversity.

Vision of the plumb line (Amos 7:7-9)

God expressly identified Israel as the object of His displeasure. The vision of the plumb line pointed out to Amos



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Channels for God's redemptive purpose

By Richard Herrington, pastor; Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage

In last week's lesson we saw God's redemptive purpose come alive in the desire to free His people from bondage and give them the promises of His covenant with Abraham. Now we find the instrument God used to set the children of Israel free. The tool was a man who was Hebrew by birth and passion, but reared in the Egyptian palaces.

Exodus 3:1
Moses had been in the wilderness almost 40 years keeping the flock of his father-in-law. He had certainly learned a great deal about the wilderness that would serve him well in the next phase of his life. God had been preparing him just as He prepared the people for their day of



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freedom. Then, on the backside of the desert, he met God. It may be significant that it was the wilderness where they met. James Weldon Johnson, in his poem "The Prodigal Son," said that in the crowd you cannot find "A lonesome place to go down on your knees and talk with your God." In the desert God was able to get Moses' undivided attention.

Exodus 3:2-8a, 9

It always seems God uses the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary. Moses probably would not have been the top candidate to lead the exodus if the children of Israel had been asked. It is certain that Moses did not expect to meet God in the desert through a common bush. When God spoke, Moses realized that he was on Holy Ground.

There are three things to note here: Moses turned aside to see the bush; he

recognized the presence of God; and God dealt with Moses in a personal way. If we are to be used by God we must turn away from the common pursuits of everyday life to hear what He has to say. We must meet Him in some place that allows us to recognize and hear Him. God has a place for each one of us, a place where He has gifted us to serve.

LIFE AND WORK
October 14 Lesson
Basic Passage: Exodus 3:1-10

A friend of mine in another state, years ago, was a member of a large church that had many good ministry activities. He always spoke glowingly of his church and its ministries. However, he never was a part of any of those ministries. My friend was like Moses. He was glad that God was go-

ing to redeem his people, but he wasn't ready for the next step - Moses was to become involved.

Exodus 3:10

God had presented the goal: freedom for the children of Israel. Moses was to see a dream that had once been a passion of his. There was more - Moses was to be the leader. He was not going to be allowed to just sit and watch. God was putting him in front as the leader. His objections become a little funny to us today because we know God was to help him. Moses was to be great because God was in charge of what was to happen.

Often when we feel through our prayer life or a church nominating committee that God is asking us to become involved, we present excuses we think are better, but the same God is in charge and He wants us to be channels of freedom for people today.

(BP) BRIEFLY

Compiled from Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention

Baptists begin helping flood victims in Mexico

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico — Mexican Baptists and Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico are helping flood victims in Chihuahua find higher ground.

In just a few hours on the night of Sept. 22, heavy rains swept through the city, killing about 45 people, destroying houses, overflowing dams, and overturning cars, according to local news reports. Up to 200 people are missing and 5000 families have suffered losses, reports said. By Sept. 24, about 40 percent of the city did not have safe drinking water because of damage to aqueducts and contamination of water supplies.

Southern Baptist representatives and Mexican Baptists are working out of local churches to provide water, food, and supplies to flood victims in the city's hardest-hit areas. Baptists are supplying tanks of drinking water and collecting food and clothing for distribution. In Colonia Villa, where damage was especially severe, Baptists are preparing and serving meals for hungry residents.

The relief project, coordinated by Southern Baptist representative Jimmie Spann from Grapeland, Texas, is being financed by the Mexican Baptist convention's disaster relief fund. Along with providing physical relief, Baptist volunteers are sharing their Christian faith with flood victims. An outdoor worship service was held Sept. 30 near Horeb Church on the city's north side.

People who live near that church had to flee to their roofs because of rapidly rising waters Sept. 22, according to Southern Baptist representative Lisa Barron. Barron and her husband, Ronnie, agricultural workers, are members of the church. They are from Nashville, Tenn.

CLear-TV calls boycott on Burger King over ads

NASHVILLE — The executive committee of Christian Leaders for Responsible Television has voted to promote a one-year boycott of Burger King, citing the fast-food chain's sponsorship of television shows featuring sex, violence, profanity, and anti-Christian bigotry.

The organization made the decision to boycott Burger King after its regular Spring 1990 monitoring period showed the fast-food restaurant chain helped sponsor two-thirds more sex, violence, and profanity than the average advertiser. According to CLear-TV statistics, Burger King helps sponsor 18.85 incidents of sex, violence, and profanity with ever 30-second commercial.

Richard D. Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, is a member of CLear-TV's executive committee, which is composed of religious leaders from a variety of Christian denominations. Donald E. Wildmon, executive director of CLear-TV, said the organization wrote Burger

King's top executive, Ian Martin, four times and tried to arbitrate the group's concerns before calling the boycott. "Burger King obviously isn't concerned and apparently does not want the business of those families concerned about TV's steady diet of sex, violence, profanity, and anti-Christian bigotry," Wildmon said.

Land urged Southern Baptists to participate in the boycott. "Given our denomination's size, I believe that within a matter of months this national restaurant chain would alter its advertising in support of such reprehensible programming, if our people stopped eating at Burger King," Land said.

Conference center attendance registers increase in 1990

NASHVILLE — The inauguration of Sunday School fast track conferences and increased participation in Southern Baptist Home Mission Board conferences pushed 1990 conference center attendance figures up by 1705 over last year, statistics reveal.

Combined summer conference center attendance at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist conference centers was 54,870 compared to 53,165 in 1989, according to statistics compiled by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's conference center section.

Attendance at Ridgecrest increased 272 over 1989, and Glorieta was up by 1433. These figures include a Centrifuge attendance of 10,575 at the two conference centers.

Offerings, designated to the Cooperative Program unified budget, given by summer conference participants totaled \$56,495.

Surplus Bible study materials on the way to Persian Gulf

NASHVILLE — Sailors aboard the USS Flint in the Persian Gulf will be receiving surplus devotional and Bible study materials from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and efforts are being made to provide materials to United States military forces on the ground in Saudi Arabia.

Debra Saul, wife of U.S. Navy Chaplain Richard Saul, recently called the Sunday School Board requesting surplus materials for her husband aboard the U.S. Navy vessel in the Persian Gulf, according to Woody Parker, manager of the special education section in the board's special ministries department.

The section has coordinated a project since 1987 to provide surplus materials to military chaplains. Saul apparently was aware of the program but had not participated in it previously, Parker said. Based on the request for Bible study and devotional materials, 200 copies each of Home Life, a leisure-reading magazine; Open Windows, a daily devotional guide; and Bible Book Study for Adults, a Bible study quarterly, are being sent to Saul aboard the ship, Parker said.

Parker said he has not had contact with Saul but provided the materials based on his wife's request. Her call has been the only such request for service members involved in Operation Desert Shield, the military operation in the Persian Gulf which began following the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Parker said.

Sports events spark major evangelism effort

By Ron Ragan

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (BP) — When the Olympic torch flared to life opening the 1990 Indian Ocean Island Games, it signaled the beginning of an athletic event unparalleled in the history of sports-loving Madagascar.

It also sparked an aggressive Baptist evangelism effort that may change the

course of Christian history in the island nation off the coast of Africa.

Southern Baptist missionaries Fred and Sami Sorrells, of Brady and Houston, Texas, first heard the games were coming to their island home many months earlier. And come they did, with more than 1500 athletes arriving on Madagascar for the Aug. 24-Sept. 4 event, sanctioned by the In-

ternational Olympic Committee.

The Sorrellses felt the evangelism opportunity was too good to pass up. Many people would come from predominantly Muslim nations where the Christian message rarely is heard. So the missionaries, together with Malagasy Baptists, decided to use the games and the islanders' love of athletics for evangelism. The results far exceeded their most optimistic expectations.

Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, is just off the coast of Mozambique in eastern Africa. Otherwise famous for its orchids, spices, and butterflies, the island was transformed by the Malagasy people for one week into the sports hub of the Indian Ocean. Madagascar and the other participating islands — Mauritius, the Comoros, Seychelles, Maldives, and Reunion — make up a part of the world where athletics is a passion.

For Baptists, the games and associated evangelism presented an enormous challenge to limited resources. Their most visible project was a huge yellow-and-white-striped tent, provided by Southern Baptists and located strategically across the street from Madagascar's main sports stadium in the capital of Antananarivo.

Covered stalls — housing a video room, bookstore, infirmary, and coffeehouse — surrounded the tent. Baptists also rented a large natural outdoor amphitheater near the stadium for musical specials.

The tent served as an auditorium for special events such as the 150-voice "Grand Choral" and a daily children's show. More than 2000 children, many of them homeless

street urchins, participated in puppet shows and singalong specials. Each day hundreds of people packed the tent and other rooms, heard preaching and singing, and watched videos and films on the Christian faith. Sorrells estimated more than 10,000 people visited the Baptist compound during the week. Another 2000 heard programs in the amphitheater.

The tent also was the scene of moving stories of spiritual conversion, perhaps none more inspiring than that of an old grandmother. Sorrells narrated what happened:

"A young boy came to our children's show and was so impressed that he returned home and told his grandmother he had found a place where God lived. The old woman couldn't sleep all night. At 5 a.m. she prayed that God would help her find this tent her grandson spoke about and finally let her discover the God she had been seeking for years.

"The same morning this old woman literally ran into the tent and cornered Lalao, one of our most faithful church members. She said, 'Can you tell me where I can find the Kingdom of God?' Lalao took her into the coffeehouse and told her the story of Christ. The old woman broke into tears and thanked Lalao for an answered prayer. She invited Jesus to be her Lord and Savior."

The story doesn't end there, Sorrells added. "The next morning at 7:00 she appeared in our first new Christians' Bible discipleship class. She apparently felt she had a lot of catching up to do."

TeamTalk

By D. L. Lowrie

I like what I see. Wherever I have gone in recent days, I have received encouragement. The Lord is at work among us.

I was with Hilldale Church in Clarksville a few days ago. Under the leadership of Pastor Verlon Moore they continue to grow and win people to Christ. They have become one of our strongest churches in Middle Tennessee.

Then I attended the annual meeting of Northern Association as they met with Hubbs Grove Church near Maynardville. It was an exciting meeting. They were getting ready to dedicate a new associational building debt free. They were reporting a very fruitful year in winning the lost. I don't know when I have heard more positive things said about the Cooperative Program. Eddie Perry is giving good



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leadership in this association as their director of missions.

Then I have been to Cleveland where I experienced a one-day revival with Valley View Church. Their pastor, Brenton Cox, had things ready. They set a new all-time record in Sunday School attendance. The Lord saved 15 persons during the day. Who could need more encouragement than this?

I also spent some time with Forest Hills Church in Nashville Association. They had a two-day spiritual direction retreat. It felt very much like an old-fashioned revival to me. Lloyd Lawrence is their good pastor. God spoke to my heart in this retreat through Carl Duck, director of missions for Nashville Association.

Then I attended the Sunday School Conference conducted by Greer Ruble and our Sunday School staff for Middle Tennessee. The interested workers literally overflowed the Two Rivers Church.

I really like what I see. This is what I saw in just a brief eight-day period. Truly the Lord is at work among us.