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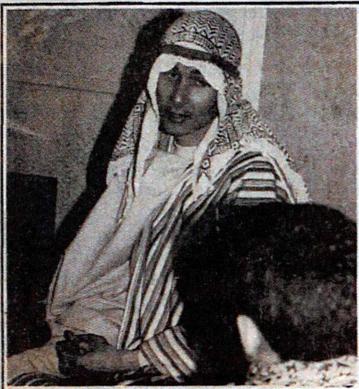
In Chile

Tennessee volunteers get headstart on new partnership

By Kay Moore

SANTIAGO, Chile — Sporting bandanas, denim, and Western gear, a group of 13 Tennessee Baptist volunteers recently conducted Vacation Bible School and other activities for children of Southern Baptist missionaries here during the first wave of the new Tennessee/Chile missions partnership.

The volunteers used the country-



STORY TIME — Belmont University student Alfredo Colman portrays Jesus during story time as Tennessee volunteers worked with MK's in Santiago, Chile.

oriented theme, "From Nashville USA with Love," throughout their activities to bring love and concern from the United States to the 66 missionaries and their families stationed in 15 different Chilean cities.

Missionaries were gathered here for their July 1991 Missions Meeting, one of two such annual meetings during which missionaries conduct business and plan missions strategy for the remainder of the year. While missionaries met in one part of the Baptist Theological Seminary here, the Tennessee volunteers worked with the 50 MKs, ages 3 through 18, in adjacent seminary facilities.

During the next three years, more Tennessee volunteer teams will return to Chile for other concentrated projects, such as conducting Bible schools, evangelism, and construction. The partnership missions projects represent a joint effort by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Joint Committee of Chile, and the missionaries in Chile, says Clarence Stewart, director of partnership missions for TBC.

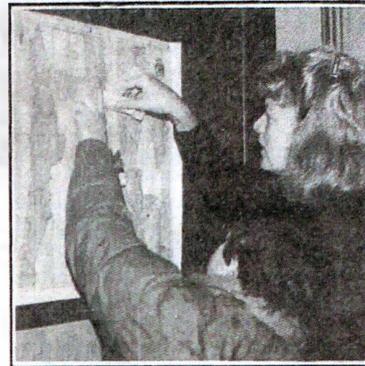
Tennessee volunteers

The Tennessee team, which departed from Nashville for Santiago July 12 and returned July 25, included Amy Prejean, Zoraida Salinas, and Alfredo Colman, all Belmont University students; Robert Magee, a Vanderbilt University graduate student; and Troy Luttrell, a recent graduate of Nashville State Technical Institute. All five are affiliated with the college Sunday School department at First Church, Nashville.

Other volunteers from First Church, Nashville, were Headly and Mary Alice McMains and Martha Ervin. From Two Rivers Church, Nashville, were Don and Ann Davis and Jan Spruill. From Stock Creek Church, Knoxville, was Kelly Krahwinkel, a professor at Carson-Newman College. Team leader was Kay Moore, teacher in the college Sunday School department at First Church, Nashville.

Also part of the Tennessee delegation were Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Director D. L. Lowrie and his wife Alice. Lowrie was preacher for the July 1991 Missions Meeting and led the missionaries during their morning and afternoon devotion time. Mrs. Lowrie assisted the McMains with the preschool MKs during the week.

A Tennessee couple, Roy and Rebecca Worley of Memphis, who are missionaries in Santiago, served as official host and hostess for the Tennessee



LOOKING FOR HOME — Kelly Krahwinkel, a volunteer from Stock Creek Church, Knoxville, helps missionary kid Victor Ray Lyons identify his hometown on a Chile map. — Photos by Kay Moore

volunteer team during Missions Meeting.

Typical day

A typical work day for the volunteers started with a traditional Vacation Bible School general assembly at 9 a.m., during which MKs marched into the seminary chapel behind MKs carrying the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible. Many of these Chile-based MKs learned the pledges and their accompanying songs, such as "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," that week for the first time, volunteers reported.

During the assembly, MKs collected an offering for Southern Baptist work in Antofagasta, Chile, a north Chile

city which recently experienced devastating floods and a mudslide. The Tennessee team combined this offering with money collected for Chile by children attending Vacation Bible School at First Church, Nashville, in June, and donated all funds to the Antofagasta relief effort. Charles Alexander, president of the Chile Baptist Mission, received the funds on behalf of the missionaries.

After opening assembly, the volunteers led Vacation Bible School for the MKs between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Missionaries said the Bible School represented the only corporate Bible study in English the MKs experience, since they normally worship in their parents' Spanish-speaking churches. One Bible School highlight was a daily story by Alfredo Colman, who donned a Middle Eastern-style costume and portrayed Jesus for the third and fourth grade age group.

Afternoon activities, between 2 and 6 p.m., included crafts, games, field trips, and a daily rehearsal for the musical, "The Family Tree." Wearing T-shirts they sponge-painted during the week and decorated with country motifs such as boots, guitars, and stars, the entire contingent of MKs — from youngest preschooler to oldest youth — performed the musical for the parents on one of the concluding days of the meeting. Directing the musical was Magee, with assistance from Prejean, Colman, and Luttrell.

After the musical, volunteers tossed (See Tennessee, page 5)

TBCH offering exceeds \$1 million

The record has been smashed. Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has received more than \$1 million in its 1991 Mother's Day Offering.

The total of \$1,000,139 was surpassed on July 31 when the Vacation Bible School offering of \$218 from Gum Springs Church, Cunningham, was received.

Gerald Stow, TBCH executive director, attributed the record giving to "team work of individuals, churches, and Sunday School classes" who recognized the needs of the children's homes.

The goal of \$1 million was the highest ever set, and the total thus far given, were "smashing" successes.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention's ministry to children began 100 years ago as an orphanage. There are nine locations, with three main campuses at Chattanooga, Franklin, and Memphis; three group homes at Johnson City, Kingsport, and Burville; two homes for unwed mothers at Greeneville and Franklin; and a boys' ranch in Millington.

CP giving pattern same in SBC . . .

NASHVILLE (BP) — Cooperative Program unified gifts received by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for the month of July were slightly higher than last year bringing the total for the year-to-date nearly identical with the previous year.

The July gifts totaled \$11,591,866 compared to the same month last year of \$11,475,800, an increase of \$116,066 or 1.01 percent, according to Harold C. Bennett, Executive Committee president/treasurer.

"With world mission needs as they are I deeply regret churches are not giving more to world missions through the Cooperative Program," said Bennett. "I pray God will move Southern Baptists to give stronger support to our cooperative work together and support the Cooperative Program."

For the ten months of the SBC fiscal year, 1990-91, the total of \$117,234,356 was short of the comparable period of 1989-90 of \$117,740,707 by less than one-half of one percent (0.43).

The required basic budget monthly figure is \$11,444,377 and for a ten month period, \$114,443,770. Fiscal year for the SBC is from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

On the other hand, designated gifts for the month of July fell 20.89 percent

over the same month of 1990: \$3,212,018 compared to \$4,060,221. For the year-to-date, designated gifts are 0.65 percent behind a year ago: \$120,125,839 compared to \$120,912,724.

Designated contributions include the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Home Mission Board's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, world hunger, and other special gifts.

. . . and in Tennessee

July gifts toward the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program demonstrate the ups and downs of CP giving.

July receipts amounted to \$2,341,404.35, or \$615,627.40 more than last year's July gifts. That increase cuts the loss thus far in the 1990-91 budget to 4.18 percent.

On the other hand, total gifts for the year put the budget 10.57 below budgeted needs.

Total CP receipts thus far amount to \$17,973,534.24, a loss of \$783,775.72 when compared to last year.

At present, the Tennessee Baptist Convention is \$2,124,860.76 short of its budget.

The budget to date is \$20,098,395, with three months left.

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Editorials

Language Missions Day — witnessing to call

Who is the man who asked directions in halting English? Who is the stranger who moved into town looking for a job?

Who is the one who spoke to you in sign language, with a look of desperation? Who is the woman with small children outside the grocery store, admonishing them in a language foreign to your ears?

Is the Gospel of Christ intended only for English-speaking people? Is it for Anglos only, born and bred in Tennessee?

Sunday, August 11, is Language Missions Day all across the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a day when we can lend priority to reaching ALL people for Christ, reaching out to the ethnics, strangers who "don't talk like we do."

It is probable that at least one ethnic or non-Anglo person lives in every town and city in Tennessee — and at least one family is situated in every valley and plain.

There are twenty-two language groups in Tennessee (besides English), and at least forty pastors for those groups. There are more than 120 different language units coming together each week for Bible study and worship in Tennessee.

Some have their own buildings. Some meet where other congregations share space. And some Tennessee Baptist churches have ministries designed specifically for language groups.

Do we think of deaf persons as speaking a different language? They do. There are more than forty deaf Baptist congregations in Tennessee, and some have deaf pastors.

"Love in Any Language" is the Tennessee theme for Language Missions Day. Make the celebrations live by touching the lives of those people you know who talk "differently" and who are searching for a new life in a new and different place.

Terry Sharp works with language missions in the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Missions Department headed by Jere Phillips. "Sometimes it seems overwhelming," Sharp says of the work with

ethnic groups. "We don't realize the monumental task that we face. I really believe that frequently we all pass within touch of someone with a different language and culture, someone who is searching. We can be the ones who point them to Christ."

Among the ethnic groups now being assisted by the Missions Department are Korean, Cambodian, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Jewish, Laotian, Russian, Arabic, African, Asian Indian, H'Mong, and American Indian.

There are scores of other ethnic groups in Tennessee who can be reached for Christ by Baptist churches. Observing Language Missions Day can be a starting point. What can we do on August 11?

- Plan a joint worship service with a non-English-speaking congregation. Utilize talents and cultures of both congregations.

- Enjoy a multi-cultural meal; feature cuisines of nationalities present.

- Consider a pulpit exchange between congregations within your congregation. Translators may be necessary, but the benefits outweigh the

difficulty.

- Sponsor a refugee family. Obtain the leaflet, "How to Sponsor Refugees." The TBC Missions Department can help.

- Start an ethnic ministry or congregation.
- Plan a language missions media night.
- Plan an ethnic cultural fair using art, music, crafts, food.

- Invite ethnic and deaf groups to worship with your church.

God call His people from among the nations of the world. Whatever their culture or language, God's promise says, "They shall be my people." The mosaic of America is present in Tennessee. There are people here, sometimes called strangers, who seek freedom from persecution, hunger, despair, and war. Refugees still come to our Tennessee homeland. Many people come from lands closed to the Gospel. Reach out, Tennessee Baptists, to share the Gospel of Christ with the "stranger" in our midst — the whole Gospel. — WFA

It's Baptist and Reflector Day

On the Tennessee Baptist denominational calendar, Sunday, August 25, is designated as Baptist and Reflector Day.

The day is set aside not to honor the paper, but to recognize it for its long history of reporting and interpreting for Tennessee Baptists. While the paper might be called a pipeline of information, the only valid one for Tennessee Baptists, it certainly is not a "grapevine."

News and information heard on the "grapevine" often is nothing more than speculation and gossip. Often it is the wish for the worst or best to happen.

On the back page of this issue, there is additional information about Baptist and Reflector Day. We urge pastors and church leaders to study the information and share it with their congregations, especially those which do not receive the paper.

The Baptist and Reflector is entrusted with the awesome task of keeping Tennessee Baptists informed. Historically, the paper stands near the top among other Southern Baptist papers in length of tenure. It, or a predecessor, has served us since 1835. We are older than the convention itself.

We suggest that ties between the paper and the congregations across Tennessee be strengthened. We need each other.

Churches that do not receive the paper have opportunity to "check it out." Instructions on our back page tell you how to order enough free papers for your resident families to have in hand on Baptist and Reflector Day. That is a bargain!

We are co-laborers with the churches. We are members of a great family. We need each other. — WFA

Course gives opportunity

Laypeople learning about counseling techniques

By Terri Lackey

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Christians should be a handy source of comfort for their fellowman, but knowing what to say and when to say it takes special guidance, a conference leader said.

"Non-professionals can do about 75 percent of the counseling needed by their friends or relatives. They just have to know what to do," said David Carter, a LIFE consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training department.

Carter taught the Lay Institute for Equipping course, WiseCounsel: Skills for Lay Counseling, during Discipleship Training Week, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"WiseCounsel is designed to equip the laity of the church in ways to help relatives, neighbors, or fellow church members with some of their problems," Carter said. "It is not designed to help a person become a professional counselor."

Non-professionals need to know when a problem is large enough to refer the person to a professional counselor, Carter said. The course helps laypersons understand when that is.

Carter said Christians should be able to provide counseling because "one, they can do it effectively; two, professional counselors cannot meet all needs; and, three, Christians have a

responsibility to minister to others."

The course helps Christians learn how to counsel with grieving persons and the families of the terminally ill, Carter said.

"We normally do a good job until a week after their deaths and then we don't know what to do," Carter said of church members who minister to families who have experienced a death. "We feel the problem can be solved with feeding people."

Lay counselors who minister to grieving people should understand that the experience will be painful and trying, both for the counselor and the grieving party, Carter said.

"Allow the person to face the reality of his or her loss. Help the grieving person talk about the deceased," he said.

Carter said the counselor will probably need to offer support to the grieving person for up to a year and a half after the death.

"You must help them deal with guilt, and you must help them establish new relationships when the grief is over," he said.

The course also helps laypersons in their counseling skills with married couples and families, youth, single adults, and senior adults, Carter said. It provides guidance for dealing with those who feel resentment and guilt and those who are contemplating suicide.

Asking the right questions is an important aspect of counseling, Carter said.

"Ask a searching question, and then keep quiet and listen to the answer," he said. "Be prepared to wait. Sometimes a long silence can be more rewarding than another question."

Carter said the quality of the answer depends on the quality of attention the counselor is showing. "You have to really listen. It helps to repeat the question back to them."

Carter said the course offers a ten-

step method to counseling. The lay counselor must first determine if there is time to talk and if there is a proper place for discussion, he said.

When that is determined, Carter said the lay counselor must listen to the problem, clarify the situation, and investigate previous counseling.

He then must introduce the responsibility of the counselee, share an experience of his own, review alternate solutions to the situation, explore the outcomes, supply information, and provide closure or prayer, Carter said.

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Romanian Baptist leaders advise against sending money

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND (BP) — Some churches in the United States send money to pastors in Romania, but the best way to help the country's Baptists is to check first with the Baptist Union, according to its top leaders.

The union can advise churches in the United States and elsewhere in the West of Romanian congregations or mission efforts urgently needing support, said Vasile Talos, union president, and Nicolae Gheorghita, general secretary.

"We want to avoid a situation where one or two or three churches are supported — and hundreds of others, nobody knows about," Talos said when he and Gheorghita visited the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board July 26.

Talos and Gheorghita, in meetings with the mission agency's administrators, reviewed two of Romanian Baptists' top concerns:

- Expanding the union's Bible institute in Bucharest, which soared from a handful of students to more than 100 after the country's revolt against communism in December 1989. A second Bible institute, created last year in the city of Oradea, has jumped to an enrollment of 170.

- The need for portable chapels for church-planting efforts among about 14,000 villages in Romania with no Baptist church.

Southern Baptists have joined Romanians in several evangelism- and relief-related projects since communism's demise. Recently Charles "T" and Kathie Thomas were named as the first Foreign Mission Board representatives in Romania in more than 50 years. They will transfer from France, where they have worked for 15 years.

"We want to give a whole picture" of evangelism and church-planting needs in Romania, said Talos, who is pastor

Brentwood Church calls Glenn as pastor

Brentwood Church, Brentwood, has called its second pastor in the church's history.

Michael L. Glenn, pastor of First Church, Mauldin, S.C., will begin work at Brentwood Aug. 25. He has served the South Carolina church for almost five years.

Glenn succeeds William (Bill) Wilson at Brentwood.

Wilson had been pastor there since the church began in 1970, until joining the Tennessee Baptist Convention a year ago as director of the Convention Ministries Division.

Glenn previously served as pastor for Bethany Church, Crane Hill, Ala.; and First Church, Edgefield, S.C.

He is a native of Alexandria, La., but calls Huntsville, Ala., his hometown. He is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., with the M. Div. and D. Min. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He studied Clinical Pastoral Education there also.

Glenn is married to the former Jeanne Powers of Columbia, S.C., who has a degree in nursing from Baptist College in Charleston. They have twin sons, Chris and Craig, age seven.



GLENN

of a Baptist church in Bucharest. Great portions of Romania remain a mission field, he said, noting 90 percent of the country's 75,000 Baptists live in the northwest section of the nation.

When aid for specific Romanian churches or home missionaries in unevangelized regions is channeled through the Baptist union, Gheorghita said, foreign donors can be sure of a full accounting of how the money is used.

But indiscriminate use of American dollars in Romania can cause severe problems for Baptists, both men warned.

"We do not want it to appear that people from outside are trying to buy the souls of people," Talos said. "This could become a rumor" linked to Baptists.

In the Romanian context, he said, it is acceptable for the Baptist union or a local church to receive outside funding but it is suspicious if individuals receive such aid.

These individuals may become vulnerable to benefactors who are out of sync with Baptist beliefs, Gheorghita added. "(The donor) can say, 'I am free to come in your church

anytime I come to Romania (and) spread my theology,'" he explained. Churches sometimes suffer internal strife when members find out their pastor has received aid from the West.

And some home missionaries supported by outside funds tend to drift away from fellowship with Baptists and other well-rooted evangelical groups in Romania, Talos said.

Since Romania's revolt against com-

munist, the nation has been swamped with well-meaning foreign Christians offering help — and with "all kinds of colors of so-called Christians ... with all kinds of teachings," Gheorghita said. "All the time people are coming. It is like an invasion."

The influx includes Mormons — thousands of whom are said to be studying the Romanian language — and other cults.

Czech Baptists renew heritage

RICHMOND (BP) — To survive communist repression, Czechoslovakia's Baptists sacrificed their heritage.

Now, "We are restoring Baptist identity," declared a Czech Baptist official.

"We have to show our people what it is to be a Baptist," said Pavel Vychopan, general secretary of the Baptist Union in Czechoslovakia, during a July 15-17 visit to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Czech Baptists count about 4000 members in 33 churches and 100 preaching stations. To replant Baptist roots, the union will open a college-

level school in September offering courses in Biblical and Baptist studies, youth and children's ministry, and social work to about 30 students. The Foreign Mission Board provided \$85,000 of the \$95,000 purchase price for a building for the school in the city of Olomouc.

Southern Baptists were "the first to offer effective help immediately after the revolution" that swept communists from power two years ago, Vychopan said. He praised the Foreign Mission Board for "asking what we need — personnel, assistance in various projects, finances. From the very beginning the relationship has been built on an equal basis."

Furman plan allows convention involvement

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP) — The Furman University board of trustees approved a plan July 30 that allows the South Carolina Baptist Convention to participate in the selection of the university's trustees.

In a 22-2 vote, the board adopted a recommendation made by its executive committee concerning the trustee election process. The recommendation came after the executive committee had reached a tentative agreement with the Furman/South Carolina Baptist Convention relations committee.

The board approved the agreement during a special called meeting on the Furman campus.

Generally, the agreement calls for Furman to submit ten names to the convention for the five new trustee positions available each year. The convention will then select five of those nominees to serve five-year terms on the board and Furman officially will name them.

Three of the five positions on the 25-member board will be filled each year by trustees who are members of South Carolina Baptist churches. Furman will provide six names for those three positions and the convention will choose any three. A majority of Furman's board will be composed of members of South Carolina Baptist Convention churches. The fourth position will be filled by a Southern Baptist who may or may not be from South Carolina. Furman will submit names for that position and the convention will choose one.

The fifth position will be filled by an active member of a church, who may or may not be Southern Baptist or from South Carolina. Furman will provide two names for the fifth position and the convention will choose one. All nominees shall profess the Christian faith.

The convention, at its annual meeting, will choose those who are recommended by the SCBC's nominating committee. Any amendments to the committee's recommen-

dation must come from the original list submitted by Furman.

"We believe this arrangement represents the best interests of Furman and the South Carolina Baptist Convention," said Minor Mickel, who is chairman of Furman's board and a member of the executive committee. "It allows the convention to play a role in selecting Furman's trustees, while preserving the board's right of self governance."

The agreement grants "Furman control over the selection of her trustee body while assuring that the trustee body will always be predominantly made up of South Carolina Baptists with the SCBC having input into the selection process. It is an agreement which respects the interests of both institutions and protects a long standing relationship," said Robert Shrum, chairman of the Furman/SCBC relations committee and pastor of Oakland Church in Rock Hill.

The covenant between Furman and the Furman/SCBC relations committee must be approved by the messengers to the 1991 South Carolina Convention

which meets in Greenville this November. According to convention officials, if the agreement is approved the money originally designated for Furman in 1991 would be released from escrow at that time.

The new agreement also would require a change in the convention's constitution, which would be voted on during the 1992 meeting of the SCBC. If the agreement is adopted, the covenant will be protected by a contractual agreement which will be binding on both Furman and the convention.

The action by the Furman trustees came nine months after the board voted to give itself, rather than the SCBC, the power to elect the university's trustees. The convention, meeting one month later in Columbia, voted to appoint a committee to negotiate with Furman in hope of reaching an accord.

The two committees met twice during the spring and on May 28 agreed upon a compromise to the trustee election process. The committees met one more time on July 11 to work out the final details of the covenant.

Memphis Pastor Fred Wood focus of dissertation

There are many subjects assigned or chosen for writing a dissertation toward an advanced degree — and persons make good subjects. Living persons probably are not chosen often.

Fred Wood, retired Tennessee Baptist pastor, has gained that distinction.

Joe Campbell, pastor from Hattiesburg, Miss., chose Wood for his Ph.D. dissertation at New Orleans Seminary. He was awarded his degree in June.

Wood was pastor of Eudora Church, Memphis, for 31 years. He later led revivals and Bible studies across the United States. At present he is interim pastor at Northview Church, Memphis, and visiting pro-

fessor of New Testament at Union University, Jackson.

Wood was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention 1972-73. He is a writer for the Sunday School Board and has authored 14 books, including two January Bible Study books.

Campbell's dissertation examined the background, structure, style, preparation, delivery, and emphases of Wood's preaching. He titled his work, "A Critical Analysis of the Preaching of Fred M. Wood."

Campbell researched 300 tapes of Wood's preaching, 14 books, 12 unpublished manuscripts, hundreds of Sunday School lessons, and scores of other articles.

Our Readers Write

In appreciation

On June 22 my family and I were on vacation in Nashville when I had a heart attack in the motel in which we were staying. I was carried to a Nashville hospital where I had bypass heart surgery.

I was in the hospital for three weeks. My wife and daughter stayed in a motel while I recuperated. Pastor Jim Grownen of Madison Heights Church ministered to us almost every day. His church family held us up in prayer.

We truly felt the power of prayer and know for sure we were where God intended us to be when this happened. We pray God will continue to bless Madison Heights Church and the ministry there. Our memories of Nashville will have a special place in our hearts because people like you made it possible.

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Prayer and support

Your editorial about the newly elected Sunday School Board president in the Baptist and Reflector is just excellent. I applaud you for sticking out your neck and letting the readers know what needs to be done to make this all work; and Southern Baptists need this to work out well.

Many of us would like to have written a different script several months ago, but this is where we find ourselves at this time. Dr. Draper deserves and will need the prayer and support of us all to do well. You are right — his is a tough assignment. But we can help him.

Thanks for the admonition and for showing the way.

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Strengthen the nets

I respond to Aubrey Hay's fine article, "Where are the nets?" Ask fired pastors! There are hundreds of ministers of education, music, youth, etc., who have asked this question for years. I hurt for the pastor about whom Aubrey has written. Twenty years ago, I experienced that same termination with its pain for myself, my family, and my ministry. The only difference is — mine and others came at the hands of a pastor. Our churches have long condoned and put their blessings upon pastors who have "shot" wounded members of its army — capable, faithful ministers who have also given their all to the ministry, only to be cast out by a new pastor who wanted

James Draper tested for irregular heartbeat

EULESS, Texas (BP) — Five days after being elected president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, James T. Draper Jr. spent a night in a hospital for observation following a bout with an irregular heartbeat.

"I feel fine," Draper told Baptist Press. Draper said he experienced arterial fibrillation July 23 and was taken to the emergency room of a local hospital. The doctors on duty recommended he stay overnight for observation.

However, tests since and a physical conducted today (Aug. 1) have indicated no heart problem and no reason for the spasm. Draper said millions of Americans, including President George Bush, have suffered periodic heart fibrillations. President

"his own man," etc.

I have served for 19 years with three different pastors. In our choir we have four "wounded soldiers" who were shot repeatedly and now serve in volunteer positions. Three more of my friends, faithful, well-trained ministers of music with 20-30 years experience each are presently unemployed due to pastoral changes. This is not uncommon!

Could it be that the pastorate by action has taught congregations that this behavior is acceptable? Have congregations now become proficient at the same game and we are all paying the price? May God forgive those, including pastors, who feel comfortable moving people around like checkers on a board. May God forgive thousands of church members who approve by allowing this power and authority to rule and ruin lives and churches.

Now that this problem has grown to epidemic proportions, may our prayer be that God's people will at last act and treat each other as Christ would have us. This can and would be our "net" for pastors and other staff members.

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Different opinion

Contrary to Pastor Denton's letter, the invitation of Oliver North to the SBC Pastors' Conference in Atlanta was neither an enhancement nor a highlight! Many were ashamed of this action and feel the less said the better. Oliver North is not a patriot. He was convicted of law-breaking and apparently is unrepentant of his crimes. It is wrong to attempt to place him in the company of real honest-to-goodness patriots. Patriotism includes respect for the nation and its laws. How can we ever expect to teach our youth respect for the "laws-of-the-land" when

Bush's was attributed to a thyroid condition. Draper said, but doctors don't know what caused his.

Draper is taking heart medication for a month, a caution advised by his doctors. Draper said he experienced no pain and no discomfort at the time of the incident but he knew there was an irregular heartbeat. The heart returned to a normal pattern within about six to seven hours. The EKG and all the blood work was normal, he said.

Draper was elected president of the Baptist Sunday School Board July 18 in Nashville following a six month search by trustees. Draper, 55, is pastor of First Church, Euless, and was president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1982-84.

we applaud or become apathetic to such actions as his?

Years of disagreements such as those occurring within the Southern Baptist Convention for the last decade would not have damaged its credibility as much as giving Oliver North platform to espouse his criminal attitude toward the laws of our nation.

According to Vacation Bible School literature for youth this year the Baptists were champions of the separation of church and government during the forming of our country. My how we have changed!! Now we invite political figures to speak at our conventions and stop funding the very organization that is fighting for that "division of church and state."

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'Conservative' presidents

A letter in the June 26 issue stated: "Some of us also remember a troubled time 15-30 years ago. 'Moderates' were in control. They systematically disenfranchised 'conservatives.' We were not allowed to be on boards, committees, etc. We were not allowed to serve the denomination in any capacity, although our money was most welcome. In fact, if it was withheld, we were branded independent, non-cooperative."

In looking over the names of presidents of the SBC from 1949 thru 1979, I find a healthy mix of "conservatives" and "moderates." I do not know the leanings of all of them, but those I recognize as "conservatives" are: R. G. Lee 1949-51, Ramsey Pollard 1960-61, K. Owen White 1964, W. A. Criswell 1969-70, and Jaroy Weber 1975-76. These presidents named those to serve on the Committee on Boards. I can't believe they would not name "conservatives" to the Committee on Boards who, in turn, would not name "conservatives" on committees and as

trustees.

I do know that in 1959 my husband and I ("moderates") were at the SBC in Louisville voting for our pastor, Ramsey Pollard ("conservative") as president of the SBC. There was no litmus test in those days. Instead there was trust and respect for those whose views differed from ours. We believed in the "priesthood of the believer" and the "autonomy of the local church," two Baptist distinctives which have fallen by the wayside.

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Glad to be Baptist

During the past few years there have been times when I asked myself: Why do you want to be a Baptist? And I am sure there are others who have asked the same question.

However, in recent months I can truly say I am glad to be a Christian first, and then I am glad to be a Baptist.

What has changed my mind? The activity of our Foreign Mission Board is something to be proud of and make us happy to be a Southern Baptist.

The Baptist and Reflector and other newspapers are carrying stories of things done by our FMB in Iraq, Iran, Russia, and many other parts of the world.

When we are helping others we can forget ourselves and selfish ambitions. Dr. Keith Parks appears to be a man with strong convictions and not afraid to stand his ground. I wish we had many more leaders like him.

I believe the Lord blesses when we obey his command to go into the world and teach the Gospel. The physical help of the FMB is strengthened by the giving of God's Word to a hungry people.

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Serving in Virginia

Grahams thank Tennessee Baptists

Since I returned from Kuwait in December, Laurie and I have been seeking God's direction for our next piece of service and have appreciated your continued prayers. We were open to returning overseas if there was a position that we felt God wanted us to fill. The board did not have another position for an English language pastor open at the present time. Coupled with that was the feeling that our family needed some stability and security.

Our family has just arrived in Richmond, where I will be the new associate pastor at Bon Air Church. We are very blessed to serve in one of Virginia's finest churches. What most of you do not know is that this church contacted me a year ago as we were preparing to move to Kuwait. As I shared with them then, I felt God's leadership to go to Kuwait as one of the pastors of the National Evangelical Church. God had a marvelous plan for this position in Richmond to remain open for this past year while we went through the awesome ordeal of Kuwait.

I tried to return to Kuwait with Pastor Jerry Zandstra in April to start food relief. After two weeks of total frustration in the neighboring country of Bahrain, being told that I might be able to enter Kuwait with no assurance that I could exit anytime soon, I decided to return home. Pastor

Jerry could enter and exit Kuwait since he is a recently retired Navy chaplain. He hopped on a military helicopter for Kuwait as I boarded a plane for the states.

Food supplies for the FMB relief work Jerry was trying to do in Kuwait were slow initially. I was able to telephone him many times from the states and relay needed information to Bahrain. The church is now feeding many displaced Arabs and Asians. Jerry's wife, Jacque, just joined him in June and they are trying to survive the intense summer heat while trying to rebuild the church. They need your continued prayers as they continue this ministry with limited resources. There are about 200 in average attendance in the English language congregation.

Our family is looking forward to having a home after two years of being "bedouins." Before the yard gets mowed and the furniture gets set up I will install a basketball goal, which Peter and Aaron have been waiting for for five years. I'll put up a fence for their puppy and perhaps they will feel like they have a permanent home.

The church address is:
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In Nashville

Parham resigns CLC post; to head new ethics agency

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
NASHVILLE — The Baptist Center for Ethics (BCE) was born July 30 amid the promise of its new executive director to focus only on the future.

"The Baptist Center for Ethics is about the future and not the past," said Robert Parham, a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission staffer who resigned July 26, to be effective Sept. 1, to take over the new agency.

When Parham leaves the CLC after six and a half years, Southern Baptists' official voice on ethical and moral issues will be without a person with an earned degree in the area of Christian ethics.

Parham and other leaders of the BCE insist, however, that the new agency is not a counter balance to the CLC.

"We're going to be a proactive, positive voice rather than a counter voice," Parham said during a news conference.

Parham added that "church folks are ready to be for something rather than anti-everything," explaining that the BCE, for example, would be pro-life, instead of anti-abortion; pro-family, instead of anti-pornography; etc.

Choptack calls pastor

Joe Christopher, a native of Petros, recently became pastor of Choptack Church, Rogersville.

Before accepting the new pastorate, Christopher was pastor of Bulls Gap Church, Bulls Gap. In addition, he has served as pastor of Buffalo Church, Rutledge; Wrigley Church, Lyles; and Edgewood Church, Centerville.

He was ordained at First Church, Seymour.

SEBTS adds two faculty members

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Two theological "conservatives" and Biblical inerrantists have been added to the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Earlier the seminary announced five professors had submitted resignations and would leave at the end of the fall semester. At least eight others were expected to announce their resignations or retirements in a dramatic change at the seminary.

Maurice Robinson, professor at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville,

Clarksville church calls new pastor

Little Hope Church, Clarksville, welcomed its new pastor, William M. Madewell on July 28.

Madewell comes to the Clarksville church from North Johnson City Church in Johnson City. He is a native of Chattanooga and has served churches in Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.

Madewell is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Madewell is married to the former Pamela Matteson of Chattanooga. They have a daughter, Michael Ann. He has served on the Executive Board on the Tennessee Baptist Convention and numerous committees of the convention and in various capacities in the Riverside and Holston associations.

Nashville pastor Joel Snider, who is chairman of the trustees for the BCE, agreed.

"We felt a need to be involved in an opportunity to address moral, value, and ethical issues. We believe the task is large enough that there is always room for extra effort," said Snider, pastor of Crieveewood Church.

In a prepared statement, Parham said some experts "predict the ethics movement will be to the 1990s what the consumer movement was to the 1960s."

He noted that "now is the time for a new ethics venture. Baptists stand in a 'fullness of time' moment for the creation of an ethics network which will help Christians face all the commonplace, complex, and cutting edge issues."

The new agency will begin operation Sept. 1 with a budget of about \$25,000 for the remainder of the year. Snider said. He predicted the 1992 budget would be approximately \$100,000. Snider disclosed Parham's yearly salary package, including benefits, would be about \$45,000.

The BCE will be funded by individuals and churches. Snider acknowledged, noting that the center expects to have about \$10,000 in hand when it begins operations. The center also expects to produce revenue through the sale of materials on a cost-recovery basis.

When asked about the center's relationship to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of

Fla., and Stephen J. Andrews, who is completing his Ph.D. at Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institution of Religion, will join the faculty this fall, seminary officials announced. Both are graduates of Southeastern and theological "conservatives" and Biblical inerrantists, officials said.

Robinson will teach New Testament and Greek while Andrews will teach Old Testament and Hebrew.

The seminary has been the center of an ongoing controversy with trustees seeking a more "conservative" faculty. Since the arrival of President Lewis Drummond in 1988 a majority of the faculty has resigned, retired, or indicated they would. Student numbers also have dropped to about half of those in the mid-1980s.

Drummond welcomed the recent changes in faculty.

"We feel that God is blessing Southeastern and that the changes taking place will have a positive effect on our future," said Drummond. "We now have a greater opportunity than ever before to hire more of the kind of people the Southern Baptist Convention wants on our seminary faculty."

Drummond said the faculty members who are leaving came to him on their own volition.

Vice President for Internal Affairs G. Paul Fletcher said the changes in faculty will help the seminary as it faces the possibility of cutting its budget.

Southern Baptist "moderates," Snider said there is "none, officially."

Snider said the BCE will invite the Fellowship to provide three trustees for the agency.

The BCE will be governed by a 21-member board of directors, chaired by Snider. Other Tennessee Baptists on the board include Bill Sherman, Woodmont Church, Gene Lovelace, Immanuel Church, Nashville; and Carolyn Diboye, First Church, Oak Ridge.

The new center also will have an advisory council, made up of Baptist men and women, laity and clergy, who "are sympathetic to the cause which the center embodies and who will support the center with encouragement, counsel, and financial leadership."

Tennesseans on the advisory council include W. C. Fields, Woodmont Church, chairman; and June McEwen,

First Church, Chattanooga.

Instead of having a staff producing materials, the BCE will have "associates," professionals in ethics and related fields who will be major resources for program planning, production of materials, and related activities.

Two Tennesseans will serve as associates — Carolyn Blevins, assistant professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Mark Jensen, pastoral counselor at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville. Six of the 15 associates are on the staffs of Southern Baptist seminaries — Raymond Higgins, Ebbie Smith, and Bill Tillman, Southwestern Seminary; Paul Simmons and Glen Stassen, Southern Seminary; and Furman Hewitt, Southeastern Seminary.

Plans are for the BCE to have its first workshop next February.

Tennessee volunteers get . . .

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a "From Nashville USA with Love" party for each age group of children. Snacks consisted of American candy, such as M&Ms, Goo Goo Clusters, Jolly Ranchers, and other items not readily available in South America. Also, volunteers gave to each missionary family unit a small gift bag containing items such as jars of peanut butter, donated by FBC, Nashville children during their Vacation Bible School.

Members of the "Tennessee Gang" also led a 45-minute devotion time for the missionaries on the last morning of Missions Meeting. Presentations included testimonies by the McMains, Davises, Spruill, Krahwinkel, and Moore, and vocal numbers by Prejean, Ervin, Magee, Salinas, and Colman.

On Sundays before and after Missions Meeting, Tennessee volunteers visited numerous Santiago-area Baptist

churches, including First Baptist, Santiago, in which missionaries to Chile hold leadership positions. A group of volunteers touring Valparaiso, a Chilean coastal city, visited First Baptist Church there which the late Maxey Jarman, long-time member of First Church, Nashville, helped fund and build.

Team members reported that time spent with missionaries — grocery shopping, doing laundry, worshipping, dining — represented one of the most rewarding parts of their mission trip. Tennessee volunteers came home with a list of needs — ranging from crayons to bed sheets to a cassette tape duplicating machine — that they plan to distribute to any group interested in helping Chile missionaries with their ministry. — Moore is a freelance journalist from Franklin and a member of First Church, Nashville.

One Word More

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

Paul wrote about the need for Christians to grow. He expressed the truth that for newborn Christians to be fed milk continuously is detrimental to their wholistic growth — especially when "meat" is the proper ingredient in the growth formula.

But he didn't say that all the milk should be given at one feeding — nor all the meat.

Christians, especially newborn Christians, need to grow. Sometimes their mentors in the faith expect them to grow too fast. We get impatient.

Early this spring Betty and I fertilized our backyard plants. The little trees were given a smaller portion than the larger ones.

When we fed fertilizer to the older trees — we overdid it on the tulip poplar. We weren't aware of the overdose at the time.

There were immediate benefits, no hints of impending trouble. Oh, there were days when the tree appeared to spurt twelve inches overnight. We marveled and admired.

The limbs grew heavy with gigantic, dark-green leaves. They were healthy. The mass of flourishing leaves and new growth amazed us.

We looked out from the breakfast table and noted that next summer the

tulip tree would offer much more shade for the house during hot summer.

A funny thing happened amidst those spurts of growth.

The tree grew too fast. The new foliage was beautiful and lush, but it was too heavy for the branches.

Consequently, when those little rain and windstorms of July struck, the mass of leaves resisted, and the limbs

broke. We've lost at least five now, and the tree is a ragged replica of what it used to be.

The wind can skim through easily — and the leaves wave lightly. We have come to realize that the tree is better off than when it was overloaded with all those big leaves.

When Christians are newborn and eager to serve, let's give them enough milk — and sufficient meat at the proper time. As they grow, we can disciple them, teach them, and affirm them.

Sure and steady growth is the best way for all of us.



PARHAM



ALLEN

Tennessee Acteen Activators team works in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — The first Tennessee Acteen Activators team from across the state recently completed a ten-day missions assignment in the South American nation of Uruguay.

The team, led by Charlene Gray, program associate with Tennessee Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, worked with 28 children of Southern Baptist missionaries in Uruguay during the mission's annual meeting. The Tennesseans also spoke and sang in three Uruguayan Baptist churches.

The girls also were accompanied by Bertie Powell, Acteens director for Hamilton County Association WMU, and member of First Church, Hixson.

"It was an awesome experience," said Heather Denton, First Church, Bolivar, referring to being in a Sunday School youth group in a Baptist mission point at Solymar, Uruguay, where Southern Baptist church planters Wally and Betty Poor serve.

Each girl on the team served on an Acteen Activator team in the United States, a requirement before serving on an overseas team. Each girl also had to have evaluations from the Acteen leader of their local church, her pastor, and someone else in a leadership position.

'It was an awesome experience.'

The girls underwent 60 hours of training which included a 30-day Bible study, a missions study, witnessing training, and simulation training.

Gray was uniquely qualified in helping prepare the Acteens for their mission trip. Her parents, Earl and Jane Martin, served as missionaries in Tan-



WORSHIP TIME — Meredith Crabtree sits with MKs during worship service at the mission meeting in Uruguay.

zania and now teach at the International Baptist Seminary in Switzerland.

In addition to Denton, other team members were Kim Hughes, Fair Havens Church, Powell; Jennifer Whitmire, Apison Church, Ooltewah; Meredith Crabtree, First Church, Rickman; Christie Brock, Fair Havens Church; and Ellen Richardson, First Church, Memphis.

The activities with the missionary children included a worship service each morning along with Bible study by age group, recreation, crafts, creative activities such as drama, clowning, and puppets, and music.

The mission trips have a lasting influence on the participants, Gray said.

"It cultivates in the girls a missions lifestyle. Many may never go overseas again but it opens the windows. Missions comes alive," she said.

The eight-member team is one of 16 Tennessee Acteens Activator groups (girls in 9th grade or above) serving in the U.S. and overseas this year. Each



RELAXED — Jennifer Whitmire listens intently to two pre-schoolers she cared for while at the meeting in Uruguay.



TEAM MEMBERS — Participating on the Acteens Activators team in Uruguay were, from left, front row, Bertie Powell, Heather Denton, Kim Hughes, and Meredith Crabtree; back row, Ellen Richardson, Christie Brock, Jennifer Whitmire, and Charlene Gray.

girl raised her own financial support of \$1800 for the South American missions trip.

For their part, the missionary kids were enthusiastic about the teenage volunteers.

"They were neat," said Karen Chatman, daughter of missionaries Truman and Carole Chatman.

"It was nice to have someone our own age," added Beth Dubberly, daughter of Eugene and Carolyn Dubberly. — Wally Poor

Volunteer mission worker ordained at age 76

By Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor
KINGSTON — At an age when most Baptist ministers have long since retired, Lloyd B. Morrow, in a sense, is just getting started.

Though he was licensed to preach in 1978 and has preached many times since, the 76-year-old Morrow was not ordained into the ministry until June 26 at First Church, Kingston, where he is a member. W. C. Summar of Columbia, a former pastor to Morrow, participated in the ordination service.

Morrow is now serving for a three-month period as associate pastor at First Church, Milford, Utah. He is helping the 16-member church extend its outreach program to the community and will do some preaching.

Morrow's post in Utah came through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board which has "a want list" of places that need volunteers, he said.

Volunteerism is not new to Morrow, who has lived in Tennessee since 1951. Since his retirement in 1977, the former carpet store owner has been on volunteer projects in 18 states; Burkina Faso, twice; Venezuela, five times; the Philippines, twice; Guatemala; Ecuador, twice; England; and Canada.

Morrow made a commitment to do volunteer missions after attending an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention where Bold Mission Thrust was launched. Bold Mission Thrust is

Southern Baptists' plan to reach the world for Christ by the year 2000.

"When I found out about things I could do as a volunteer, I knew that was for me," he said.

On many of his U.S. trips, Morrow has been accompanied by his wife, Laverna, who was unable to go to Utah.

Early in his volunteer efforts, Mor-



GETTING READY — Lloyd B. Morrow and his wife, Laverna, map out his route to Utah where he will serve for three months as a volunteer.

row helped with construction or laying carpet. Now, however, he's "decided it's best for me to do evangelism work or interim pastorates," he said.

During his travels, Morrow has discovered there are people "in so many places that are receptive to the Gospel.

"It's shouting grounds when you see that," he said.

And though he calls himself "a novice preacher," Morrow has seen numerous souls saved.

On his trip to Utah, Morrow drove his van 1800 miles to Milford, located in the southwestern part of the state.

During his volunteer efforts, Morrow has slept on rolls of carpet padding, in vans, or in the basements of churches. He and his wife have cooked many meals on hot plates, and while that sounds "like roughing it, we enjoyed it," Morrow said.

Morrow pays most of his expenses himself when going on volunteer mission projects, though occasionally he is given financial assistance from churches and friends.

He does not concern himself that much about the finances. "The rewards are seeing the greatest miracle ever performed in seeing a person born into the Kingdom.

"There is no hardship at all when that happens," Morrow concluded.

Seymour church holds four 'summer nights'

First Church, Seymour, will sponsor "Four Great Summer Nights" in August with four well-known Southern Baptist pastors as guest evangelists.

Each service begins at 7:15 p.m. Jane Greene Johnson will serve as soloist at each service during the month. She is a former member of The Speers, a Gospel singing group.

Bobby Boyles, pastor of First Church, Moore, Okla., will speak Aug. 8. Additional music will be provided by the adult choir of First Church, Sevierville.

On Aug. 15 Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Church, Woodstock, Ga., will deliver the message. Also on the program that night will be the adult choir from Calvary Church, Knoxville.

Tennessee pastor Ron Herrod of Central Church, Oak Ridge, will preach at the Aug. 22 service. The adult choir from Central Church also will perform.

The final service on Aug. 29 will feature Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church in Mobile, Ala. Additional music will be provided by the adult choirs from Beaver Dam Church, Knoxville, and First Church, Seymour.

World Changers change Appalachia for good

By Susan Watt

BRICEVILLE — More than 240 Southern Baptist youth and leaders from seven states participated July 13-20 in the second World Changers National Work Project held in the Appalachian area of East Tennessee.

Thirteen churches from Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and Nebraska participated in the eight-day coeducational missions project for high school youth.

Tennessee churches participating in the project were: Second Church, Memphis; First Church, Collierville; and Central Church, Bearden, in Knoxville.

Participants were divided into various work crews and given names such as "Toe Nails," "Miter Joints," and "Hammer Heads." Work crews were led by an individual with construction experience. The evenings were devoted to crew meetings and a worship service led by Christian singer Chuck Maxwell of Jackson.

Work on 16 homes in Briceville, Lake City, Clinton, and Oak Ridge began on Monday. The projects included reconstructing the porch of a mildly retarded man, adding a handicapped-accessible room and bathroom to a mobile home for a 22-month-old boy born with spina bifida, and converting a closet into a bathroom for an elderly lady who had never had an indoor bathroom. Participants also re-roofed several houses, insulated, painted, cleaned, replaced windows, and put up vinyl siding and hung sheetrock.

Stella Simmons, 83, lived with her niece in a house that was literally caving in above them. She was considering going into a nursing home because she had no means of making the



WORLD CHANGERS — Kim Vaughn, left, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Melissa Horn of First Church, Collierville, install insulation in the basement for an Oak Ridge residence during a World Changers National Work Project July 13-20.

repairs. "Last night I slept better than I have in a long time," said Simmons, whose roof did not leak for the first time in years following heavy thundershowers on Thursday night after most of the work was completed. "They're a great bunch of kids. We'll always remember them and the good deeds they've done."

Meeting youth from other churches as well as learning to cooperate and work as a team were said by many to be the best aspects of the week. Working hard and completing a project also topped the list.

"The highlight of the week for me has been seeing one person who was afraid of heights ... now I can't get her off the roof," said Mark Moreland, youth minister at Central Church,

Bearden, and crew chief for the "Joint Clamps."

"The confidence I've seen some of these youth develop is amazing," Moreland said.

"It's definitely changed my world," said Lauren Wilson, 15, of Second Church, Memphis. I've become a better person."

'It's definitely changed my world,' — Lauren Wilson, Memphis.

"I think World Changers instills in youth an attitude of giving," said Andy Morris of Memphis who served as World Changers director. "They spend the entire week thinking about nothing else but others. We hope that this selflessness will catch on and they will take it home with them."

Aid to Distressed Families of Anderson County (ADFAC) and the Clinton Baptist Association worked together to choose the projects youth were to complete. Material for the work was made available through a fund-raising project sponsored by The Oak Ridger, a local newspaper.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention, under the direction of Cameron Byler, Brotherhood director, got involved by providing construction expertise. Curtis Fowler, Missions Service Corps volunteer for the Tennessee Brotherhood Department and leader of the Tennessee Baptist Builder's Fellowship, served as the construction coordinator for the project. Fowler, of Knoxville, was assisted by Don Byrd. They enlisted more than half of the crew chiefs from the builder's fellowship.

"Tennessee Brotherhood Department was glad to be a part of this and to share in this ministry," said Byler. "One of the gratifying things was to see a combination of effort between a secular organization in the community, the Brotherhood Commission, Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood, and Clinton Association. The many different agencies came together in a cooperative effort."

Michael Pearson, director of missions for Clinton Association, observed the churches and the community in general got behind the project.



CLEARING DEBRIS — Tennessean Lauren Wilson, left, of Second Church, Memphis, helps Chris Lambert of Lake City, S.C., center, and Melissa Parker of Hot Springs, Ark., clear trash away from a Briceville residence during a World Changers National Work Project.

Churches from Clinton Association provided on-site lunches to the work crews which saved time, Pearson noted.

"Everything worked well. The young people enjoyed it and came to be friends with the people they were helping," he said.

Pearson noted the "best thing" about the experience was how the young people practiced giving. "They gave of themselves in the way Christians should," he said.

More than 1300 youth from 17 states participated in the six World Changers National Work Projects held this summer. Other sites included locations in California, Texas, Alabama, Missouri, and Virginia.

Shirley to counsel potential missionaries

RICHMOND — Former missionary Kenneth Shirley has joined the Foreign Mission Board staff as a candidate consultant to work with potential missionaries.

As one of the board's six candidate consultants, Shirley will work with people from the United States' north-central region who are interested in missions. His region includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Shirley, 37, and his wife, Gail, were appointed missionaries to the Ivory Coast in 1980, where he worked as a general evangelist until 1989.

A native of Camden, S.C., Shirley received the bachelor of arts degree from Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C., and the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has completed a one-year residency program of clinical pastoral education at Baptist Medical Center, Columbia, S.C. He will finish a one-year counseling residency at the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care in Richmond, Va., before assuming his new responsibilities Aug. 7.



SHIRLEY

Saulsbury Church notes 125-year history

Saulsbury Church members and friends celebrated the church's 125th anniversary July 14-17.

The Hardeman County Association church was organized on July 14, 1866, with 26 charter members. The organizers met at Woodland Academy, answering the call of Gen. Mark P. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, Miss.

Lowrey, who later founded Blue Mountain College, preached the sermon that day and acted as moderator. He was elected pastor for one year. N. C. Whitlow and W. H. Todd were elected deacons.

The church, according to the

minutes, met for eleven additional days in a "protracted meeting." There were 13 conversions and nine baptisms.

A few months later the first building was built at a cost of \$1018. A Sunday School was organized in 1868. A second building was constructed in 1889 — and is still in use today.

The 125th anniversary began with messages July 14 by former pastor Teddy Evans. Speakers on Monday through Wednesday were Kent Spann, Robert Orr, and Wayne Max, also former pastors.

Many former members were present.

WAY BACK WHEN

— Saulsbury Church members dress for the occasion on the church's 125th anniversary. Seated: Theresa Redfearn. Standing: Tonya and Clay Brotherton, Sara Emerson, Beulah Coney, Russ Pierce, Cissy Pierce, Larry Pierce, Lillian Earl Redfearn, and Rex Brotherton.



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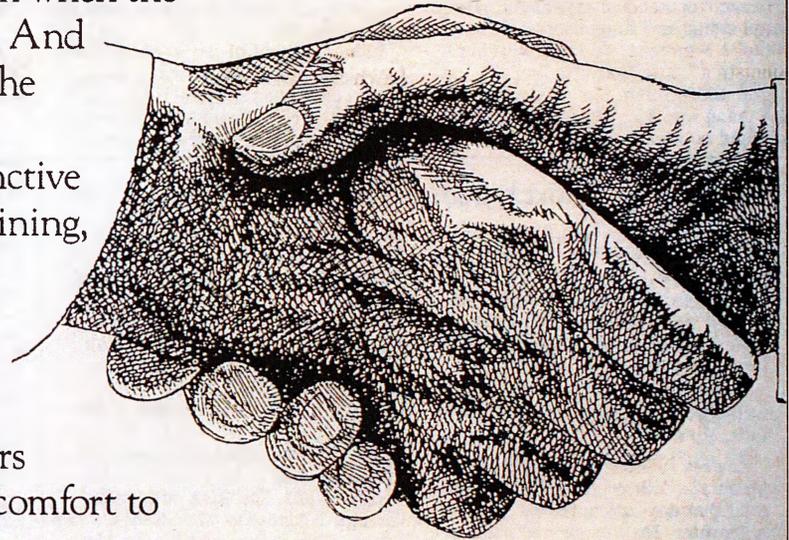
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Churches ...

Members of Valley View Church, Nashville, will celebrate the church's 25th anniversary Aug. 18.

Homecoming will be Aug. 11 at Mt. Harmony Church, Knoxville. Guest speaker for the morning worship service will be Bill Lett, a former music director during the 1960s who is now an ordained minister and director of missions for Sand Mountain Association in Pisgah, Ala. Guest musician will be Mike Bundon, former music director who is minister of music at Beaver Dam Church, Halls. Luncheon will follow the service. At 7 p.m., the Master's Men, a quartet from Beaver Dam Church, will present a concert.

Sam Wolfe, an evangelist from Huntsville, Ala., will conduct the Conference on Building the House of Prayer at Bartlett Church, Bartlett, Aug. 18-21 at 7 p.m. nightly. Wolfe, a 40-year veteran in the ministry, will present his concept of a Scriptural and comprehensive prayer ministry for the individual and the church.

The congregation of Ararat Church, Jackson, will celebrate the church's 141st anniversary with homecoming Aug. 18. Luncheon will be served after morning worship.

In addition, plans are underway to begin construction on a new worship center and educational building in late August.

State Brotherhood convention set

The Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood Convention will meet at Judson Church, Aug. 23-24. The convention will highlight many of the Brotherhood activities and involvement of Tennessee Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors this past year.

James Williams, president-elect of the Brotherhood Commission, will be the keynote speaker Friday evening. Williams comes from the Baptist Sunday School Board and will take office Sept. 15.



WILLIAMS

Lincoya Hills Church, Nashville, held its first Romanian Friendship Day recently. Romanian immigrants from Middle Tennessee attended. The event included a Romanian Sunday School, interpreted worship service, dinner, and cultural displays. The Romanians shared their regional foods, crafts, and folk music and dances. The first Romanian was baptized into the fellowship of Lincoya Hills in July.

Homecoming and an 85th anniversary celebration will be held Aug. 17 at Merton Avenue Church, Memphis.

First Church, Mitchellville, will hold homecoming Aug. 11.

Members of Quebeck Church, Quebeck, will celebrate homecoming Aug. 11. Luncheon and special music will follow the morning worship service.

Steve Taylor, former missionary to Africa, spoke at both worship services Aug. 4 at First Church, Goodlettsville, where he served as pastor for a year. Taylor plans to return to Africa to continue his mission work.

Revivals ...

Revival services were held July 28-Aug. 4 at Westgate Church, Murfreesboro. James H. Powers, Concord Association director of missions, led the services. Edwin Florida Jr., music minister at Lascassas Church, Lascassas, led singing.

Reports on the disaster effort to the Kurdish refugees in Iran and Iraq will be shared by Jim Burton of Memphis and Bill Skinner of Nashville.

Wade Watts, missionary to Peru, will be presenting the main missions message. Watts served this summer as RA Camp missionary.

Other program personalities will feature Doc Lindsey, Detroit, Mich., playing the piano; Freedom Quartet from Church Hill, Tenn.; and Andrew Grossholz, this year's Crusader RA Speak Out winner.

The program will begin with pre-convention music at 6:45 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23, and end at noon Saturday. Spouses are welcome.

Rayon City Church experiences revival

Rayon City Church in Old Hickory recently experienced one of the most significant revivals in the church's 41-year history, said Pastor Terry Wilkerson.

The church held revival July 17-19 and concluded on Sunday, July 21, with evangelist J. Harold Smith of Newport.

Smith preached on "God's Three Deadlines," Wilkerson reported. When the service was over, 66 people made professions of faith. Several more were made during the week preceding the Sunday service, Wilkerson added.

He noted that most of the decisions were from people who had been attending Rayon City Church or had no church home at all. The church normally averages about 260

in worship, including about 70 children and youth from its bus ministry.

On Sunday night, the church baptized 40 people, of whom 27 were adults, Wilkerson noted.

"When it was all through, you knew that God had to have done it. There was no way man could do it," Wilkerson said.

And, Wilkerson said, the Lord is continuing to work in the community through the church.

"Our folks are ready to let God set fire to them and we'll see more people saved in the weeks to come," Wilkerson predicted, noting that "there are still a lot of folks that need to be won."

Roger Abington will lead revival Aug. 11-16 at Ararat Church, Jackson.

Chapel Hill Church, Huron, will hold revival services Aug. 18-25 with leaders Phil Mitchell and Marvin Russell.

Dennis Beal will lead revival Aug. 11-16 at Mount Gilead Church, Cedar Grove.

A centennial revival will be held Aug. 11-18 at First Church, Selmer. Speakers will feature former pastors and church leaders Howard Kolb, Hyran Barefoot, L. H. Moore, O. G. Lawless, W. C. Summar, Bob Elliott, Matt Tomlin, and Luther Joe Thompson. Ken Goforth and Rick Johnson will provide music.

J. H. Royalty will lead tent revival services beginning Aug. 7 at Northside Church, Savannah.

Missions ...

A mission team of 27 youth and sponsors from First Church, Gallatin, served July 6-12 in a campground-beach ministry at Gulf Shores, Ala., with home missionaries Charlie and Candy Ellis.

Several youth and adults from College Heights Church, Gallatin, served at Standish Chapel, Standish, Mich., during July. Pastor Larry Gilmore led revival and youth led in backyard Bible clubs under the direction of Minister of Youth Dan Hyde. Ed Boham and David Patton led music. The mission is sponsored by Bangor Church, Bay City, Mich.

Ten members of Mount Gilead Church, Cedar Grove, left on a mission trip Aug. 3 for Bellefontaine, Ohio, to assist Hillcrest Church with Vacation Bible School and other ministries.

A youth mission team from Pleasant View Church, Clarksville, conducted Vacation Bible Schools and backyard Bible clubs for Isabella Church, Mount Pleasant, Mich., in early July. The team was led by Jim Graves, minister of music and youth.

The youth mission tour choir from

Brownsville Church, Brownsville, was in Lansing, Mich., July 11-21, leading mission Vacation Bible School for Immanuel Church. There were six professions of faith. They presented the musical drama *Who Me?* in ten churches in Lansing and towns they passed through traveling to Michigan. The group was led by Ralph Brown, minister of music and youth.

A team of 37 mission volunteers from Brownsville Church, Shaw's Chapel Church, and Woodland Church, all in Brownsville, and Harmony Church, Whiteville, participated in a partnership mission trip between Haywood Association and Central Association in Michigan. The team led five backyard Bible clubs, one Vacation Bible School, and four clowning and puppetry programs, and presented five music and drama concerts. Two preachers spoke in several churches. Six professions of faith were recorded.

Volunteers from Stuart Park Church and Maple Street Church in Cleveland have assisted Blythe Avenue Mission, Cleveland, also this summer in the construction of their new building. Both churches also provided financial support. In addition, Dumplin Valley Church, New Market, has provided labor for the new building.

People ...

Kent Edward Altom was licensed to the Gospel ministry July 17 by First Church, Cookeville, where his father, Ken Altom, is pastor. He is a junior at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Altom has served as a summer missionary in California and has preached in several area churches. He also served as camp pastor for associational Acteens Camp in Stone Association.

Frances Prince of Knoxville was presented recently with the Algermon Sydney Sullivan Award from Carson-Newman College President Cordell Maddox during the college's summer commencement. The Sullivan Award, established in 1925 by the New York Southern Society, is the highest award given by the college to a community leader. Prince, a C-N alumnus who now serves as assistant commissioner for the Tennessee State Department of Education, also delivered the commencement address. She is the wife of Jack Prince, pastor of West Hills Church, Knoxville.



CENTER DEDICATED — First Church, Gallatin, recently dedicated its new Christian Education Center. The building will be used for additional Sunday School rooms and consolidation of administrative church offices. The addition provided approximately 24,000 square feet to the existing building at a cost of about \$1.5 million. Gallatin Mayor David Schreiner, center, spoke during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Participating in the ceremony were, from left, Jeanne Gregory, Gallatin Chamber of Commerce; Bledsoe Association Director of Missions J. C. Lewis; building committee members Rubye Anne Alexander, Steve Canter, Elizabeth Todd, Mike Todd, Brenda Howes, and Ed Hardy; Mike Corbin, minister of education/administration; Gerald Gregory, building committee chairman; and Pastor Phil Cooley.

Indian Creek Association

Bethlehem Church celebrates 125th anniversary

WESTPOINT — On July 26, 1866 in a log cabin on land given by Bud McGee, about a dozen people gave birth to a new church in the Bethlehem community of Westpoint.

And, 125 years later, the ministry is still continuing at the small church in Indian Creek Association.

Church members celebrated their heritage July 28 with a special church service, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

Two former pastors — David Homan and Carl Byrd — returned to the church to give greetings.

The morning message was preached by David Miller, director of missions in Indian Creek Association.

Miller noted the anniversary "is a great time in the life of the church." He challenged church members to reflect on the "great" moments and experiences they had in the church and cited three things that are needed for a church to "be at its best."

Miller noted that it "takes courage for a church over a 125-year period to stand up for the Lord, especially in the day and time we live in now."

He observed a church stands only as its people stand. If the people stand for the Lord Jesus Christ, so will the church, Miller said.

Miller also noted that a church at its best will show compassion and will have a "correct view" about things.

He reminded the congregation that while it is good to look back and see when you were at your best, the present is important.

"God calls us to the now," Miller said.

After the message, Miller presented a plaque from the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society to Pastor Norman Baker and Mary Robertson, an 88-year-old lady who has been a member of the church for 75 years.

"I'm not a bit tired of it," she proclaimed proudly.

As part of the centennial activities, a week-long revival began that Sunday night with Ricky Nelson, pastor of Grace Church in Collinwood, as evangelist.

Nelson and his brother, Randy, pastor of State Line Chapel, are both products of Bethlehem Church.



CELEBRATING HERITAGE — Members of Bethlehem Church in Westpoint gathered recently to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church. Joining together for the morning worship service were, from left, front row, David Miller, director of missions, Indian Creek Association; Nancy Robertson, the church's oldest member; Pastor Norman Baker; and deacon chairman J. T. Story; back row, deacons Jack Nelson, Travis Moore, Dennis Creecy, and Joe Nelson. — Photo by Lonnie Wilkey

Union taps King as PR director

JACKSON — Tracey King, director of marketing and public relations for the West Tennessee Regional Blood Center, has been named director of public relations for Union University.

King, who has served the center since 1989, assumed her new duties at Union on Aug. 6.

She will be responsible for media relations, producing college brochures, and recruiting materials, advertising, and will serve as editor of The Unionite, the quarterly alumni magazine.

King graduated from Union in 1989 with a major in communication arts with an emphasis in public relations. She is a 1985 honor graduate of

Jackson Central Merry High School. She will replace Joe Westbury, who is returning to the Atlanta-based Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as an editor of books and missions-related materials.

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Solomon's turning from God brings judgment

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

Even before Israel entered into the land of Canaan, the Lord commanded His people not to marry the daughters of the Canaanites (Exodus 34:16; Deuteronomy 7:3-4). This act of disobedience was the beginning of Solomon's downfall. The wisest of all men became the greatest of all fools. Someone has well said, "A woman can make or break a man." Proverbs 7:26 tells us that "many strong men have been slain by her."



BROWN

Perhaps Solomon's departure did not begin in his old age. His disposition to allow pagan wives to "turn away his heart after other gods" probably was not an overnight matter. Not many men handle riches and luxury well. Modesty and dependence upon God can

turn to pride and deceit. Proverbs 16:18 tells us "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." Power and wealth apparently conditioned Solomon's departure from the Lord.

God's judgment on Solomon's unfaithfulness gives us some interesting insight into God's fairness in dealing with our sinfulness and waywardness. The Lord was angry with Solomon (v. 9). Indeed, David told us "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11). Led astray by his wives,

BIBLE BOOK
August 11 Lesson
Basic Passage: I Kings 11:1-43

Solomon built temples to Chemosh, or Baal-Peor, the obscene idol of Moab; to Moloch, the god of Ammon; and to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians. Why should God not be angry with Solomon? He had broken God's

commandments concerning these things. He had ignored God's warning of consequences for forsaking the only true God. And God was so good to Solomon. Throughout his reign there was peace and rest. Not one war or internal disturbance broke the serenity of that 40 years. Solomon despised "the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering," (Romans 2:4). There is not one word of Solomon showing a repentant heart although God told him the kingdom would be left intact until after his death (vv. 11-12). God never confers upon anyone the privilege to sin and get by with it, not even the greatest earthly king known to man. The holiness of God demands that all sin be punished (Galatians 6:7).

God, in His foreknowledge, was working beforehand to raise up adversaries to bring disruption to the united kingdom. Solomon had made God, who had been his benevolent and gracious friend, his enemy. God stirred up

adversaries who themselves were moved by principles of ambition or revenge, but they served God's design of correcting Solomon.

Hadah was an Edomite. Edom had been a long time enemy of Israel. The Edomites were southeast of Israel. Rezon, the second adversary, reigned over Syria, north of Israel. The prophet Ahijah sought out Jeroboam, Solomon's labor boss, and prophesied that he would be given rule of ten tribes of Israel. One tribe would be given to Solomon's son, Rehoboam. From around and from within, God was at work to dismantle Solomon's glorious kingdom at his death.

The account of Solomon's rise to power and fame and his fall to shame and disgrace is a reminder to us all of our need to be obedient to God and faithful till we see Him face to face. We are all leaving behind a witness and a work to advance the kingdom of Christ or to deter it. Many begin well in Christ, but do not end well.

Public confession of sin

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

Indeed, the greatest barrier that separates man from God is sin. While becoming a Christian is a once in a lifetime experience, Christians need daily to seek the grace of a holy and righteous God for cleansing and forgiveness. Accumulated sin and the resulting guilt builds barriers between us and God.



WILLIAMS

While the Jews experienced great joy during the Feast of Booths (ch. 8:17), there resulted an awareness of their sin. A review of their history had shown them God had been very mer-

ciful. But it had also revealed to them their sins against God. Acknowledgment of this sin, confession to God, and its resulting forgiveness by Him were necessary if reconciliation was to take place.

In Nehemiah 8:18, the phrase "solemn assembly" relates to the eighth day of the Feast of Booths. The 24th day referred to in Nehemiah 9:1 is two days later. While the feast had brought great joy, their resulting awareness of sin focused upon their need for repentance and reform. All this came about as a result of the reading of the Law by Ezra. Their long neglected relationship to God was exposed to them.

The Jews resorted to expressing

deep remorse for their sins in typical Eastern fashion. They fasted, put on sack cloth (a coarse woven fabric), and put earth, or ashes, on their heads (ch. 9:1). The Israelites, affirming their unique relationship to God, separated themselves from all foreigners. The ongoing reading of the Scriptures was very important. Whether Ezra did all of the reading daily for three hours or had assistance is not revealed. For an additional three hours the people worshipped and confessed.

The remainder of Nehemiah 9 is a review of Israel's history. It was important for the Jews to know where they had been. For us and for the Jews, to fail to remember our past dooms us to repeat it. One thing stands

out in this extended dissertation: God had remained merciful to the Israelites during their long and extended wanderings.

Verses 32-37 acknowledge that the Israelites, while returned from exile, were still not truly free. They were still subject to the kings of Persia. They acknowledged God as just and pleaded for mercy.

CONVENTION UNIFORM
August 11 Lesson
Basic Passage: Nehemiah 9:1-37

As the Israelites considered both the mercy and justice of God, they began a fitting preparation to affirm and renew their covenant relationship with Him. We, too, must keep a constant vigil, ever mindful of who we are, not in comparison to our peers, but in light of who God is. Unconfessed sin will keep us from having a growing, vital, maturing relationship with God.

Expressing concern

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

In a day in which there is need all around us, we in the Christian community must be sensitive to the needs of others. We may encounter economic problems, marriage problems, job loss, or substance abuse. In the Bible passage for this week, God's prophet Elisha sought to meet the needs of a couple who opened their home and their hearts to him.



COOPER

In the Samaritan town of Shunem, Elisha met a woman who offered him a meal. Friendship developed and her home became a special place to stop for a meal and overnight rest.

Apparently the woman and her husband were wealthy and influential. Knowing Elisha to be a man of God, perhaps the woman thought having him in her home would bring blessings to her household. Elisha, feeling deep appreciation for their hospitality, sought some way to express his

gratitude for the couple's kindness.

Elisha enlisted his young servant, Gehazi, to discover the Shunammite woman's needs. Gehazi brought the Shunammite woman to Elisha. Elisha did not speak to her directly. Instead, he spoke to her through Gehazi.

Elisha offered to speak to the king on the woman's behalf. Elisha also offered to speak to the captain of the army. The prophet's offer implies important prophetic influence on those high officials. It could also mean the woman and her husband had failed to provide a government quota of men and equipment for military service. The woman indicated her self-sufficiency by saying, "I live among my own people." She refused to take advantage of Elisha's offer to use his influence on her behalf.

"What can we do for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi pointed out the woman had no son and her husband was old. At that point, Elisha, by the power of God, promised the woman she would conceive and bear a son the following spring.

Numerous children were a sign of

divine blessing in Old Testament times. The absence of children was interpreted as a reproach of the Lord. The birth of a child to elderly or barren parents was used in the Old Testament to depict the action of God in the lives of the faithful. What faith this woman demonstrated! Elisha wanted to fit a proper blessing for the Shunammite woman.

LIFE AND WORK
August 11 Lesson
Basic Passage: II Kings 4

Time passed and one day the son became ill and died. In her grief, the Shunammite woman searched out Elisha. Although Elisha sent Gehazi to minister to the son, the woman insisted the prophet himself return with her. Gehazi arrived first, but was unable to revive the young man. Elisha arrived and prayed over the dead boy. Elisha knew only God could raise the boy from the dead. After praying, Elisha left the room. As he walked back and forth in the house, life returned to the son's body. The young man sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

Hebrews understood the number seven to mean completeness. In this case, probably full restoration is implied. When Elisha told the Shunam-

mite woman of her son's restoration, the woman first showed her respect for the prophet, and then picked up her son and left.

As Christians we show friendship not in order to receive something in return, but because we are His. God gave His only son, Jesus Christ, that we might have life more abundantly. Truly abundant living means giving part of ourselves away in service to others.

I once heard a pastor say that as we pass through this life, we are God's gifts to one another. I hope that is what I can be. I hope the same for you.

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The original Baptist newspaper in Tennessee, the "granddaddy" of the Baptist and Reflector, was produced by R. B. C. Howell, a noted Baptist leader. He served as pastor of Nashville's First Church, and was a founding father of the Southern Baptist Convention — and president for four years.

Howell launched the Baptist in January 1835 — ten years prior to the birth of the Southern Baptist Convention. The paper has had a score of editors since then, of course, and several names also.

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The best way is for churches to provide the paper to resident families through the budget.

If you have questions about any of the plans for

circulation, please call or write. And — send your news. Each church is a vital part of the linkage of Tennessee Baptists across the state.

Here are some ideas on how to observe Baptist and Reflector Day August 25 (or some other day):

- Make plans to share a brief history or report of the paper in a Sunday service. Call on someone who is familiar with the paper.
- Acquaint the congregation with the linkage of paper-to-church, for regular and straightforward reporting of the news Baptists need.
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