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Tennessee Baptists minister on Sioux reservation

By Mona Collett

NASHVILLE — Belmont nursing students traveled to the most poverty-stricken population in the United States to learn about caring for Native Americans. Rather than a textbook with significant passages highlighted, the four Belmont students of Nursing 398 each have a personal journal recording their vivid memories.

The course's focus was on the physical, spiritual, and mental health of the Sioux Indians. The class was led by Belmont nursing instructor, Judy Gunter, whose church, First Church, Mt. Juliet, has an ongoing ministry with the reservations. The students worked with a women's group in Pine Ridge, S.D. While children on the reservation attended Vacation Bible School, the women met to learn about nutrition, exercise, health risks, and self concept.

Lessons on health values were tied in with Bible stories. Lara Houk and Amy Maddox used the Bible story of Daniel to introduce a discussion of eating healthy. They talked about ways to prepare food in which its nutritional value is maintained. People on the reservation mostly eat meat and they tend to overcook food. "We talked about steaming vegetables," said Maddox. The students prepared a healthy snack and gave each woman a recipe book. The first recipe in the book included the ingredients for eternal life.

The trip this summer marks the tenth year that a mission team from First Church, Mt. Juliet has returned to the area located near historic Wounded Knee. Living beneath a cloud of oppression, the people whose ancestors were destroyed in the bloody massacre live in houses built by the U.S. government. The American Indians look forward to the mission

team's visit each year. It is the one time that the women can come together to fellowship and have some escape from the hardship of their almost forgotten existence.

The annual visit is a reminder that they are not forgotten. This year's team, in addition to the four Belmont students, included 59 from First Church, Mt. Juliet, and 13 from First Church, Lewisburg. According to Wynell Castleman, the project began as a youth mission trip. Now participants are of all ages. Her husband, Richard Castleman, is chairman of the missions committee at the Mt. Juliet church and coordinates the trip.

Billie Friel, pastor of the church made the trip to South Dakota along with his family. Job descriptions for the volunteers were not limited to teaching. Wynell Castleman's 77-year-old father, Preston Davis, and Lewis Penfield did maintenance work.

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SNACK TIME — Native American women listen as Lara Houk, far right, of Woodmont Church, Nashville, talks about food preparation. Belmont students pictured include Mariana Ray (next to Houk), of Radnor Church, Nashville, and Amy Maddox (facing camera), of First Church, Donelson.

Southern Baptists urged to share faith daily

By Karen Benson

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Southern Baptists have gotten so lax in sharing their faith with non-Christians that daily witnessing is hardly practiced by most church-goers.

That concern, along with challenges to get serious about soul-winning, came from seminar leaders Doyle Pennington and Dell Scoper during the recent Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"We need to rediscover who we are as God's people," said Pennington, who led a seminar on "Your Marketplace: A Call to Witness." Pennington is on the staffs of both the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board.

"We come in on Sundays, sit in our pews and do all we're supposed to do in church. But we cannot connect over to what we're supposed to do on Monday through Saturday," he said.

"If Sunday became a reporting-in time on what we've done for God during the week, I wonder how that would affect our churches!" he said.

By the year 2000, 80 percent of the world's people will live in 22 major population centers, Pennington said.

For example, 7.4 million people already live in Los Angeles County alone, with between 16 million and 17 million people in the greater L.A. area, he said. "That number is bigger than 42 of our 50 states," Pennington said.

"We do not employ enough missionaries to reach those 22 population centers. If we're going to win the lost in those cities to Christ, we've got to

do it ourselves, by reaching those in our own marketplaces," he said.

"I don't think Southern Baptists fully understand that each is called to witness in his or her marketplace," he said.

Pennington defined "marketplace ministry" as "the laos — or all the people of God, 'ordained' and 'unordained' — witnessing and ministering in their marketplaces, work places, or their dominant spheres of life or involvement."

"It's going to take all Christians exercising their gifts and their calling to win this world for Christ," Pennington said.

Yet, "concern for the lost is not a focal point" among Southern Baptists,

said Scoper, an associational WMU director from Laurel, Miss., who led a seminar on "How To Share Your Faith in Everyday Living." Today, it takes 43 Southern Baptists to win one person to Christ, she said.

"God has planted you and me exactly where we are for a reason — and that reason is to share Christ," she said.

But before Christians can meet needs faithfully in the marketplace, "you must first meet Christ regularly," Scoper said.

Using the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, Scoper challenged the audience to be ready to sow the seeds of the Gospel, no matter what condition the "soil" is in.

New ethics agency to be established

NASHVILLE — A new ethics agency is being established this week by "moderate" Southern Baptists.

A news conference to announce the formation of the Baptist Center for Ethics was to be held July 30 at Woodmont Church in Nashville.

The Baptist Center for Ethics, which will be headquartered in Nashville, will provide Southern Baptists with "careful moral reflection and practical solutions to real problems," according to Robert Parham, a staff member with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission who acknowledged July 26 he will resign his associate director post to take over the reins of the new agency.

Organizers of the Baptist Center for Ethics are being careful not to portray the center as opposing the CLC, the only official Southern Baptist agency charged with ethical concerns.

"With the broad spectrum of issues that exists, there is an opportunity for a number of groups if need be," said Joel Snider, pastor of Crieveewood Church, Nashville, and chairman of

the board of directors for the new center.

W. C. Fields, a retired denominational employee and a member of Woodmont Church, said in a letter he does not see the center as "an anti-Christian Life Commission body." The letter, obtained by Baptist Press, was sent to a group of Southern Baptists asking them to serve on the new agency's advisory council. Fields will chair the council.

CLC Executive Director Richard Land said he has been "very encouraged" by the response of Southern Baptists to the CLC's direction in recent years. But, he added, "If other Baptists feel the need to do something in the area of ethics with their time and their money, that, of course, is their right and their business."

Details on funding, how the center will operate, and persons involved with the new agency were to be released at the news conference.

— Compiled from Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press reports



FIRST IN U.S. — Wayne Etheridge, right, receives the first Pastor's Sunday School Leadership Diploma earned in the convention from Greer Ruble, Sunday School Director, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Etheridge is bivocational pastor of Benton Avenue Chapel, Nashville, and BSSB employee.

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Editorials

Building a sound budget, building the pastor

A subject with a two-fold thrust is appropriate for consideration in the middle of this summer month. Baptist churches soon will be working on new budgets — and they will be evaluating the staff members.

While this may seem mercenary, it can be done this way.

Budget and finance committees should not be composed of penny-pinchers, but the members should always use caution in planning a budget. The strengths of the church should be carefully considered.

While "tightwads" are not needed or appreciated, neither does the church want "easy spenders" making financial decisions. The budget is a statement of the church's commitment in dollars and cents — prayerfully planned to undergird the church's plans and programs.

Budgets should be built with care, much prayer, and discernment. The church and the committee need to determine what God wants the church to do and how much it will cost.

Remember the pastor and family needs. Their purchasing power decreases when consumer prices rise. Thus, the pastor's family is in the same situation as other church families — unless there is an increase in his salary, the family loses.

Members must be gracious and understanding

in this. Even though some members may not get salary increases equivalent to need — the church has the responsibility of caring for staff members and their families.

Remember missions. There is no denying it. Missions and ministry are at the heart of the church. The Cooperative Program is Tennessee Baptists' lifeline to global missions and ministry.

Prepare and promote the budget well. The old adage, "Trust the Lord and tell the people" is fitting here. When Baptists are properly challenged and informed, they usually respond with Christian generosity. Stewardship is an old-fashioned word, but it certainly is not out of date.

The people should be included in the process. Hear them, respond positively to their questions. Listen to their suggestions. Make the budget a churchwide matter in planning and promoting. Make sure the people understand budget needs and their role in accomplishing.

And what is the source of the resources? God gives. The resources for ministry and missions come from Him to the congregation — then to fill the needs and make the best use of those gifts.

Resources grow and expand as the number and commitment of members increase. Reaching people for Christ and His church will help the church grow — along with the resources. Constant commitment

strengthens the church in its stewardship.

The attitude of gratitude will result.

Along with the summer study and developing of the church budget, the church should consider anew some ways to build up the pastor. He leads better when constant commitment and prayer lift him up.

We owe these suggestions to James Griffith, Georgia Baptists' executive director:

- Build the pastor's power by praying for him. If you must whisper about anything, whisper a prayer.

- Build the pastor's reputation by speaking well of him. Brag on him and he may become the pastor and preacher you want him to be.

- Build his leadership by cooperating with him. No one can lead unless there be those who will follow.

- Build his pulpit power by hearing him. Full pews are an encouragement to him. No one likes to speak to a "lumberyard" — no matter how highly polished it may be.

- But all in all, the most important service you can perform for your pastor-preacher is to follow the Christ he preaches — and the constructive result in building up all things will be wondrous to behold.

While budgets and pastors aren't the same — both need the support of the congregation. — WFA

Baptist expert calls for end to hazardous nuclear testing

By **Connie Davis**, assistant editor
ALMA-ATA, USSR (BP) — A people's movement in the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan to stop nuclear bomb testing has the support of visiting Americans but not the government of the United States, according to Glen Stassen, a participant in the Kazakh-American Cultural Festival.

Americans and Kazakhs have the same goal: to stop hazardous nuclear testing, said Stassen, a former nuclear physicist and current professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Both countries are guilty of exposing people to deadly radiation, Stassen said. But Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev stopped testing several years ago, duplicating the initiatives taken by Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy that led to treaties banning above-ground testing, he said.

Because the U.S. government did not act on the Gorbachev initiative, nuclear testing continues, said Stassen. The United States is not actively negotiating with the Soviet Union on the testing issue, according to the Council for a Livable World in Boston.

Plans to resume testing in the Soviet

Union have been drawn. The Soviet government has asked the Kazakhstan republic to approve continued nuclear detonations.

The cycle of destruction in preparation for war will continue unless things change, Stassen said. He presented steps to peace at the religion conference of the festival.

"You only test to develop a new type of bomb. . . . Clearly we have both made mistakes," he said. "(Americans are) so skeptical of the Soviets. It's a hangover from the Cold War." Stassen explained he doesn't support the elimination of all nuclear weapons or research, only what he called the most destabilizing efforts, such as bomb testing, "Star Wars" space weapons, and missiles that carry multiple warheads — the MX missile in the United States and the Soviet Union's SS-18.

"Gorbachev clearly demonstrated his good faith by (allowing) on-site inspections and by actually stopping testing," Stassen stated, referring to measures instituted to monitor testing. "It's up to the White House."

The United States began nuclear testing after World War II; the Soviet Union began in 1949. Keshrim Bostae,

a Soviet official in Semipalatinsk, confirmed the region was the site of 500 detonations from 1949 to 1963, the year the two nations ceased above-ground testing. But underground testing continues in both countries at nearly an equal rate, according to Stassen.

Some of the resulting health problems of the 850,000 residents of the Semipalatinsk region were viewed by the 13-member American medical team working there during the festival, although research has not tied the health problems directly to radiation exposure. The medical team, including Tennessee Suzanne Mann (see *Baptist and Reflector*, July 17), was part of the cultural festival held June 21-July 6. It was sponsored by Southern Baptists through the Central Asian Foundation, a non-profit corporation that provides Christian aid in human and economic development.

The nuclear tests have affected the world population as radiation has drifted from above-ground testing and from underground leaks, Stassen said. When he conducted nuclear physics research at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, radiation from tests in Nevada halted testing in that state, he said.

Although some people feared for the health of the American medical workers visiting Semipalatinsk for eight days, Stassen cited radiation exposure dangers in the United States. Testing continues in Nevada, he said, and research and storage of materials proceed across the country.

Residue also remains from bomb production plants that have been closed. Those locations include Rocky Flats, Colo.; Hanford, Wash.; Barnwell, S.C.; Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and Fernald, Ohio. Stassen said he and his family personally are affected by the former Fernald Feed Materials Plant in Ohio, which was not far from his home in Louisville. The company admitted it lost 335 tons of uranium into the air and water, Stassen said.

"Uranium and plutonium blow like dust and . . . it's not safe for 24,000 years later. . . . It gradually blows around the world," Stassen said. "One tiny fleck in a lung will do you in."

Kazakhstan, which has borne the brunt of Soviet nuclear testing, is flexing its new political muscles. Rather than ruling on the request of the central government to allow further testing, the parliament approved the referendum.

Vern Powers joins Baptist Hospital staff

Vern B. Powers has been named director of church and denominational relations at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, announced C. David Stringfield, president.

"We are very pleased to add the

talents and experience of Reverend Powers to our staff," said Stringfield. "It is our goal to strengthen Baptist Hospital's relationships with the Baptist churches and clergy of Middle Tennessee, and he will play an important role in both forging new relationships and expanding and strengthening already existing



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ones."

Prior to joining Baptist, Powers served as director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Protection Plans Department from 1971 until his retirement last year.

Powers has served on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and on boards of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home and Baptist Hospital in Nashville. He also served for five years as recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is a past president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference, and held various leadership roles with Nashville Association. He has held pastorates in Indiana and Tennessee.

Powers and his wife, the former Bettye Moss of Mt. Juliet, have five children and nine grandchildren.

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SEBTS faces wave of retirements, resignations

By Herb Hollinger

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — A wave of faculty resignations and retirements, as many as half of the total staff, has hit Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

At least 13 faculty members have either submitted resignations or retirement requests out of a total of 24 (not counting the president and academic dean who both teach). The number has surprised seminary officials who have emphasized the resignations and retirements are completely voluntary.

L. Rush Bush III, dean of the faculty, told Baptist Press only four of the faculty agreed to allow their names to be made public: Glen Miller, professor of church history; William P. Clem-

mons, professor of Christian education; Samuel E. Balentine, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament; and John W. Eddins Jr., professor of theology.

Miller resigned to take a seminary post in Bangor, Maine; Clemmons will take early retirement but also plans to teach at another seminary; Balentine resigned without identifying his plans; and Eddins will take early retirement effective December 1992.

Another faculty member, ethics professor T. Furman Hewitt, told the Associated Baptist Press he is leaving via early retirement next spring but does not have another job.

Hewitt told ABP he and other professors had "stuck it out four years. . . . We had hoped we could

come to some reasonable agreement with trustees and administrators to maintain a quality institution. . . . It's a sad time for all of us."

The other faculty had worked out agreements with seminary President Lewis A. Drummond, which gave them the option of publicly identifying themselves, said Bush. Baptist Press had asked for their names but Bush had contacted Drummond, who is in London, England, this week who reaffirmed those agreements.

Although speculation had been that some faculty were under pressure to leave and "deals" were worked out, Bush adamantly denied the rumor.

"It was their (faculty) initiative to come to Drummond's office," he said.

Bush did add the majority were asking for retirement packages but in line with the seminary's policies, several with longterm effective dates. A group of about five to six actually resigned effective at the end of the fall semester, said Bush.

The seminary would benefit from a smaller number of faculty salaries to pay since a decreased enrollment could mean as much as \$1 million less in Cooperative Program funds in a year or two. Student enrollment is about 600 now compared to more than 1000 in the mid-1980s.

Southeastern's board of trustees, controlled by "conservatives," had indicated it wanted more "conservative" faculty members. The dispute has caused some problems with accrediting associations but, at this point, the seminary's accreditation is still intact.

U.S. Senate tries to avoid postal rate hike

By Pam Parry

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate has appropriated \$266 million less than the \$649.3 million the Postal Service says is needed to fully fund the postal subsidy for non-profit mailers.

But in an effort to avoid any rate increase stemming from a shortfall in the subsidy, the Senate approved an amendment designed to reduce postal processing costs.

The \$19.5 billion Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill (H.R. 2622) allocates \$383 million for the non-profit mail subsidy for fiscal 1992 and was approved by a 91-8 vote.

Those organizations that use the non-profit rates include most state Baptist newspapers and many churches.

The House earlier approved \$649.3 million for the subsidy.

While less than the amount the House voted to appropriate, the Senate bill is \$200 million more than the Bush administration proposed to spend for the subsidy. The president's proposal would result in a 33 percent rate increase for the non-profit subsidy, known as the "revenue foregone" appropriation.

Revenue foregone reimburses the Postal Service for the non-profit mailers' share of overhead expenses. Non-profit mail rates reflect only the cost of handling that class of mail.

Sen. Peter Domenici, R-N.M., recognized the contributions of the non-profit groups but said financial restrictions simply prohibit full accommodation. He co-sponsored the cost-cutting amendment with Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.

The amendment, based on a July 8 Postal Rate Commission report, would reduce the processing costs for the Postal Service by \$180 million, DeConcini said. The amendment eliminates the subsidy for third-class non-profits that mail "flats" — items other than letter size. The Postal Service cannot process flats mechanically, requiring more personnel to hand-sort each piece.

The operational savings would be about 4.4 cents per item, resulting in the \$180 million reduction, DeConcini said. The non-profit groups that continue to mail flats would pay the extra processing costs, he added. More than 80 percent of the preferred mailers currently use letter-size.

"This amendment will permit us to meet our budget deficit targets without hurting those organizations whose very existence is dependent on the sustain-

ing of the revenue-foregone program," DeConcini said. "We are attempting to generate savings by changing the behavior of the mailers," he added.

Domenici said the Postal Rate Commission recommended the reform after a study of third-class non-profit mail.

Both senators also said they believe the Postal Service has overestimated the amount needed for the subsidy by about \$64 million. Domenici said the combination of the \$180 million in savings and \$64 million overestimate would allow the current rates to be maintained with a \$404 million subsidy.

Sen. Robert Kerrey, D-Neb., raised concerns about the revenue-foregone provision: "It affects the mail you receive from your church, your college, or university, your child's Little League . . . These mailers have traditionally been provided subsidized mailing rates because of a policy decision that the contribution they make to our society merits the benefit. I believe that policy remains as valid as ever."

The amendment was approved 98-0.

Non-profit groups, however, do not favor the Senate's solution to the revenue-foregone problem. — ABP

Memphis church calls Williams

Berclair Church, Memphis, recently called Charles D. Williams as pastor.

Williams comes to the post from Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, where he has served for the past six years. The Alabama native also has held pastorates in Texas, Ohio, and Alabama.



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He holds degrees from the University of North Alabama, Florence, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Williams is currently a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees.

He and his wife, Bettie, have one daughter, Laurie, a student at Union University, Jackson.

Tennessee Baptists minister on Sioux . . .

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Last year, Southern Baptist home missionaries Marge and Bill Elsworth suggested that Gunter bring some of her nursing students.

The experience of teaching in the women's group was part of the nursing students' professional training.

"Teaching is a nursing role," said Gunter. In addition to giving each student a personal experience in intracultural nursing, Gunter said the course helps fulfill the Christian mission of Belmont.

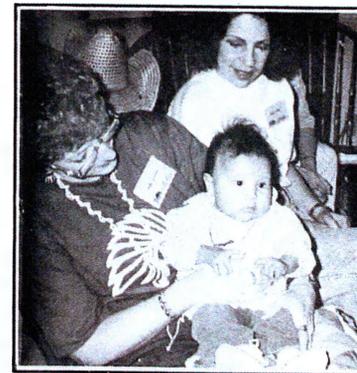
"You couldn't possibly learn all that out of a book," said Houk, who grew up in Woodmont Church, in Nashville. Mission work is not new to the sophomore nursing student. However, the culture preserved by the Native Americans was new to her. "They were inspiring to me," she reminisced.

Two of the students who made the trip are registered nurses working on their baccalaureate degrees. Evie Cobb is a member of Woodmont Church and Mariana Ray is a member of Radnor Church, Nashville. The ages of the students vary almost as much as those of the women in the group. Students from 19 to 55 worked with Sioux Indians, ages 18 to 60 and older.

Cobb said the experience was the

"best learning experience I've ever had, not only from a nursing standpoint, but also from a spiritual standpoint."

Ray is appreciative of a "novel chance to get to do something with a group so entirely different." All four students revealed their cultural enlightenment. Ray recalls the assembly that included a chant in the



RESTING PLACE — A Sioux Indian infant finds a comfortable resting place in the arms of Judy Gunter of First Church, Mt. Juliet. Nursing student Evie Cobb of Woodmont Church looks on.

Lakota language by one of the men beating a handcrafted drum.

The assembly was one of the few times a man participated in the mission activity. Gunter describes the woman's role in the matriarchal society as many-faceted: primary care taker for the children, breadwinner and friend, as well as the family roles of wife, daughter, and mother. During the discussion of self concept, the women did a literal demonstration by trying to balance bread rolls on their heads.

"Out of respect, the women in the group were very quiet and never looked you in the eye when you talked to them," said Maddox, a member of First Church, Donelson. After wondering whether they were getting through to the women, time assured the students they were making a connection. "The longer we were there, the more we got to know individuals," said Houk.

Gunter can attest to the value of cultivating friendships with the women. She has been working with the women's groups for about six years. Contact throughout the year includes sending Christmas cards. "I have a personal burden to work with the women," she explained.

Dan Haskins accepts Crossville pastorate

Dan D. Haskins Jr. recently was installed as the 14th pastor of Cumberland Homestead Church in Crossville.

Haskins had served as interim pastor of the church since last September. He comes to the pastorate from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board where he served in the student ministry department.

He formerly served as campus minister at Tennessee Technical University in Cookeville for 11 years.

Haskins holds degrees from Tennessee Tech, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Haskins and his wife, Donna, have one son.



HASKINS

TBC construction fellowship aids Cleveland mission

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
CLEVELAND — Blythe Avenue Mission in Cleveland will soon have a new worship center thanks to the efforts of Tennessee Baptist construction volunteers. But that's not all.

The new facility also will give the church a new image in the community and will increase opportunities for Christian witness, church leaders agreed.

Tennessee Baptist Builders, a group of volunteers who work under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood Department, have spent most of the summer building a new sanctuary with educational space for Blythe Avenue Mission, which has long since outgrown its present one-story building.

The church was established 25 years ago as a mission of Big Springs Church in Cleveland. In recent years it has

been under the sponsorship of Bradley Association.

In addition to regular worship programs, the mission now has a weekday ministry program directed by Eunice Heath, who is sponsored jointly by the association, state convention, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Blythe Avenue Mission attempts to minister and witness in a very low income community, said Inez Franks, WMU director at the church.

"We feel the new building will enhance our efforts," she said.

Pastor Tony McClanahan, who has been at the church since 1988, agreed. "Right now, we are confined and cannot grow numerically," he noted, adding that he expects the church's outreach to increase significantly because of the new facility.

Heath noted the new building will enable the mission to expand its weekday ministry program. The present facility will be used for the program, she said, adding that "we hope to add a food pantry and clothes closet."



TENNESSEE BAPTIST BUILDERS — Volunteers from across the state have spent the summer helping construct a new sanctuary and education space for Blythe Avenue Mission in Cleveland.

McClanahan estimated 95 percent of the labor for the 2560-square-foot structure has come from volunteers, saving the church about \$80,000 in labor costs.

For Ralph Henderson, who is serving as on-site construction coordinator, the project is especially satisfying.

Henderson, a member of Big Springs Church, Cleveland, was one of the members sent by the church to begin the mission more than 25 years ago. In fact, the target date for the mission's first service in the new building is the first Sunday in October, 26 years after it was established.

Henderson noted everything "has fallen into place" regarding the construction schedule and availability of volunteers. About 175 different people have participated in the volunteer project, he estimated.

Churches that have helped thus far, either with funds or volunteers, include: Deep Springs Church, Dandridge; Bells Campground Church, Powell; Leadvale Church, White Pine; Sevier Heights Church, Sevierville; Forrest Hills Church, Parrottsville; First Church, Knoxville; First Church, Chattanooga; and Waterville, Big Springs, Hopewell, Westwood, and First churches, all in Cleveland.

Cameron Byler of the TBC's Brotherhood Department, noted that Tennessee Baptist Builders is one of the department's nine volunteer fellowships. "Our goal is to furnish labor for all the mission churches in the state that need help," Byler said.

And, there's enough retired people in the state interested in doing this (building churches) to accomplish the goal, Henderson asserted.

He compared the effort to "old-fashioned" barn raisings. "When you needed the people, they would be there," he observed.

David Thompson of First Church, Chattanooga, took a week of vacation to participate in the project. "There is a lot of satisfaction in working like this, especially when you can see the finished product," he said.

The volunteer project was not "for men only." Barbara Pedigo, also of First Church, Chattanooga, said she had wanted to participate on such a project for years, but never had the opportunity until this summer.

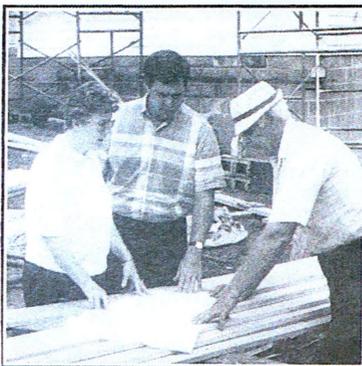
"It's something we can see that is glorifying God," she said.

Drye accepts pastorate

Hebron Church, Middleton, recently called Jerry Drye as pastor.

Drye has served as pastor of Mercer Church, Mercer, and Springville Church, Springville. He was youth pastor and associate pastor at Poplar Heights Church and Malesus Church, both in Jackson, and Henry Church, Henry, where he was ordained in 1979.

The Paris native and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.



CHECKING BLUEPRINTS — Pastor Tony McClanahan, center of Blythe Avenue Mission, looks over building plans with Eunice Heath, director of the mission's weekday ministry program, and Ralph Henderson, a layman from Big Springs Church, Cleveland, who is serving as on-site construction coordinator.



CHATTANOOGA VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers from First Church, Chattanooga, included, from left, Barbara Pedigo, Brenda Schwall, David Thompson, and Jim Schwall.

Oakdale pastor reflects on 52-year ministry

OAKDALE — Father's Day 1991 had even more significance for Mark Scarbrough, a father of five children who also has 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

The 83-year-old minister marked the 52nd anniversary of his call into the Gospel ministry on Father's Day by preaching at First Church, Deer Lodge, where he "retired" as pastor last October.

Scarbrough has held numerous pastorates in Tennessee, the majority in Big Emory Association. He also served as clerk of the association from 1972-90.

Most of his ministry was spent as a bivocational pastor although he did serve one year as a "full-time" pastor in Florida. He noted, however, "it was hard to live" on \$150 a month in 1945.

The Roane County native moved back to Tennessee and served various churches while working with the local railroad company. He also served as a substitute mail carrier for many years.

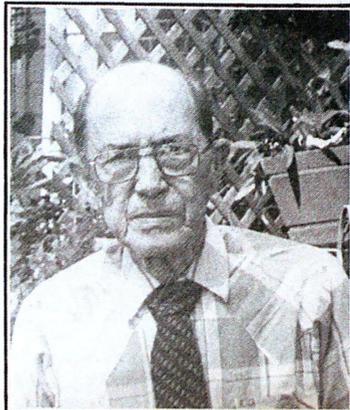
Scarbrough observed that educating his congregations about missions and the Cooperative Program were important during his ministry. He led churches, that did

not have missions education programs when he arrived, to begin them as soon as possible.

He also led churches to subscribe to the state paper and he encouraged his members "to read it when they got it."

Scarbrough is a strong believer in the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' plan of unified giving, "because it works."

"I tried to convince my members they could give to missions worldwide through their gifts," he



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said.

The retired pastor is proud that the churches he served grew during his tenure and he gives credit to the Lord.

He also is quick to give credit to his wife, Delta. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in March.

"When all is said and done, a man's wife has a lot to do with how far he goes in the ministry," Scarbrough observed.

Mrs. Scarbrough is quite proud of her husband's achievements in the ministry. "Mark was no slouch as a pastor," she pointed out.

Scarbrough's advice to young pastors today is two-fold — preach the Bible and lead your churches in a positive way to a sound missions program.

"The churches not only will be blessed but they will be a blessing to others," he assured.

Health problems have kept Scarbrough out of the pulpit recently but he still attends church regularly. He is a member at Piney Church, near his home in Oakdale and one of his former pastorates.

Scarbrough also is a "lifetime honorary member" of First Church, Deer Lodge. — Lonnie Wilkey

Baylor controls election of regents: agreement

DALLAS (BP) — Baylor University and Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders have reached an agreement which may end the struggle over who will control Southern Baptists' largest university.

The joint agreement must be approved by the two groups' boards and by the messengers to the annual meeting of the state convention in November in Waco.

In "An Open Letter to Texas Baptists Concerning the Relationship of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baylor University" the leaders expressed hope the proposal will help conclude a controversy which resulted from an action by the Baylor board on Sept. 21, 1990. That action amended the institution's charter to alter the relationship of Baylor to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, giving the university the right to control election of its regents.

BGCT Executive Director William M. Pinson Jr. and Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds said the proposed agreement provides for primary objectives and assurances sought by representatives of the BGCT and Baylor during the "extensive, fruitful, and cordial discussions" which have been ongoing in the months following the Baylor board's action in

amending its corporate charter.

The Committee on BGCT/Baylor Relationship's primary concern was to eliminate the two-tiered system of having both regents and trustees for Baylor, to have the right by the BGCT to elect directly a portion of the Baylor board of regents, and to secure some assurance Baylor would remain "true to its Baptist heritage and commitment."

The agreement provides: (1) for amendment of the Baylor charter to eliminate the office of trustee and to provide the BGCT will directly elect annually 25 percent of each class of Baylor regents, and (2) for inclusion in the Baylor bylaws, as is already the case in the Baylor charter, all Baylor regents must be Baptist, Baylor will continue to be operated within Christian-oriented aims and ideals of Baptists, including those contained in the Baptist Faith and Message statement adopted in 1963, and the assets of the university upon discontinuance by dissolution and liquidation will be transferred to the BGCT.

The agreement further provides these provisions of the bylaws may be amended only by two-thirds vote of the entire board of regents provided at least ten days notice in advance of the vote is given; otherwise, a vote of 80

percent of the regents is required in "extreme emergency."

In addition, the agreement provides the BGCT, in electing annually 25 percent of the Baylor board of regents, will follow its current nominating procedures, which allow for input from Baylor.

Baylor also has agreed to amend its bylaws so the university "will give due and careful consideration to the suggestions of the BGCT" as Baylor's regents elect the remaining 75 percent of each new class of regents and has agreed to report to the BGCT each year on the election of regents.

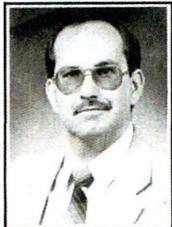
"This agreement represents a fair, honest, and prayerful attempt to provide a way for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baylor

University to maintain a close and harmonious working relationship," said Phil Lineberger, BGCT president.

Reynolds said he was very pleased with the agreement. "The new relationship between the two entities assures for Baylor control of its own destiny. The agreement achieves this result because it leaves intact the provisions of the September 1990 charter amendments providing the Baylor board of regents will annually elect 75 percent of each regent class," said Reynolds.

Pinson was conciliatory in his observations. "Under the circumstances it appears to be the best agreement that can be reached in line with the approach recommended by the special study committee," said Pinson.

SWBTS graduates 11 from Tennessee



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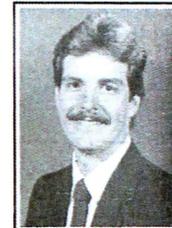
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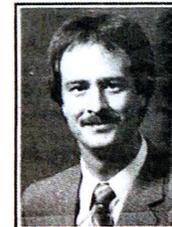
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Avoid compromise, Houston Baptist University President Douglas Hodo told Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's summer graduating class.

Southwestern President Russell Dilday conferred degrees on 142 students, including 11 from Tennessee.

Hodo said temptations to compromise in ministry often are coated with pride or honor.

"We are asked to help God through our own capacities," he said. "We are asked to do that by amusing people, by putting on a show." We must lay down, as Daniel did, a protest that says, "That's not who I am, that's not what I am and that's not what I'm going to do," he said.

Hodo closed by urging the graduates to pray for Nathans in their lives, laymen willing to go to them and say, "these are the things you cannot compromise.

"If you can draw to you one, two, or three people who will honestly tell you the truth of where you are in your walk ... you will be deterred, to some degree, from compromise," he said.

Tennessee graduates and their areas of study include Ronald Mark Cunningham, Nashville, Charles David Frazier, Morristown, and Carol B. Ghattas, Murfreesboro, master of divinity with Biblical languages;

William Joe Greene, Elizabethton, and Jeffrey B. Jones, Memphis, master of arts in religious education; Dean K. Paret, Oak Ridge, and Douglas Keith Roach, Knoxville, doctor of education;

Frank Hickman, Knoxville, doctor of

ministry; Stanley Jerome Grubb, Alcoa, master of arts in communications; Ronald Wayne Saffles, Powell, master of divinity; and J. Mark Smith, Memphis, master of music.

Southwestern Seminary did not provide a photo for Frank Hickman of Knoxville.

Oak Grove Church calls pastor

Ronnie Wayne Gay recently became pastor of Oak Grove Church, Covington.

Gay was pastor of First Church, Medina, for five years before accepting the Covington pastorate. He was also pastor of First Church, Counce; Mt. Horeb Church, Ethridge; and Snow Hill Church, Smithville.

The Smithville native was ordained in 1977 at Calvary Church in his hometown.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Union University, Jackson, and expects to earn a master of divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in December.

Gay and his wife, Cathy, have one son.

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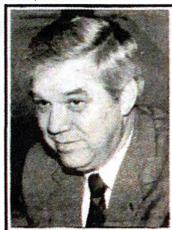
By D. L. Lowrie

Do we need to start more new churches? The National and International Religion Report reports on a study done by the Presbyterian Church. According to their study in

1990 there were 27 churches for every 10,000 people in the USA. Today we have 12 churches for every 10,000 people. This would include churches of all evangelical denominations.

Our ratio of churches to population would be better than that in Tennessee, but our ratio is moving in the wrong direction.

According to Lyle Scheller a denomination needs to start one percent new churches every year to just stay even — this would be about 29 new congregations per year for us. To know any growth you need two percent new churches per year — this would be



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at least 58 for us. To really seriously impact the unsaved population of a state you need three percent new churches per year — for us this would be at least 77 per year. Our IMPACT Tennessee goal is only 175 for five years.

It is so important that we reach our Golden State Missions Offering goal this year. When we come short of our goal, the part that goes unfunded is the part that lets us assist new churches being born.

Every church in Tennessee is encouraged to give the people an opportunity to give. One pastor indicated that his church put the offering in the budget, but I would prefer that the members be given an opportunity to give personally. They will be personally blessed as they invest in the spiritual future of our state.

Thirty-two denominations in the country have set goals to start 33 percent more churches by the end of this decade. Tennessee Baptists must be out front leading the way.

Fellowship of blind plans Aug. 9-11 retreat

People who are visually impaired, their friends and family, and those interested in this ministry are invited to attend the ninth annual retreat of the Tennessee Baptist Fellowship of the Blind Aug. 9-11 at Camp Carson in Newport.

The theme, "Using Your Spiritual Gifts," will be developed by retreat leader, C. H. Melton of Clarke College, Newton, Miss., and by workshop leaders, said President Sharon Bragg of Nashville.

The workshops include "Blind Work in the Church," led by Charles Couey, Park Avenue Church, Nashville; "Developing a Positive Self-Image from a Christian Perspective," by Charles Elsea, Tusculum Hills Church,

Nashville; "How to Keep Stress from Hurting You," by Joe Richardson, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; "Fit or Fit to be Tied," by Beth Corley Elsea, Tusculum Hills Church; "Being a Sighted Family Member or Friend," by Warren Bragg, Tusculum Hills Church; and "Youth Time," by Charlene Couey, Park Avenue Church.

The retreat also will feature swimming, hiking, table games, and small prayer groups.

The cost of the retreat is \$40. Transportation from the Nashville area will be provided for a minimal cost. To preregister, people should call Bragg at (615) 367-1182.

OF BREAKTHROUGH literature

BSSB ships first orders

NASHVILLE (BP) — The first orders for improved Sunday School literature to be used by churches beginning in October were shipped from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board July 24.

The shipment represents a final phase of the six-year research and planning process that began in 1985 to provide literature with improvements that feature a stronger emphasis on the Bible, added evangelism and application, greater ease of use, and improved attractiveness.

Shipping began one day earlier than scheduled because most of the new BREAKTHROUGH literature was

available in the warehouse and orders were ready to be filled, explained Mark Langlois, manager of the board's physical distribution group.

As many as 600 orders were expected to be included in the first day's shipments with many of those going to churches in Alaska, Hawaii, and overseas, Langlois said.

Because of the distance, many of the first orders would likely take ten days to reach churches. Normally, orders will arrive at churches within six to eight days after being shipped from the board's Nashville operations building.

As many as 13,000 orders had been received from churches as of July 23 and most of those will be filled in the next few weeks, Langlois said.

Displays of the literature are available for review at Baptist Book Stores across the country, said Bill Graham, director of the board's book store division.

Also, state convention offices will have literature samples available for review by church staff members and Sunday School workers.



MUSIC MISSIONARIES — Lyn Brasfield, left, leads part of the training at the Baptist Center in Brentwood for Tennessee summer music missionaries, from left, Tommy Rowell, music teacher, Lake County schools, from Myrtle, Miss.; Troy Moore, student at Union University, Jackson, from Memphis; Laurie Williams, Union University student, from Memphis; and Lewis Walling, student at University of Tennessee, Martin, from Springfield.

Philippines update

The dates for the fall evangelism partnership in the Philippines are Oct. 24-Nov. 5, not Oct. 21-Nov. 5 as reported previously.

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Israel blessed as Solomon keeps the covenant

By C. David Brown, pastor; Mine City Church, Ducktown

When Solomon had finished building the temple and the palace complex, the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time assuring him that He had heard his prayer, hallowed the temple, and would always be present in the temple (vv. 1-3).

The Lord reminded Solomon of the terms of the covenant. If he obeyed the Lord's commandments, God assured Solomon He would preserve the nation and one of David's descendants would always occupy the throne (vv. 4-5). If Solomon did not obey the Lord, Israel would be cut off from her land, which was a gift from God. The hallowed temple would be completely destroyed. And as a further judgment of forsaking and disobeying God, the Israelites would become a universal disgrace (vv. 6-9).

Out of gratitude to Hiram, king of Tyre, who had supplied Solomon with materials for his 20-year building program, Solomon gave Hiram 20 cities in the land of Galilee (v. 11). The cities were not pleasing to King Hiram possibly because their inland position

did not suit his maritime and commercial goals. We find in II Chronicles 8:2 that the cities were later returned to Solomon.

The Commentary on the Whole Bible, an old volume by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown points out that the gift of gold (v. 14) may have been the amount of forfeits paid to Solomon by Hiram for not being able to answer the riddles and apothegms with which according to Josephus, in their private correspondence, the two sovereigns amused themselves.

Solomon was not a warrior, but, according to historians, he maintained security and discouraged aggression by building an impressive military establishment. Key cities were fortified and made into military bases (vv. 15-19). In addition, Solomon strengthened his army by developing the chariot arm, something Israel had never used before (9:19; 10:26).

In addition to his military power, Solomon had numerous bondslaves (vv. 20-23). These slaves were descendants of the five nations Israel did not

completely destroy in conquering Canaan (vv. 20-21). Solomon used these slaves for his hardest projects while the Israelites served as supervisors and soldiers (vv. 22-23).

BIBLE BOOK
August 4 Lesson
Basic Passage: I Kings 9:1-10:29

Three times a year, at the feasts of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, Solomon led the people in worshipping God (v. 25).

Another new development in the life of the Hebrew people was the vast commercial enterprises established with a number of nations. Solomon built a fleet of ships and through an alliance with Hiram of Tyre, Solomon combined Hiram's experienced men and the ships from both nations to develop a maritime trade that brought Solomon wealth and fame unequalled in all the world (9:26-28; 10:14-23).

The Queen of Sheba came to test Solomon's wisdom and was no match for him (10:5). She also recognized his

blessings came from God (10:1, 9). Ephesians 3:20 tells us God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." God had blessed Israel and her king and they were at the peak of their glory. God had given Solomon power, wisdom, and wealth. Solomon had not asked for wealth, but Solomon had been faithful to the Lord and his covenant until this point in his reign. Would Solomon allow his riches to turn his heart away from God? In Deuteronomy 17:15-17, God had warned the kings of Israel not to depend on military might or wealth or be lured away from worshipping Him through the influence of many wives.

Are you allowing influences in your life to turn your heart away from Jesus? Are you faithful to Him? He shall supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).

We serve a greater King in a greater kingdom than Solomon's!

Ezra reads the law

By Gary Williams, director of education and promotion; Madison-Chester and Crockett County Associations

It is wise to obey when God speaks to us. He owes us no explanations for what He says or what He does. The four lessons during August will help us learn to hear and obey God's Word. Such was the case with God's people after their return from exile.

Before genuine commitments can be made to God, confession of sins and wrongdoing must take place. Hearing God's Word and applying it to our lives leads to conviction, confession, and renewed commitment to God. A restored relationship to God brings joy and fellowship with God and other Christians.

In Nehemiah 8, we see that the work

on the wall has been completed. Workers have dispersed and returned to a more normal lifestyle. We do not know exactly how long it was before the people returned to Jerusalem and gathered before the water gate. We do know the people were hungry to hear God's Word, for "they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses," (v. 1).

CONVENTION UNIFORM
August 4 Lesson
Basic Passage: Nehemiah 8

While there was a renewed sense of nationalism among the people because of their return from exile and the com-

pletion of the wall, there was still a void that could only be filled through a study of God's Word and fellowship with Him. That is why our Sunday Schools are vitally important. That's where we may truly encounter God, His Word, and, at the same time, gain insight from other Christians through cooperative study.

Only very young children were absent from this reading of God's Word by Ezra. Men, women, and "those that could understand were present," (v. 3). Since only a half day was given to the reading, it is safe to assume that only selected portions of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament) were used. The people listened intently.

Nehemiah 8:5 tells us that the people stood up when Ezra read from God's

Word. This is a practice observed in many churches today. It shows reverence and respect for God and His Word, now as well as then.

The people also responded with tears. While they could have been tears of joy, more than likely they were tears of remorse for their failure to obey Him.

The final verses (vv. 13-18) detail the preparation and celebration of the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles, one of three major feasts. The feast was held at the end of the harvest season when the crops had been gathered. Throughout the seven days of celebration, the Book of the Law was read and the people responded with great joy.

Would that we as God's people today would hear and obey God's words with such commitment!

Can I really serve the Lord?

By Billy Cooper, minister of education; Woodmont Church, Nashville

It was time for Elijah, the great prophet, to end his ministry. Soon the mantle would pass to his successor, Elisha.

Elijah and Elisha visited three schools of the prophets (three sinners, if you will) at Gilgal, Bethel, and Jericho. At each place Elijah encouraged Elisha to stay with those prophets. In verse two we read Elisha's response "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee."

Elisha was loyal to his dear friend Elijah. The relationship was deep and very important to each of them. In today's world, such loyalty is rare, but in this story we have a perfect example of the love and loyalty of one friend to another. Elisha not only learned what Elijah meant to him, but what Elijah had meant to so many others. God had used Elijah in a powerful, dynamic way. Elijah had followed God and His will.

Elisha witnessed the power of God as Elijah parted the waters of the Jordan, allowing them to cross on dry land. When Elisha requested a double por-

tion of Elijah's spirit, he was not trying to ask for more than his due. Elisha was asking that the fullness of God's blessing might empower his ministry and cause him to be even more effective. Elisha probably had in mind the Deuteronomical Inheritance Law (Deuteronomy 17) that gave a double portion to the eldest son. Instead of money, he hoped to inherit Elijah's energy, power, and wisdom. Elisha realized he could do nothing on his own power, for his only strength and his only hope were in God.

Too often in our lives we seek to move on our own strength, only to meet with failure. When we rely on God, then things begin to happen. The times I failed the most were times I turned my face from God. We need to be people who serve God with spiritual boldness, realizing He will be our guide and strength always.

As Elijah and Elisha walked together, suddenly God took Elijah up with Him. What a great demonstration of God's power! With horses and fire in a great whirlwind, Elijah was taken to be with God. Elijah had been

paralleled with Moses as an example of the Mosaic prophet proclaiming the word of Yahweh to the people, mediating the covenant between Yahweh and His people.

LIFE AND WORK
August 4 Lesson
Basic Passage: II Kings 2

Elijah was certainly the prophet to whom God had given His blessing. Now Elisha realized he must be the man of God doing God's work and will. I am sure a void was created in Elisha's life when his great friend and mentor was taken from him.

Understanding his task was upon him, Elisha went to the Jordan River and took his mantle. He struck the water with it, saying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" It was a test to see if Elijah's power had been transmitted to him. God parted the waters. Surely God's presence and power were demonstrated in this miraculous event.

When the sons of the prophets saw him at Jericho, they realized the spirit of Elijah did rest on Elisha. They

came to Elisha and bowed themselves to the ground before him. Elisha now realized God was with him and calling him to be a servant completely submissive to God's will, and a leader the people could follow as an example.

It is so important in our lives today, as we serve Jesus Christ, to be totally submissive to Him every day. Too often we get so busy and caught up in things of the world we forget we need God. We need to be His example wherever we are, where we work and where we play, because we are His and He is ours. God lives through us and expects us to be faithful servants, Christian examples, and leaders enabling others to see Jesus in us.

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...Starting at Skullbone, over to Cheap Hill, then on to Deer Lodge ...

Churches ...

Ground was broken July 14 for a new two-story educational wing at Meridian Church, Jackson. Pastor Ronnie J. Wilburn said the church has 45 percent of the total cost of the building and hopes to raise the remaining 55 percent during construction.

Members of First Church, Paris, will celebrate the church's 158th anniversary Aug. 25. A special dinner will be served after the morning worship service.

A homecoming celebration will be held Aug. 4 at Webb Church, Newport.

Leadership ...

Danny Roberts has been called as pastor of Lick Creek Church, Linden.

Stephen W. Clifton, Pensacola, Fla., is now serving as associate pastor in music and education at Meridian Church, Jackson.

Members of Center Grove Church, Tullahoma, recognized their pastor, David Wall, and his wife, Pat, July 14 for ten years of service. J. Harold Stephens was a surprise speaker during the morning service. The Walls were presented an engraved silver tray given by the church family.

Tom Stanton, pastor of Clark Street Church, Johnson City, was recently

awarded an honorary doctorate of theology degree by the American Bible Institute, Falls Church, Va. The Rogersville native has served as pastor of Choptack Church, Rogersville; Henard's Chapel Church, Rogersville; and Persia Church, Persia.

Enon Church, Halls, recently called Randall Kellough as pastor. He was pastor of Davis Memorial Church, Dresden, before accepting the Halls pastorate.

Grant Clark is the new pastor of Eastview Church, Ramer.

Looney's Chapel Church, Surgoinsville, recently called George Haun as pastor.

Mike Gay recently joined the staff of Dry Creek Church, Dowelltown, as pastor.

Terry Sampson has been called to serve as minister of education at First Church, Humboldt.

Lawrence Dee Burks was honored recently for serving five years as pastor of First Church, Goodlettsville. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Jack Criswell Jr., has joined the staff of Harmony Church, Newbern.

Bill Williams, pastor of Hawthorne Church, Dyersburg, has retired from the full-time pastorate and is available for interim work, revivals, and supply preaching. He can be called at (901) 587-3979.

Bobby Mullins has joined the staff of Dixie Lee Church, Lenoir City.

Union Academy Church, McKenzie, recently called Aaron Summers as pastor. Summers was ordained in April at First Church, Trimble.

Mount Harmony Church, Knoxville, has added two new staff members. Ralph Justus is serving as part-time minister of music, and Phillip Burnette is part-time minister of youth/children.

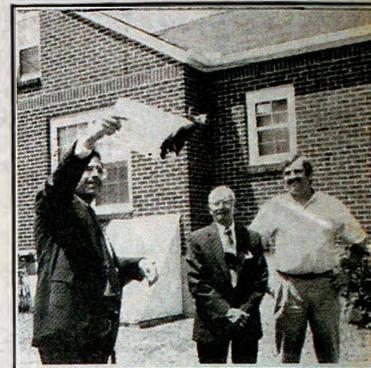
Paul White has been called as pastor of Clay Hill Church, Riceville.

Harlan Reynolds has been called to serve as interim pastor at Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville.

Missions ...

Volunteers from four churches in Loudon County Association — First, Calvary, and Friendship churches in Lenoir City, and Morganton Church, Greenback — will be in Michigan Aug. 3-10 to conduct Vacation Bible School.

Several churches in Dyer Association have sent or will send volunteer missionaries to work in Michigan this



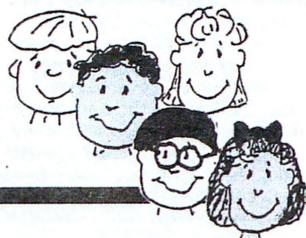
NOTE BURNED — First Church, Linden, recently held a note-burning ceremony to celebrate the end of a nine-year indebtedness. Participating in the service were, from left, Pastor Mike Adams and trustees Barney Doyle and Ricky Livengood.

summer. A team of youth and adults from First Church, Dyersburg, left for Portage, Mich., July 15 to work in Vacation Bible School and lead revival.

Another team of youth and adults from Gates Church, Gates, will lead Vacation Bible School in Glendale, Mich.

Southside Church, Dyersburg, sent a group of 15 adults to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich., in June to do construction work and lead Vacation Bible School.

A team of youth and adults from First Church, Trimble, returned July 12 from Holland, Mich., where they worked at Vacation Bible School and youth camp.



Shoe Strings

"the KID'S fun page"



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Hayden Johnson, Age: 8

Hayden knows ...

turtles

geography

outer space

music

some of the books of the Bible

cooking



Bobbie Sue Hampton, Age: almost 10

Bobbie Sue knows ...

gymnastics

math

cheerleading

hair spray

books of the Old Testament

softball



Thanks for naming the
Shoe String Kids and for
 helping to make our first
 year totally awesome!

Mikey O'Malley, Age: 6 1/2

Mikey knows ...

cars and trucks

bugs

baseball cards

sand boxes

pizza



Just for fun ...

A famous baseball/football player says he knows everything. The Shoe String kids know a lot of stuff, too! You know a lot of stuff. Make a list of the stuff you know. Then ask a parent or step-parent to help you paint a T-shirt. Have fun! Send us your name and address and a list of the stuff you know to ...

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Josh Sherman, Age: 10

Josh knows ...

T-shirts

basketball

baseball cards

books of the New Testament

science

biking

Joelle Johnson, Age: 11

Joelle knows ...

history

animals

swimming

reading

shoes

books of the Bible

