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## Yugoslavians feed refugees; Southern Baptists send aid

By Erich Bridges  
For Baptist Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — As war drags on in Bosnia-Herzegovina, hundreds of thousands of refugees flooding neighboring Croatia, Slovenia, and Serbia face a harsh winter of hunger and homelessness.

A small band of Baptists are carrying out heroic efforts to feed and aid refugees in these fragments of shattered Yugoslavia — and even risking their lives to deliver food into Bosnia itself on dangerous border roads.

Southern Baptist workers are helping, and they'll be able to help a lot more with a \$225,000 gift from churches at home.

The money, provided by the Foreign Mission Board, will fund Baptist feeding programs in seven areas of the three republics. It will help churches feed about 33,000 hungry people, including Muslim refugees from Bosnia, for periods ranging from two to six months.

The program also will deliver the Gospel message to refugees through evangelistic literature and local church follow-up.

Foreign Mission Board human needs specialist John Cheyne and Van Williams, the board's chief medical consultant, went on a week-long fact-finding mission in September to Croatia, Slovenia, and Serbia. They were accompanied by Southern Baptist representatives Bill Steele and Nela Williams. Steele, of Columbus, Ga., coordinates Southern Baptist human need efforts in the area. Nela Williams, a native Croat, has been aiding war refugees — at times sheltering them in her own home — since Yugoslavia began disintegrating last year.

What they saw and heard on the trip reveals some of the suffering endured by survivors of the savage Yugoslavian war, even as the killing goes on.

"We drove down near the (Croatian) border of Bosnia to see the destruction firsthand," Cheyne reported. "Pakrac, a city of 10,000 people, was virtually destroyed. About 80 percent of all buildings had been bombed into rubble. We then traveled to within two kilometers of the 'front lines,' where the U.N. border patrol stopped us. The town of Lipik, four miles south of Pakrac, looked as if an atomic bomb had fallen on it. On the return trip to Zagreb we visited a number of refugee families. In most cases they have been taken in by Christian families and were living 12 and 15 to a room.

"These were not families used to living in poverty. They had been working at good jobs, had their — See Yugoslavians, page 2

### Strong October needed

## September TBC giving 'good'

September was a good month for Tennessee Baptist Convention Cooperative Program giving, according to Bill Wilson, interim executive director/treasurer. CP receipts from the churches showed a gain of \$941,849.92 over September 1991.

Total September receipts toward the CP budget goal amounted to \$2,419,183.67, according to Wilson, as he met with department, agency, and WMU leaders on Monday. He was quick to express appreciation for the generosity of the TBC churches. Wilson added that the convention needs a good October in order to come close to budget needs.

The September gain of \$941,000 plus means that giving thus far this budget year is 5.84 percent above the eleven months' receipts last year. Wilson emphasized that if giving

keeps pace at the current rate, it will be a victory for TBC causes and for that portion of the CP that is passed on to Southern Baptist causes.

The "bad" news is that budget giving is still \$3.2 million short of budget needs, or 12.64 percent behind. Total giving thus far for the budget year is \$22,655,126.60, while budget needs amount to \$25.9 million. The 1992 budget which was approved last November by convention messengers is more than \$28 million.

While October was not a good month in 1991, Wilson said, "We are optimistic about the prospects for a good October this year. Tennessee Baptists know the needs and we believe we will close the 1992 budget year on a positive note. We appreciate all that our churches do for the ministries of the convention." □

## SBC giving nearly meets budget

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts finished fiscal year 1991-92 slightly below budget needs as well as below the previous year, according to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

Chapman said the funds received by the Executive Committee for 1991-92 totaled \$138,234,734 compared to the budget goal of \$140,710,282 or 98.24 percent of the budget goal. The 1991-92 receipts also are 1.40 percent or \$1,965,659 below the previous year's receipts of \$140,200,394.

"The recent trends in Cooperative Program receipts appear to reflect both the continuing downturn in the nation's economy and the transitional adjustments occurring in the (SBC)," Chapman said. "However, I am extremely optimistic about the future. The Cooperative Program is a tried and proven method for funding world missions. I believe a new momentum is building among our Southern Baptist churches which will result in previously unreach heights in mission giving."

The September 1992 receipts totaled \$10,392,118 compared to that month in 1991 of \$10,800,923 or a decrease of \$408,804 (3.78 percent). The monthly basic

operating budget requirement for that fiscal year was \$11,725,856.

A brighter spot in the year's report was designated gifts received by the Executive Committee. For the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, designated gifts totaled \$127,916,369 compared to the previous year of \$124,181,625 or a 3.01 percent increase.

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' method of supporting missions and ministry efforts of state and regional conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. Designated contributions include the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, world hunger, and other special gifts. □

## TBC committee seeks resolutions

The Tennessee Baptist Convention meets Nov. 17-19 in Gatlinburg, and the Committee on Resolutions meets one day earlier to consider resolutions sent by messengers.

Mack Hannah, pastor of Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville, temporary chairman of the committee, asks messengers who plan to present resolutions to mail a copy to the committee prior to the sessions.

Hannah said resolutions, even if submitted in advance, must be presented from the convention floor during one of the three miscellaneous business periods. Those sessions are scheduled for

Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon.

Since there is no Thursday session, Hannah urges that all resolutions be presented at the Tuesday miscellaneous sessions.

According to TBC bylaws, the Committee on Resolutions is to receive written resolutions from the floor and review, comment on, draft, and recommend "any memorials or resolutions it may deem wise from among those referred to it by the convention."

Copies of proposed resolutions should be sent to Hannah at Harpeth Heights Church, 8063 Highway 100, Nashville, 37221. □



TRUETT ASSOCIATION met in annual session Oct. 1 at Oak Grove Church, McEwen. Host Pastor L. J. Hatcher, right, and Oak Grove deacon Bill Clevenger, second from right, were among the messengers when the association began 42 years ago. Clevenger served as the association's first vice moderator. With the two "veterans" are Director of Missions Bill Gray, left, and moderator David Deavers, pastor of Immanuel Church, McEwen.

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# Yugoslavians feed refugees

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own homes, and enjoyed a good life style," Cheyne added. "Now they are utterly destitute."

More than one million refugees and displaced people now struggle for existence in Croatia alone, including about 300,000 refugees from Bosnia, according to Croatian authorities. In some areas the number of refugees equals the local population. At least 250,000 homes and apartments have been destroyed in the republic.

The war also has disrupted food production. Food supplies are barely adequate for now, but won't last the winter for the normal population and the refugees. Prices are soaring.

Some refugee families returning to the rubble that once was their homes have no fuel or bedding to keep warm in the makeshift shelters they are building. More than 10,000 women and children live in tents in one area.

Croatia is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. But the tiny Baptist Union — with only 40 churches and five full-time pastors — has

## Criswell's position unclear

formed a relief arm called "My Neighbor" that is so effective the government has called on it for help. In addition to Southern Baptist assistance, the union has received aid from European and Canadian Baptists, the Baptist World Alliance, and other organizations. It distributed about 1000 tons of seed for planting earlier this year.

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in abandoned collective farms. Serbian Baptists have been distributing food to up to 3500 people through their own relief organization. □

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# Dallas school taps Melick

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Richard R. Melick Jr., professor and chairman of the New Testament and Greek departments of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, has been elected president of Criswell College by the Dallas school's trustees.

Melick, 47, will succeed Paige Patterson, president from 1975-92. Patterson is now president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Trustees gave unanimous approval to Melick's selection Sept. 23.

Melick has been on the faculty of Mid-America Seminary, which

# Gregory resigns as pastor at First, Dallas

By Herb Hollinger  
For Baptist Press

DALLAS — Following an emotional Sunday service Oct. 4 at First Church, Dallas, it was still unclear whether longtime Senior Pastor W. A. Criswell plans to relinquish his leadership position.

But church deacons, hopeful of working out a settlement with Pastor Joel Gregory who resigned Sept. 30, pressed for a meeting with Gregory. He has gone into seclusion since his stunning announcement at a Wednesday night service shook the 28,000-member church.

Frustration with the lack of progress in the transition of leadership at the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention was cited by Gregory in his resignation. Gregory, 44, has been pastor of the Dallas church about two years. Indications by Criswell that he planned to continue for another two years to his 50th anniversary with the church were not indicative of what Gregory thought would be a short transition period of leadership.

In the Oct. 4 morning service Criswell sat in a front church pew, not on the podium. His remarks at the close of the service — indicating he would step down immediately, if that was what the church leadership wanted — were interpreted by some to indicate he would retire Jan. 1 and spend full time as chancellor at Criswell College.

"I will pour my life and strength and prayers into the building of that wonderful school," Criswell, 82, told the congregation. "I'll be teaching. I'll be all over the nation inviting preachers to send their wonderful young men to that school. That's where I shall be."

Later, talking to news media, he clarified his statement.

"It all depends on what the church wants me to do," Criswell said. "I am a fellow member of the church and if they want me to sweep the floor or raise the windows ... anything. I want the church to be blessed by God."

Criswell's future role at the church is not yet certain, according to a church spokesman, Ron Harris.

"I think our understanding now is that day-to-day he will be at the college. Whether he preaches at all or preaches a lot, that will be what the leadership decides," Harris said. "I think that will come out in the next few days, as to what his exact role with the church will be."

Although Gregory indicated his resignation was "irrevocable" there has been some communication between Gregory and church

# Gregory's resignation statement

The following is the text of the statement that First Church, Dallas Pastor Joel Gregory issued Sept. 30:

"In November 1990 this congregation called me to become pastor. I assumed that responsibility January 1, 1991. This was presented to the congregation as a transition between Dr. Criswell's pastorate and my leadership. Both the Committee and the senior pastor presented an understanding concerning the nature and brevity of time in transition. This was entered with apparent good will on the part of all parties. I have and do express love and veneration for Dr. Criswell. He has publicly expressed his affection for me.

leadership. Bo Sexton, chairman of the church's 250-member Fellowship of Deacons, was hopeful that remarks of Criswell's intent to spend full time at Criswell College were encouraging to Gregory, if he heard them.

"Dr. Criswell said his intention was to move to the school and I think what he said today was he was going to be spending full time at the school," Sexton said. Sexton said he hoped Criswell's remarks would encourage Gregory to reconsider his resignation.

Although a group of 25 church leaders voted Oct. 1 to reject Gregory's resignation, the full deacon board discussed the matter for two hours in a closed meeting on the afternoon of Oct. 4 without voting on the matter. At that meeting Sexton and David Minick, vice chairman of the deacons, were asked to arrange a meeting with Gregory.

"Recently the senior pastor has announced in several contexts his desire to continue in that role until his fiftieth anniversary. He is the respected patriarch of this congregation. He has the sole right to determine God's will for his life, as I do. In recent conversations with me the congregational leadership has expressed both their concern that the transition continue and that Dr. Criswell achieve this landmark of leadership. They preferred, but did not require the solution that I work this out with the senior pastor in private conversation.

"This places unilaterally on my shoulders the burden of solving what the congregation and its leadership might have solved. For

"We aren't going to him (Gregory) with an agenda," Sexton said. "We don't know if he will come to us with an agenda. We just want to see where to go from here."

Criswell's mention of a Jan. 1 date, he said, referred to the date the new president of Criswell College, Richard Melick of Memphis, would arrive.

"And by his side and as his chancellor, I will pour my life and strength and breath into building that beautiful seminary," Criswell said.

Criswell said he also saw no problem with the church having two pastors. He cited First Church, Jacksonville, Fla., which has co-pastors.

"They've carried the church to glory," Criswell said. "It's glorious and I thought the same thing here. I thought it'd go to heaven." □

me to force the issue and make demands for myself neither honors God nor conforms to my personality. The entire process has left our family in an intolerable situation. Any conceivable future circumstance presents the specter of a divided congregation, a distracted pastor, and a diminishing return. It is apparent that there is double agenda. The ultimate agenda, however, is the prolonging of the incumbent's ministry rather than the enabling of the new pastor's.

"None of these things can be a surprise to the informed members of this congregation. In light of these circumstances I immediately and irrevocably submit my resignation." □

# Former President Carter encourages BWA leaders

Wendy Ryan  
For Baptist Press

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter is still a committed Baptist — and a world Baptist at that.

This came through softly but clearly as Carter encouraged leaders and friends of the Baptist World Alliance in a recent visit at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta.

"While the local church can do a lot, it cannot encompass the world the way the BWA can," Carter said, referring to his local church, Maranatha Church in Plains, where he still teaches a Sunday School class.

"We go along to church on Sunday morning," Carter said, "and

our congregations are made up of people who drive similar cars, wear similar clothes, and are the same color. That is why the BWA is so important to us. It helps us to reach out to those who are different to us."

Carter recalled his meeting with Baptists as a featured speaker during the 15th Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles in 1985.

He recalled he spoke at that meeting about healing the wounds between the Soviet Union and the United States and how, as president, he had obtained the release of Georgi Vins in a prisoner exchange with the Soviets.

Rejoicing that the former Soviet Union is free, Carter noted it came because others earlier had

suffered and paid a great price. The fight for religious freedom "is the sort of ministry the BWA becomes involved in," he said.

Just returned from a trip to Africa, Carter spoke about some of the countries he visited.

"Liberia is a devastated country," Carter said as he described the destruction and loss of life there from recent civil war.

He recalled he was the first American president to visit Liberia at the invitation of then-President William Tolbert who previously was president of the BWA. Tolbert was captured and assassinated two years after the Carter visit.

Carter spoke of his work trying to secure peace in that civil war and reported he had secured the

release of 590 hostages, members of a peace-keeping force in Liberia who had been captured by a rebel leader.

Carter spoke emotionally of his trip to Togo and reported Baptists there have grown in just a few years from 1500 to 10,000 and from 20 to 300 churches.

He spoke of a Southern Baptist missionary to Togo from his local church, Jerome Ethredge, an agronomist who has sunk 123 successful wells and built a bridge for isolated villagers. All of this work was possible because of Baptist giving.

Carter then challenged Baptists in North America who have so much to support those who have so little.

Speaking to BWA General Sec-

retary Denton Lotz afterwards, Carter said he was pleased the BWA Special Commission Against Racism had received positive publicity worldwide and would be pleased if the BWA would sponsor an international conference of Baptists against racism at the Carter Center.

Andrew Young, former United Nations ambassador under Carter who attended the meeting, praised Baptists for their stand on human rights.

Referring to Jimmy Carter and Martin Luther King Jr., Young said Baptists had changed the world by their fight for human rights for all. "You can be humbly proud of what you have done," Young said. □

## Draper fields SSB questions in Baptist editors' briefing

By Chip Alford, SSB  
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — From rumors the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board plans to develop a program to compete with Woman's Missionary Union to concern over an "experience drain" left by the retirement of more than 100 long-tenured employees. President James T. Draper Jr. addressed questions on a variety of issues during a two-hour briefing of 41 Baptist state paper editors and journalists Sept. 21 in Nashville.

Not only is the board not competing with WMU, Draper said the

two organizations are "co-developing" a National Conference for Women in San Antonio, Texas, March 5-7, 1993.

"We have complementary and not competing roles," he said. "But there are some things that women are facing that the WMU is not assigned to deal with. For instance, abused wives, single parents — these are areas that need some attention and this is very much in line with what has been assigned to our discipleship and family development division."

While the board will work on products in these areas, Draper said the agency will not produce

materials to compete with WMU's missions-focused curriculum and periodicals.

Discussing the board's voluntary retirement incentive program — an offering of early retirement to 191 employees as part of the institution's restructuring — Draper said he is concerned about the potential "experience drain" created by the departure of many long-tenured employees. As of Sept. 18, Draper said 105 employees had accepted the early retirement option, adding several more will likely do so by the Oct. 15 deadline.

To help minimize problems

caused by the departure of experienced employees, Draper said the board is contracting with some of the retirees to work as consultants during transition. Some employees will continue to work full-time through Nov. 1 and will help train employees who will be doing the work they leave behind, he said.

Draper said the board plans to replace about 50 percent of the departing employees, adding the retirement program is expected to save the board about \$2.5 million.

Responding to other questions from the editors and journalists, Draper said:

■ The board will soon hire a coordinator of ethnic work. Greater visibility is being given to language and ethnic work with three sections reporting directly to the vice president for church growth and programs. Draper also said the board of trustees needs more ethnic representation, adding he plans to request help from the SBC Committee on Nominations.

■ The Sunday School Board will provide materials and services to all Southern Baptist churches regardless of their

political affiliation in the denominational controversy, Draper said. However, the board will not likely send representatives or displays to next year's meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of Southern Baptist moderates. "I feel that we cannot be put in a position of encouraging anything that would pull (money) away from the Cooperative Program," Draper said.

■ The role of trustees is to hold administrators accountable rather than being involved in the day-to-day administration of an institution, said Draper, a former seminary trustee chairman.

Draper said a decision to reduce the number of trustee-elected management positions to the president and four vice presidents "gives us more accountability. I'm accountable and the vice presidents are accountable and if we don't do the job, (the trustees will) fire us."

■ About 90.7 percent of Southern Baptist churches bought some or all of their literature from the Sunday School Board in the January/February/March quarter of 1992, up about one percent from 1990. □

## Jackson plans retirement from church

For Baptist Press

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Church, during his Sunday morning sermon Sept. 13 announced his intention to retire.

"I so believe that the best is yet to come and still to be for North Phoenix Church that I believe it's in the will and purpose of God for North Phoenix Church to seek pastoral leadership for the future," Jackson told the congregation. "I am announcing to you this moment that I am going to be retiring from the senior pastorate of this church in the

coming months."

Jackson, four-time nominee for the Southern Baptist Convention presidency, told the congregation he made a prayer covenant with God in 1972, when the church purchased its present 40-acre property. He promised he would remain as pastor until age 55; he will be 55 in August 1993.

Pastor of the Phoenix congregation for nearly 25 years, Jackson said he did not want to stay beyond the days of his best usefulness. "I don't walk away from the very best job in my profession with little thought," he

said. "But I must do what God would have me to do."

Jackson did not announce a date for his retirement but indicated his desire to remain on staff until a new pastor is called.

During Jackson's tenure with the church, which is the largest Southern Baptist congregation in the West, total membership has grown from 1788 to 20,979 in 1991, according to Arizona Southern Baptist Convention statistics. □

## Missionaries targets of scheme

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — Home and foreign missionaries are apparently the latest target of a money-bilking scheme by prisoners, said Bill Donovan, director of institutional chaplaincy for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Donovan said letters from inmates at the Mississippi Department of Corrections institution in Parchman, Miss., have been sent to home missionaries and retired foreign missionaries.

The letters include a request for money orders, with the use of the money varying from personal items for the prisoner to money for his family. Some letters give instructions about how to send the

money orders so they can be credited to the prisoner's account.

"It's dangerous to respond to any unsolicited mail from prison," said Donovan, a former prison chaplain. "Sometimes the needs are legitimate, but if the letter comes from prison it has the potential of being manipulation. You need a good, healthy skepticism."

Manipulative writers typically will use the first letter to gain sympathy, Donovan said. They also will appeal to the person's caring emotions and try to make recipients feel guilty if they do not respond. □

## Stone Association leads effort in Cookeville

COOKEVILLE — Cookeville citizens will decide a liquor-by-the-drink proposal when they vote on Nov. 3. The Christian Life Committee of the Stone Association is asking Baptists of the area to lead the way in defeating the proposal.

The committee says that studies have shown "that society's cost to alleviate alcohol-caused problems is \$11.30 for each \$1.00 of tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol.

Dale Bohannon, chairman of the association's CLC, says, "It would be the ultimate in hypocrisy to ask our children to 'just say no' to drugs, and then approve liquor-by-the-drink in Cookeville.

"We teach drug awareness in the schools," he added. "Let's demonstrate drug awareness at the polls."

The Stone Association's CLC is urging Cookeville citizens to defeat the Nov. 3 proposal to legalize liquor-by-the-drink, pointing out that "all available data on the impact of the sale and consumption of beverage alcohol inevitably leads to the conclusion that community life is affected in a detri-

mental way economically and morally where liquor is sold and used."

The Christian Life Committee has drafted an official resolution opposing the proposal, and is urging Tennessee Baptists to support Stone Association's efforts with prayer. □

## Tennesseans face liquor referendums

In addition to Cookeville, liquor referendums will be decided Nov. 3 in the following Tennessee towns — Dyersburg, Union City, McKenzie, Paris, and Cleveland.

Waymon Jones, president of United Tennessee League, called upon Tennessee Baptists "to do everything that is legal and right to stem the tide of this evil that is marching across America."

Jones noted that "alcohol is the biggest killer of teenagers in

America."

He said United Tennessee League will assist concerned individuals and churches in towns which are facing liquor fights. The UTL will help communities organize Political Action Committees (PACs). Through PACs church members can fight liquor referendums without jeopardizing their church's tax-exempt status.

For more information, contact Jones at (615) 385-2251. □

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The millions of hot meals served, the medical assistance, hands willing to serve in any capacity, and the countless kind acts are abundant proof of the great compassion of Southern Baptists.

I want to extend my personal thanks, along with those of all Floridians, for your generous help. May God bless you as you continue your ministry in our state and across the world.

Lawton Chiles, Governor  
Governor of Florida  
Tallahassee, Fla.

**Belmont hosts Family Day**

Belmont will host Family Day Oct. 10 for families of students, prospective students, and the community in general.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration in Swenson Courtyard and the opening convocation at 9 a.m. in Massey Auditorium. Other activities include brunch, simulated class sessions, a Belmont soccer game, and the premiere play of the 1992-93 season in The Belmont Little Theatre. The historical Belmont Mansion and bell tower will be open for touring and the residence halls, bookstore, and Leu Gallery will remain open throughout the day.

Family Day is an opportunity for students interested in going to college and families of current students to experience many facets of Belmont campus life.

The cost is \$10 per person with no charge to current Belmont students and children under 12. Preregistration deadline is Oct. 9 by phone. People who have not preregistered are welcome. For more information and reservations call (615) 385-6402. □

**Commends leader**

It is with much satisfaction that I learned of the election of Dr. James Porch to become Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

While serving on the executive board of TBC, I had opportunity to know Dr. Porch and observed the knowledge and expertise demonstrated by him in every position he held. As a member of the Task Force on reorganization and remodeling of the building I had opportunity to see his tireless dedication to this project. He was always tactful and patient in working with the committee or with architects, builders, and consultants.

Members of the committee had confidence in his leadership as he always made each of us aware of our responsibility for the task.

I know of no one who is better prepared to serve in this leadership role and I'm sure members of the Executive Board will give full cooperation with him as he seeks to lead.

Sarah Elizabeth Hawkins  
Nashville

**Work is important**

I wish to give a hearty "Amen!" to D. L. Lowrie's insightful remarks on his leaving his post with the TBC. Having been a member of a Baptist church for 54 years; having worked as a pastor of several churches; having sung in numerous revivals and preached in a few; having taught in a Baptist college for 32 years, including two years as a teacher in a mission seminary in Africa, I believe I have an appreciation for all phases of Baptist life and work.

I cannot say honestly I have found any one part of the work more important than the others. While my talents lie primarily in teaching, others are more talented as evangelists, pastors, and musicians.

As my mountain preacher uncle put it: evangelism, missions, education, and worship are all a part of the whole job that the Lord has called us to do. To say that one part is more important than the other is like trying "to drive a one-horse wagon with a load of punklers (pumpkins to you city slickers) up hill with your tailgate out." That is an invitation to disaster.

John H. Tullock  
Delano 37325

**Questions decision**

As a Tennessee pastor with a five-year ministry on the ACTS Network, I share my feelings concerning recent ACTS-VISN agreement to share national network programming.

The Radio/Television Commission, ACTS, and Dr. Jack Johnson have been very good to our ministry. The ACTS Network has made it possible for churches that are not necessarily mega churches to be involved in a national television ministry.

However, I am disappointed and strongly opposed to the coopera-

tive agreement with VISN. I understand the desire to reach into more households and a larger potential audience. The ACTS Network has been the fastest growing Christian television network in America, adding new outlets every month. I am convinced we have compromised greatly to take an unnecessary shortcut.

Now we are aligned with Christian Science, Mormon, Roman Catholic, and Jewish programming. This will have to be confusing to the general public who will view Gospel programming side by side with those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ. Our motivations cannot possibly be spiritual nor Scriptural. We have compromised vital convictions for monetary motivation.

Not only are we yoked with unbelievers, we are "unequally yoked" with unbelievers. We have allowed VISN 16 hours of programming per day and we have retained only eight hours. This has necessitated our program TRUTH ALIVE to move from a prime time evening slot to a weekday morning slot. This will not affect the large budgeted ministries as much as those who struggle from month to month to maintain a viable television outreach.

Since the word of this transition came to us so late and so suddenly, we will remain on ACTS for an indefinite period of time but will be looking to other avenues to continue and expand our television outreach.

Southern Baptists have fought an intense battle over the authority and inerrancy of the Bible. Now we align ourselves with those who do not even believe in the deity of Jesus Christ. I just do not understand this direction.

I'm hopeful that other Baptists who feel as I do will express the strong convictions of their heart.

Ron Herrod, pastor  
Central Church  
Oak Ridge

**About abortion**

Certainly abortions are wrong, but also are smoking, drinking, and shooting people. Yet some Baptists are not advocating to abolish tobacco, alcohol, and guns. These destroy more lives and families than abortions!

Moral values are relative, not absolute, situational and contextual, not abstract and distant. It is the freedom to make moral decisions which separates man from other animals.

While "conservative" Baptists will not associate with "moderate/liberal" Baptists, they will embrace (unborn-again) "conservative" Catholics (like Pat Buchanan), secular "conservatives" (like Rush Limbaugh), and religious "conservatives" (like George Bush) to oppose abortions. The pro-life movement is opposed to any sex education, birth-control, or family planning. The real problem is not too many unwanted pregnancies and abortions. The real problem is that too many men are too sexually active, immature, and irresponsible!

As many as 50 percent of conceptions end in natural abortions — i.e. miscarriages. But if life begins at conception, then when do full citizenship and tax deductions rights begin? If at birth, then we are treating the unborn as second class citizens. If life begins at conception, then full citizenship rights should begin at conception!

Jim Pennington  
Johnson City

**Lauds camps**

It is easy to overlook the impact made on many lives at Camp Linden and Camp Carson each summer. It was my joyful privilege to attend and serve as Camp Pastor for a week of Discipleship Training Camp at Linden in July. On decision night 33 youth and children made professions of faith. Twenty-six rededications were made and nine other decisions. There was a total of 68 professions of faith, 155 rededications, and 20 other decisions during the three weeks of camp at Linden and Carson. "To God Be The Glory," and I take off my hat to Johnnie Hall and the Discipleship Training leadership.

I also had the privilege of attending the Pastors' Retreat at Camp Carson led by Jerry King, Billy Hines, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelism staff. I returned to Murfreesboro with a renewed zeal and determination to be a better minister and pastor. Nowhere have I seen a better line-up of speakers. Many lives were touched and encouraged.

Our cooperative dollars are well spent when we see the positive impact on lives. Keep up the good work!

F. Murray Mathis, pastor  
Third Creek Church  
Murfreesboro

**Reaching the lost**

Pastors, the way to obey the commands of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:18, and John 21, is to use the experiences of Arthur Flake, J. N. Barnette, A. V. Washburn, and P. E. Burroughs. This is a standard Sunday School, a weekly teacher's and officer's meeting.

**Retired pastor Clyde Whaley dies**

Retired pastor Clyde Enos Whaley, 84, of Decatur, died Sept. 24 after a short illness.

A native of Sevier County, Whaley was pastor of Baptist churches for over 40 years. He served Euclid Avenue Church, Knoxville; First Church, Pigeon Forge; Hollywood Hills Church, Knoxville; and Valley View Church and Maple Street Church, both of Cleveland.

He was a member of Georgetown Church, Georgetown. Survivors included his wife, Hannah Ruth Farmer Whaley of Decatur.

The funeral was conducted by W.C. Cope of Pigeon Forge and Dan Dockery, pastor, Georgetown Church. □

Growth spiral has enhanced the Sunday School's visitation program.

Dear pastor, these are the proven methods in our denomination's history in reaching the lost and feeding the saved.

Carl Hunter  
Elizabethton

**■ Baptist beliefs**  
by Herschel Hobbs  
Baptist theologian

**Tremendous words — fifth in a series**

"In the beginning God . . ." — Genesis 1:1

Because I believe these words I will trust in God's will.

Strangely many people never say, "God's will be done" except when tragedy strikes. They never seem to think of God's will for their lives otherwise.

During the darkest days of World War II Leslie Weatherhead was pastor of a church in London, England. Nightly, German bombs were destroying their city and



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killing their people. Loved ones were dying on battle fields. His people were asking him, "Is this the will of God?"

So he wrote a little book on *The Will of God*. It helped me more than anything else I have read on the subject. After discussing various phases of God's will, he summed it up thus. God's will is threefold: intentional, circumstantial, and ultimate. He intends only good for us. When adverse circumstances arise, he wills that we trust him through them. Ultimately his intentional will will be done.

This is illustrated in the experience of Job. God blessed him. Satan brought terrible circumstances upon him during which he trusted God. Ultimately God blessed him beyond what Job had known at the beginning.

In understanding this threefold will of God it is important to analyze Job's words in Job 1:21b: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." The Bible truthfully records what Job said. But keep in mind that it is Job, not God, speaking. The *circumstance* was none of God's will but that of Satan (1:11-12). Satan had slandered Job to God. So God *permitted* him to afflict Job in order that Job might prove Satan was lying. Job attributed the loss of his property and children to God. But he was only half right. God gave, but Satan took away. But Job did do God's will in the circumstance. "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (v. 22). Though he did not understand, he trusted God in the untoward experience. And ultimately God's intentional will was done (Job 42:12-17). From the book of Job we can learn much about the nature of God's will. □

one word more  
by Wm. Fletcher Allen  
editor

# The Cooperative Program — standard of giving

How do we observe a special occasion or something that has significance to a great number of people?

In Exodus 34, some translations read these words from God to the Israelites, "Observe what I command you this day." Deuteronomy 5 has these words from Moses: "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

And in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission, and concludes by saying, "teaching them to observe all things which I have commanded you."

In these and in other Bible references, we can safely accept the word "observe" as meaning "obey." So how can we "observe" commands from God, a commission from the resurrected Christ?

Do we "observe" by standing aside and watching, by looking pensively at some great truth, or by admiring a profound statement?

No, and to bring relative "observance," we point to October as Cooperative Program Month on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar, and for Tennessee Baptists, it is Cooperative Program Evaluation Month.

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

Observe then, means to act, to participate, to do, to know, and to share that knowledge. Facts about the Cooperative Program and the role of Tennessee Baptists will help create awareness, education, and inspiration.

However, the most important factor is to continue — and even augment — what we are now doing through the Cooperative Program as individuals and churches.

The CP has often been compared to a lifeline for missions, evangelization, and

ministries. It is all of that — of course. But on a less tangible level, the Cooperative Program warrants our best in giving of self, prayer, and finances, and going when possible to areas where we can make personal investments. The CP is a thread, golden with opportunity and crimson with the blood of Christ, that ties us together as Tennessee Baptists and Southern Baptists.

It is easy to point at what "little bit" another church is giving. It is hard to justify our own shortcomings. It is easy to preach about the CP and give warnings about disobedience. It is hard to give sacrificially.

It is easy to find other places to spend Baptist money and personal time. It is hard to draw a firm circle around God-given tasks and devote one hundred percent of financial blessings, prayer support, and self-sacrifice. Is it difficult to give unselfishly to those encircled causes?

One of our problems is that we tip-toe around some truths that are Biblically sound and self-evident. Christ demands the totality of our being. God has called for a minimum of the tithe while expecting more because of the bounty supplied.

We do not like to tell others how to spend their money. Pastors understandably may avoid sermons on tithing as a measure of obedience — and giving as a Christian privilege — and as a command from God. Congregations may get skittish when money matters are discussed.

The Cooperative Program, founded in 1925, has blessed millions of people — through foreign, home, and state missions; through educational and benevolent institutions, through Baptist hospitals, through the

preached word, through new church starts and missions, through missions organizations for men and women, boys and girls, through literature and books.

It has been the rope that binds all these good things into a precious package of blessings for those who give and those who receive.

In Tennessee, Archer Thorpe, director of Cooperative Program and Stewardship Promotion, has information to help every church emphasize the Cooperative Program in October. This kind of evaluation is vital — and can stimulate growth in CP giving. The theme is "One for All — One Ministry Equipping All Believers."

It would be good for each church to have this material as budget preparation is done. Call or write the CP and Stewardship office at the Baptist Center, Brentwood.

Materials also are available from the Stewardship Commission in Nashville.

Several factors are of special significance. Increasing the number of missionaries serving and countries served in the future, depends on what the churches give through the Cooperative Program. Will the future take care of itself?

By the most generous estimates, only 34 percent of the world's people claim to be related to a Christian organization. The best way to minister to hurting humanity at home and overseas is through the CP.

The theme is well founded. Straight from Ephesians 4:11-12, it reminds us that, as Paul explains: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." □

## A week to remember

My host, Joe Littlefield, made what seemed to be a casual comment, but I was listening. A retired foreign missionary wanted to meet me, he said.

I was in Memphis, speaking to the White Station congregation on state missions. Later that day, Joe the pastor took me to visit with Bill Berry, 98 years old and at home after sharing the Gospel in Brazil for 41 years. We talked. I felt as though he were a modern day Paul giving spiritual instructions to another Timothy.

On the previous Sunday, after study, worship, and fellowship with my friends at Clearview, I participated in groundbreaking with Riverdale Church and Pastor Randy Sledge in Murfreesboro.

Monday was the usual hectic day of putting together the final pages of the paper — working alongside a dedicated staff.

A swift jetliner took me to Miami on Tuesday — where Cameron Byler met James Porch, the new TBC executive director, and me. For two days he showed us the tragic wilderness of that hurricane-stricken area — and the superlative work being done by hundreds of Tennessee Baptist volunteers.

Wednesday afternoon found Betty and me absorbing the glory of God's autumn while driving to Pigeon Forge for the Senior Adult Retreat. The fellowship there was warm, as we expected — and Bill Wilson, Ralph Langley, and others stirred our hearts. Friday was another busy day in the office.

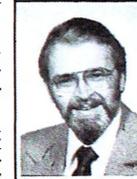
It began with a prayer breakfast with other friends.

Friday night and Saturday I was with my fellow deacons studying Henry Blackaby's amazing book, *Experiencing God*.

Late on Saturday Betty and I traveled to Jackson and spent a precious night with daughter Melody who is back at Union University's graduate school. On Sunday morning we worshiped with White Station — and that night with Forest Hills, reveling in the week's events while talking about state missions.

It was in the afternoon that I was privileged to sit by Bill Berry and hear him express gratitude for what Southern Baptists are doing — and have done — for missions. "We have to have a vision," he told me. "Our people and our leaders have to get the vision. We are moving toward a new century, and to take it for Christ, we have to be people of vision."

We clasped hands, that burned-out-for-God missionary and I, and his blue eyes blazed when he said, "Take the mission, brother, and Godspeed." It was truly a week to remember. □



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# COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH OCTOBER

just for today  
by Fred Wood  
pastor emeritus  
Eudora Church, Memphis

## Start with a smile

A housewife complained to her husband, "I don't understand you. Monday night you liked beans. Tuesday night you liked beans. Wednesday night, you liked beans. Now, all of a sudden, on Thursday night, you don't like beans."

## Take this truth with you

Has your schedule become dull and routine? Do you feel trapped in your daily duties? Have you lost the creativity you once possessed? Why not do something different today or, at least, do the same thing in a different way. Go to a different place for your coffee break! Arrange your household schedule so as to do something at a different time! This could change your whole approach to life. Be different today!

## Memorize this Scripture

"Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

## Pray this prayer

Lord, help me to analyze my activities and be wise enough to rearrange any method of procedure that will help me to do my work more effectively. Keep my mind open, but also let me be sure that I do not change merely for the sake of change. □

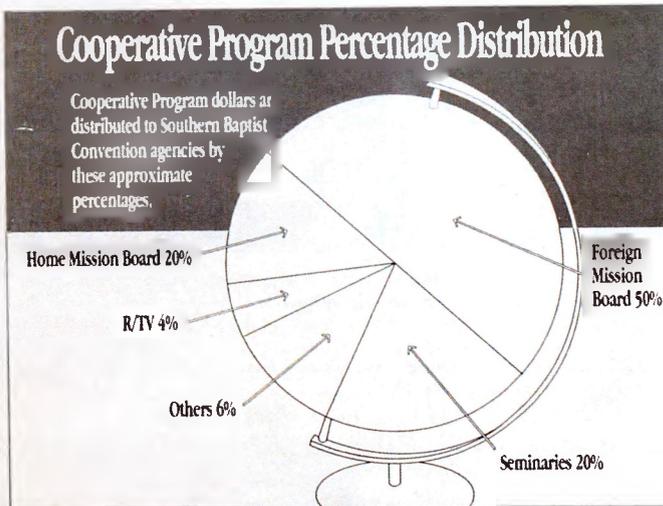
What can the local church or individuals do about the special emphasis on the Cooperative Program in October? There are helps available.

Call the TBC Cooperative Program and Stewardship Department for information on materials. The phone number is (615) 371-2018. You can get items for bulletin boards, devotionals, bulletin inserts, tracts, and advice on observing the emphasis. Many other materials are available also.

Order special materials from the SBC Stewardship Commission, 1-800-458-2772, as soon as possible.

Contact the Home Mission Board (1-800-554-PRAY) and the Foreign Mission Board (1-800-395-PRAY) for current listings of prayer requests.

List the Cooperative Program Hotline number (1-800-722-9407) in the church bulletin and mail-out, and encourage members to call for answers to questions or to express views about the work of the Cooperative Program. □



## One Ministry — Equipping All Believers



*Ephesians 4:11-12: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

## Churches share 'joys, struggles' of sponsoring refugees

By Connie Davis

The three Tennessee churches and one mission which sponsored refugees last year through the Home Mission Board experienced the struggles and the joys of a parent.

Knoxville congregations Calvary Church, Grace Church, and Central Church, Fountain City — experienced those conflicting emotions as they became "parents" to an international family. The Vietnamese Mission, Berclair Church, Memphis, a sponsor, was less conflicted about its decision, but sacrificed more.

All congregations declared the investment was worth it, explained spokesmen.

### Love initiates sacrifice

Vietnamese Mission sponsored its third family since its birth just five years ago. It reaches out and offers help just as it is helped — by sponsorship from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Shelby County Baptist Association, and Berclair Church.

Charles Williams, pastor, Berclair Church, explained the sacrifices made by the congregation to sponsor families should not go unnoticed. One refugee family the mission sponsored had 12 members. Additionally, the con-

gregation provides full sponsorship. None of the sponsored families are receiving welfare or government aid, he pointed out.

Of course, the Vietnamese empathy with the plight of their fellow countrymen caught in the maze of red tape and lack of sponsors the world over. At least in one case, the empathy extended to a family which had been separated during the Vietnam War. Because they were sponsored, the members were reunited by the mission.

The sacrifices made by the Vietnamese are real because many of the members have been refugees themselves so they are struggling to adapt and become economically stable, reported Williams. Because of more pronounced need or another reason, the congregation has a strong spiritual commitment. Few of the members is uninvolved. Led by Pastor Paul Phan, about 90 of 110 enrolled members actively attend. Most are young couples with families.

The mission was begun by Doug Kellum, missionary to the Philippines on furlough in Berclair's missionary home. Before it was started, the church was very mission-minded, noted Williams. The church has a tradition of

sending out missionaries. Now, missions is "ever before us," he explained.

### First experience

Grace Church, Knoxville, sponsored its first refugees last year, and continues to enjoy a "beautiful experience" as a result, reported Pastor Ron Stewart.

Last year Stewart baptized the Ukrainian family members, a couple and their 14-year-old son, as a result of the investment, he added.

The family had been members of the Russian Orthodox Church, but hadn't had a faith experience, said Stewart.

The church has given the family many things unavailable at home besides a faith. When the congregation worked with First Church, Knoxville, to provide the family a house, members learned the family had never lived in anything besides an apartment.

They also escaped prejudice in Lithuania, their home, because they were Russian. The family was moved there from Russia because of the integration plans of a communist leader.

As they learn English, the husband works at the church as a janitor and the wife attends beauty school. She was a draftsman in

the Ukraine and he was an engineer.

It has become a total church project, said Stewart. Grace Church draws an average of 850 to Sunday School each week. Classes and individuals took responsibility for the family's many needs, he noted. One member even provided them a car, he added.

"It's hard work. It takes time and commitment," said Stewart. "But it's worth it."

### Committed to refugees

Calvary Church and Central Church, Fountain City, have sponsored several families.

Bob Burch, pastor, Calvary Church, explained the sponsorship of people like the Ukrainian family assisted last year is a natural extension of the church's ministry to internationals. Many are students who attend the University of Tennessee located near the church. Each Sunday some 10-15 different nations will be represented in his congregation, he detailed.

To meet their needs, the church offers classes teaching English as a second language and hosts Korean and Chinese congregations. Financial backing for all these ministries is assured by the policy described by Burch as "building on a cash basis," he

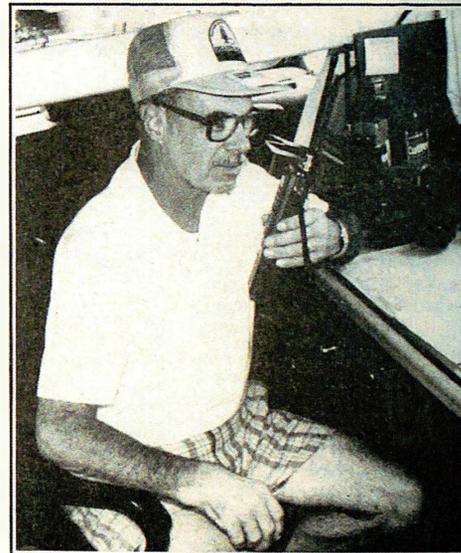
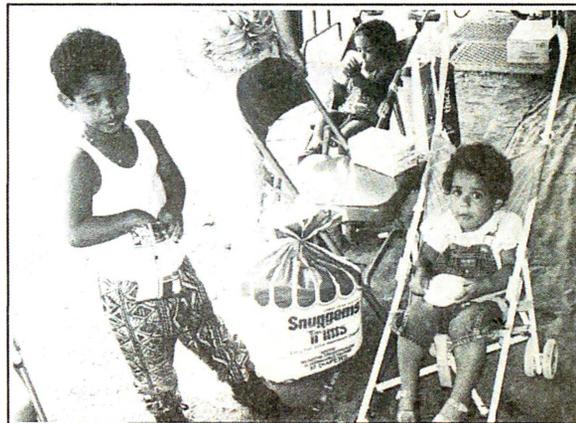
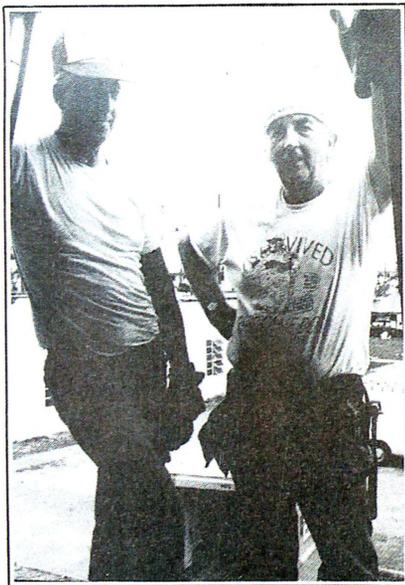
said. "We've tried to do our part, more than our part," he added.

Central Church, Fountain City, has helped four international families all of which have become financially self-sufficient, reported Judy Trivette, member of the church's missions committee.

To properly meet the needs, Central Church developed a separate committee, the International Assistance Committee, which continues to work. Despite the fact that the last family became self-sufficient in about six months, other forms of support are still needed, described Trivette. "It's like raising families."

Because of churches like Grace, Calvary, and Central, all of which sponsored Ukrainians, a congregation of Christians from the Commonwealth of Independent States has begun meeting each Sunday afternoon at Central Church. On holidays, as many as 60, including some from as far away as Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, gather, reported Trivette.

They sing and worship uniquely because of their common culture, she described. "It's a wonderful time," she added.



FLOYD POWELL, pastor, and Gerald Cardin of Clear Branch Church, Clinton Association, help in restoring a church building of Glendale, left. In photo above, children eat at the Tennessee Baptist food line, and parents secure staple items. At right, Earl Fulton of Monte Vista Church, Maryville, works as the command center handling messages between Baptist units — and the Red Cross.

## No more volunteers needed in Florida

# Tennessee Baptists still 'on the line' in disaster relief

Relief efforts continue in South Florida as Tennessee Baptist volunteers work with relief units from Florida and Kentucky. The three units, located in different hardhit areas, are feeding thousands of Floridians who need assistance more than a month after Hurricane Andrew struck on Aug. 24.

Cameron Byler, TBC Brotherhood Department director, said Monday that the three feeding units would probably be needed through most of October. He re-

ported that the call for volunteers, underwritten by the Red Cross, has been successful.

"We have enough volunteers for October," he said. The Red Cross will not pay expenses for other volunteers. However, Byler said, "We can put volunteers to work if they are willing to come at their own expense."

Byler praised the Tennessee volunteers. More than 500 have served, and 57 are on the food lines currently. Other groups have helped repair portions of Glendale

Church. Byler said more construction will be needed and that information about that part of disaster relief will come in two or three weeks.

He said Red Cross work will probably be needed in that area for at least two years. The Red Cross has "poured in about \$80 million thus far," he added, to aid in relief efforts in the worst disaster the United States has experienced. "There have been at least 100 professions of faith," Byler said, "because Southern

Baptists were there."

More than \$121,000 has been donated by Tennessee Baptists for Florida relief.

Other facts and figures about the relief efforts in South Florida:

- From 60,000 to 80,000 people will need food for several more weeks.
- Tennessee volunteers have been in the area for 35 days.
- Tennesseans had fed 446,755 meals as of Sunday, Oct. 4.
- For 17 days Tennesseans fed 10,000 meals or more. For eight

days, 25,000 or more, and on one day, 25,223. That top figure is equivalent to two trailer loads of food.

More than two million meals have been served in South Florida since Brotherhood disaster relief units moved into the area.

Byler quoted Chuck Hagan, Red Cross relief associate at saying, "There is no way we could have done this (feeding, etc.) without Southern Baptists." □ — Story and photos by Wm. Fletcher Allen

# Students learn more than 'G'day mate' in Australia

For Baptist and Reflector

Serving as youth ministers for Baptist churches in Perth, western Australia, proved to be challenging and rewarding for Brian Dickert and Todd Padgett, two University of Tennessee, Knoxville, students.

Planning recreation, worship, and devotional activities required flexibility and patience from the two Knoxville BSU students.

"Australians are a tough people," said Padgett, a member of Bethel Church, Lake City. "They mean what they say; they are not superficial. They are open and honest. In the United States most people have heard of Christianity. In Australia so many people haven't even heard of Christ. It's a very humanistic society."

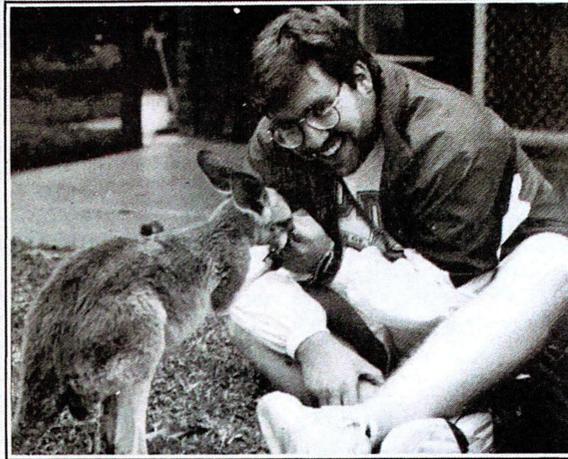
Dickert, a member of Smithwood Church, Knoxville, enjoyed breaking through the tough exterior. "I enjoyed building friendships throughout the summer," he said. "They really opened up." Dickert said, "We enjoyed making fun of

the Southern U.S. and Australian accents. Oftentimes we stayed up all night talking with the youth about life."

Both men were encouraged to see students respond to their work. "More than 100 people came to say goodbye to us at the airport," said Dickert. "The church had a surprise dinner in our honor one week before we left, and they shared what we had meant to them. It was an emotional evening; we built such good friendships."

Since returning to the United States they've spoken with their Australian friends by phone. A baptism service was held for the people who made decisions during the summer. Padgett was thrilled to hear of three children who made decisions for Christ since he left.

Both students came away from the summer with a stronger belief in the importance of prayer. Dickert spoke of the excitement of seeing prayers offered for the youth group answered during the



**TODD PADGETT**, of Bethel Church, Lake City, found a new friend while serving as a summer missionary in Australia. Kangaroos are a common sight, especially in the interior of the continent.

summer. He said, "God is the same all over the world. He prepares you for your places of service and can do great things

when we work in his strength." Dickert added, "We can learn so much from the people of Australia. The U.S. is too ma-

terialistic. Australians are more laid back. They enjoy life, are not as busy, and appreciate their free time. Family time is important to them. They emphasize family more heavily than we do."

Padgett observed, "Australia must be like the way the United States used to be. It's unpolluted and unspoiled. Eight million people live in western Australia, a state six times the size of Texas."

Padgett compared his summer to the experience of climbing 3000 feet high Bluff Noll Mountain on Australia's southwestern coast. "It wasn't easy. I had cramps during the climb but I kept going and I finally made it to the top. Like climbing a mountain, it's tough to adjust to a new culture and people. They even drive on the opposite side of the road. Having lived in Australia, I'm more confident in myself now," he said.

"When we feel like stopping in life, God has a glorious view for us at the top if we keep on." Padgett said. □



**TOP LEFT**, John Kimberly, minister of music and associate pastor at Holly Grove Church, Bells, Viola Brown, Sara Kerr, Sybil Williams, Elsie Lewis, Willie Mae Borders, Majorie Williams, and Edna Brooks.



**FROM CHATTANOOGA** are these two couples: Juanita and Louie McDaniel, Avondale Church; and Dallas and Ellen Roscoe, Red Bank Church.



**LEADING A** conference on "Coping by Making Peace with Your Past" is Bill Wilson, TBC director of Convention Ministries, and interim executive director.

**TWO PARTICIPANTS** from First Church, Paris, include Bessie Ball and Mary Frances Wilson. From First Church, Somerville, are Nona Taylor (on front row right), Charlene Atkinson and Lorene Pulliam (back row).



## Senior Adult Retreat has 864 attendance

Registered participants numbering 806, with 58 others in attendance signaled a productive Senior Adult Retreat Sept. 23-25 in Pigeon Forge.

Sponsored by the TBC Discipleship Training Department, the retreat boasted several mini-conferences. Topics studied included "Coping with Crisis Through Prayer and Involvement," Ed Byler, Bill Cox, and Gerald Stow; "Coping with Making Peace With Your Past," Bill Wilson; "Coping With Crisis in Times of Change," J. L. Ford and Earl Wilson; "Professional Leaders," Ed Clay-

brook; and "Volunteer Leaders," Bob Cook.

Ralph Langley, retired pastor of First Church, Huntsville, Ala., gave three Bible studies and a keynote message. Don Mauldin, Discipleship Training associate, presided. Bill Cox was the vocal performer and the senior adult choir of First Church, Kingsport, sang.

Theme for the well-attended annual retreat was "Coping With Crisis in the Senior Years." Johnnie Hall is Discipleship Training Department director. — Story and photos by Wm. Fletcher Allen

# Selmer congregation finds themselves on the move

For Baptist and Reflector

**SELMER** — The congregation of Lakeview Church is on the move, literally. And, so is its pastor.

Earlier this summer, church members broke ground for a new worship center, on a 14-acre tract about two miles from their current site. Construction is scheduled to begin in October and will last about 12 months.

In the meantime, space has become critical. In order to help alleviate the problem, Pastor Harold King and his family moved out of the parsonage to a rented

house. The parsonage has been converted into six Sunday School classrooms and office space. The church also tapes services to show via closed circuit television in the fellowship hall.

In addition to lack of space, parking also is a major problem, King said. "We have encouraged carpooling," he said.

King is not complaining because the cramped facilities is a signal the church has grown during the 13 months he has been pastor.

When he arrived the church was averaging about 160 in Sunday School. During the month of

August, when attendance normally is down, the church has averaged 218, King said.

"Two months after I came, the congregation voted to grow and do whatever it took to reach people for the Lord," King said, adding, "It's exciting to be where folks are ready to grow."

The Selmer church is participating in a Challenge To Build program, offered by the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program/Stewardship Department. Members have

pledged \$290,000 over a three-year period. Since that campaign, weekly receipts have almost tripled, King said.

The new building, which will be located on Highway 64 near the Highway 45 Bypass, will provide 25,000 square feet, almost quadrupling the current space, King said. The sanctuary will seat about 700, he added.

The former Waynesboro pastor credits the growth to an aggressive Sunday School outreach program. "The folks here have accepted the

challenge to grow a church through Sunday School," he said, citing their attitude and willingness to change as "phenomenal."

"The people here are excited. They go and invite others to come," King said. As a result the church has members from throughout McNairy County, not just within the immediate vicinity of the church.

"The Lord has definitely blessed our church," King affirmed. □ — Lonnie Wilkey



**LAKEVIEW CHURCH** Pastor Harold King, left, and church member Harold Barnes, breaks ground for a new worship center, about two miles from the present location. Barnes, at age 86, is one of the oldest active members. The new facility will provide 25,000 square feet of space.

## Missions volunteers needed in Chile

For Baptist and Reflector

At least five Tennessee Baptist volunteers are needed for an evangelistic crusade beginning Nov. 14 in Tome, Chile. The project is a local church revival with services for children and adults. It will last ten days.

The Chileans request one experienced pastor as leader of the team, said Jarvis Hearn of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Partnership Missions Department. The TBC is in the first year of a three-year partnership with Chilean Baptists.

Numerous requests already have been received requesting volunteers in 1993, Hearn said.

Requests include:

- One team of three to four members to teach quilting in Valdivia; Sept. 24 — Oct. 4;

- One team of three to five people to serve in Chillan; one pastor, and at least one or two persons who sing country Gospel music; March 6-16.

- One team of five to seven people for church construction in Molina; Jan. 20-Feb. 1.

- A four-member team to lead evangelistic services in a church in Santiago; March 20-29;

- A medical team of eight to 12 persons to examine and treat people primarily from low income areas in Concepcion who have limited access to medical attention; needed are two dentists, two ophthalmologists; two pediatricians, and two nurses; March 13-24;

- Two nurses to help in the first aid station during the Chilean Baptist Convention in Concepcion; Jan. 2-11; and

- Between 100-200 people to conduct an evangelism crusade in 100 churches and missions in the central district of Chile; March 27-April 6.

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## Daily prayer requests for Chile/Tennessee Partnership — October



8 — That our volunteers are feeling they are a part of something significant as they use their gifts and skills in Chile.

9 — Blessings for the Baptist church in Cajon.

10 — Retired missionary Frank Mitchell on his birthday.

11 — Birthday blessings for missionary Bill Dyches.

12 — The Chilean Baptist Convention as it receives offerings for "missions" month in Chile.

13 — That one or more of the Acteens Activators who served in Santiago in July will feel the trip was a continuing affirmation of God's will for possible service as a career missionary.

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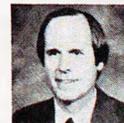
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## ■ the people

■ Meridian Church, Knoxville, recently ordained **Ken Bolin** to the deacon ministry.

■ **Terry Adams, Greg Ford, Jim Hammon, Dan Kirk, Terry McGregor, and Bobby Milling** were ordained to the deacon ministry of Central Church, Hixson, Sept. 27.

■ **Carter Rowell** was ordained as a deacon Sept. 20 at Highland Heights Church, Memphis.

■ First Church, Chattanooga, recently ordained **Mary Martha Ling** and **Charlie Cooper** as deacons.

■ **Mary Ball**, associate professor of biology at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, has been recognized by the Tennessee Environmental Education Association for her dedication to environmental issues. She is involved with the Southern Appalachia Man and Biosphere Project, an organization promoting an ecologically sustainable environment.

■ **Frank Moran, Alice Crook, Steve Bowman, and Mary Louise Maples** were ordained to the deacon ministry of First Church, Knoxville.

■ **Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga**, ordained **Grayland Lawson, Tom McGhee, Kevin Reece, David Smith, and Lowell Wilson** to the deacon ministry Sept. 20.

■ **D. L. Lowrie**, former Tennessee Baptist Convention executive director and now pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Texas, was honored recently by

Carson-Newman College at its annual meeting of directors of missions. Carson-Newman President Cordell Maddox presented Lowrie with a limited edition print of an eagle, the college's symbol, to commemorate Lowrie's relationship with the college. Lowrie attended Carson-Newman before completing his undergraduate degree at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.

■ Retired missionary from Brazil **Richard T. Plampin**, is teaching elementary Hebrew and Pentateuch at Belmont University, Nashville. As a part of Belmont's missionary-in-residence program, he will teach for two semesters. While a missionary in Brazil, Plampin taught Hebrew, Old and New Testament and theology classes at the A. B. Deter Baptist Institute in Curitiba, Brazil. He was director of the Bible institute for 16 years. When the institute became the Baptist Theological Seminary of Parana state in Brazil in 1974, Plampin became president. He is a graduate of University of Georgia in Athens and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He retired from active missionary service in 1988.



PLAMPIN

## ■ the churches

■ **Cherry Grove Church, Jonesborough**, recently called **Jim McNeil** as senior adult minister.

■ **First Church, Sweetwater**, will hold revival Oct. 11-15.

■ **Manley Church, Morristown**, will sponsor a prayer conference with T. W. Hunt Oct. 9-11.

■ A new addition has been added to the church building of **Mount Harmony Church, Riceville**. The addition includes a fellowship hall, Sunday School classrooms, the pastor's study, and restrooms.

■ Members of **Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis**, will celebrate the church's homecoming Oct. 11.

■ Homecoming will be held Oct. 10-14 in celebration of the 125th anniversary of **First Church, Union City**.

■ The congregation of **Zion Hill Church, Englewood**, observed the church's 170th anniversary and dedicated their new sanctuary Oct. 4.

■ Members of **New Hope Church, Decaturville**, celebrated the church's 150th anniversary Aug. 30. The Calvary Quartet from Calvary Church, Parsons, provided special music.

■ Homecoming will be celebrated during the month of October at **Mineral Springs Church, Monterey**.

■ **Judson Church, Nashville**, will sponsor a prayer renewal festival led by Don Miller Oct. 11-14. Other churches in the area are invited to attend.

■ Revival will be held Oct. 11-14 at **Glenwood Church, Nashville**.

■ The 125th anniversary of the founding of **First Church, Union City**, will be observed Oct. 10-14 during a series of celebration/revival services. Speakers will include former pastors W. Fred Kendall II, Belmont University, Nashville; Raymond Boston, pastor of First Church, Dyersburg; and former members Ray Cleek, pastor of First Church, Lebanon; Rick Roberts, pastor of Dallasburg Church, Wheatley, Ky.; and Jon Cawley, pastor of Flat Rock Church, Mount Airy, N.C.

## ■ the leaders

■ **Steve Hale**, a graduate of Union University, Jackson, has been called as associate pastor for education, youth, and children, at Grace Church, Jackson. Hale was formerly a housepar-



**THREE GENERATIONS** of the Moore family have directed choirs. Reid Moore, center, began directing choirs in Memphis in 1937. He has served through the years as minister of music and tenor soloist at Bellevue Church, Memphis; First Church, Jackson, Miss.; First Church, Largo, Fla.; and First Church, Portland. His son, George, left, has directed choirs as an avocation while serving in the Army in places as diverse as Thailand, Vietnam, and South Carolina. Moore's grandson, David, directs his church near Dalton, Ga., and his contemporary Christian group at Georgia Southern University.

## ■ education

■ Homecoming will be Oct. 9-10 at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.



# Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

## Worship, relationships

George E. Webb Jr.,  
Minister of music/senior adults,  
First Church, Paris

As I understand it, there are three basic missions of the church, each based on one of three fundamental relationships. Those relationships are between believers and God, believers and non-believers.

Worship is a result of our relationship with the God who created us and loves us. In a worship service our thoughts and actions are God-centered. Hymns are God-directed and we are called to examine our personal relationship with God through all the elements of the worship service.

Ministries that are a result of our relationship with each other can be generally referred to as Christian nurture and education. Many times we gather together as a church body to encourage each other, to study that we may grow in Christian knowledge, to minister to those in need, to train church leaders, etc. Texts of songs are directed to other

Christians, often being testimonial in form.

The third function, stemming from our concern for and relationship with the unsaved, we call evangelism and missions. These efforts are both local and in other parts of the world. Revivals and missions emphases are specifically designed to reach the unsaved.

All three functions — worship, nurture/education, evangelism/missions — are important and necessary to the survival of any church. Most who have closely studied the workings of a church agree that worship is the first order. All other aspects of ministry are motivated by worship and without worship the church would die. □

## Keeping on

Norris Hite, interim pastor  
Madison Heights Church  
Madison

We know about the presidential race. Politics can get rough, and this campaign is no different.

Few elected officials ever get

to do what they said they would. Too many things stand in the way. Most of them seem to like the job and few ever want to leave. The American public is looking more closely at the official's record, and many longtime people are not being re-elected these days. The day of reckoning has come.

Fewer voters are voting by party, and more by what they see in the candidate.

Some of the best stories I have read come from the lives of presidents.

George Washington said, "I feel like a culprit who is going to his execution."

Thomas Jefferson said the office "brings nothing but increasing drudgery and daily loss of friends."

Andrew Jackson said the office was just "dignified slavery."

Woodrow Wilson said, "I never dreamed such loneliness and desolation of heart possible."

Martin Van Buren said the two happiest days of his life were the day he went to the White House, and the day he left.

John F. Kennedy looked

most of the time like he was having fun. Those closest to him said that he really wasn't.

Well, why do they want to be president? Their reasons are the ones that should make us want to be the best Christian and the best church member possible. Very hard, long hours, much work, but the joy of serving the Lord, and doing what each one of us can to make our world a garden of Eden. It's worth all it costs. □

## Coping with change

James Robertson, pastor  
Sharon Church, Knoxville

Back in the 1970s many church leaders were advocating that the pastor become a change agent.

Books, seminars, and denominational literature encouraged breaking out of ruts and being a catalyst for change. Change is inevitable.

Events and circumstances bring on new situations. Births, deaths, retirements, moves, and marriage are all natural parts of the changes that come into life. Alvin Toffler wrote a book in

those years titled *Future Shock*. He maintained that the rate of change was becoming so rapid that there is a shock effect on our ability to adapt.

Change seems easy for the young person. They are growing and their experience is limited. The young person doesn't have the memory of a past to reflect on and to compare. Change is not a threat or a worry for youth.

But change seems more difficult as we grow older. People find comfort and peace in order and predictability. New expectations or demands and our schedules cause anxieties. Probably senior adults of this world have experienced more changes than any other generation in history. Technological development affected almost every area of life.

Yet the greatest influence for change in the human heart is our Lord Jesus. He turns on the lights in the darkness. He moves us from despair to hope. He opens the door from death to life. Jesus changes us from being self-centered to focusing on others. Jesus gives life and ultimate purpose and challenges us to be salt and light — two change agents. □

## Hospital employees help residents

For Baptist and Reflector

Several truck-loads of clothing and school supplies have been donated to residents of Montgomery Village in south Knoxville thanks to the generosity of Baptist Hospital employees.

The Baptist Health System of East Tennessee formed an outreach committee earlier this year to determine how the System could be more proactive in meeting community needs. The committee then conducted an assessment of church and community needs.

The committee's first project assisted residents of the housing project with clothes and school supplies for the new school year.

Pastoral Care Director Dick Denson, who heads the committee, said employees' response to

the drive was overwhelming.

"It was great to see how enthusiastically our employees responded to helping our neighbors," Denson said. "The residents of Montgomery Village were very appreciative of the effort."

The outreach committee is planning several additional com-

munity efforts in upcoming months including free health screenings and a secret Santa project.

The Baptist Health System is made up of Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, Baptist Hospital of Cocke County in Newport, and Baptist Hospital of Roane County in Rockwood. □

## Layman uses radio skills

For Baptist and Reflector

Bruce Kryder of Franklin practiced 35 years for the disaster relief work he did in south Florida.

The amateur radio operator used his skills to provide communication for Baptist workers when no other means of communication was available during the week following the strike of Hurricane Andrew.

Kryder explained he has used his hobby to assist those affected by disasters, but had never operated from a disaster site before. It also was his first experience as a Baptist disaster relief worker.

Kryder manned the main radio located in the Tennessee Baptist disaster relief mobile home unit. He communicated with 13 Baptist sites directed by other state groups in Florida, the relief headquarters in Miami, the Baptist Center in Brentwood, and three state mobile units.

Telephone lines and antennas for cellular phones and even police radios were down, he reported. The short-wave radio was the only source of communication during most of his

service Sept. 9-13, said Kryder.

Long hours were spent notifying the "blue-hats" or coordinators of the arrival of trailer-loads of food, volunteers, and supplies which needed dry storage space. He also communicated with the kitchen when the serving line needed more green beans or Red Cross workers on the ERVS (Emergency Relief Vehicles) needed more meals. He made many contacts to keep supplies of propane gasoline available to power the operation's seven generators. He also made numerous contacts to deal with garbage resulting from feeding 8000-10,000 daily.

"It takes a lot more organization than you'd expect," said Kryder. "It was well-organized," he said.

The workers weren't only able, they were unified by their faith, said Kryder. Every morning, they gathered to pray that those they were helping would learn about their faith. Those prayers were answered, he said. During the four days he was there three people committed their lives to God, he reported. □ — Connie Davis

## Preachers' School continues at HCBA

SEYMOUR — Preachers' School, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's weekend study for area ministers and ministerial students, will begin its second session for the 1992-93 school year on Oct. 17.

Classes begin at 8 a.m. in the academy's Ogle Building. This is the second session of a new four-year ministerial curriculum. Classes are eight weeks in duration with four hours of classroom study each Saturday.

Subjects offered during this session include a New Testament Survey of Jesus in the Gospels, a Bible book study of I and II Peter, and an English course.

Raymond Smith, retired minister and veteran educator, will teach the classes.

Preachers' School students pay no tuition. Benefactors have provided funds for certified ministerial students. Students must purchase textbooks for the three courses at a price of \$3 each. Courses requiring English and word studies books are slightly higher.

For more information, call Harrison-Chilhowee Academy at (615) 573-8321. □



HAROLD CURTIS FRYE III, center, of Germantown, is welcomed as a new trustee of the Southern Baptist Radio and TV Commission by trustee chairman Mickey Castleberry, left, and RTVC President Jack Johnson. Frye is holding a balalaika, a guitar-like instrument used in the former Soviet Union. Frye learned of the RTVC's interest in exploring expanding opportunities in Russia for television programming.



PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR Dick Denson presents Montgomery Village Baptist Center manager Richard Llewelling with some of the clothing Baptist hospital employees donated to the housing project residents.

## ■ program, training events across state

Listed below are scheduled events and host. All phone numbers are in the (615) area code unless specified. All events are subject to change.

### October

- 10 — Orientation for Missions Volunteers (reservations required), Baptist Center, Brentwood, Partnership Missions/Telecommunications Department, 371-2027/2028
- 10 — Girls in Action JAM, Camp Carson, Newport, Woman's Missionary Union, 371-2038
- 15-16 — Tennessee Baptist Chaplains' Retreat, Baptist Center, Brentwood, Missions Department, 371-2043
- 17 — Girls in Action JAM, Immanuel Church, Lebanon, Woman's Missionary Union, 371-2038
- 20 — Literacy Missions Update Workshop, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, Missions Department, 371-2044
- 22-23 — Literacy Missions Basic Skills Workshop, Camp Linden, Linden, Missions Department, 371-2044
- 24 — Girls in Action JAM, Camp Linden, Linden, Woman's Missionary Union, 371-2038
- 24 — Rec Lab: Memphis Style, Kirby Woods Church, Memphis, Church Media Library/Recreation Office, 371-2033
- 25 — Super Outstanding Sunday — High Attendance Day in Sunday School, Tennessee, Sunday School Department, 371-2054
- 26-27 — The Pastor Leading Breakthrough in the Small Sunday School, 26 — Big Hatchie Association, Covington; 27 — Fayette Association, Somerville; Sunday School Department, 371-2054 □

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## □ Jewish guilt for sin— Bible Book Series for October 11

By Mike Kemper, pastor, Green River Church, Waynesboro

Paul in chapters 2 and 3 points to the guilt of his own people, the Jews. His first chapter dealt with Gentile guilt for sin. Jews and Gentiles are equally indicted as guilty before God.

This indictment comes as a shock to the so-called "favored" Jews. The Jews thought God would certainly deal more harshly with those who were not Jews. But, Paul proclaimed the Jews were equally guilty. Thus, we can clearly see that all people are guilty before God, and Jesus Christ is our only hope!

In chapter 2:11 Paul said, "There is no respect of persons." Now, there have been and still are today, multitudes who believe somehow in the "end" God will judge them differently than others. They base that feel-

ing upon the fact that God is good to them. But, God's goodness to us is not to be misunderstood. God's goodness does not mean He will "overlook" our sin when we stand before Him. God's goodness should lead us to repentance and faith. Instead, we accept God's goodness as if He shows us "MFP" (most favored person) status, and the result is we "harden our hearts" in the same way the Jews did, feeling proud of their "chosen" position. They came to believe God would not condemn them, but give them special treatment.

Even though it was to the Jews the law was given (v. 12), everyone is accountable according to the law. The Gentiles may have heard very little about Moses and the law, but they, like the Jews, had sinned. God's

law, written and unwritten, applied to all mankind and all will be accountable. The Jews had received the written law of God, but they and the rest of us, have the unwritten law of God on our consciences. Many would rather claim ignorance, but as I understand this passage, ignorance is no excuse!

Twice, in verses 5 and 16, Paul brought up the "day of judgment" when God will reveal the secrets of men. Jesus will be the Judge. The issue that day will not be Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, high class or low class. The issue will be, "What did you do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" The outward things of life are only important as they reflect the inward experience we have with Jesus Christ. Coming to grips

with the Gospel demands an inward change by all people, no matter who they are!

Since we are all guilty before God, is there any advantage in being Jewish? (ch. 3:2) There may be many opinions, but Paul answered the question yes. The Jews were given the "oracles of God," which are understood to be the will and Word of God. If these people would have done what they had the opportunity to do, they would have been saved and led the whole world to have faith in Jesus Christ. The Jews' rejection of Jesus did not release them from responsibility to God. Neither does their failure relieve the rest of us from accountability. God will be true to His Word even if every person on the face of the earth makes the terrible mistake of rejecting the truth.

Let me highlight the great truths coming from this passage.

(1) God's absence of favorites shows the need of all people to trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. (2) We must all rely on God, by faith, rather than on human efforts or qualifications.

### Basic Passage Romans 2:1-3:20

3) Every person needs God's grace. Our greatest efforts to gain salvation are inadequate.

God is not going to judge you and me according to our own good opinion of ourselves. God will judge us all according to truth, deeds, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My friend, do not depend on anything or anyone other than the Lord Jesus Christ! ☐

## □ David: King over all the people — Convention Uniform Series for October 11

Compiled by the Baptist and Reflector staff

As we continue our study of the Old Testament and the concept of kings as rulers for the Israelites, we discover that God can find leaders in unexpected places. David is our example in this week's lesson, but this Bible truth is evident today also.

God had answered his grumbling people by establishing a monarchy with Saul as the first king. His reign proved unsatisfactory. Despite his frailties as a man, David succeeded Saul as king and became the ancestor of God's eternal King, Jesus Christ.

Samuel's devotion and loyalty to the first king, Saul, caused him to grieve when Saul failed.

God reminded Samuel that He had rejected Saul as king. Saul was a promising young man, but did not always put God first when he became king.

When he tried to perform as a priest as well as king, God rejected him. God then sent Samuel to anoint the shepherd boy, David, of Bethlehem.

Samuel's hesitance about Jesse's youngest son caused God to remind him that man looks on the outward appearance, but "the Lord looks on the heart."

Samuel anointed David and the Lord said, "This is he," and "the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." Thus David was equipped for his important mission.

Years later, after Saul's death, David and his small following settled near Hebron, 19 miles south of Jerusalem. Hebron will be remembered as the town where Abraham purchased a family burial place. Now the people of Judah gladly proclaimed David their king and

anointed him there. David displayed great character by thanking the people for their kind treatment of King Saul.

Israel was still under a tribal system, and when Saul died, the northern tribes appointed his fourth son, Ishbosheth, as their king. His reign was for only two years. Years passed before David succeeded Saul to the throne. Here is a review of the changing moods of the two who served as the first kings.

1. David's rise to prominence (I Samuel 16:19-23; 17:50; 18:1-7) — David returned to shepherding after his anointing. Later he served as a musician to calm Saul's changing moods. He loved David at first, but became jealous as David's fame spread.

2. Saul's enmity (I Samuel 18:10-11; 20:1) — Saul attempted to kill David with his javelin,

but David's calm attitude helped him gain the people's approval. Finally Saul's outbursts caused David to flee and live as an outcast.

3. Death of Saul (I Samuel 31) — In a losing battle with the old enemy, the Philistines, Saul took his own life rather than be captured by the enemy. His three sons, including David's friend Jonathan, also were

### Basic Passage I Samuel 16:1-13 II Samuel 2:1-7, 5:4-5

killed. Verses 4-5 tell of David's beginning to reign when he was 30. Unification of the nation was primary because of the constant Philistine threat. It was done with thoroughness and the tribes were united under David.

The heart of the nation shifted to Jerusalem and a long period began when, as the holy city, it would be known as the place of sacred memory for Jew and for Christian.

Samuel ended his mourning over Saul, learning it was time to continue. We should learn also from this lesson that we cannot nurse anger or mourn over "spilt milk."

It is important also to know that God sees us in a special way. He knows who we are and He knows the gifts and potential He has given each one. He knew what could be accomplished with David as king.

David had courage fortified by faith in God, sensitivity to God's leadership, tenderheartedness, and skilled leadership.

He answered when God called ☐

## □ Demonstrate a committed lifestyle — Life and Work Series for October 11

By James Hutson, pastor, First Church, Rockwood

Commitment is the key to success in any endeavor. The coach laments his players "were not committed." A marriage fails because one or both partners were not committed to their "togetherness," but rather to their "individual desires." The church languishes because its members are not deeply committed to their Lord and the church (II Corinthians 8:5). Our lesson for this Sunday describes the character and lifestyle that demonstrate a commitment to service.

### Worthy desire for noble service — a pastor (v. 1)

When I was a teenager, God called me to preach. His call was not in my plans. In addition I was shackled with the speech problem of stuttering. I tried every way I could to get away from my sense of call. But God's persuasion —

gentle but persistent — won out. For me, the words "desire and desireth" came as hindsight. For others, the "desire" may have come first. Either way, there must be a decisive sense of divine call to be a bishop, overseer, or pastor.

### Pastors (vv. 2-7)

A. Family life (vv. 2b, 4-5) — The meaning of the phrase "husband of one wife" most likely means marital faithfulness to one wife. Unlike any other profession, the Gospel ministry requires a good marriage. A pastor must be a good family man. Most pastors would probably do better here by telling our churches that our families mean more to us than another committee meeting. Doing well at home enhances the life of the church and our families.

B. Character (vv. 2a, c, 3) — There are some positive terms.

"Blameless" is probably a general term that covers all the others. "Vigilance" means temperate; "sober," self-control; and "good behavior," decent conduct. "Hospitality" refers to the way we receive others, especially other Christians. "Apt to teach" means the ability to communicate verbally. Jesus is our example of "patient" (II Corinthians 10:1).

There are some negative terms also. "Not given to wine" means the only sensible position for Christians is total abstinence. "Not a striker" is someone who lashes out irrationally. "Not a brawler" is advice against contentiousness. "Not a lover of money, not covetous" is a warning against devotion to materialism.

C. Spiritual leadership (v. 6) — A new employee would not be qualified to be the CEO of a corporation even if his father owns

the business. Experience can only be learned on the job.

D. Relationship with non-Christians (v. 7) — a professing Christian must practice his faith in a secular world. Hypocrisy by professing Christians is harmful.

### Deacons (vv. 8-13)

These verses begin "likewise." As far as I am concerned, the qualifications for a pastor and deacons ought to be the same. There is much more similarity than difference between verses 2-7 and 8-13. There are two differences. One is "not given to much wine," (v. 8). The difference is the word much is not found in verse 3. The only sensible position for all church leadership is total abstinence. The second difference is whether verse 11 refers to a deacon's wife or to a deaconess? There are strong arguments for both. We should be careful about

arriving at a conclusion and then trying to make the Bible fit our conclusion. Individuals and churches will arrive at different conclusions. We must always treat our brothers and sisters in Christian love.

### The Church (vv. 14-15)

Paul wrote Timothy to confirm what he had given him orally. He gave Timothy instruction about

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behavior in God's house, the local church. Not every believer needs to be a pastor or deacon, but every believer must be committed by character and lifestyle to his Lord and church. Commitment is the key. Without it every thing else will suffer. Pastors and deacons must set the tone for commitment. ☐

## BWA aids Somalia, fields other requests

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The Baptist World Alliance, through its Baptist World Aid division, has sent \$40,000 to help feed Somali refugees. The money has been received in response to a BWAid special appeal for Somalia.

The Sharing Way program of the Canadian Baptist Federation has received \$30,000 of the funds. The program, in northeast Kenya, is distributing food to some 40,000 refugees in the Ifo, Daghahaley, and Hagedera refugee camps.

The BWAid contribution to Canadian Baptists to help feed Somali refugees in Kenya is part of a \$1.46 million (Canadian) food shipment project supported by Canadian Baptists, the Canadian Food Grains Bank, the Canadian government, the Mennonite Central Committee, and BWAid.

The BWA is appealing to its member bodies to continue supporting its Somalia appeal.

Meanwhile, the BWA has received requests from Baptists in southern Africa for help needed in the current drought.

The incoming requests give urgency to the BWAid's funding goal of \$2 million for the southern Africa drought. The \$2 million goal was approved during the BWA general council in Jamaica in July.

Baptists in Zimbabwe have asked for \$150,000 for a nine-month emergency feeding project for families in the Bulawayo, Gweru, and Gokwe areas and for emergency and supplementary feeding in other areas. They have also asked for help with a seed-planting project.

Baptists in Malawi need help with a reforestation project costing \$30,000 and Baptists in Kenya have asked for \$30,000 to help with refugees. □

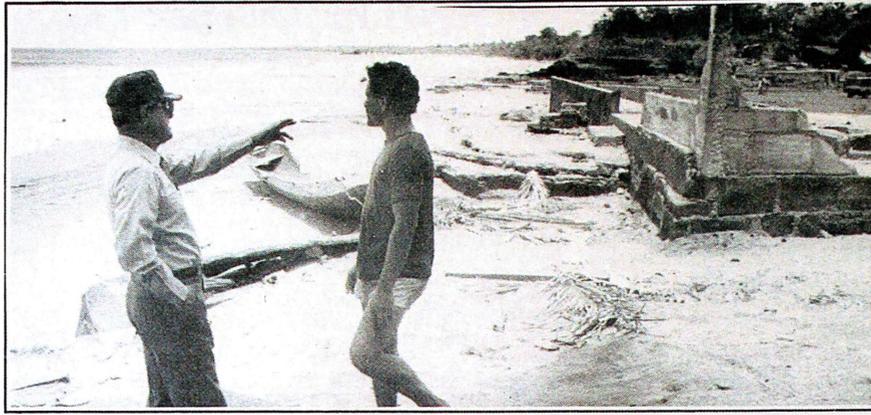
## Hunger convocation rescheduled for 1994

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist agency representatives unanimously voted to change the date of the denomination's second major hunger convocation to May 13-15, 1994.

"Our decision to reschedule the meeting was based upon a number of factors," said ad hoc committee chair C. Ben Mitchell of the Christian Life Commission. "The denominational emphasis for 1994, 'Help for a Hurting Humanity,' dovetails exactly with an emphasis on world hunger and relief. In addition, we had to take into account the fact that some of the agencies had not had time to make the convocation a part of their planning and budgeting process."

The decision to move the meeting from May 1993 to May 1994 was made at a meeting of the planning committee held in the Christian Life Commission offices



MANUEL GALINDO, left, a volunteer from Harlingen, Texas, and a Nicaraguan fisherman look over devastation in Masachapa, one of about 40 communities hit hard by a Sept. 1 tidal wave along Nicaragua's Pacific coast. Galindo led a team of five Texas Baptist Men who spent Sept. 6-10 helping with relief efforts coordinated by Nicaraguan Baptists. Southern Baptist missionary Sam Drummond, from Camden, worked as a liaison between volunteers and Nicaraguans involved in the project. — Photo by Sam Drummond

in Nashville, Sept. 2.

The theme of the hunger convocation will be "Serving in Christ's Spirit: Southern Baptists on World Hunger" and will be based on Luke 4:18-19 where Jesus said he was anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, set people free, and preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The conference will target Southern Baptist pastors, laypersons and leadership as well as college and seminary students, and associational directors of missions. The convocation's goals are to call Southern Baptists to make hunger and hurting persons a concern of every SBC church, involve churches and individuals in consistent giving to hunger and relief ministries through the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, stimulate widespread media and educational attention in SBC publications and periodicals, and involve an increasing number of laypersons in hunger-related ministries. □

## Bickley gives SWBTS \$355,000

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A \$355,000 gift to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, will be used to establish the Fund for the Preservation and Dissemination of the Aramaic Gospels.

According to officials at Southwestern, the fund will enable the seminary to build and maintain a collection of copies of the world's most important Aramaic documents. The collection will be housed in Southwestern's A. Webb Roberts Library.

Carl Wrotenbery, dean of libraries at the seminary, said the fund will make Southwestern one of the leading research centers for Aramaic studies. Aramaic was spoken in Biblical times by Jesus and his disciples.

Money for the preservation fund was given by Thomas F. Bickley,

of Bedford. Bickley is senior design engineer for Technol Corp., a manufacturer of medical supplies. □

## Mitchell cautions against widespread genetic screening

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — In testimony before the Institute of Medicine, C.

Ben Mitchell, director of biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, urged caution on the use of widespread genetic screening in the United States.



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Genetic screening is the identification of individuals who are at high risk of having a genetically linked disease or disorder such as Tay-Sachs, Huntington's disease, or Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy. "Genetic screening is a wonderful technology and is to be celebrated when used properly," said Mitchell. "Researchers have identified as many as 4000 genetically linked diseases."

In his testimony, Mitchell argued that genetic screening ought not be offered or ought to be severely restricted for diseases for which there is no known therapy or cure. "Genetic screening for diseases for which there is no treatment or cure, it seems to us, cannot but lead to the more widespread practice of abortion. In fact, as genetic research continues to offer more sensitive and reliable tests and as increasing numbers of genetic diseases are detectable, decisions to abort affected babies will also no doubt increase," he said.

In a resolution adopted at the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Southern Baptists went on record as opposing "the testing, approval, distribution, and marketing in America of new drugs and technologies which will make the practice of abortion

more convenient and more widespread."

Mitchell said, "There are many, many issues at stake here. It seems especially cruel and discriminatory to allow genetic screening for sex selection. If a family already has two female children and wants a baby boy, surely they should not be allowed to abort a baby simply because they think she is the wrong sex." □

## Retired Tennessee missionary dies

Foreign Mission Board

JOHNSON CITY — Margaret (Peggy) Tatum, a retired Southern Baptist missionary who worked in Hawaii for 28 years, died Sept. 22 after a lengthy illness. She was 76.

Mrs. Tatum, who was appointed a missionary in 1949, worked with her late husband, Hubert, in a number of churches in Hawaii. The Tatums were among a few missionaries who continued to work with Hawaiian Baptists after the islands became a state.

The Foreign Mission Board began work in the islands 20 years before Hawaii became a state in 1959.

During her missionary career, Mrs. Tatum was president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Hawaii. A native of Braemar, she attended Mitchell College, Stateville, N.C., Columbia (S.C.) Bible College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Tatum retired in 1977. She is survived by two grown daughters. □

## Hungary academy attracts Europeans

Baptist Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — The International Baptist Lay Academy in Budapest still plays a key role in equipping Baptists in Eastern Europe for ministry, despite vast changes in the region.

The school — partly funded by Southern Baptists — expects 38 students this fall, including Bap-

tists from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine. That's a near-capacity enrollment, said Southern Baptist missionary Errol Simmons of Franklinton, La., the school's acting director.

During the summer 120 students from 13 countries took part in four sessions. The academy had to rent rooms at an adjacent boarding school to accommodate them. Students from Pakistan, Iran, and the Philippines attended for the first time, joining other students from throughout central and Eastern Europe.

The academy opened in 1990 with a mission to provide high-quality theological training for Eastern European Baptists. Sponsored by the European Baptist Federation and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, it is affiliated with the federation's Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Some Baptists had questioned whether the academy would still be needed since Eastern Europeans now are free to travel anywhere they want to study, Simmons said. But many people in Eastern Europe who now are politically free remain virtual economic prisoners, he pointed out.

"Freer access for travel has brought increased attendance, not less," Simmons said. □

## Religious educators to meet in Louisville

For Baptist and Reflector

The Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet Oct. 19-21 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The 1992 conference theme is "Dealing with Differences: Building Effective Relationships." Kathy G. Lowery of Contemporary Learning Concepts, Murfreesboro, will be the presenter and program leader. The conference will also feature Albert McClellan, retired, associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

For information about the conference or to make reservations contact: Paul Day, 106 Azalea Lane, Fitzgerald, Ga., 37150, or call (912) 423-1134. □

## Lynn tapped by Americans United

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Barry Lynn, United Church of Christ minister, civil liberties activist, and attorney, has been appointed executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Lynn succeeds Robert L. Maddox, a Southern Baptist minister and former Carter White House official, who led Americans United from 1984 until last May when he resigned to return to the pulpit. □