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MissionsFest gives East Tennesseans personalized view

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
JEFFERSON CITY — Missions was personalized for about 2000 Tennessee Baptists who attended MissionsFest April 26-27 at Carson-Newman College and First Church, Jefferson City.

Billed as "a foreign missions experience," MissionsFest lived up to its promise.

In the opening session Friday night, Foreign Mission Board President Keith Parks reminded an overflow crowd at First Church that what is done in world missions begins with the involvement of the local church.

Parks told the audience that the weekend activities at MissionsFest would personalize their Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving.

"As you get acquainted with these missionaries, you'll find yourselves more personally caught up in missions," Parks promised.

During the opening session Gene

Baptist Men plan to help Kurds

Several Tennessee Baptists may soon travel to the Middle East on errands of mercy.

The Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, has asked the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Department to organize one or two three-man teams to assist with feeding Kurdish refugees and help maintain water purification systems. They would be on the scene for three weeks.

Brotherhood director Cameron Byler said the teams would leave May 20, joining similar relief teams from other states.

According to Byler, D. L. Lowrie has authorized a Kurdish Relief Fund. Interested Tennessee Baptists and others can make donations by sending a check to the TBC, payable to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, earmarked Kurdish Refugees. The address is Box 728, Brentwood 37024.

The Foreign Mission Board, SBC, has requested the TBC Brotherhood to help organize several health care teams, also for the Kurdish Refugee problem. Interested persons should call Byler at the TBC or Dr. Dewey Dunn at Vanderbilt Hospital.

The FMB has asked Tennessee Baptists to provide four teams, each with a doctor and a nurse. The teams would go to Turkey or Iran for three or four weeks, and would depart May 5.

The need is for general practitioners since no laboratories or technicians would be available there.



FLAG BEARERS — Jennifer Penland and Neal Harville of Russellville Church, Russellville, participated in the parade of flags during MissionsFest.

Williams of Church Hill gave a testimony on behalf of partnership missions.

"People need the Lord," Williams said. "If you'll just give yourself, no matter what your talents are, the Lord can use you," he observed.

Participants also heard testimonies from missionaries Bradley Brown, Liberia; Dot Blankenship, Morocco; and Bob Erwin, Brazil.

The major message of the night was brought jointly by Maurice and Laurie Graham of Kuwait. The Grahams sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait last August after the country was invaded by Iraq. Mrs. Graham and her two sons returned to the States in September, but Graham remained at the Embassy until Dec. 9.

The audience was quiet as Mrs. Graham shared what happened on August 2 when soldiers entered the church where they were living.

At one point Mrs. Graham related that she feared she would be killed, but

noted that "God intervened" and the soldiers left.

The Grahams then left the church, brushed shattered glass off their car seats, and drove 20 miles to the home of a U.S. diplomat. Soldiers were all along the road to the diplomat's home. Mrs. Graham recalled.

"But they didn't even look at us. It was as if they didn't see us," she said.

Graham gave a brief update on what is happening in Kuwait. He was part of a three-member team who left for Kuwait in April to discover what Southern Baptists could do to help, but he was never able to enter the country.

He related that Jerry Zandstra, pastor of the church in Kuwait, did re-enter the country because he also is a military chaplain. Zandstra reported the church is still meeting and is excited about its opportunity for ministry, Graham said.

The Grahams acknowledged it looks as if they will not go back to Kuwait.

(See MissionsFest, page 6)

Belmont board vote gives okay to university status

NASHVILLE — Belmont College's board of trustees in a called meeting April 27 voted to change the Baptist school's status to that of university. The action came after a year's study and faculty approval.

"We come to this point by way of achievement rather than aspiration," said Belmont President William E. Trout. "During the past 40 years as a four-year liberal arts college of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Belmont has experienced remarkable growth and success."

Trout pointed out that the change of status is not a change in mission or program statement. "Rather, this is the result of the expanded program statement approved by the TBC in 1985," he explained.

During the past decade, Belmont's enrollment has grown 65 percent, from 1706 to 2812 — making Belmont the second largest of Tennessee's private colleges and universities and one of the larger Baptist higher education institutions in the country.

Also during the past decade, Belmont's assets have nearly tripled, from \$16,598,438 to \$46,864,426. In addition, academic quality has increased significantly during the decade: ACT average score for entering freshmen has risen from 15.6 to 22.6, one of the highest among Tennessee private institutions.

Noting encouragement from a visiting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools four years ago, Trout added that "university" is a more accurate reference to the school's status, considering the comprehensive programs offered. Graduate programs in business and education, begun in 1986,

(See Belmont board, page 5)

BSSB search committee conducting interviews

SHREVEPORT, La. (BP) — The 10-member presidential search committee for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is conducting interviews but the chairman says a recommendation is "not impossible by the Atlanta SBC meeting but probably unlikely."

Wayne Dubose, search committee chairman and pastor of Summer Grove Church in Shreveport, told Baptist Press the committee met two days this week and is periodically holding interviews in different locations. Dubose, however, declined to elaborate on how many were being interviewed or where, other than usually at airport locations easily accessible for the com-

mittee members, or how many recommendations had been received.

Although the chairman and committee appear to be extremely cautious about their search, a Nashville newspaper published a story April 23 indicating former SBC president Jerry Vines had recommended Paige Patterson, head of Criswell Bible College in Dallas.

Ray Waddle, religion editor of The Tennessean, obtained a copy of the letter Vines, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla., wrote to the search committee recommending Patterson.

Vines told Baptist Press he did recommend Patterson, calling him a knowledgeable churchman and effective administrator who understands publishing and doesn't shy away from controversy.

"I do not believe anyone should be selected as president of the Sunday School Board who would not be controversial," Vines wrote in the letter.

Dubose affirmed Patterson had been

recommended but declined to elaborate on the recommendation. He said there had been a number of "repeating recommendations" but the committee is interviewing based on the criteria developed by the committee and the persons' qualifications to run a large business enterprise.

"We have no deadline," Dubose said. "We want the best man for the job. We are sensitive to where the denomination is right now but we also want to exercise real wisdom in our search."

Last week Dubose met with employees of the Sunday School Board and invited them to give input to the committee. He said 1500 forms were left for employees to fill out and send to the committee. The SSB has about 1800 employees.

The search committee will nominate a person to succeed Lloyd Elder who turned in his resignation as board president in January following a number of disagreements with the trustees.

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Editorials

Selecting Sunday School Board leader no easy task

We often admonish our readers not to be party to rumoring. It is distasteful in secular society, and it is demeaning and has no place in church life.

We have cautioned against listening to or passing along rumors. Sometimes rumors seem almost too "juicy" to overlook. One of the most frequently used "cousins" to rumoring is speculation.

In Baptist circles, speculation abounds when a search committee is active or when a denominational office is vacant. Speculation to the rescue!

A news story last week turned rumored speculation into fact. It has been rumored for several months that Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Bible College in Dallas, is a prime candidate to replace Lloyd Elder as Sunday School Board president. Someone "leaked" a copy of a nomination letter from former SBC president Jerry Vines to the search committee on Patterson's behalf.

Patterson has refused to say whether he wants the position or if he has campaigned for it. Vines' letter said Patterson is a committed Christian, and added that his controversial positions enhanced his ability to lead.

Patterson long has been recognized as one of two major architects of the "conservative" rise to power in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been involved in what may be called convention politics from the beginning of the "conservative" — "moderate" struggle. He has been cited as a chief planner of the takeover by the election process.

Whether he is capable of leading the Sunday School Board is not a valid question under the circumstances.

We strongly advise the search committee not to select a nominee strongly tied to either "conservative" or "moderate" forces. Such a person would

begin and end tenure in the midst of a power struggle.

What the search committee should do, it seems, is to avoid the brouhaha by selecting a person with ability, integrity, ingenuity, leadership background, and carrying no stigma of controversy.

The Sunday School Board is a strong "heartline" to Southern Baptists. As publisher of Bible study curriculum as well as Bibles, the Sunday School Board must not be crippled by management that has any agenda except to produce the very best — without compromise.

Political entanglements would gravely hinder that work. While Paige Patterson may have the ability as leader, he certainly is political, as are many others.

Surely the search committee can find a non-political president who meets the criterion. — WFA

Every issue has two 'sides' — Baptists need to know both

For about fifteen years, there has been a plethora of pseudo-Southern Baptist publications posing as authentic Baptist newspapers.

The first ones began (in the current era) in the mid-1970's and proclaimed they had the truth, were not biased, and were actually better for the reader than the state Baptist newspaper.

It would seem easy for leaders of state conventions and editors of state papers to ignore these publications. Some are more challenging than others. However, none have been able to usurp the place of the official state paper.

We believe that is because most readers are able to discern whether any publication has an agenda other than the straight news of the work Baptists are doing in the name of Jesus Christ.

None of our state papers are perfect, certainly not this one, but we continue to be true to the purpose for which we were created. A paper that is slanted, biased, or infatuated with self does not deserve the allegiance of its readers.

From both sides of the Southern Baptist political controversy come these publications. Their boldness in attacking the other side is the talisman by which they are easily recognized. Caught in the middle, of course, is the state paper, which is deemed by each to fall short of its assignment of telling the news in honest fashion.

Perhaps these few words are verbal applause for our readers. We believe in you. We honor you for your support of your state paper. Of course, each reader has the right to choose whether to con-

tinue as a loyal supporter.

When we do not merit that support, we have failed the reader. In all honesty, however, we have not yet seen a pseudo-Southern Baptist publication worthy of habitual reading. Each one has a one-sided agenda, albeit a good one as they see it. Invariably they tell only one side of the story.

There is no better way to be informed of the news — from both sides of the SBC spectrum — than to read your state paper. Week after week, the Baptist and Reflector diligently strives to tell the news and carry features of spiritual blessing. We may not succeed fully each week, but we try.

Tennessee Baptists deserve the best paper possible. That means all Tennessee Baptists — not just some of them. — WFA

Midwestern trustees act on faculty selection process

By Brenda Sanders

KANSAS CITY (BP) — Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary discussed a wide variety of business items during their recent annual meeting, including faculty matters, a deficit budget, and a resolution against abortion on demand.

At the conclusion of the April 15-16 meeting, the board voted to go into executive session, which lasted approximately 35 minutes. This is believed to have been the first time a Midwestern trustee board has called an executive session.

When the doors to the meeting were opened to outside observers, trustee chairman Richard Adams of Missouri said, "Our discussion during executive session had to do with a matter within the trustee body itself. It was not a faculty or staff matter."

During the meeting, trustees voted to become more involved in the seminary's faculty selection process and elected a new faculty member.

The matter of trustee involvement in the faculty selection process was con-

sidered in response to a motion offered by California trustee Sid Peterson at the board's October 1990 meeting. Peterson requested the trustee executive committee study "the method by which faculty is elected; and if possible, recommend a plan by which the trustees can be involved earlier in the process of faculty selection."

The board approved the executive committee's recommendation to make revisions and additions to sections of the seminary's "Academic Freedom and Tenure" statement which deal with faculty selection. Some of the revisions to the statement were simply to "put in writing" a part of the process already being practiced by the board's instruction committee, said trustee James W. Jones of Michigan.

Jones, who presented the executive committee's recommendation to the full board, said one addition to the faculty selection process, in particular, would provide for trustee involvement at an earlier point than had previously been practiced.

In the past, the board's instruction

committee received a recommendation for a prospective faculty member from President Milton Ferguson and M. Vernon Davis, dean of the faculty, after a choice between several candidates for the position had been narrowed down to one individual.

Trustee revisions in this process provide for their "comments and suggestions" to be shared with the president and dean at a point when several individuals are being considered for a faculty opening — before the selection has been narrowed down to one candidate.

Acting upon a recommendation of the board's finance committee, trustees approved a flat operating budget for the 1991-92 seminary fiscal year with revenue estimated at approximately \$3.6 million. According to Sam Switzer, vice president for business affairs, this represents a

decrease of 3.6 percent below the current year's revenue budget. However, it is approximately equal to the revenue projected to be received within the current year (August 1990-July 1991). The budget has no provision for faculty and staff salary increases.

Trustee Robert A. Lilly of Maryland presented a resolution opposing abortion on demand to the board, and trustees voted to refer the resolution to the instruction committee for further study. The resolution stated, "This board recognizes abortion on demand as being immoral and unethical," and added the trustees "request that all employees of this institution desist from publicly espousing the right of a woman to have an abortion except where the physical life of the mother is in danger." The resolution prompted a lengthy discussion.

WMU meeting scheduled June 2-3

BIRMINGHAM — Two Tennesseans will be featured on the program of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting June 2-3 in Atlanta, Ga.

Maurice Graham, Southern Baptist missionary to Kuwait, will speak during the Sunday afternoon session of the annual meeting. Graham, of Shelbyville, will talk about what God is calling us to do today. Graham was a hostage in the U.S. Embassy during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Ellen Edens Richardson of Memphis

will be presented as one of six national Acteens panelists during the Monday afternoon session. Six Acteens panelists are chosen each year based on their achievement in Acteens, the WMU teen-age missions organization for girls. The panelists write for Actcent, the member magazine, and serve as pages during the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Called to Mission" will be the theme of the national WMU meeting, to be held in the World Congress Center prior to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Survey reports satisfaction with churches, denomination

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists expressed a high degree of satisfaction with their churches and denomination in a recent national survey conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and released April 16.

However, declines in church involvement and leadership were registered in comparison to a similar 1986 study.

The findings are part of the Southern Baptist Constituency Study conducted by the board's corporate planning and research department in conjunction with HTI Custom Research of Chicago.

In addition to church life, questions probed a wide variety of topics including social issues, the Bible, marketing concerns, and giving to

church and charitable causes.

Almost two-thirds (65 percent) of the approximately 1400 Southern Baptist adults returning questionnaires during the summer and fall of 1990 described themselves either as "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with the way things are going in the denomination.

In the area of congregational loyalty, 66 percent agreed with the statement, "If I had to change churches, I would feel a great sense of loss."

Asked to select factors in their choice of the church where they presently hold membership, 61 percent cited denominational affiliation; 57 percent, friends and family were members; 48 percent, location; 47 percent, friendliness of the congregation; and 46 percent, liked the pastor and

staff.

However, when asked to list the single most important factor in choosing their present church, the number one response (27 percent) was friends/family were members, followed by denominational affiliation, 24 percent.

Respondents who were more involved as leaders in their church were more likely to cite denominational affiliation as their primary reason for choosing the church.

As to the importance of belonging to a Southern Baptist church, 60 percent said it is extremely important or very important. Twenty-two percent said denominational affiliation is somewhat important; eight percent, slightly important; ten percent, not important at all.

If they moved to another community with churches from other denominations in addition to Southern Baptist, 83 percent indicated they definitely or probably would attend a Southern Baptist church.

Some questions in the 1990 survey were repeated from the 1986 study.

allowing comparison. Declines were registered both in participation in church and in leadership involvement.

In 1986, 78 percent described themselves as more involved (16 percent) in their church or involved about the same (62 percent) as a year earlier. In 1990, the figure had declined to 69 percent with 19 percent saying they were more involved, but only 50 percent describing their involvement as about the same.

In 1986, 48 percent of respondents described themselves as not involved as a leader in their church (do not teach a class, lead a group, serve on a committee, etc.). That number had increased to 59 percent in 1990.

Of those who had attended services in the last six months, 39 percent reported attending more than once a week; 28 percent, once a week; 12 percent, two to three times a month; and 19 percent, once a month or less.

Almost half (45 percent) said they had not attended a Christian education program (Sunday School, Discipleship Training, etc.) at their church in the last six months.

Baptists believe Bible is 'inspired'

NASHVILLE (BP) — 95 percent of Southern Baptist adults believe the Bible is the "actual" or "inspired" Word of God, but a much smaller number have a regular worship period at home or attend Bible study at church, a national study showed.

About 1400 Southern Baptists responded in the study conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's corporate planning and research department in conjunction with HTI Custom Research of Chicago.

Respondents in the national sampling included church leaders, active, and inactive members.

Asked to select from five statements the one which best described their feelings about the Bible, 35 percent chose, "The Bible is the actual Word of God, and is to be taken literally word for word."

Another 49 percent chose, "The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It contains

no errors, but some verses are to be taken symbolically rather than literally."

Eleven percent selected, "The Bible is the inspired Word of God, but it may contain historical and scientific errors."

Among the remaining five percent of Southern Baptists, two percent said, "The Bible was not inspired by God, but it represents humankind's best understanding of God's nature." One percent described the Bible as "an ancient book of human fables, legends, history, and moral precepts." Two percent did not respond to the question.

The 95 percent of Southern Baptists describing the Bible as the Word of God or inspired by God compares to 89 percent of church members, and 63 percent of unchurched Americans participating in a 1988 study by the Princeton Religion Research Center.

PAC affirms merger with CLC

WASHINGTON (BP) — Members of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee, meeting possibly for the last time, endorsed their dissolution as a separate entity during their semi-annual meeting April 18-19 here.

The PAC unanimously voted to affirm the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee's decision to merge the committee into the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. In its resolution, the PAC also "strongly recommended" the Southern Baptist

Convention approve the action at its annual meeting in June in Atlanta.

Sam Currin of Raleigh, N.C., told other committee members before the vote, while some had expressed reservations about the merger he believed they "should go out united."

The SBC Executive Committee voted at its meeting in February for the merger and for the transfer of the PAC's proposed budget of \$32,500 to the Christian Life Commission. In March, trustees of the CLC approved changes to the commission's charter clearing the way for the merger.

If approved at the 1991 SBC meeting, nine at-large PAC members would become trustees of the CLC. They would serve until their eligibility is ended, enabling those who qualify to complete a second four-year term.

When all former PAC members have completed their eligibility, their positions on the CLC board would be eliminated. Thus, the CLC would revert to its normal number of trustees, now 32, by 1998 after temporarily increasing to 41.

The action will reduce from three to two the number of organizations with SBC connections that address religious liberty concerns. The SBC added a religious liberty assignment to the CLC's program statement in 1990. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs also deals with church-state issues.

One of the responsibilities of the PAC, which was formed in 1987, is to act as the SBC's representative to the Baptist Joint Committee. Under the proposed merger, CLC trustees will determine which 11 members serve on the BJC.

CLC Executive Director Richard D. Land, a non-voting member of the PAC, told the committee it was the consensus of the CLC's executive committee that the remaining PAC members who so desired would be among the 11 representatives to the BJC. He also said if the convention approves the merger this course would be recommended to the commission in September.

Wards establish scholarships at C-N

JEFFERSON CITY — A fund has been established at Carson-Newman College which will provide scholarships of up to \$25,000 to students who want to pursue missions study. The program is named for Clara and Clifton Ward of Chattanooga who established the program with the initial gift and a trust fund of \$250,000.

The announcement was made as part of the opening ceremonies of MissionsFest which was held on the campus April 26-27. The goal of the Ward

Missions Scholar Program is to establish a \$1 million endowment that would provide for tuition and one semester of study abroad for 20 scholars.

Clifton Ward formerly served on the Carson-Newman board of trustees. He and his wife are members of the C-N Centurions, which is the highest level of supporters of the college.

"It is imperative that Christian colleges take a lead role in missions to provide the educational base and the

opportunities for missionaries," stated Cordell Maddox, college president. "Through this generous program, Carson-Newman College can build its support of our Baptist missionaries here and abroad."

Ward is former president and founder of Uniform Rental Service, a Chattanooga-based corporation which included 32 operations throughout the Southeast and the West Coast.

Although retired, he has opened an investment firm in downtown Chattanooga.

He was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in investments for eight years and was director of Bethel Bible Village. He has also served as a bank director. Ward has served as chairman of deacons and finance committee, director of Sunday School and Discipleship Training at Brainerd Church.

The Ward Scholars Program is open to high school students who are church members and who have a sense of call to study and participate in missions. Sixty percent of the scholarships are reserved for Tennessee students. The first scholar will be selected next year.

Announcements will be sent each September to the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and every state WMU office. Nominations will be made by January, reviewed by the committee and selected by February.



MISSIONS PROGRAM — Clifton and Clara Ward, here with Carson-Newman College president Cordell Maddox, right, have established the Ward Missions Scholar Program at the Jefferson City college.

Our Readers Write

Story worth hearing

I appreciate the gracious article in the April 10 edition of the Baptist and Reflector concerning Gabriel Swope and family and those who assisted them in securing their freedom from Liberia.

Willodene and I have been greatly blessed in having the opportunity to know Gabriel for several years.

Gabriel has a story that is worthy of being heard. Those who have heard him praise the Lord for his story. He is a modern day Paul. He knows what it is to be beaten, imprisoned, and left for dead. I hope many churches will use this dedicated man of God.

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Trustee selection

Proposals by Baptist Hospital trustees to select new trustees, appear to be associated with the stated fact most of the officers are slated to rotate off in the next two years.

Since the SBC persists in purging, firing, and selecting new people on a basis of narrow ideology, it probably would, and recently has, made such selections by the same mechanism. A story in the 4-17-91 Baptist and Reflector mirrored such fear when Baptist Hospital trustees were cited as being dissatisfied with the business acumen of recent appointees.

SBC leadership seems to be overly concerned that some policy or operation might be slanted toward a "moderate" stance, not in keeping with this new ideology.

"Chickens are coming home to roost," it seems, here, and at universities and colleges facing loss of accreditation due to exclusionary ideology.

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Thankful student

As an upcoming senior at Carson-Newman College, it thrills my heart to see God working at Southern Seminary. I am so very glad to see God's mighty hand shaping His conversion into what He wants it to be. Seminary is a time in my life in which I look forward to sitting under Godly men and soaking up the knowledge and wisdom that they have attained over the years. I have many friends who are looking to God for his leadership concerning seminary, just as I am seeking His guidance upon my life. I praise God for the Holy Spirit's working in lives to make our seminaries better, and for helping young men like myself to be better equipped through those seminaries. Thank you, Lord, for what you are doing. I know that the best is yet to come.

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Matthias, apostle?

Was Matthias the 12th apostle? Some say yes. Some say no. I believe he was.

The men that were to sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel were present when Jesus spake the words of Matthew 19:28. "And Jesus said unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, (aorist part. with continued action, so present action is included) in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit (aorist subj.-not yet complete) in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit (future) upon the 12 thrones, judging (present) the 12 tribes of Israel.

Jesus could not have been speaking concerning Paul as an apostle sitting upon a throne judging the 12 tribes of Israel as Paul was not present and had not been converted.

Read Acts 1:20-26, Acts 2:14. "Peter stood up with the eleven."

Acts 6:2, "Then the 12 called the multitude of disciples . . ."

Paul was an apostle to the Gentiles. Romans 11:13, "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my office." Galatians 2:8, "For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles."

Matthias was the one who had been with the apostles from the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, Acts 1:20-22.

Paul's conversion is recorded in Acts chapter 9.

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On happiness

As I read the Declaration of Independence recently, I was drawn to one sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Have we forsaken the tenets upon which our nation was founded? Yes, we have. The Declaration states that all men are created equal. Every fetus at the moment of conception is a created being. We have allowed their rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

to be taken away from them by the decision of a few — not the majority.

When are we going to make our voices heard and stand up for the rights of all human beings? How can we pour out so much love and compassion to one child trapped in a well and not come to the aid of those tortured and murdered every day. They are innocent and have done no wrong!

The people of this nation have been lulled into complacency and a false sense of security, but the consequences of the holocaust against the unborn will come. For the sake of these innocent children and the welfare of this nation, it is time to make our voices heard and stop this holocaust.

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'Drama' set

The annual Impassioned Play — convention drama — opens in Atlanta. The stage is set. The producers and directors selected. The scenario is set. Actors in the wings.

The theme, the program, agenda, organizers, speakers, and character actors are yet unknown. However, the SBC dissidents — by car, bus, train, and plane — will converge for curtain call May 9. The purpose unclear. Perhaps, BP will enlighten mainstream Baptists.

From churches contacted in the local area, only three — the expected ones — had heard of the meeting. If the meeting as indicated in church bulletins correct, it was a convocation to discuss changes and future funding for SBC agencies. Should not this be handled with the whole convention or appropriate committees? Could it be another politically motivated ploy attempting to discredit or demean present conservative leadership?

Liberalism is declining. Evangelical inerrancy is progressing. Thirteen years of conflict for control should cease. Cannot dissidents forego one season of stridency, anguish, and aims and support the SBC conservative choice?

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Discipleship Training reports growth based on participation

By Connie Davis, assistant editor

The new reporting procedure for Discipleship Training enrollment begun in 1989-90 resulted in increases in enrollment, but the reports more accurately reflect participation, says Johnnie Hall, Tennessee Baptist Convention Discipleship Training Director.

The new enrollment/participation reports count members of groups. If the class meets less than a year and the member attends another course he or she may be counted more than once. The reporting process is like that of Church Music, which has several organizations in which a person can participate, explained Hall.

"Discipleship Training is more than a Sunday night thing," said Hall, noting short-term courses like MasterLife meet the needs and schedules of people and churches.

The addition of short-term courses accounts for the increase of 705 Discipleship Training participants at West Lonsdale Church, Knoxville, reported Pastor Bruce Robinson.

The church's enrollment for its regularly scheduled Discipleship Training period on Sunday evening was about 280 during 1989-90, said Robinson, but many groups met at other times.

He credits the church's emphasis on church growth and youth ministry for

its ranking as second in the state for enrollment increase.

In addition to on-going groups, the church has offered MasterLife, PrayerLife, and DiscipleLife courses. To strengthen families, it has held classes like a study of personalities by Florence Litauer during Wednesday evening services, noted Robinson.

The church also has experienced a "youth explosion," he said, referring to the growth of the group. Currently the youth are studying the DiscipleYouth course to prepare for a missions trip to work with Indians in Oklahoma.

Robinson also credited Carolyn McMurray, the church's Discipleship Training director, for the increase.

The top church in enrollment increase, Woodland Park Church, Chattanooga, could not be contacted for comment on their program.

Hall noted churches with Discipleship Training groups have growing Sunday Schools and are more evangelistic and better stewards.

He cited statistics reported by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board compiled from 1988-89 reports. Seventy-nine percent of resident members of churches with Discipleship Training were enrolled in Sunday School compared to 63 percent of churches without Discipleship

Training.

Baptisms per 100 resident members were 3.4 in churches with Discipleship Training and three in churches without the program.

Cooperative Program giving through undesignated gifts also was reported. Churches without Discipleship Training gave 7 percent while other churches gave 11 percent.

Top 25 Churches in Discipleship Training Increase in 1989-90

Church	Association	Increase
1. Woodland Park	Hamilton County	715
2. West Lonsdale	Knox County	705
3. Monte Vista	Chilhowee	631
4. Bellevue	Shelby County	621
5. Colonial	Shelby County	537
6. Cherokee Hills	Knox County	525
7. Calvary	Knox County	476
8. First, Cleveland	Bradley County	435
9. First, Old Hickory	Nashville	428
10. Grassland Heights	Nashville	417
11. Summertown	Lawrence County	370
12. Calvary, Oak Ridge	Clinton	364
13. Northside	Central	360
14. Long Hollow	Nashville	350
15. First, Athens	McMinn-Meigs	339
16. Merton Avenue	Shelby County	335
17. First, Nashville	Nashville	332
18. Wrigley	ALPHA	328
19. Scenic Drive	Concord	324
20. Judson	Nashville	323
21. Pleasant Grove	Big Hatchie	322
22. Shelbyville Mills	New Duck River	320
23. First, McMinnville	Central	297
24. Central, Bearden	Knox County	296
25. Madison Avenue	Chilhowee	280

Child, drug abuse cited as concerns of Southern Baptists

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE (BP) — Child abuse and drug abuse concern Southern Baptist adults more than any other social issues, according to a national study conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

When asked to choose from a list of 23 moral and economic problems the five which concern them most, 55 percent listed child abuse and 54 percent, drug abuse, in the Southern Baptist Constituency Study conducted by the board's corporate planning and research department in conjunction with HTI Custom Research of Chicago.

More than 1400 Southern Baptists returned questionnaires in the fall and summer of 1990 in a wide-ranging study released April 16. Questions explored church life, the Bible, and giving to church, and charitable causes in addition to social issues.

A similar study was completed in 1986 in which drug abuse (51 percent) and child abuse (50 percent) also headed the list of social concerns.

Other issues cited in the current study by more than one-fourth of respondents included: parental neglect of children, 34 percent; high divorce rate, 33 percent; drinking of alcoholic beverages, and hunger/poverty, 28 per-

cent each; sexual immorality, 27 percent; and abortion, 26 percent.

While abortion dropped only two percent from 1986 in the percentage of respondents, it declined from the fourth highest percentage in 1986 to eighth in 1990.

Respondents also were asked to choose from three statements that most closely described their feelings about abortion.

Sixty-nine percent said abortion should be legally permissible under certain circumstances, compared to 57 percent in a February 1989 Gallup survey of a sample of all adults in the United States.

Fourteen percent in the Southern Baptist study said abortion should be illegal in all circumstances, compared to 17 percent of U.S. adults. Another 14 percent of Southern Baptists said abortion should be legally permissible under any circumstances compared to 24 percent in the Gallup study.

Southern Baptists who said abortion should be legally permissible under certain circumstances were asked to identify which circumstances should be legal.

Ninety-three percent said abortion should be legal if the mother's life is endangered; 80 percent, if the

pregnancy is the result of rape; 76 percent, if the pregnancy is a result of incest; 65 percent, if the mother may suffer severe health damage; 45 percent, good chance the baby will be deformed; and 8 percent, the family cannot afford to care for the child.

While child abuse and drug abuse garnered the highest percentage of respondents, women's rights/opportunities received the lowest percentage of interest by Southern Baptists, selected by only four percent both in 1990 and 1986.

Other issues which drew 15 percent or fewer respondents were nuclear weapons, five percent; terrorism, six percent; sex education, and spouse

abuse, nine percent; war, 11 percent (surveys were completed prior to the Persian Gulf War); emphasis on material possessions, 12 percent; racial discrimination and TV programming, 15 percent each.

AIDS, which was not listed in 1986, drew 20 percent of respondents in 1990.

Other issues on the list and their responses include: misuse of natural resources/environment/ecology, homosexuality and dishonesty in business, 21 percent each; disregard for laws, 20 percent; housing/homelessness, 18 percent; and reluctance of individuals to "get involved," 17 percent.

Ninety percent of Americans claim religion

NEW YORK (BP) — Nine of every ten Americans claim to belong to some religious group, with nearly two of every ten identifying themselves as Baptists, according to a landmark study on religion in America.

Among the study's other findings: residents of America's western states are twice as likely as residents of other regions to claim no religious affiliation.

The percentage of Americans claiming no religious affiliation was twice the national average in California (13 percent), Washington (14 percent), and Oregon (17.2 percent).

The population most identified with religion is found in the South.

"The National Survey of Religious Identification" was conducted by Barry Kosmin and Seymour Lachman of the Graduate School of the City University of New York. Data was collected through telephone interviews with 113,000 adults in the continental United States over a 13-month period ending in April 1990.

The study is important because of its scope and topic. Although the U.S. Census Bureau collects data about numerous traits of Americans, it does not collect information on religion.

The major church groups in America are Roman Catholic (26.2 percent), Baptist (19.4 percent), Methodist (8 percent) and Lutheran (5.2 percent).

Carson-Newman sets spring commencement

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College will hold its spring commencement, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Burke-Tarr Stadium.

D. L. Lowrie, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will deliver the commencement address.

C-N President Cordell Maddox will present diplomas to approximately 265 graduates, the largest number of Carson-Newman graduates receiving degrees in the spring.

Belmont board vote gives . . .

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have been acclaimed locally and nationally for innovation and quality.

Reflecting on the process of the change, Troutt said that great care was taken in coming to a consensus. "We value our mission as a teaching institution and treasure our identity as a place that cares about each individual student."

Citing three reasons for the change, Belmont's president said the name Belmont University will reflect better "who we are today."

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undergraduate levels. In terms of people and programs, Belmont is competitive with many other small, primarily undergraduate universities that focus on quality teaching.

- University reflects Belmont's comprehensive program. While Belmont is well-known for its programs in music and business, the institution has outstanding programs in religion, humanities, education, sciences, and nursing. Students from almost every state and 47 foreign countries come to Belmont to study.

- University reflects Belmont's commitment to continued improvement. As Belmont University, the fundamental task will be to build on a rich heritage.

Campbell County taps Glen Petree

Glen Petree was elected director of missions for Campbell County Association of Baptists, effective April 1. Formerly a Southern Baptist home missionary serving Clinton Baptist Association, he was director of church and community ministries for almost seven years.

The graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was pastor of Fairview Church, Oak Ridge, prior to becoming a missionary.

He and his wife Jane, and sons, Tim, Matthew, and Luke, live in Caryville.



CAMPBELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Association leaders Don Martin, left, moderator and pastor, East LaFollette Church, LaFollette, and Bob Brown, right, chairman of director of missions search committee and pastor, First Church, LaFollette, flank Glen Petree, who was elected director of missions of the association.

One Word More

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

Life is not always what we make it — because there are circumstances that can thwart best plans. We can often change things for the better.

James doesn't have a high tech position with a blue chip corporation. He drives a bus. It's evident to most of his customers — riders between New York's Kennedy and LaGuardia airports — that he doesn't have a college degree nor a beach house for weekend hideaways.

But James makes the most of his work.

Because of his attitude and work ethic, he soon makes his weary riders feel better. Apparently he believes his work is not drudgery, but a privilege and blessing.

It's easy to pick James from the crowd. Dressed in his crisp and clean uniform, he jumps from the bus with brisk stride as soon as he stops.

When I met James last week, I was indeed weary. Twelve hours on the El Al jet flying to New York from Tel Aviv had drained all of us. He quickly and politely informed us about the bus route and allayed the fears of some riders that this might not be the bus to LaGuardia.

He stacked the luggage with care and invited us onto his bus. His smile was contagious. We began to feel less

weary — almost carefree. After about five minutes on board, he noted that a worried passenger was asking others about his proper destination.

She wasn't sure whether she would depart from Kennedy or LaGuardia, and she was from another country. James stopped the bus and looked at her ticket closely. He calmed her fears and promised to check with the ticket agent.

Along the way, he chatted cheerfully, lifting us from our early morning doldrums. Soon we began talking with each other.

Spotting a trucker who had made a wrong choice and found himself driving on a highway where trucks were prohibited, James honked his horn and pulled alongside the trucker. He told him not to try to turn the truck around at that busy hour — but to stay put until police assistance came. "And they will come soon," he said.

I like James. Apparently he is determined to make his job exciting. That attitude helps everyone who rides with him. He is on to a good thing, you know.

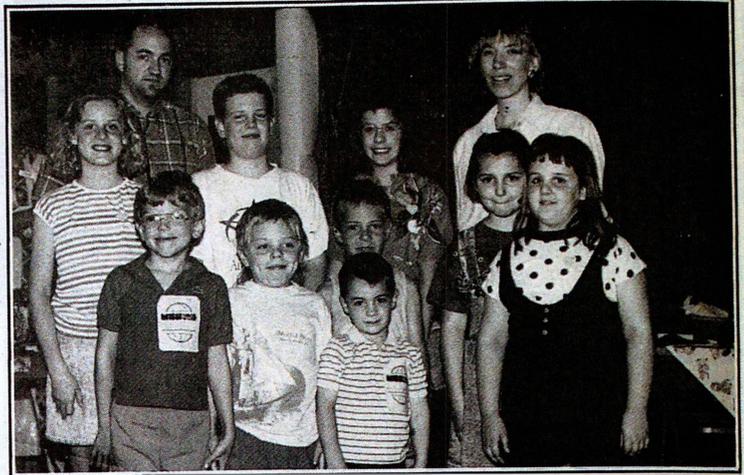


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MISSIONSFEST CO-CHAIRMAN Diane Jordan, right, visits with Doris Devault of Birmingham, left, and Dorothy Milligan, Jefferson City.

ATTENDING FROM Westhaven Church, Knoxville were, from left, first row, Steven Puckett, Gabriel Clay, Bradley Morris, Scott Bell, Rebecca Hildreth, Adrienne Huffine; second row, Melissa Huffine, Rick Morris, Jeremy Hicks, Stacey Bell, and Penny Hicks.



MissionsFest Tennessee

A foreign missions experience for all ages



FROM LEFT, Marshall Hargrave, Jefferson City, Don Longston, Strawberry Plains, and William Burton, Morristown, all missions volunteers.



MISSIONARY JOYCE HEISS of Japan visits with John and Earle Stair of Seymour.



FMB PRESIDENT Keith Parks, left, chats with, from left, Moncrief Jordan, First Church, Jefferson City; and Directors of Missions Roy Davis, Cumberland Plateau, and David Tydings, Grainger County.



CENTRAL CHURCH, Chattanooga participants included, from left, Aleida Holder, Lois Carson, Bula Dell Blanchard, Myra Beck, and Marilyn Schneller.



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 "We ask for your prayers as we seek God's will to where He wants us to go," Mrs. Graham said.

Graham encouraged MissionsFest participants to do three things. Continue to pray, be willing to dig deep into your resources, and be willing to go if God calls you, Graham urged.

"If we don't do what God has called us to do, we will be held accountable," he said.

Saturday activities featured a Bible study led by Parks, conferences, activities for children and youth, a global walkaround, and a closing ceremony which featured a commissioning service.

Parks shared with participants about God's simple mystery. "Ultimately, if we're going to fulfill God's plan, we have to go as witnesses. That is God's simple mystery," Parks said.

MissionsFest goers also had the opportunity to participate in small conferences or Missionshops led by mis-

sionaries and FMB staff members. Topics included missionaries and their work, missions and the world today, missions in the church, and personal involvement.

The global walkaround featured exhibits from different countries. At some booths, missionaries dressed in the native attire of their countries. Children and adults both had opportunities to visit with the missionaries and learn more about their work and place of service.

"MissionsFest has been great," said Pastor Nathan Livingston of Pleasant Grove Piney Church in Strawberry Plains. The exhibits have been enlightening and it has given us a chance to "rub shoulders" with foreign missionaries and FMB personnel, he added.

Jack Webb, a member of First Church, Oliver Springs, who was attending with his pastor, Charles Parker, enjoyed the Grahams'

"If they can go through all they did, we don't have any excuses here," he said.

Penny Hicks, who brought a group of Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action from Westhaven Church, Knoxville, observed MissionsFest "gives us a lot of information and insight on different countries."

Michael Pearson, director of missions for Clinton Association, agreed the weekend event was a good experience for all who attended.

"It is something I hope will come around to this part of the state on a regular basis," he said.

MissionsFest concluded Saturday night with a message by Keith Parks and a recommissioning service for the missionaries. Carson-Newman College's summer missionaries also were included in the service.

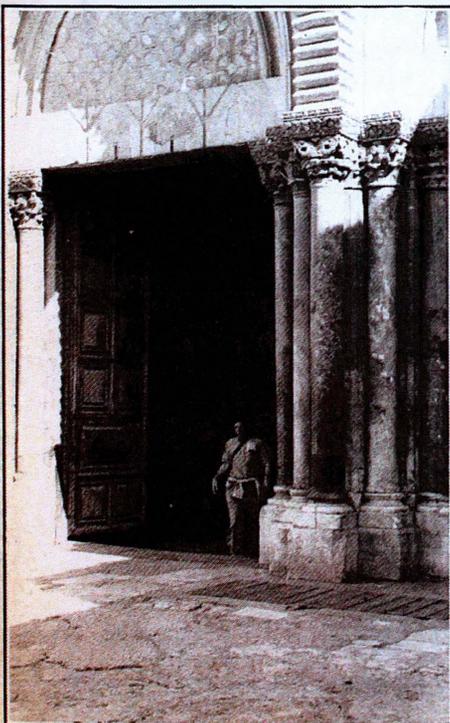
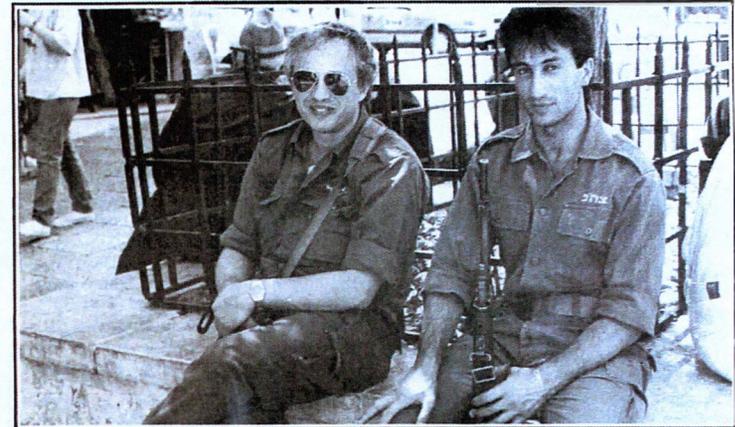
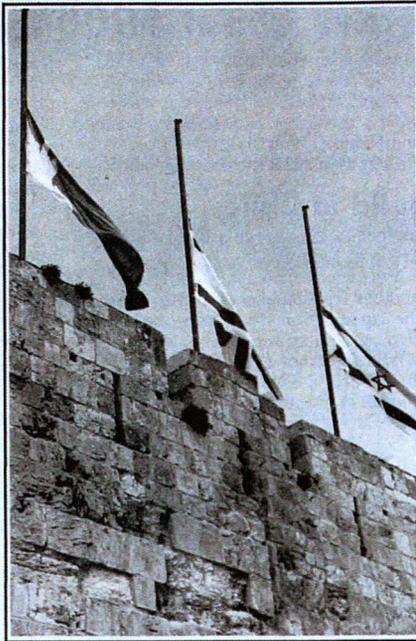
Following messages Friday and Saturday nights, several people made commitments for mission service.



MARK AND SONYA TICHENOR of First Church, Morristown, with baby Hannah.

Faces and Places — Israel

Hanging half-staff are (from right) Tower Flag, Jerusalem Flag, Israeli Flag — on Remembrance Day. Other photos (clockwise): Nazareth over-view; two Israeli soldiers on busy Jerusalem street; children romping in play at Banyas, Golan Heights; visitors at Nazareth Baptist Church and School — Yvonne White, Huntsville (Ala.) Times; Sue Poss, Baptist Courier, (S.C.); Guy Henderson, Mississippi Baptist Record; Pastor Fuad Sakhnini; Glenn Brown, Oklahoma Baptist Messenger; and Baptist and Reflector Editor Wm. Fletcher Allen.



JERUSALEM'S Church of the Holy Sepulchre, main entrance — revered by many as place of Christ's crucifixion and burial.

A good week to visit in Israel

It was April 15-24 on our Gregorian calendar, but in Israel, it was the year 5751, in the month of Iyar.

Along with 17 other religion journalists, I visited Israel those ten days — during the celebration of Israeli Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) on April 17, followed by Independence Day.

Yom Hazikaron is a solemn day — devoted to the memory of soldiers fallen in defense of the nation. The day of national grief is joined with the joyous celebrations of freedom the next day, which marks Israel's 43rd anniversary of independence as a nation in modern times.

We were guests of the Israeli government, specifically its Ministry of Tourism and El Al Airline.

United States Secretary of Defense James Baker and his entourage were there the same week. Though we did not meet them, they took over our

King David Hotel rooms.

We traveled throughout the country during the ten days — from Masada in the south to Dan in the north, just a couple of miles from the Lebanese and Syrian borders.

The first four days we spent in the Jerusalem area, absorbing history and getting re-acquainted with Biblical sites. The government provided a superb guide in Michael Rogoff — and he was with the group during the entire period.

Two things tag Israel as fiercely independent: the people seem to want peace, but not peace at any cost; and they want to be a vital part of the world family, again, not at any cost.

What may seem to be arrogance may in truth be unflinching devotion to determine their own national destiny.

We will examine the nation and its people in subsequent articles. — Wm. Fletcher Allen

Bellevue Church's Bible conference draws about 5000 to Memphis

CORDOVA — Approximately 5000 people from 28 states, Canada, and South America were challenged by several nationally-known speakers during a four-day national Bible conference April 17-20 at Bellevue Church in Cordova.

The conference theme was "Bright Light for Dark Days" and featured Southern Baptist pastors Adrian Rogers of the host church; W. A. Criswell and Joel Gregory of First Church, Dallas; Darrell Gilyard of Victory Church, Richardson, Texas; and evangelist Ron Dunn of Dallas.

Also featured on the program were Stephen Olford, president of Encounter Ministries, Memphis; John Phillips, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.; and Jerry Falwell, president of Old Time Gospel Hour, Liberty, Va.

The purpose of the conference was to "encourage and inform," said Rogers, noting there are "a lot of preachers and Christians living in quiet desperation, looking for personal encouragement and 'how tos.'"

The conference also included seminars for pastors and deacons, encouragement for ladies, panel discussions, and instruction for staff members and lay leaders.

"We tried to deal with the practical issues of the total Christian life," Rogers said, stressing the conference was not designed just to emphasize evangelism or church growth.

Rogers said he was grateful for the balance of the program, noting topics included prophecy, perplexity and problems, Christology, and other related subjects.

Two Tennessee Baptist directors of missions were among the hundreds of Tennesseans at the conference: David

Miller, Indian Creek Association, and Bill George, Beulah Association.

"I found the conference to be uplifting and encouraging. I felt it met the needs of a number of pastors and wives," George said, adding that the

Volunteers share faith, build in Chile

When Carolyn Penick of Martin joined a volunteer mission team to Chile she met Rosa, who lived near the New Life Mission of Padre Las Casas in Temuco where the team was working.

Although Rosa was only 16 years old, she came every day to help other women prepare meals for the team and Chileans building an educational building for the mission.

Rosa and Penick began practicing their limited knowledge of each others' language with the other.

One day in conversation, Rosa said she didn't have a Bible after a woman referred to a Bible story. Penick gave Rosa a Spanish Bible.

The following Sunday during the evening worship service, Rosa was the first person to respond to the invitation period of the service. She asked God to be her Savior, reported Missionary Clara Brincefield of Chile.

When Penick discovered Rosa was the only Christian in her home, she visited Rosa's mother and with the help of an interpreter, invited her

"messages, while different, met the special needs of those in attendance."

Miller agreed. "I thought it was a good conference. The speakers brought some challenging messages."

Both men cited the messages of Ron

Dunn. Dunn urged those in attendance not to worry. "Fretting is a self-inflicted wound," he said.

"Most of us worry about things over which we have no control," he said. The solution, he said, is to trust God completely, a task which he acknowledged is not always easy.

In other messages, Adrian Rogers spoke about the "making of a man of God." He reminded pastors that God is their strength.

"If God has called you, then God is the God who is going to equip you and God is the God who is going to anoint you to do what you need to do," he said.

Stephen Olford encouraged those in attendance to give themselves completely to the Lord.

"Unless He possesses every area of your life, you are a sitting duck for the greatest disaster of your life," Olford predicted. — Lonnie Wilkey

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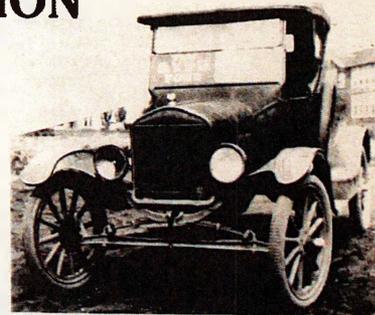
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Charles Sergeant was ordained to the deacon ministry of Rogers Creek Church, Decatur.

Hoyt Firestone and Jim Bishop were recently ordained as deacons at Chestee Church, Calhoun.

Don Stanfield was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Covenant Church, Cleveland, and is now serving as pastor.

Churches ...

Members of Third Church, Nashville, will celebrate the church's 115th anniversary and homecoming May 19. Pastor Ted Verville will speak at 10:45 a.m., and former pastor Clyde Cutrer will speak at a special service at 1:30 p.m. A potluck dinner will be served at noon.

Calvary Church, Knoxville, will host a divorce recovery workshop on Thursday evenings, May 2-June 6, 7-9 p.m. A \$20 fee will cover the costs of handouts and a copy of *Growing Through Divorce*, a book by Jim Smoke. Child care is available. For more information, call (615) 525-5711, or 523-9419.

Darrell Adams, a singer and songwriter, will be special guest at Friends and Family Weekend at Signal

Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, May 3-5. Weekend events will include a concert on Friday, a youth rally on Saturday, and worship services on Sunday with music led by Adams.

The congregation of Madison Heights Church, Madison, celebrated the 41st anniversary and homecoming of the church April 28.

The 30th anniversary of Hillhurst Church, Nashville, will be celebrated May 12.

Westhaven Church, Knoxville, will celebrate its 30th anniversary May 5 with morning worship at 9:45 followed by dinner on the grounds and a testimony and music service in the afternoon. Gene Wood of First Church, Powell, will bring the morning message. The theme for the day will be "Celebrate the Past, Focus on the Future."

Revivals ...

J. Milton Knox will speak at revival May 5-10 at Hillhurst Church, Nashville.

Watauga Association reported the upcoming revivals: Nelson Chapel Church, Mountain City, May 5-10; Clarence Phillips; First Church, Hampton, May 5-8; Jack Roddy; and Caldwell Springs Church, Elizabethton, May 12-16; Stanley Frye.

Sullivan Association will sponsor a

senior adult revival May 6-9 at West View Church, Kingsport.

Robert Hamblin will speak at revival services May 5-8 at Raleigh Church, Memphis. Jim Watson will be worship leader.

West Jackson Church, Jackson, held revival April 28 - May 1. Phil Glisson, Memphis, was evangelist.

Lakeview Church, Harriman, will hold revival May 5-11. C. W. Young will be the evangelist.

Leadership ...

Ray B. McCall recently retired as pastor of Glenwood Church, Nashville, after serving for nearly 20 years.

John Miller will become the new minister of ministries at Trinity Church, Memphis, May 12.

Samuel Jones did not accept the call of First Church Millington, to serve as minister of music as was reported in the April 24 issue of the Baptist and Reflector. The church is still seeking a minister of music.

Bob Pharris has been called as interim pastor of Dodson Branch Church, Cookeville.

Sally Ensley has been named minister of family activities and missions at Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain. A native of Georgia,

she is a graduate of University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. She was minister of education at First Church, Providence, Ky., before joining the staff of Signal Mountain Church.

Associations ...

New Duck River Association, Shelbyville, will host a World Missions Conference May 5-8. Participating churches are Calvary, Eastview, Edgemont, El Bethel, Friendship, North Fork, Shelbyville Mills, and First churches, all in Shelbyville; Cornersville Church, Cornersville; East Commerce, Farmington, and First churches, all in Lewisburg; Fosterville Church, Fosterville; Hannah's Gap Church, Petersburg; Hickory Hill and First churches, both in Lynchburg; Longview Church, Bell Buckle; First Church, Normandy; Rover Church, Eagleville; and First Church, Wartrace. The World Mission Conference rally and missions fair will be May 4 at First Church, Shelbyville. Maurice and Laurie Graham will be guest speakers at the rally.

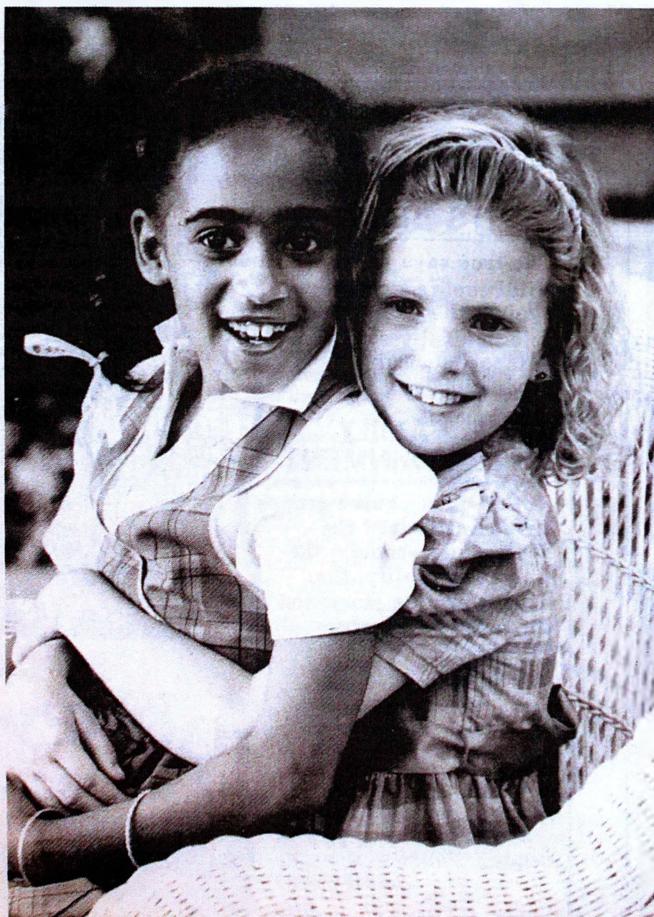
Institutions ...

Willow Brook Retirement Centers in Nashville and Madison, and Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes will hold a spring open house in honor of senior adult day May 5 from 2-4 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Missionaries ...

Missionary to Zimbabwe, Barbara Brown, is on the field and can be contacted at P.O. Box 657, Gweru, Zimbabwe. Brown is from Morristown.

"And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." — Romans 5:2



Remember the Children: Mother's Day Offering May 12, 1991

Since 1891, Tennessee Baptists have shown their love to the abused and neglected children of our state by supporting the ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

We're thankful for the young lives that have been changed these past 100 years. For many boys and girls, the Children's Homes has provided their first home without fear. The threats and abuse of years past are replaced by an environment of stable routines, gentle but firm discipline, and Christian love for one another.

As one 13-year-old girl, Casey, wrote about her life at TBCH, "The things that scare me are not here. I know that I am safe and that no one will hurt me anymore."

Begun as an orphanage in Nashville, The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes now has nine locations across the state. There are three main campuses (Chattanooga, Franklin and Memphis), three group homes (Johnson City, Kingsport and Burrville), two Homes for Unwed Mothers (Greeneville and Franklin), and a Boys Ranch (Millington).

The many TBCH ministries have been made possible by the loving support of Baptists across our state. This year's Mother's Day Offering will provide about one-third of the funds needed to support the work of the Children's Homes. Church leaders: materials for the offering are being shipped this week. If you need assistance with your order, please call 1-800-624-8591. Our mailing address is TBCH, 5001 Maryland Way, Brentwood, TN 37027.



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Family ministry task force appointed

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Morris Chapman has appointed a seven-member family ministry task force to identify ways churches can minister to the needs of families in trouble.

"I have a growing burden for the deterioration of the family in America," said Chapman, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. "This task force can help bring greater attention to the need of all Southern Baptists to minister effectively to dysfunctional families and struggling singles."

The purpose of the task force is to explore ways to reverse the trends of dysfunctional families, Chapman said.

"I have appointed the SBC family ministry task force to headline the enormous erosion of the family in our generation. Marriages are falling apart, homes are disintegrating, the number of single parents has risen drastically, and unmarried couples are living together in record numbers.

Shady Church calls pastor

Gerald Williams is serving Shady Church, Strawberry Plains, as pastor. Williams formerly was pastor of an independent church.

The native of Dandridge and his wife, Karen, have three children.

"If these trends are not reversed," Chapman continued, "the moral fiber of our nation will soon be shredded beyond repair."

The task force will work closely with Doug Anderson, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department, in identifying and meeting specific needs of families, Chapman said. Anderson will serve as staff to the task force.

Chapman has appointed Charles Lowery, pastor of Hoffmantown Church, Albuquerque, N.M., chairman of the task force.

Other members of the seven-member task force which is expected to hold its first meeting prior to the Southern Baptist Convention June 4-6 in Atlanta are: Kay Moore, freelance writer and family life speaker from First Church, Nashville; Tom King, minister of family enrichment at First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas; Ron Mumbower, director of counseling for First Church, Jackson, Miss.; Charles Page, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Suzanne Groce, former missionary to Ethiopia, now living in Gainesville, Fla.; and Jay Wolf, pastor of First Church, Alexandria, Va.



CARSON-NEWMAN HONORS LAYMAN — Charles Sigmon, right, a member of First Church, Middlesboro, was recently honored by Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, for his contributions as chairman of the college's board of advisors for six years. The board of trustees passed a resolution citing Sigmon for his efforts in the college's "most ambitious capital campaign in history." Presenting Sigmon a copy of the resolution is trustee chairman T. Maxfield Bahner.

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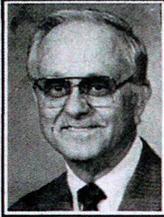
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David, victorious and gracious

By Robert Armour, retired director of missions; Troy

Someone has said that a little learning is a dangerous thing. We could also say that a little accomplishment sure does some odd things to people. David was not one of those people who let his accomplishments change his whole personality. He remembered his friends and acquaintances, even though he was king. He seems to have found that maintaining common touch did not cause people to lose respect for him. In fact, it caused them to respect him all the more.



ARMOUR

David victorious as king
David's victories do not seem to be listed in chronological order. The first

listed here is his victory over the Philistines. The Philistines were great sailors and traders known for warfare and violence. They seem to have migrated into Cannan from the island of Crete. Their stronghold in Cannan was a narrow strip of fertile land along the coast of the Mediterranean called today the Gaza Strip. David lived among the Philistines for a long time while he was hiding from Saul, but when he was anointed king, his status turned from refugee to enemy. David also conquered the Syrians and the Edomites. The Edomites were descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother.

David continued to keep Israel united and to rule over every tribe in both north and south. Typical of David, his rule was not harsh and ruthless, but one of judgment and justice.

David's kindness to Mephiboseth
When David's rule was established

he found time to give attention to some personal matters. He immediately wanted to share the bounties God had given him with any surviving members of Saul's family. This was primarily because of the warm friendship he had shared with Saul's oldest son, Jonathan. Mephiboseth was crippled in both feet because of an injury sustained when his nurse dropped him in her flight at the time of Saul's and Jonathan's death.

BIBLE BOOK

May 5 Lesson

Basic Passage: 2 Samuel 8:1-9:13

It seems that Ziba, who was a supervisor of Saul's estate, took advantage of the opportunity at the time of Saul's death. Since Mephiboseth did not return to the estate, Ziba took over and managed the estate for himself. He

had become vastly rich. David promised to return to Mephiboseth all the property belonging to Saul. He ordered Ziba to manage the property for Mephiboseth and give to him his rightful share of the income. Mephiboseth was invited to live in the palace of the king and eat at the king's table. The honor of eating at the king's table was one reserved for family members, government officials, and other favored guests.

Mephiboseth was afraid, but David assured him that he meant no harm. He was just trying to return to him his rightful inheritance. He was not to work the land, but to have it managed for him. He was to receive the income from the inheritance and live in the palace.

David's provision for Mephiboseth is a typical example of David's great and generous spirit. He wanted to share with others the things with which God had so richly blessed him. David apparently believed that a generous, loving spirit was as honorable for a king as for anyone else.

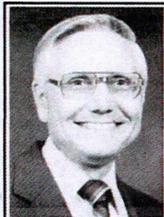
Joy of reconciliation

By Omer Painter, director of missions; Tennessee Valley Association

The Book of Acts records only one visit of Paul to Corinth (ch. 18:1-18), but II Corinthians records a second visit. It turned out to be very painful, perhaps to both Paul and the Corinthians.

Evidently a very grave crisis had arisen in his relationship with the Corinth Church. It was so serious that Paul must have gone some 200 miles from Ephesus back to Corinth, but was rebuffed to such an extent that he spoke of that visit in terms of "heaviness" and "sorrow."

Then, it is implied that Paul wrote the Corinthians another letter, which must have been quite



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stern. That letter must have been effective, as Paul learned when Titus brought a report on the situation in Corinth (ch. 2:12, 13).

CONVENTION UNIFORM

May 5 Lesson

Basic Passage: II Corinthians 1:12-2:17

Helpers of joy

Apparently Paul had indicated he intended to make yet another visit to Corinth, but had failed to do so. Consequently, some of the Corinthians must have accused him of being wishy-washy and even untrustworthy. Paul explained that actually it was out of his concern for their feelings that he deliberately decided not to return, but instead to write them another letter.

He denied that he desired to dominate them, but stressed he wanted to help promote their well being by af-

firming their mutual faith, joy, grief. He assured them that even though they had deeply grieved him and his recent letter to them had been stern and tear stained, he still loved them even more than ever.

Devices of Satan

Paul then warned his Christian friends of the danger of falling victims of the devil's tricky devices. First there was the danger of either under-reacting or over-reacting to sin in their midst. Sin must not be ignored, or it may destroy the sinner and contagiously contaminate others. On the other hand, discipline must be for the purpose of the restoration of the sinner and the sound fellowship of the church. Satan tricks us into being unforgiving, unhelpful, and even unloving. This leads to our doubt, disobedience, and division. Surely one of Satan's most potent and frequently devastating devices is the division of Christian fellowship. Finally, Satan's most devilish device is to trick us into being like him, and therefore, unlike Christ who is

graciously forgiving.

Triumph in Christ

Even though Satan has some very clever devices, he does not inevitably have the Christian defeated. We not only have been warned of Satan's devices; we have been assured of victory in Jesus. Paul pictured Christ as a mighty victorious general returning home from a successful military campaign. Like the paraded captives of a triumphant Roman general, we are the prisoners of the benevolent Savior. (Remember how many Iraqi soldiers gladly surrendered to the allied coalition forces in the Persian Gulf War?) The ancient general's parade was fragrantly scented by garlands of flowers and burning incense.

So also are we the inviting perfume attracting people to Christ. We, unlike some of those in the celebrations of old Rome, don't promote or proclaim ourselves, but our triumphant mentor, Christ. We are prisoners, perfume, and preachers exalting Christ.

Making new persons

By Nathan Holloway, pastor; Wrigley Church, Lyles

They tell us, "Don't eat hamburgers. They're bad for you!" French fries? "Too much cholesterol!" Skittles candy? "Too many calories!" How about an all-American hot dog? "If you only knew all the preservatives and chemicals in those, you'd die before you eat it," they'd say.

The medical profession tells us many of the foods we eat can be bad for us, and over time, may even kill us. They also tell us that diseases such as cancer and heart disease rank high in our country as killers of our physical bodies. But the worst diseases that our world has ever known or will ever know is nothing compared to the killer of our spiritual selves.



HOLLOWAY

When Paul spoke of being "dead in trespasses and sins," (v. 1), he was not talking about just being "bad" or

not having "good morals." Jesus said (Matthew 15:10-20) the reason we commit the sins that we do is because those sins come first from our "heart." In other words, we murder because we are murderers. We commit adultery because we are adulterers. We lie because we are liars. We walk according to "this world" and "the prince of the power of the air," because of what we are (v. 3). We fulfill the "desires of the flesh and of the mind" because of what we are (v. 3).

The reason we must repent and allow God to "quicken" or resurrect our dead spirit is because of what we are, not just what we do. We do what we do because of what we are. And what we are before we receive God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ is spiritually dead. Paul left us with no question on the matter. Sin killed us. The image of God in man was broken, and without the miracle of salvation mankind would remain forever lost and without hope.

Even with all of our modern technology, man still does not have the power to resurrect a dead physical

body or a dead spirit. "But God," Paul said, because of "His great love ... hath quickened us together with Christ," and "hath raised us up together" (v. 4). When all hope in our own power is gone, there is God. Just when we realize we don't have the capacity or ability to cause our dead spirit to come alive, there is God. And to top it off, God extends this unmerited favor, or "grace" (vv. 5, 8) to us while we are "dead in sins," "while we were still sinners," (Romans 5:8 NIV). In that is the very essence of grace!

LIFE AND WORK

May 5 Lesson

Basic Passage: Ephesians 2:1-10

This resurrection of our spirit is not brought about by our "works." When we of our own power "turn over a new leaf," the leaf usually gets flipped back over.

The saving grace of God is received as a "gift." It is not bought with works or a "good" life. It is undeserved and received only by "faith" (v. 8). By its very definition, the word faith as used here (Greek — pistis), means that we must come to the realization that only God quickens our spirit. It is grace

only! It is not works or even grace and works. It is God's grace only!

When we think of receiving God's grace, or being "saved," we tend to think of only the negative aspect of salvation. We think of being saved "from" our sins, or "from" eternal damnation. Paul tried to help us understand the positive aspect of our salvation. We are saved "unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (v. 10).

Before salvation, our dead spirit prevented us from walking according to the way that God "before ordained." Remember, that was the reason that we walked according to the world. But now with our resurrected spirit, we can walk in the newness of life in a way that expresses our thanks to God who brought about this new life. We walk the way of God not to receive His grace, but because we have received it. Through faith we are made alive in Christ by God's grace to live a life of good works.



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Sponsor churches needed for Kurdish refugees

ATLANTA — More than 2000 Kurdish refugees from Iraq are seeking to resettle in the United States, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is ready to enlist 50 or more churches to sponsor homeless Kurds. Some of the Kurdish refugees may need church sponsors within a month, said David Terry of the Home Mission Board's language church extension division and its immigration and refugee service.

These Kurds were targets of hostility or persecution even before the exodus of fear by 1.5 million or more Iraqi Kurds toward Turkey and Iran in recent weeks, Terry noted. The sudden international crisis of hunger, disease, and exposure to rain and mountain cold began after the Kurds' unsuccessful rebellion against Saddam Hussein's rule.

Most of the Kurds now in the process of resettling outside Iraq could come to the United States within three months, Terry said, explaining, "They must have a sponsor before they can move to the United States." Churches interested in sponsoring Kurdish refugees may call the Home Mission Board's immigration and refugee service at (404) 898-7395. Information will be provided to potential sponsors on how a church prepares to receive refugees and helps them adjust to life in a new country.

Sponsoring churches are asked to provide at least three months of rent for refugees and help with food, clothing, household items, finding employment, and enrolling children of refugee families in school. Additionally, churches are asked to commit a year to helping refugees with ongoing adjustments.

Land decries court's decision on pregnant employees

WASHINGTON — Richard D. Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has described as "reprehensible" a recent Supreme Court decision invalidating "fetal-protection" policies of corporations.

In a unanimous decision, the Court ruled that a policy barring women who are able to bear children from jobs that entail danger to unconceived offspring amounts to sexual discrimination. The ruling was hailed by civil liberties and women's rights groups.

"I am appalled at the barbaric, pagan, and callous disregard for unborn life revealed in this decision," Land said. "To give more weight to a mother's employment opportunities than to the potential for fatal or permanently disfiguring injuries to her unborn child is reprehensible.

"Sexual discrimination is bad. Fetal discrimination is even worse when it leads to severe and often lethal deformities. This is a sad day for unborn children and for the nation."

The case, *Auto Workers v. Johnson Controls, Inc.*, resulted after the company, which manufactures batteries, announced in 1982 that "women who are pregnant or who are capable of bearing children" would be barred from jobs that expose them to lead, according to the opinion written by Justice Harry Blackmun.

Lead is an ingredient in batteries that can be harmful to future children of women exposed to it. Johnson Controls' policy prohibiting women from certain jobs was initiated after eight of its employees became pregnant while registering blood lead levels of more than 30 micrograms per deciliter, which is the crisis level, according to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

The Court said the policy violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 because it did not "apply to the reproductive capacity of the company's male employees in the same way as it applies to that of the females."

Golden Gate trustees approve budget; enrollment plan

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved a \$4.9 million budget and endorsed efforts to reverse serious enrollment declines. Trustees adopted a \$4.9 million budget for 1991-92, a balanced budget for a second consecutive year. The budget reinstates faculty merit increases and sabbaticals, along with proposed faculty positions in church music and supervised ministry.

"The budget hemorrhaging of the past few years has been stopped," said seminary president William O. Crews. "Receipts for the first eight months of this fiscal year have exceeded expenditures by \$390,226. This compares to a deficit of \$171,091 at this same time last year."

On the Mill Valley, Calif., campus for their annual spring meeting April 8-9, trustees elected Dick Lincoln, pastor of Shandon Church in Columbia, S.C., chairman; John Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Church, Houston, vice chairman; and Sandy Casteel of First Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., secretary.

Crews told the trustees enrollment has taken a sudden and dramatic drop. "I would have to say to you that the greatest challenge we face today is a precipitous drop in enrollment, particularly here on the main campus... At the hour of our greatest need for trained church leaders here in the West," said Crews. In the three primary degree programs, 419 students were enrolled throughout the seminary's three campuses this year, compared to 444 the previous year and 530 the year before that.

"It is of little comfort that other seminaries are facing similar drops," Crews said. "We all have ideas as to the reasons for this decline; whatever the reasons are, they are not satisfactory and we cannot just accept these losses."

Trustees assigned actual recruitment duties to Mike Thompson and changed his job title from dean of students to vice president for student affairs.

Southern Baptists older than U.S. population

NASHVILLE — Compared to the general population of the United States, Southern Baptist adults tend to be older, better educated but have similar

average earnings, according to findings in the Southern Baptist Constituency Study released April 16.

The national survey included about 1400 respondents in a random sample conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's corporate planning and research department in conjunction with HTI Custom Research of Chicago. Surveys were conducted in the summer and fall of 1990.

Forty percent of Southern Baptist adults are 55 years of age or older compared to 29 percent of the U.S. population. On the younger end of the spectrum, only 13 percent of Southern Baptist adults are 18-29 compared to 26 percent in the U.S.

By education, almost one-half of Southern Baptists reported at least one year of college compared to 37 percent of U.S. adults. Only 12 percent of Southern Baptists completed 11 grades of school or less compared to 23 percent of Americans.

No significant differences with the U.S. population were reported in income levels with 57 percent of Southern Baptists reporting a total household income for 1989 of less than \$30,000 and 40 percent reporting less than \$20,000.

Southern names distinguished alumni

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Five graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, representing missions, the pastorate and teaching, have been selected 1991 Distinguished Alumni by the Louisville, Ky., school.

Southern Baptist honorees are Paul R. Adkins, vice president of the ministry section for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta; Louis O. Ball, chairman of the department of music at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City; Sydney L. Goldfinch, retired Southern Baptist missionary and retired pastor of First Church, Walnut Cove, N.C.; and John G. McCall, head of the religion and philosophy department at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The four will be honored at the seminary's annual alumni and friends reunion in Atlanta June 5 during the Southern Baptist Convention. Banquet tickets may be obtained by calling the seminary's office of alumni affairs at (800) 626-5525. Tickets are \$10 each if purchased before May 5. After May 5, tickets are \$14 each.

SWBTS honoring three with distinguished alumni awards

FORT WORTH, Texas — Three graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, have been chosen Distinguished Alumni for 1991 and will be recognized during a luncheon June 5 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. The three represent diverse areas of ministry including foreign missions, evangelism, and pastoral ministry. Receiving the award this year are Eloise Glass Cauthen, former missionary to China and widow of Baker James Cauthen, former executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Ralph Langley, pastor emeritus of First Church of Huntsville, Ala.; and Bill Glass founder of the Bill Glass Evangelistic Association and former All-America and All-Pro football player. The recipients will be honored at the luncheon at the Omni Hotel, near the Georgia World Congress Center, following the Wednesday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Tickets may be purchased by sending \$17 to the Office of Public Affairs, P.O. Box 22000-3E, Fort Worth, Texas 76122. Tickets sold at the SBC will cost \$19.

Wednesday night SBC service not on television

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Wednesday evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting will not be televised live as earlier announced, according to Jim Henry, chairman of the spiritual awakening committee.

Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, had earlier indicated to church members across the convention they could participate in the special session because the ACTS network would be doing a live coverage.

"However, funds are not available for this broadcast and ACTS has planned to videotape our session to make it available to the churches at a later date," said Henry. A letter indicating the change has been sent to SBC churches, he said.

The Wednesday evening session of the convention, June 4-6 in Atlanta, primarily is devoted to a call to spiritual prayer for spiritual awakening in America.

Professionalism, practicality goals of religious educators

ATLANTA — Professionalism and practicality are the two goals of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association set for Atlanta's Omni Hotel June 2-3.

"Shaping Our Ministry For Today's World" will be the theme of the meeting, expected to attract 400 Southern Baptist Christian educators, said Katie Grogan, president and director of church administration/family ministry department for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. The SBC-related meeting is one of several which will precede the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 4-6, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

RTVC documentary receives Silver Angel award

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's television documentary "Winds of Freedom," has received a Silver Angel award. The award is a statuette.

First aired over the ABC television network, "Wings of Freedom," hosted by David Hartman, formerly of Good Morning America, made its cable debut on the RTVC-sponsored American Christian Television System television network in April. It will be shown three times on the ACTS network during May.

The documentary was a winner in the recent 14th annual International Angel Awards presented by Excellence in Media, a non-profit Los Angeles organization that honors creators of media that are deemed to be outstanding and to have high moral, spiritual, or social impact.

"Winds of Freedom" explores the role individual Christians and some churches played in recent moves toward democracy in Russia and Eastern Europe.