

More than 6000 receive Sunday School leadership training Seven regional conferences topple attendance goal

For Baptist and Reflector

Tennessee Baptists' desire to improve their Sunday Schools was evidenced by the high attendance at the seven regional Sunday School leadership conferences held across the state this fall.

Enrollment in the conferences ranged from 424 in Columbia to 1769 in Knoxville, an all-time high for any Sunday School regional meeting in Tennessee. Total attendance reached 6182, far exceeding the 5165 goal set by the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Attendance by region was Jackson, 643; Memphis, 1116; Chattanooga, 611; Kingsport, 641; and Hendersonville, 928. This year, the Middle Tennessee conference was held at two sites (Columbia and Hendersonville) rather than one as it has been in previous years.

The seven regional meetings provided a vast variety of training in methods and principles of Sunday School teaching, growth, and administration for teachers of all ages, and pastors, ministers of education, other church staff members, and outreach leaders.

The theme for the regional conferences was "BREAK-THROUGH ... Equip to Win."

The regional meetings were planned by the TBC Sunday School Department with input from various associational and

church leaders, said Greer Ruble, director of the TBC department.

He noted the ultimate goal of the conferences was to assist churches to increase:

- Sunday School enrollment and attendance;
- Worship attendance;
- Baptisms;
- Offerings;
- The number of trained workers; and
- Enthusiasm among leadership and the congregation.

"The bottom line of the meetings is to train workers in whatever Sunday School job they have to go back to their local churches to be better equipped to serve God," Ruble said.

Participants in the regional meetings agreed the conferences met needs.

"The class I attended gave me the motivation to keep going and to reach people," said Janice Brown, who teaches a college and career class at Radnor Church, Nashville.

Gary Williams, director of education and promotion at Madison-Chester and Crockett Associations, said the conference in Jackson provided the latest information on various techniques and approaches to doing Sunday School work.

The conference provided "practical how to workshops which gave people concrete ideas on how to do their work," he said.

Williams noted the regional leadership training conferences "provide something for everyone" no matter what aspect of Sunday School work a person is involved.

He noted the key to having good Sunday Schools is having trained leaders. As a result, the entire church benefits, Taylor noted.

"The churches that use Sunday



BARB WAKEFIELD, far right, of Simeon Church, Nashville, leads a youth leadership conference at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville.

"We're sold on them here," Williams said.

Knox County Association Director of Missions Walter Taylor has seen positive improvements in Sunday School work in his association and he attributes it in part to the leadership training meetings.

Last year Sunday School enrollment in Knox County churches exceeded 50,000 members for the first time in several years, Taylor said.

School to make the church grow are seeing positive results," he said.

J. C. Lewis, director of missions in Bledsoe Association, said leaders from his association learned "things they could take home and use immediately."

"The people from our association were impressed with the regional conference (at First Church, Hendersonville) and grateful for it," Lewis said. □ — Lonnie Wilkey

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Louisiana abortion law ruled unconstitutional

By C. Lacy Thompson
For Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana appears to have failed in its bid to provide a means for overturning the Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion in this nation.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans wrote what may have been the final chapter in an ongoing saga Sept. 22 by ruling the state's tough anti-abortion law unconstitutional. Both supporters and opponents of the measure agree the ruling may have signaled the end of the line for the effort to overturn the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling.

"It appears from the decisions we have had from the (courts) that a successful defense of the abortion statute will have some serious difficulties," Louisiana Attorney General Richard Ieyoub said. "Let's be honest about that."

However, no one expected the fight to end like this, not three years ago, when the Supreme Court first opened the door to greater state regulation of abor-

tion and Louisiana scrambled to rush through it, not two years ago when the state legislature saw its tough no-exceptions abortion bill vetoed by the governor, not last year when the same legislators overrode a gubernatorial veto in historic style to pass what many call the nation's toughest abortion law.

At all such points, abortion opponents thought they had the inside track to dismantling the Roe v. Wade ruling. The nation's high court certainly seemed willing to move in that direction, with a series of decisions that chipped away at abortion protection.

The rush to force the issue began in the summer of 1989, when the Supreme Court ruled states could take more control in regulating abortions. Louisiana officials immediately moved to revive the state's existing laws prohibiting abortion. However, the courts declined to reinstate the strict measures, throwing the matter into the legislative arena.

During the 1990 state legislative session, the issue drew national attention during what often was

characterized as "circus-type" proceedings. Eventually legislators passed a measure outlawing abortions except to save the life of the mother. However, then-Gov. Buddy Roemer vetoed the bill. An override attempt barely failed — and legislators scrambled to pass an abortion bill with more exceptions. However, the governor vetoed it also, citing problems with how it was constructed. A bid to call a veto session to reconsider the issue failed.

From that point on, pro-life advocates signaled their intent to tackle the issue head-on in 1991. Louisiana Baptists waded into the arena, passing their strongest-ever abortion resolution and urging their Committee on Moral and Social Concerns to make abortion a top priority.

At times during the ensuing legislative session, pro-life ranks were divided over whether the abortion measure should include exceptions. Eventually, legislators passed a measure that prohibited abortion except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother. The measure set stiff

penalties for physicians who violated the law.

For the third time, however, Roemer vetoed the measure, insisting the exceptions were too tightly drawn. For the first time this century, however, legislators overrode a Louisiana governor's veto — and the battle was set.

The court process began immediately. A district judge immediately ruled the new measure unconstitutional. The date for it to become law came and went. The appeals process was launched.

However, none of them anticipated the court's ruling this June. In a massive, mixed decision, a split court voted in June to reaffirm Roe v. Wade but reinterpret the landmark decision to allow states added power to regulate abortion. Under the new ruling, abortion remains legal in the United States. But states now have the power to ensure thoughtful, informed decisions regarding abortion in the early months of pregnancy as long as the actions do not place "undue burdens" on women. □

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Baptist's book seen as 'wake-up' call on economy

By Corey Kinsolving
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — A couple of congressmen worried about disinterest in the national debt have been offering colleagues free copies of a book.

Its title: *The Coming Economic Earthquake*.

The book offers came from Reps. Dan Burton, R-Ind., and Frank Wolf, R-Va. They met with ten colleagues and the book's author, Larry Burkett, in the Capitol Sept. 30 to discuss strategy for dealing with America's national debt.

"Whoever is elected president

in November could be sitting on a time bomb," said Rep. Phil Crane, R-Ill.

Such is the rhetoric of those who already feel the tremors of an economic earthquake. The soft-spoken Burkett, a Southern Baptist layman from Georgia, doesn't appear as a fire-breathing prophet of doom. He purports no degrees in economics and has no fancy theories to sell. Rather, Burkett speaks from years of counseling on how to apply simple Biblical principles to money management.

In the early 1970s, Burkett began organizing the 600 verses on

money he had underlined when reading through the Bible. He applied these principles to his own pocketbook and shared them with friends. His pastor at Park Avenue Church, Titusville, Fla., asked him to counsel church members.

Soon, he began conducting seminars. Large churches, such as First Church, Atlanta where Burkett later became a member, encouraged members to attend. Now, he dispenses financial advice to millions daily on several hundred Christian radio stations. Burkett now is a member of First Church, Gainesville, Ga.

Congressmen tout Burkett's book as a wake-up call to colleagues who seem not to hear the rumblings of a financial earthquake — an earthquake that could shake the foundations of the republic.

Burkett said his book, which has sold more than 600,000 copies in hardback since its release a year ago, merely puts the economic hieroglyphics of government reports into language and charts that people can understand. Burkett writes: The "on budget" interest payments in 1991 consumed 17 percent of all tax revenues. The most conservative estimates, he says, place it at 50 percent of tax revenues by the year 2000. The number of days a

taxpayer must work to pay Uncle Sam his due has risen from 36 days in 1960 to 121 days in 1991.

Burton has used Burkett's graphs even in talking to senior citizens about capping Social Security payments — a politically risky thing to do. Burton said he showed a seniors' group a graph in which the interest payments from a projected \$13.5 trillion deficit equals the total revenues from all income tax. Burton said seniors have "an entirely new perspective" when he paints an inflation scenario in which a loaf of bread may cost \$30 or \$40.

The congressmen seemed frustrated at times by the lack of interest in their message. They agreed there is enough blame to go around for the deficit.

But if blame were to be assigned, Crane noted an apathetic electorate could share part of it. "Special interest groups salivate" in non-presidential election years because only 35 percent of Americans vote.

Burkett calls for balancing the budget during the next five years by slashing government programs: federal payrolls by 40 percent, welfare by 25 percent, defense by 25 percent, and entitlement programs by 25 percent. All this would save only \$146.5 billion. More cuts would have to trim an additional \$200 billion. □

Paper details budget deficit

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Interest payments on the nation's \$4 trillion budget deficit "are now the third-biggest item in the federal budget and soon will rival all military spending," according to a three-part series in *The Washington Post*.

The newspaper's series, titled "The Mortgage on America," appeared Sept. 27-29.

To pay the debt, \$65,000 would have to be levied against every four Americans, the paper reported.

"The accumulated national debt has quadrupled since 1980," the newspaper noted, "following a series of runaway federal budget deficits. Never before has the nation's debt increased at this pace during peacetime and rarely even in time of war. The debt increase constitutes perhaps the most lasting economic legacy of the past 12 years of government."

Gregory resignation 'firm'

Baptist Press

DALLAS — First Church, Dallas, the Southern Baptist Convention's largest congregation, will begin searching for a new pastor, according to a church spokesman, after an Oct. 7 meeting between Joel Gregory, who unexpectedly resigned the pulpit

Missionary movement cited in London

Associated Baptist Press

LONDON — Amid the gothic splendors of Westminster Abbey, Baptists from around the world gathered Oct. 2 to celebrate 200 years of the modern missionary movement, begun with the found-

ing of the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain on that day in 1792.

The hour-long "service of thanksgiving" featured readings by BMS administrators and missionaries, a sermon by Jamaican Baptist Horace Russell, music by a choir of Thai Baptists, and a parade of national flags through the abbey's nave.

The Baptist Missionary Society was founded by 12 ministers, a deacon, and a ministerial student in the back parlor of a devout Baptist laywoman in Kettering, England.

Primary catalyst in the effort was William Carey, a young Baptist pastor who became the society's first missionary, serving in India until his death in 1834.

Today the society, which is supported by the Baptist unions of Great Britain, Scotland, and Wales, funds nearly 200 mission workers in 16 countries.

Russell, a professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, praised the BMS for its past contributions — including a successful campaign to end slavery in the British Empire — which he said show those around the world to whom it has ministered that they "are accepted as brothers and sisters" by the society.

"We today as free people salute the foundation of the BMS," said Russell, himself the descendant of slaves.

The irony of a Baptist service in the cathedral of a national church

which once persecuted and even executed Baptists was not lost on the hundreds who attended.

Russell reminded the congregation that, as with the older brother in the Biblical story of the prodigal son, it is easy for Christians to forget that God's forgiveness is open to everyone.

"God's table of fellowship to which all humankind is invited is also the table of forgiveness," he said. "It is not only God forgiving us but us forgiving each other."

"It is a celebration of ourselves as sons and daughters of God." □

Persecution intensifies for Ethiopia Christians

Baptist Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Evangelical Christians face intensified persecution in Ethiopia, according to reports reaching missionaries.

The persecution allegedly is being instigated by members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the official religion of Ethiopia for hundreds of years before the communist takeover in the mid-1970s.

Violence directed at "Pentays" (a derogatory term for any evangelical believer, even those not belonging to Pentecostal churches) has been denounced by some Coptic church officials. But incidents are reported regularly, especially in remote areas.

The renewed attacks come little more than a year after the fall of the former communist government ended official suppression of religion. □

Tullahoma church honors Porch

First Church, Tullahoma, will honor its pastor, James Porch, and his family with a reception on Oct. 18.

The reception is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. in the church activities building at 103 East Grundy St., Tullahoma. Tennessee Baptists and other friends of the Porches are invited.

Porch has served as church pastor for 15 years and was elected executive director of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, on Sept. 4. He will assume that position on Nov. 1. □

a week earlier, and two deacon officials.

Gregory, who indicated his resignation was "firm," was called two years ago as successor to W. A. Criswell, whose 48th year as pastor of the 28,000-member congregation was scheduled to be observed Oct. 11 at the church. Gregory in his resignation cited difficulties with the transition period from Criswell, who has remained at the church as senior pastor and has shared preaching duties with Gregory.

"He (Gregory) did not ask that his resignation be reconsidered, nor did the deacon leadership ask Dr. Gregory to reconsider or return as pastor," said church spokesman Ron Harris in a press release about the Oct. 7 meeting with Gregory and his wife, Linda, and Bo Sexton, chairman of First Church's deacons, and David Wicker, vice chairman.

"In the meeting, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Wicker expressed love for Dr. and Mrs. Gregory and their family, as did the Gregorays for the church family. All parties considered the meeting to be one of closure." □

Florida hurricane forces ethnics to start over

By Jack Brymer and Barbara Denman
For Baptist and Reflector

MIAMI — They came to the United States in search of an opportunity to be free, to earn a living, and offer their children a brighter future. They left Castro's tyrannical dictatorship and the poverty and political unrest in Central America to pursue the American dream.

But on their way to making a better life, their world was turned upside down on that fateful August day.

Hurricane Andrew wreaked havoc on almost every community in south Dade County, but the area's ethnics are among the hardest hit and find, once again, they must start all over.

It takes time for ethnics coming to south Florida to overcome language and cultural differences which prevent them from entering the mainstream of American life. This puts the majority of ethnics at the bottom of the economic ladder and limits opportunities for advancement.

The most labor-intensive market in south Dade County is agriculture. Not only did Hurricane Andrew devastate the crops, it also destroyed processing and storage facilities. There is no work available. The future is bleak in that the industry must be cultivated and marketed.

"It was just a storm," said Lydia Garcia, "but now everything's gone."

Garcia is a member of the *Christianos Unidos Church*, one of 15 Southern Baptist ethnic churches — ten Hispanic and five Haitian — that bore the brunt of Andrew's destruction. These congregations are small in number, struggle financially, and are filled with immigrants who eked out a

living in low-paying and sometimes unskilled jobs. They settled in south Dade because it offered affordable housing and a lower cost of living. But few of their homes escaped the storm.

Many of the members of *Christianos Unidos Church* are Mexicans who had escaped from the migrant stream to put down roots in south Florida. Several church members have made a home in the education building behind the church.

Many of the churches, whose pastors serve bivocationally, are under-insured, if insured at all. Some church leaders may be forced to leave the area in search of new jobs and homes. Many like Lydia Garcia have lost everything.

The day before the storm struck, Garcia had worked all day

at a state correctional facility. She had heard advance warnings to leave the area but after work was too tired to heed the advice.

As they waited out the storm, Garcia recalled that at first she was not scared. Her family gathered in one of their homes, sang hymns while her brother pressed a mattress against the door. She became more frightened when her brother said he was too exhausted to hold the mattress any longer. He summoned the strength to hold on and the family escaped unharmed. But Garcia, her brother, and sister lost their homes and most of their possessions.

"It wasn't bad until you got out into the car and found you couldn't go anywhere," Garcia recalled. "I told my brother we were lucky we could still drive our cars, those

without cars really had lost everything. It's bad for us but can you imagine what it's like for them?"

For the first two weeks after the storm, six families lived in Garcia's home. "You're in shock. You don't know what day it is." Four weeks after the storm, "we're just now picking up," she said.

Across the street from La Hermosa Baptist Church in Leisure City, a huge mobile home park now lies in twisted metal and steel. Steps grotesquely leading now where marks the spot where a home once stood. The park housed many of La Hermosa's members. Many of them sought refuge from the storm in the church.

Nearly 90 percent of the church's 25 families lost their homes. Many lost their jobs. Pastor Guillermo Piche said he fears many of the church's leaders will

have to move to find work.

A total of \$4000 a month is needed to operate the church. On Sept. 13, the offerings totaled \$328, less than a third of what they need.

Piche, whose home was severely damaged in the storm, predicts it will take at least two years before the church can return to any semblance of normalcy. A new roof is needed and the insurance money is coming slow.

But, the pastor said, he is "very, very optimistic about the future." Piche, who came to the United States from Cuba in 1980, said the storm did not damage his dreams or visions. He wants to rebuild the church, start a day-care center, and continue to be a witness in this area. □

Religious freedom bill dies in Senate committee

By Tom Strode
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The Religious Freedom Restoration Act failed to clear the Senate Judiciary Committee, killing any hopes of passage in the final days of the 1992 congressional session.

RFRA, S. 2969 in the Senate and H. R. 2797 in the House, is designed to return the free exercise of religion to its status before the Supreme Court's much-criticized 1990 *Employment Division v. Smith* opinion.

In *Smith*, the court ruled government no longer was required to show it had a "compelling interest" outranking religious liberty before restricting the First Amendment right. Therefore, it became easier for government to limit the religious expres-

sion of citizens.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., put a hold on RFRA Oct. 2 in the Judiciary Committee, ending any chance of the bill being voted on by the committee or the full Senate until the next session of Congress. At the time, Congress was scheduled to adjourn Oct. 6.

The House Judiciary Committee approved RFRA Oct. 1. The vote was the first one by a full committee since RFRA's introduction in July 1990.

Because of the lateness in this session, Simpson's action dealt a death blow to RFRA for this year. His action was a surprise to the bill's supporters.

"He didn't indicate those concerns" about RFRA before, said Judy Golub of the American Jewish Committee and a spokesperson for the coalition supporting RFRA. "Realistically, time ran out" on the bill, Golub said.

Simpson, in a statement, said he did not want to rush through a bill as important as RFRA. The Senate committee's hearing on RFRA was Sept. 18. Citizens and religious organizations had ex-

pressed reservations about the bill to him, and he wanted "to take more time to be certain that we are accomplishing exactly what we intend." Concerns about RFRA have been expressed by pro-life members of Congress, but Simpson has a pro-choice voting record.

"We're very disappointed in Sen. Simpson's actions at the markup," said Brent Walker, Baptist Joint Committee associate general counsel. "We had hoped to have the bill reported out and get it to the floor ... but we're still very optimistic that next Congress we can rally our effort" and get the bill passed.

"In spite of what happened in this Congress or, for that matter, what will happen in the presidential election, we are confident that RFRA will be law in the near future," said James A. Smith, director of government relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. "Having said that, Southern Baptists should redouble their efforts to make this so."

Although other concerns have

been expressed, a question about RFRA's impact on abortion rights has been the main reason for opposition to the bill. It also has divided the pro-life movement.

The National Right to Life Committee, the United States Catholic Conference, Americans United for Life, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod oppose RFRA because they fear it will give new legal standing for women to claim abortion as a free exercise of religion. An amendment preventing women from making abortion claims is necessary, they say.

Among pro-life organizations denying the bill will result in a new right to abortion are the Christian Life Commission, Christian Action Council, Christian Legal Society, Coalitions for America, Concerned Women for America, Traditional Values Coalition, and National Association of Evangelicals. Such groups have said they intend to fight any claims abortion is a religious right while endorsing the principle of religious liberty by supporting RFRA. □

Medical team leaves for Chile

A 42-member medical team, in conjunction with the Tennessee/Chile Partnership, is serving in Temuco through Oct. 20. They arrived in Chile on Oct. 10.

Nashville layman and physician Dewey Dunn of Woodmont Church is leading the group.

Among team members are the following Tennessee Baptists:

Retired TBC pastor Charles Skutt dies

Retired pastor Charles H. Skutt, 76, of Germantown died Sept. 8 after a short illness.

The Virginia native served as pastor of churches in Virginia, Mississippi, and Tennessee for more than 50 years. His Tennessee pastorates included LaBelle Place Church, Memphis, and Garland Church, Covington.

He was an active member of Colonial Church, Memphis, after his retirement.

Skutt is survived by his wife, Wilma, two children, Barbara Newsom of Memphis and Bob Skutt of Fort Smith, Ark., and three grandchildren. □

Mike Adams, First Church, Linden; Phyllis Bandy, Kingston Pike Church, Lenoir City; Margaret Broach, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; Sheila Carlton, Gadsden; Raymond Chambers, Oak Ridge; Linda Chitwood, First Church, Oneida;

Tim Collins, Greeneville; Debbie Cochran, Dayton; John and Virginia Cole, First Church, Huntingdon; Charles and Jane Darnell, Knoxville; Nellie Sue Dowdy, First Church, Somerville; Thomas Drake, First Church, McEwen; Bobbie Dunn, Woodmont Church, Nashville; Virginia George, Woodmont Church; Juanita Hall, Bayside Church, Ooletawah;

Stephanie Howell, Maryville; James Jenkins, Brentwood Church, Brentwood; Fred Johnson, Grace Church, Nashville; Charles Manley, Jackson; Ronnell Owensby, First Church, Rogersville; Farris Jean Quinn, First Church, Watertown; Jack Sparks, First Church, Paris; Jo G. Sweet, Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville; Ken and Faye Webb, Pulaski; and Robert Willis, Hendersonville. □

Ellis, Kemper new Sunday School lesson writers

Waynesboro pastor Mike Kemper and retired Memphis pastor Wesley Ellis are writing Sunday School lesson commentaries this fall in the *Baptist and Reflector*. They join Rockwood pastor James Hutson, who is continuing to write the *Life and Work Series*.

The Bible Book Series is being written by Kemper, pastor of Green River Church, who also has held pastorates at White Hall Church, Trenton, and Childs Memorial Church, Harriman. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Kemper is active in Indian Creek Association and serves on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He also served on volunteer mission

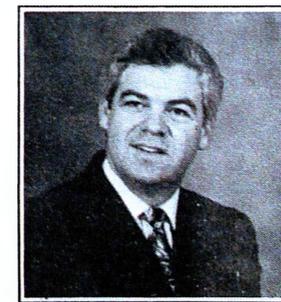


ELLIS

projects in Burkina Faso, Mexico, Romania, and France.

Ellis begins writing the *Convention Uniform Series* this week.

A native of Louisiana, Ellis holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and B.D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans (La.) Baptist



KEMPER

Theological Seminary.

He retired recently as pastor of Forest Hill Church, Memphis. Ellis also has served churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, and New York.

Hutson, who wrote lessons during the summer quarter, is pastor of First Church, Rockwood. □

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■ an occasional word

By Lonnie Wilkey
associate editor

God's blessings

Camping is a lot of fun. I'm the first to admit that I am no Daniel Boone when it comes to the great outdoors. I believe in "roughing it" in comfort. I do use a sleeping bag and tent, but I like to camp at sites with electricity so I can plug in a toaster for breakfast.

Someone asked me recently, "Why do you want to sleep outside when you could get a nice hotel room?" The reason for me is camping allows you to get close to nature and, as a result, feel closer to God.



WILKEY

Tennesseans are blessed to have so many wonderful parks in the state. In the parks God's handiwork for the most part is still unspoiled. How exciting it is to sit around a campfire and listen to the sounds of nature under a starry sky.

Add to the camping experience Christian friends and you are doubly blessed. On Labor Day weekend our family joined eight other families for a weekend camping venture. It was a great time of fellowship with a group of Christians with similar values and concerns.

Around the campfire one night we shared testimonies and discussed the importance of friendship. We each told why someone in that group was important to us. Too often we take our friends, particularly our Christian friends, for granted. We know they will be there if we need them.

We go to churches to worship God and to learn more about his Word. But one of the extra benefits we have is when we join a church family and establish relationships.

Say a word of encouragement and thanks to your Christian friends. Better yet, take them camping. □

Grateful for help

I wish to thank the hundreds of people from the Tennessee Baptist volunteer group and others who responded to the call of help after Hurricane Andrew struck Florida.

I am a secretary at Stevens Street Church in Cookeville and felt very helpless when my two children in Homestead lost their trailers. As my son put it, in a matter of hours everything was gone. My daughter also lost her trailer and my son lost his transportation as well.

The first people who were set up to help victims were Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers. My daughter and son were among those who had hot meals and I will be forever grateful to all the volunteers for that. My son is now attempting to get his life back in order and hopes to permanently settle in Tennessee. My daughter is also getting back on the road to recovery.

God bless you all.
Thelma Wilford
Cookeville

Two good books

I am looking for copies of two books: Gaines S. Dobbins' *Building Better Sunday Schools Through the Weekly Teachers and Officers Meeting*, and Arthur Flake's *Building a Standard Sunday School*.

We have pastors who want to get back to basics. I would like to be able to give these books to them.

If any reader has a copy of either book (or both), please contact me at 1822 Woodhaven Drive, Elizabethton, 37643.

Carl W. Hunter
Elizabethton

Draw the line

After reading an Aug. 5 *Baptist and Reflector* article about "FMB, WMU Leaders Discuss Future Relationships," I wrote to Dellanna O'Brien of Woman's Missionary Union. A portion appears below:

"I have read Susan Doyle's article regarding your meeting with Foreign Mission Board representatives. I am disappointed that you and WMU leadership are insisting the FMB dialogue and involve itself with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. I think your stance underscores that you and your agency leadership are out of touch with most of the convention. If there is a veiled threat here that WMU is considering changing its posture toward the FMB and is seeking to undergird this fracture group, you are making a tragic miscalculation.

"I have not always agreed with decisions made by those who lead our great Convention. But, I viewed the greater cause of world outreach to be more important than my particular view. The CBF group includes some of my friends, and I know many of yours, but they have wronged this denomination by siphoning off

support and establishing their own entity. They have made their choice and so be it."

I have similar concerns regarding CBF in Tennessee. Recent unrest within the Tennessee Baptist Convention, resulting from the executive director selection process appears related to a perception of manipulation by those with CBF identity or divided denominational loyalty. While I have wide parameters and recognize it is essential to have them in denominational relationships, if Dr. Porch's acceptance statement (B & R - 9/9/92) that the TBC needs a broad umbrella means we include CBF, I express to him the misgivings I mentioned to Mrs. O'Brien. The intent of CBF seems clear per recorded statements of Cecil Sherman appearing in Sept. 16 letters to the editor. If the direction of the TBC is to coddle a new denomination in its embryonic stage that will ultimately steal support from our mission goals, we will be tragically weakened.

Red Bank Baptist fellowship is uncompromisingly committed to Southern Baptist causes. In the last three years, we contributed well over \$1 million while simultaneously raising more than \$200,000 to start three churches and support more than 100 people in missions projects in Central America and six pioneer states. We are not interested in providing credibility for any independent movement designed to undercut this initiative. It is time to draw the line.

Fred Steelman, pastor
Red Bank Church
Chattanooga

Precious concepts

Two principles of Christian doctrine which Baptists have championed throughout history are freedom of conscience and the separation of church and state. We have clung to them with such tenacity and fought for them so valiantly that these precepts have become the hallmarks of Baptist faith the world over.

But the possession of truth and freedom is never absolute and must be defended by each succeeding generation. Forces from without as well as good intentioned forces from within threaten to compromise and erode these precious concepts.

In the Sept. 2 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*, we read that "Baptist leaders . . . met . . . to learn how to extend 'conservative' control to the state convention level." The article also stated that "... 'how to' strategies were shared . . ." for the purpose of influencing every level of denominational life.

In the same issue, we read of a meeting of the National Affairs Briefing attended by and participated in by many of the same Baptist leaders in attendance at the other. This meeting purporting to be non-denominational and non-partisan nevertheless gave thinly-veiled to outright endorsement to incumbent President

George Bush. This apparently was done because someone sees "... the need for conservative Christians and others with a Biblical world view to take part in a battle to save the family and country from secularism."

I find the stated intent of these meetings odious and threatening. We as Baptists may need leading, but we don't need, nor will we permit controlling! Then to see those who would control us allied with partisan politics in an effort to extend that control into the very bodies of government, I find repugnant. If we want to guide the Baptist world and solve the ills of mankind, what's wrong with preaching the Gospel? It's time for Baptists to tell our leaders. "Preacher get out of politics - Politician get out of our pulpits."

Parker L. Hay
Dyersburg

Label-free

Long ago, I grew weary of being labeled with that pejorative term, "fundamentalist." To be sure, I am fundamental, but having lived in Texas, capitol of the "fundamentalists" in the fifties, I know what their spirit was. We "fundamentalists" have none of that spirit. "Fundamentalists" as I knew them, elected their "own" president, their "own" executive director, created their "own" literature, had their "own" meetings, created their "own" seminary, criticized "our" Co-operative Program, refused to use "our" mission channels, carped about "our" decisions, proselyted "our" members, and condemned "our" leaders. We fundamentals have none of those characteristics. The term does not apply to us. Please, Mr. Editor, do not apply it to us any more. Find a group it applies to, or let us just remove it from our Baptist vocabulary.

History will not look kindly on those who pulled away from the body and got off in their own lit-

tle bayou. History will prove the hurt of their boycott no redeeming quality at all. I don't wish to be remembered that way.

The "fundamentalists" I knew in Texas, in the fifties, did withdraw from the Annuity Board. They were honest! They were not coy about, "still being a Southern Baptist."

Clay J. Frazier, pastor
Alpha Church
Morristown 37814

■ We agree with the writer. The paper for several years has curtailed labeling of Christian brothers and sisters, even when using news from other sources. — Editor

Combined effort

Thank you for your recent article on our church's work in the Hurricane Andrew Relief effort. I would like to clarify one statement in that article. The article states that I contacted several organizations in our county whom I thought would be involved in disaster relief plans, but found none. In actuality, I contacted several organizations to see if they could use our donated tractor-trailer, and no one could use it. Our county was, and still is, extremely involved in disaster relief. The Hardeman County Association of Baptists had a relief team serving meals in Florida for several weeks. Many of our churches donated items to be taken by our truck to Louisiana. Our WMUs gathered several hundred care packages. I wish to make it known that without the help of the Hardeman County Association of Baptists, its WMUs, and its churches, our effort would not have been possible.

Mark Mangrum, pastor
First Church
Whiteville 38075

Association 'does missions'

PARIS — During the past year the theme of Western District Association has been "Missions, Just Do It."

And, during the past month, the association has done it, through relief assistance to hurricane victims in Florida, and other avenues, according to Director of Missions Bill Smith.

The association made contact with First Church, West Palm Beach, and discovered the needs. The churches in the association and community responded with enough personal items, food, water, and building supplies to fill an "eighteen wheeler."

In addition, Smith and his wife, Betty, along with Leroy and Kay Parish joined others from Tennessee to work in Houma, La., with the Ten-

nessee Emergency Child Care Unit.

The association also completed a second missions project in September. That project was held in cooperation with Clinton Association. Because of the economic situation in the area, the Briceville mission was in need of coats, blankets, and shoes. The churches in Western District Association responded by collecting 1314 pairs of shoes, 1085 coats, 219 blankets, plus 84 sweaters.

The churches also have been involved personally with members serving on foreign fields as well as across America during the past year.

Members of the association have lived out their theme by "just doing missions," Smith said. □

Church growth — catch word or Biblical reality?

When we discuss church growth, one of the facets usually concerns the ideal size of the church body. How do we determine whether the church should just grow with no guidelines or restraints, whether it should find the appropriate mid-size, or should it aim for mega-church status?

The decision may be made by whim or by a simple vote of the congregation without study or seeking to find out where God is working. That's not the best way, of course. There are few success stories where church growth is trammled.

What is meant by the term "church growth?" Do we mean the spiritual or numerical growth of a single church body? Does the term refer to growth of churches in a certain area, such as an association? Is church growth the vision of Baptists when we talk about moving into frontier territory? Is it a reference to the expanding well-being of the church as Christ established it?

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

At a leadership brainstorming last week between a group of Tennessee and Michigan leaders, some ideas about church planting and church growth were explored. The message seemed loud and clear. New churches must not fall into the trap of those older

and established churches where there have been years of random activity with little growth — either spiritually or numerically. And, it was discovered that numerical growth in the local church does not always translate as spiritual growth. We do not necessarily find how to know and do God's will simply because we grow larger and develop an ever-increasing number of activities that please the people but have little to do with Kingdom-centered growth.

Two decades ago Billy Graham's *Decision* magazine studied some of the "great" churches in America and learned ten significant facts about them. These well-established principles seem to govern real church growth — and should not be ignored.

Prayer — These churches placed great emphasis on prayer. Nothing of importance happened in church life without prayer. Prayer was a part of the pattern of concern in everything. Prayer retreats, prayer breakfasts, prayer rooms, cottage prayer meetings, all underscored other and more common prayer methods.

Witnessing — There was a strong group of the church body active in sharing a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ with others. This included individuals, small groups, visitation, and within the church family.

Conversions — People were actually being

saved — often and regularly. There was a sense of wonder, "Who will be next?"

Joy — The people liked to go into the church house; it was a good place to be. Their lives were planned around the church. Outside activities played second fiddle.

Scripture — The church's entire educational program was built around the Bible. Everyone was learning about God's Word in Sunday School Bible study, and the church staff, beginning with the pastor, preached the Bible and lived out its message. People were learning about Biblical doctrine through intense and invigorating discipleship training. The Bible was a living tool and was used as such. The absolute authority of the Scripture was accepted in these churches.

Tennessee Baptists, in looking closely at these governing principles for great churches probably see much in common with their churches. We also may see from these examples some emphases that we can use locally and at other levels.

Certainly we can accept these principles as non-negotiables. We will look at five additional principles in a future edition. Churches that grow toward spiritual maturity see these foundational guides as basic to growth. And when there is spiritual growth, the ensuing numerical growth might well be realized in church planting. □

one word more
by Wm. Fletcher Allen
editor

Life is not fair

Not many persons can stand stoically in the face of life's sternest storms without wavering or complaining. Life is not fair. God's plan for each of us is without blemish and extraordinarily fair.

Christians know the fallacy of believing for even one moment that life is fair. People without Christ know it also — and wonder why. They may make flimsy excuses about the exigencies of life, and shift their share of the blame onto Christ himself. Have you ever heard someone sincerely accuse God of fickleness or meanness when something unfair happens?

It's like putting a coin into the gambling machine and expecting the silver to pour into your over-size bag. Did you ever see someone stand with disappointment etched on their face when they expected something to come from nothing?

The man stood at the soft drink machine. He put in his money and pushed the button. The can came down the chute. He picked it up — only to find that he had been given a drink he did not want.

Life is filled with mistakes like these, caused by the mechanical marvels and computerized devices we deal with daily. Some are humorous, others are not. Life is not fair — but the Creator and Master of the universe is quintessentially fair, and he never makes a mistake. He permits his natural laws to operate — with rare exception, and many of those exceptions are documented in the Bible.

Murrill Boinott, pastor of Way-side Church in Miami has a good approach. Even after the havoc wrought by Hurricane Andrew a few weeks ago, he could stand before his congregation and pray, "Thank you, God, for the hurricane. Thank you for the mess, the stench; for readjusting our priorities. Don't let us rebuild the same — in temporal things that can be destroyed by the next hurricane."

He told the people that Christ will not assess us by what we have accumulated in our houses but what we have done with our lives. He said other things too, but he stressed the accountability we have, the compassion of Christ which should dominate our lives, and his commission of reconciliation for us to be more concerned about people than things.

If we push the right button — choosing right — we will get the right drink, eternal life. Adversity, so impartial and unfair, will not be able to conquer.



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Healing the sick — the call of Baptist hospitals

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

Start with a miracle

A group of sparrows, while flying south, rested outside Atlanta. As they were about to leave, their leader noticed one of them was missing. They waited for several hours but he did not join them. When they had given up hope and about decided to depart without him, he flew into the camp, crippled and bloody. "Thanks for waiting! Sorry to be late but I got caught in a badminton game in Philadelphia and thought I'd never get out!"

Take this truth with you

Do you ever feel the world has "ganged up on you," caught you in its clutches, and is beating you to death? Perhaps you're involved in some unnecessary things! You can't be everywhere and do everything. If you don't have time to do it, God doesn't want you to do it. Why not examine your activities today and see if you could improve the quality of your life by reducing the quantity of things you are trying to do?

Memorize this Scripture

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

Pray this prayer

Help me to avoid the frantic pace that threatens my spiritual stability and exhausts my inner resources. May I find security in the realization that I can do God's will and be a fulfilled person without tearing my hair or pushing myself to the edge of the precipice. □

When Christ commissioned seventy disciples and sent them ahead of him "on mission," he gave them certain marching orders. Theirs was not to be an ordinary assignment; it would be unusual, something the people could appreciate with astonishment and yet realize their experiences with the disciples would be uncommon.

New standards for compassion would be established. Their observations scarcely would be believed without hard evidence. Couched carefully in those instructions, Jesus told the disciples to be concerned about the physical wellbeing of those they met. About the very first town and its people, Jesus said, among other things, "Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

In other places and on other days, Jesus healed people — the

son of the Nain widow, Peter's mother-in-law, Lazarus, and in many Scriptures we read how he healed the broken bodies, the wounded hearts, the sick minds of those around him.

October 18 is a day designated to honor the healing ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Many churches will observe Baptist Hospital Day. Three Baptist health care systems are recognized as being among the best healing institutions in Tennessee. Baptist Health Care System Inc. of Nashville, Baptist Memorial Health Care System Inc. of Memphis, and Baptist Health Care System of East Tennessee Inc., Knoxville, provide superlative health care for Tennessee Baptists and many others.

We urge Tennessee Baptists to lift up in prayer the three health care systems. They provide excellent health care with dedica-

tion, concern, and Christian compassion. Especially on October 18 these three should be on our prayer lists. For all the healing time spent in so many specializations and ordinary care, the hospitals spend countless extra hours in keeping up the highest standards and finding better ways to do all their task demands of them.

If you know any hospital people by name, pray for them earnestly and pray for all hospital employees. Even as they bless many, many Tennessee Baptists with the best of health care, prayer is that lowly but highly esteemed tool for the Christian. Pray for the hospitals. They have the best and most modern equipment, they have the best facilities, and they have the best people working there. □

Executive Committee, BJC discuss fund

By Marty Croll
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of a \$300,000 building fund will hang in limbo while representatives from the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs engage in talks aiming to sidestep a court spectacle.

Messengers at the 1992 Southern Baptist Convention in June voted to eliminate the building account bearing the BJC's name and give the SBC Executive Committee authority to disburse the money.

During their annual meeting Oct. 5 in Washington, BJC members agreed to postpone deciding how to recover the money from the SBC — or whether to try. They

also voted to allow their executive committee to accept or reject the outcome of any dialogue with the SBC about the money.

Oliver S. Thomas, general counsel for the Washington-based religious liberty organization of nine Baptist bodies, had threatened to sue for the money. But Thomas said just before the meeting that such talk is premature for now because he and the BJC's board chairman have been invited by SBC representatives to "sit down with them ... look one another in the eye and talk."

The messengers' vote decided who owns the money, stressed Executive Committee attorney Jim Guenther in a phone interview after the BJC meeting. Still, the Executive Committee wants to "do anything appropriate" that would prevent one religious enti-

ty from forcing another to act against its will. "That kind of intervention would be disturbing," he said.

Questioned whether the messengers' vote gave the Executive Committee authority to disburse money back to the BJC, Guenther replied: "That would be a matter the Executive Committee could consider, but whether they will or not, I don't know."

Thomas made a "strong pitch" to the convention to settle the dispute out of court through Christian reconciliation led by a facilitator — a simple, inexpensive, Scriptural approach that the SBC so far has rejected, he said. About the invitation to talk, Thomas said: "I am very pleased. I hope we will come to a meeting of the minds." □

■ the churches

■ **Blairland Church, Loudon**, began revival Oct. 11 led by Pete Mullins, pastor of East Athens Church, Athens. Services will conclude Oct. 15.

■ Revival began Oct. 11 at **Parkview Church, Jackson**. Pat Kough will be evangelist and John Norville will lead music for the services concluding Oct. 16.

■ Roy Mullins, pastor of Sunrise Church, Bulls Gap, was evangelist for revival Oct. 4-11 at **Whitesburg Church, Whitesburg**.

■ Homecoming will be Oct. 18 at **Blue Springs Church, Rutledge**.

■ **Central Heights Church, Dandridge**, will begin revival Oct. 18. The senior adult choir from First Church, Guthrie, Okla., under the direction of John Godby will perform during morning worship.

■ Revival will be Oct. 18-21 at **White Oak Church, Chattanooga**. Elmer Foust will be evangelist and Doug Hines will be music director.

■ Members of **Parkway Church, Knoxville**, will be in revival Oct. 18-21.

■ Keith Walker, Home Mission Board, will lead members of **First Church, Lawrenceburg**, in a Soul Winning Workshop Oct. 24. Revival will begin Oct. 25 and continue through Oct. 28 with full-time evangelist Phil Waldrop from Alabama and music director Phil Romine.

■ Members of **Indian Springs Church, Kingsport**,

will participate in a Sunday School revival Oct. 23-25. Bill Love will be evangelist.

■ Revival services will be held Oct. 18-21 at **First Church, Dandridge**.

■ John Phillips, Moody Bible Institute; Bobby Moore, pastor of Broadway Church, Olive Branch, Miss.; Billy Smith, pastor of Ridgeway Church, Memphis; and Jack May, founder of Ministries that Matter Evangelistic Association, Memphis, will lead a fall Bible conference Oct. 18-21 at **Hopewell Church, Savannah**.

■ Members of **Georgian Hills Church, Memphis**, will participate in a lay renewal weekend Oct. 23-25.

■ The congregation of **Fort Sanders Church, Knoxville**, will celebrate homecoming Oct. 18. Wayne McMillan will speak during morning worship, which will be followed by a potluck luncheon.

■ Members of **Kensington Church, Memphis**, will celebrate the church's 35th anniversary Oct. 18. Jeff Paxton will preach, followed by a fellowship luncheon.

■ Benny Jackson will lead revival Oct. 25-28 at **John Sevier Church, Knoxville**.

■ T. T. Crabtree will lead revival Oct. 23-25 at **Bethel Church, Humboldt**.

■ Randy Wheeler will lead revival Oct. 19-23 at **Lavinia Church, Lavinia**.

■ **Smyrna Church, Humboldt**, will be in revival Oct. 25-28 with evangelist Donnie Long.

■ Charles Pinkerton, former director of missions in Tennessee and now a pastor in Florida, will lead revival Oct. 18-21 at **Woodbine Church, Nashville**. Kent Arrendell, Nashville, will lead music.

■ the leaders

■ **Hillcrest Church, Clarksville**, recently named **Marvin E. Hines Sr.**, as pastor emeritus. Hines retired from the pastorate of Hillcrest Church in 1985 after serving 14 years.

■ **First Church, Cowan**, Pastor **J. D. May** recently retired.

■ **Grace Church, Tullahoma**, recently called **Jimbo Miller** as associate pastor.

■ **Joe Brooks** is the new pastor of Benton Station Church, Benton.

■ Members of **Cedar Springs Church, Cleveland**, recently welcomed new pastor **Wayne Cooper**.

■ **Chris Taylor** recently accepted the pastorate of Mountain View Church, Benton.

■ **Minnow Branch Church, Lynnville**, called **Kenneth Jones** as pastor.

■ **Danny Jones** is the new pastor of Richland Church, Lynnville.

■ **Grace Church, Elizabethton**, recently called **Bill Greene** as associate pastor and music and education minister. He will be ordained to the Gospel ministry Oct. 25 at Fairview Church, Watauga. He formerly served at Unaka Church, John-

son City.

■ **Ron Grimes** is the new pastor of Valley View Church, Church Hill.

■ **Jesse Williams** recently retired from the pastorate of Bordeaux Church, Nashville, and has moved back to his home state of Alabama. The church called **Alex Bledsoe** as pastor.

■ **Danny A. Bright** has resigned from the staff of Memorial Church, Maryville, to enter full-time music evangelism. He is currently staff music evangelist at Bethel Church, Shelby, N.C.

■ Members of **Hobson Pike Church, Hermitage**, recently welcomed new music director **Cheryl Lewis**. Lewis is employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board as an assistant editor of *Student* magazine.

■ **Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis**, recently ordained **Jerry B. Bradley Jr.** to the Gospel ministry. The Cleveland native is a student at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and is minister of youth and visitation at Poplar Avenue Church.

■ Former Baptist Sunday School Board employee **Ken Jordan** and his wife **Kathy** have begun a new ministry called **ChangePoint**. The couple is available to churches for family enrichment and leadership conferences, retreats, or training sessions. The Jordans were creators of "Couple Time" featured in *Home Life* and were designers of Covenant Marriage, a Southern Baptist marriage enrichment program. The Jordans are members of Brentwood



OLD BETHEL CHURCH, Palmersville, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Former pastors and their families were recognized during the morning service and several special presentations were made. Here, Weakley County Association Director of Missions Richard Skidmore presents a plaque on behalf of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society to Pastor Tony Michael, left.

Church, Brentwood. They may be called at (615) 383-4670.

■ **Johnny Young** is the new pastor of Calvary Church, Fayetteville. He formerly served as pastor of Eastwood Church, Cookeville.

■ **Roger Soloman** is the new minister of music at Calvary Church, Lenoir City.

■ **James Greene**, minister of music at Sullivan Church, Kingsport, was ordained as deacon Sept. 27. He has been music minister at the church for 15 years.

■ **Lawrence Dee Burks** has resigned as pastor of First Church, Goodlettsville, to accept a pastorate in Texas.

Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

Faith in God

Joe Chandler
associate director of missions
Knox County Association

Sometimes it is hard for us to go on day after day. The past has its ways of intruding upon each day. Something always reminds us of our inadequacies, our failures, and of the disastrous events and activities that have occurred. These make us feel guilty and threatened.

The way out of this feeling is to trust God and come to realize true forgiveness. We must recognize that God has covered the past with his grace. The past is not forgiven because we repent. We repent because the past is forgiven.

He wants us to come to him with all our concerns and problems of the past, present, and future. We can have confidence in Him even when we have little confidence in much else.

God does give us answers to our deepest questions concerning our existence. He doesn't

give us proof texts — he gives us himself.

Our past, present, and future are taken care of by God. He forgives us and takes our hands: your hand and mine, and bids us to go the next step with him in faith.

Learning to worship

Allan Lockerman, pastor
First Church, Cleveland

One of my favorite hymns begins with these words, "Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God." The central emphasis of every church must be worship. Worship is the only thing we can offer God that God cannot provide for himself.

There is nothing that we can give to God that God does not already own. There is no service we can render to the Lord that he could not do better himself. There is no witness that we could give that he could not communicate in a better way.

The only thing that we can give to him that he cannot pro-

vide for himself, is worship. Worship is the heart of all we do. Evangelism begins with worship. Ministry flows from worship. Stewardship depends on worship.

The question is, what is worship? Many seem to think that worship is anything we do in the sanctuary of the church. The truth is, worship need not be in a sanctuary at all. And also, sometimes that which we do in the sanctuary is not worship.

What does worship involve? There are four primary elements of worship.

Adoration occurs when we focus on the nature of God.

Celebration occurs when we focus on the grace of God.

Edification occurs when we focus on the people of God.

Education occurs when we focus on the Word of God.

Adoration requires reverence and awe. Celebration requires freedom and spontaneity. Edification requires fellowship and love. Education requires thinking and submission.

Here's how you can help the

worship of our church. Come to church with an attitude of reverence, knowing that you are entering into a sacred time with God. When you enter the sanctuary, be warm and friendly to those around you.

When the Word of God is being taught, have an open mind and a submissive heart. Worship can be and should be the most exciting event of your week.

Being involved

Kenny Cooper, pastor
Bellevue Church, Nashville

As we launch a new church year, we have every reason to be optimistic about what can be accomplished for our Lord. Many plans have been made by our leadership team to equip us to carry out the mission of our church. We are calling every member of our church family to be involved. Here are some suggestions for us all.

Be involved by attending. Our attendance in Sunday School, worship, and other meetings of

the church is an encouragement to one another, as well as a help to each one of us.

Be involved by giving. Our tithes and offerings are indications of our gratitude to God for his blessings and the means of support to do his work. Our giving either limits or enhances the accomplishment of our mission.

Be involved by sharing. Our witness is the single most important influence in getting the unchurched to church. Statistics have proven that most people come to church because someone asked them to come. Our witness is also important in leading people to faith in Christ. We can commit ourselves to be available to God to share with those we encounter day by day.

Be involved by growing. Our inner spiritual lives need nurturing. We help one another do that in our worship and in our fellowship.

I am genuinely excited about the new church year. We are celebrating 20 years of ministry this year. Let's make it the best year ever — to the glory of God.

Gatlinburg hosts 118th TBC session Nov. 17-18

Messengers to consider \$27.1 million budget, constitution and bylaws changes, reports

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
Baptist and Reflector

The Tennessee Baptist Convention meets Nov. 17-18 in Gatlinburg at the new Gatlinburg Convention Center. A larger than usual crowd of messengers is expected for the first meeting of James Porch, newly-elected executive director, Executive Board, TBC.

The last time the convention was held in the east Tennessee mountain

Along with Bibles, suitcases, motions

■ Lodging at discounted rates is still available by contacting Pat Mulloy at the Baptist Center, (615) 373-2255 ext. 4048, or Ambassador Incentive Plus, 2020 21st Avenue, S., Nashville, Tenn. 37212, (800) 489-2004, (615) 385-2000, or FAX- (615) 269-4574.

■ Childcare for children birth through five years of age will be provided at First Church, Gatlinburg.

■ The resort area will provide everything a conventioneer could want, noted Marvin Cameron, local arrangements director. In addition to shopping and restaurants, visitors should tour the Smoky Mountain National Park, he noted.

■ Although free parking is not available at the convention center, most motels are a seven to ten minute walk away. Conventioners also can park free of charge at the Chamber of Commerce on Parkway and the Gatlinburg City Library on Cherokee Orchard Rd. Convention center lots are about \$3 a day.

■ Tennessee Baptists who wish to be a voting participant of the convention must follow several guidelines. Find details on next page.

■ Registered messengers may make motions or offer resolutions.

✓ Submit motions in writing and copies to the presiding officer and recording secretary.

✓ Make motions concerning amendments to bylaws on the first day.

✓ Present resolutions prior to the Tuesday afternoon miscellaneous business session.

✓ When presenting, only read the title; provide the full resolution in writing to presiding officer, recording secretary, and Committee on Resolutions. □

resort city, it was 1971 and W. Fred Kendall celebrated his 15th anniversary as executive secretary (director). Heyward Highfill, pastor of First Church, Clinton, was convention president, and Charles Maples, First Church, Gatlinburg, was host pastor.

E.B. Bowen, pastor of First Church, Bolivar, preached the convention sermon (1 Cor. 15:1-11), and Wallace Anderson was in his 12th year as convention secretary. Now director of program services, TBC, Anderson still holds the position of recording secretary.

Prior to that 1971 session, Tennessee Baptists had met in Gatlinburg only two other years, 1959 and 1962.

When the convention last met in the eastern part of the state, registration reached a new peak with 2031 messengers on hand at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville. The two previous years saw 1740 registered (Nashville) and 1576 (Memphis). The 1971 registration for Gatlinburg was 1500.

During the 1971 Gatlinburg convention, W. Fred Kendall announced his resignation effective at the end of 1972. In other convention action that year, messengers voted to refer to the Executive Board's Education Committee a motion to "discontinue the secondary education program at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy" for study and recommendation.

Budget presented

The 1992-93 budget proposed by the Executive Board carries a recommendation to reduce the Cooperative Program allocations for Harrison-Chilhowee as well as the three Tennessee Baptist colleges - Carson-

Newman, Belmont, and Union.

Convention President Ron Phillips has named Frank Ingraham, a Franklin attorney and member of First Church, Franklin, as parliamentarian. Phillips is pastor of Central Church Hixson, Chattanooga, and also serves as chairman of the Home Mission Board trustees.

Other convention officers include Clint Oakley, retired Memphis pastor, first vice president; Gary Anderson Sr., pastor of First Church, Dunlap, second vice president; Wallace Anderson, recording and statistical secretary; and Dan Ferrell, interim registration secretary. Anderson and Ferrell are employed by the Executive Board, Brentwood.

The convention continues its recently instituted "streamlined" program of just two full days of sessions. Beginning with President Phillips' call to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, the convention is scheduled to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday after a concluding message by Harry Piland, Sunday School Board.

Theme for the two-day session is "I Will Lift up Mine Eyes."

Phillips will bring the president's message at 8:35 p.m. on Tuesday. Jack Prince, retired pastor of West Hills Church in Knoxville, now a volunteer staff member in the Washington, D.C., office of the Baptist Joint Committee, will preach the convention sermon at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Bill Wilson, interim executive director and director of the TBC's Convention Ministries Division, presents the treasurer's report and the 1993 TBC budget recommendation at 9:35 on Tuesday morning. Don

Givens, president of the Executive Board, gives the first segment of the Executive Board report at 10 a.m.

Miscellaneous business sessions are scheduled for 10:55 Tuesday morning, 2:55 p.m. Tuesday; and 2:25 Wednesday afternoon.

There are three time slots on Wednesday for election of convention officers - 9:50 and 10:45 a.m., and 2:15 p.m.

The 1993 TBC budget recommended by the Executive Board for messengers' approval is \$1,131,638 less than the 1992 budget of \$28,290,960. The board accepted the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$27,159,322. This total includes \$9,739,066 allocated to the Southern Baptist Convention, which has been reduced by \$1,188,479 from the current budget.

Almost every area of convention work has been reduced substantially so that the goal of achieving the budget is more realistic. Last year's recommendation from the Executive Board was raised substantially from the floor during a lengthy discussion on how to equalize CP allocations for Belmont, Union, and Carson-Newman. As a result, the \$28.2 million budget has been a tough challenge for the churches.

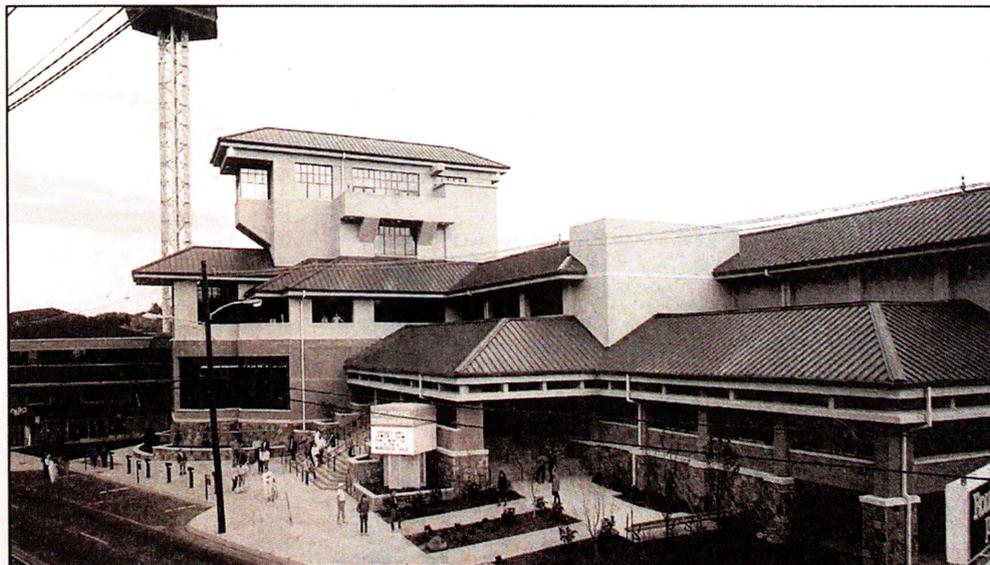
Packed program

A theme interpretation will be given at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday by Betsy Adkins, associate BSU director, University of Tennessee. A reception is scheduled after the Tuesday evening session (9:05) for TBC employees who have retired during the year.

Other reports, actions, and special events include:

■ Tuesday morning - Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems.
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Return of Christ is theme of 1992 TBC Pastors' Conference

The 1992 Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference features Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Young and a host of Tennessee pastors.

Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston, will give the final message Nov. 16 at the conference which meets prior to the annual TBC meeting in Gatlinburg. Like the convention, the pastors' meeting will be held in the Gatlinburg Civic Center.

Other speakers include J.C. Parrott, pastor, Sunnyside Church, Kingsport; Steve Pearson, pastor, First Church, Spring City; Carl Scarlett, pastor, Miracle Church, LaVergne; Billy Edmonds, pastor, Pleasant Grove Church, Coalfield; George Williams, retired pastor, Clinton; Jerry Spencer, pastor from Dothan, Ala.; Don Whitt, pastor, First Church, Milan; Harold Hunter, evangelist, Nashville; and Don Long, pastor of Chamberlain Memorial Church, Chattanooga, and president of the pastors' group.

Sam McElroy of First Church, Milan, is serving as music director. In addition to performances from several Tennessee Baptist church choirs, Lois Jane of Gallatin will present a concert during the evening session.

The theme of the Pastors' Conference is "Until Christ Returns," said Long.

The Chattanooga pastor said he tried to schedule a program that would "encourage and challenge" the pastors.

Long also said he intentionally scheduled a lot of Tennessee pastors as speakers. "Some of the best

preachers in the land live here in Tennessee," Long said. He added that he tried to reach from all areas of the state in scheduling the program.

New officers for the conference will be elected during the afternoon session. □

Conference speakers



Ed Young



Billy Edmonds



Harold Hunter



Don Long



J. C. Parrott



Carl Scarlett

Day's events

Morning Session – 9:15 to noon

Pre-service music
Welcome, Invocation
Message – J. C. Parrott
Praise in song
Message – Steve Pearson
Praise in song
Message – Carl Scarlett
Special music
Message – Billy Edmonds
Benediction – Ed North

Afternoon Session – 1:10-4:30 p.m.

Pre-service music
Welcome
Special music
Message – George Williams
Special music
Message – Jerry Spencer
Election of officers
Praise in song
Special music
Message – Don Whitt
Special music
Message – Harold Hunter
Benediction – Raye Maddox

Evening Session – 6-9 p.m.

Pre-service music
Special music
Scripture and invocation – Ronald Guthrie
Let's Build a Giant Church – Bob Siits
Praise in song
Introduction of president
Special music
President's message – Don Long
Recognition of officers and Annuity Board presentation
Presentation of new officers
Benediction – Jerry Sulton



Don Whitt



G. Williams

Woman's Missionary Union sets 'Missions Extravaganza'

The annual meeting of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will be unlike any in recent history, reported Executive Director Katharine Bryan. She encouraged all Tennessee Baptists to consider attending one or more events, which will be held Nov. 16 prior to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Gatlinburg.

It will begin with a brunch at the Gatlinburg Convention Center to honor outgoing President Carol Pharris of Lebanon. Pharris has served the organization in the volunteer capacity since 1987. The brunch is in the Mills Auditorium Exhibit Area.

A session of worship, study, and business will follow in the Mills Auditorium.

The theme of the meeting will be introduced – "Challenged ... Renewed ... Sent." Bryan explained it is from the hymn, "Stir Your Church, Oh God Our Father." The hymn writer called for a "commitment to the task which must be done" by being renewed "to a way of life in thee." The verses of the hymn also note Christians should be sent "into the world around us with thy Scripture, thy Word," Bryan added.

Christian missionaries who are serving will report on their work, including three young women – Liz Pearson, WMU Executive Director, Baptist Convention of New York; Susan McCrary, church planter apprentice in Atlanta; and Betty Lynn Cadle, WMU Executive Director, Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

Also during this session officers for the upcoming year will be elected and Carol Pharris will give the President's message.

Instead of a regular session in the afternoon, a prayer experience will be led by former Tennessee WMU President Judy Trivette of Knoxville. Trivette is Chile/Tennessee Prayer Coordinator for the Chile/Tennessee Baptist Partnership. She will be

assisted by Bill and Kate Carter of Johnson City, who recently retired as missionaries to Chile. The prayer experience will be held at First Church, Gatlinburg.

The finale is the Missions Extravaganza held back at Mills Auditorium at the convention center. It will include a dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Participants will hear informal presentations by Tennessee missions volunteers, 1993 Tennessee Acteens Panelists, and others. Keith Parks, recently retired president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., will speak to the entire gathering.

Tickets are available for the brunch at \$5 and for the dinner during the "Missions Extravaganza" for \$12. They may be ordered through Nov. 9 by sending a check to Tennessee WMU, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024-0728. □



Keith Parks



Liz Pearson



S. McCrary



Betty L. Cadle

To register for TBC –

Registration for messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention will begin Monday, Nov. 16, at 2:30 p.m., reported Dan Ferrell, TBC interim registration secretary. It will be located near the entrance to Hall C on the lower level of the convention center.

The Committee on Credentials reminds messengers of the following:

- ✓ Baptists who are chosen by state churches are messengers. A maximum of ten, including the pastor, can be sent.
- ✓ Only one name should appear on the messenger card.
- ✓ Be sure the messenger card is completed and signed by the moderator or church clerk.
- ✓ Visitors may register to receive a program.
- ✓ The TBC constitution does not provide for alternates.
- ✓ If lost, ballots and name badges cannot be replaced. □

Day's events

9-10 a.m.

Brunch honoring Carol Pharris, Tennessee WMU President, 1987-92, tickets – \$5

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session

2-3:15 p.m.

Prayer Experience directed by Judy Trivette, Chile/Tennessee Prayer Coordinator

6:30 p.m.

Missions Extravaganza – Message by Keith Parks
Missions presentations
Special guests – Mission Friends leaders and newly elected officers
Italian dinner, tickets – \$12

November 17

Tuesday morning session 8:45-11:55 a.m.

Minister of music – Mike Bundon
Organist – Carla Hawkins
Pianist – Gale Anderson

Pre-session music
 Call to Order – Ron Phillips
 Scripture and prayer – James Fulton Moore
 Organization of Convention – Committee on Credentials – Kenny Cooper, Committee on Arrangements – Archie King
 Congregational singing
 Welcome – Marvin Cameron
 President's announcements – Ron Phillips
 Treasurer's report and presentation of budget – Bill Wilson
 Report of Executive Board – Don Givens

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc. – J. L. Ford
 Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems – Dale Collins
Baptist and Reflector – Fletcher Allen
 Miscellaneous business
 Congregational singing – Jerry Neely
 Special music – First Church, Gatlinburg
 Theme interpretation – Betsy Adkins, associate BSU director, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 Benediction

Tuesday afternoon session 1:50-4:15 p.m.

Minister of music – Bob Chambers
Organist – Karen Hill
Pianist – Mary Ann Trentham

Pre-session music
 Congregational singing
 Scripture and prayer – Hollis Marshall
 Recognition of new pastors/new church staff – James Porch

Other activities:

Monday –

9:30 a.m. Pastors' Conference, Gatlinburg Convention Center Lower Gallery, Grand Hall C
 9-10 a.m. Brunch for WMU President, Mills Auditorium Exhibit Area
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Woman's Missionary Union, Mills Auditorium
 1 p.m. Committee on Credentials, Room 21
 1 p.m. Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Room 11
 1:25 p.m. Pastors' Conference, Lower Gallery, Grand Hall C
 1:30 p.m. Committee on Boards, Room 10
 1:30 p.m. Committee on Committees, Room 9
 2 p.m. Registration, Lower Gallery
 3:30 p.m. Executive Board, Rooms 5-7
 4:30 p.m. Program Subcommittee of Committee on Arrangements, Room 11
 5:30 p.m. Committee on Arrangements, Room 10
 5:30 p.m. Committee on Resolutions, Room 9
 6 p.m. Church Music Conference Banquet, First Church, Jefferson City
 6-15 p.m. Pastors' Conference, Gatlinburg Convention Center
 6:30 p.m. WMU Missions Extravaganza, Mills Auditorium

Tuesday –

7:30 a.m. TBC Presidents' Breakfast, Room 9
 7:30 a.m. Tennessee Cluster Coordinators and Leadership Breakfast, Pancake Pantry, 628 Parkway
 noon Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 noon Southwestern Seminary Luncheon, Log Cabin Pancake House, Pigeon Forge
 4:15 p.m. Committee on Resolutions, Room 9
 5 p.m. Annuitants Dinner, Ramada Inn
 5 p.m. Belmont University Alumni and Friends Dinner, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 5 p.m. Union University Alumni and Friends Dinner, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 5:30 p.m. Carson-Newman College Alumni and Friends' Dinner, Mills Auditorium
 9:05 p.m. Reception for TBC Retirees, Upper Gallery

Wednesday –

6:30 a.m. *Baptist and Reflector* Joggers' Jubilee
 7:30 a.m. Institution Leadership Breakfast, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 7:30 a.m. Home Mission Board Fellowship Breakfast, Holiday Inn, Airport Road
 noon Southern Seminary Luncheon, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 noon New Orleans Seminary Luncheon, Days Inn/Glenstone Lodge
 1 p.m. Baptist Homes for Retarded Adults, Baptist Homes for Exceptional Persons, and Christians Homes for Retarded Individuals meeting, Room 16
 4:15 p.m. Executive Board, Rooms 5-7
 4:15 p.m. Committee on Resolutions, Room 9

Theme: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Convention officers:
President – Ron Phillips
Vice President – Clint Oakley
Second Vice President – Gary Anderson Sr.
Recording and Statistical Secretary – Wallace Anderson
Interim Registration Secretary – Dan Ferrell
Treasurer – James Porch
Music Coordinator – Julian Suggs
Parliamentarian – Frank Ingraham

Ministers' Aid Committee – Dwight Hobbs
 Church Staff Compensation Study Committee – Kenny Beam
 Executive director's report – James Porch
 Miscellaneous business
 Congregational singing – Tim Sanderson
 Special music – First Church, Pigeon Forge
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee – James Robertson
 Convention Ministries Division – Bill Wilson
 Benediction

Election of officers
 Congregational singing – Peter Ambrose
 Special music – West Hills Church, Knoxville
 Convention sermon – Jack Prince
 Benediction

Wednesday afternoon session 2-4:25 p.m.

Minister of music – Tracy Wilson
Organist – Mary Charlotte Ball
Pianist – Louis Ball

Congregational singing
 Scripture and prayer – Dorothy Adams
 Committee on Arrangements – Archie King
 Election of officers
 Miscellaneous business
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee – James Robertson
 Committee on Audits
 Congregational singing – Jeff Story
 Tennessee Baptist Foundation – Earl Wilson
 Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes – Gerald Stow
 Committee on Boards – Ken Altom
 Committee on Committees – Gerry Claybrook
 Special music – Beaver Dam Church
 Historical Committee – James Witherington
 United Tennessee League – Wayman Jones
 Benediction

Tuesday evening session 6:45-9:05 p.m.

Minister of music – Tom Wickes
Organist – Kevin Bragg
Pianist – Mary McDonald

Tennessee Baptist Chorale – Julian Suggs
 Scripture and prayer – John Yarborough
 Congregational singing
 Tennessee Baptist Chorale
 Convention Ministries Division – Bill Wilson
 Recognition of retirees – Don Givens
 Congregational singing – Sam Wagner
 Introduction of president's family – Clint Oakley
 Special music – Central Church, Hixson
 President's address
 Benediction

Wednesday evening session 6:45-9:10 p.m.

Minister of music – Kevin Atkins
Organist – Douglas Manley
Pianist – Angela Asher

Pre-session music
 Congregational singing
 Scripture and prayer – Darrell Avery
 Committee on Resolutions – Mack Hannah
 Unfinished business
 Church Programs Division – Bill Wilson
 Presentation to outgoing officers – James Porch
 Presentation to incoming officers – Ron Phillips
 Congregational singing – Louis Ball
 Special music – Carson-Newman College
 Message – Harry Piland
 Benediction

November 18

Wednesday morning session 9-11:40 a.m.

Minister of music – Keith Touchton
Organist – Amy Duncan
Pianist – Lina Ambrose

Congregational singing
 Scripture and prayer – James Tilton
 Report of Executive Board and adoption of budget – Don Givens
 Election of officers
 Tennessee Baptist schools – Cordell Maddox
 Committee on Resolutions – Mack Hannah

Gatlinburg hosts 118th TBC session . . .

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Baptist and Reflector.

■ Tuesday afternoon — Recognition of new pastors and church staff, Ministers' Aid Committee, Church Staff Compensation Study Committee, executive director's report by James Porch, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Convention Ministries Division.

■ Tuesday evening — Convention Ministries Division continues, recognition of retirees, president's address.

■ Wednesday morning — Report of Executive Board and adoption of budget, election of officers (president), Tennessee Baptist schools (Carson-Newman, Union, Belmont, Harrison-Chilhowee) by Cordell Maddox, Committee on Resolutions, election of officers.

■ Wednesday afternoon — Committee on Arrangements, election of officers, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees,

Historical Committee.

■ Wednesday night — Committee on Resolutions, unfinished business, Church Programs Division, presentations to outgoing and new officers, message by Harry Piland.

Constitution, bylaws

Messengers will hear nine recommendations from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee which is chaired by James Robertson, pastor of Sharon Church, Knoxville. Several contain "housekeeping" and language clarifications. Recommendation 3 would adopt a new section under Bylaws, Article 1, named "Standing Rules," and states nine proce-

dural practices already used in parliamentary procedure. Another recommendation clarifies the manner in which resolutions are presented.

Recommendation 7 would amend Business and Financial Plan Article VI, deleting the paragraph: "Monies which have been requested to be withheld from Cooperative Program distribution to the institutions, etc., shall be placed in the Executive Board Reserve Fund until further action of the Executive Board." Recommendation 9 concerns the selection of convention

auditors for all institutions and the *Baptist and Reflector* "which receive Cooperative Program funds." The phrase in quotations is the recommended change.

Participants, planners

The Committee on Arrangements includes Archie King, chairman, Leslie Bruce, vice chairman; Mary Jane Allen, Gordon Crocker, Otis Hinton, Bobby Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Larry Parrott, Jeffrey Sames, David Simmons, Jerry Summers, Jerry Tidwell, Chris Ward, and Jerry Williams Jr.

Special music will be present-

ed by Clark Measles, minister of music, First Church, Gatlinburg; First Church, Pigeon Forge; Tennessee Baptist Chorus; Central Church Hixson; West Hills Church, Knoxville; and the Silvertones of Beaver Dam Church, Knoxville.

Julian Suggs, TBC Church Music Department director, is convention music director. Special music by Carson-Newman College students will be presented prior to the concluding message by Piland and adjournment of the 118th Annual Session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention on Wednesday night. □



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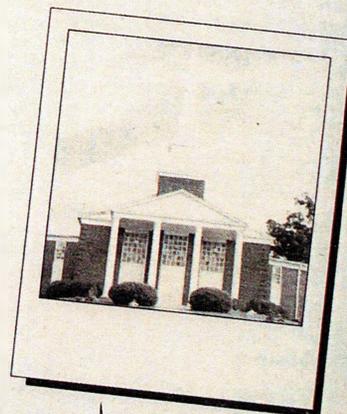
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Bold Face Type indicates person nominated for a full or an unexpired term. An asterisk (*) indicates nomination for a second term. TC indicates temporary chairman of committee.

All information is given by the Committee on Boards. Corrections are requested and are to be addressed to the TBC Executive Director's Office, (615) 373-2255, by November 1.

EXECUTIVE BOARD Term Expiring 1995 EAST

- Diane Jordan, First, Jefferson City*
- Gary Anderson, First, Dunlap*
- Bruce Hullette, Oak Grove, Mt. Carmel*
- Guy Milam, Springview, Maryville*
- John Yarbrough, Unaka Avenue, Johnson City
- Laurann Whetham, Corryton, Corryton*
- Danny Ruehling, New Union, Dayton*
- Dan Paris, Avondale, Chattanooga
- Ann Hale, Brainerd, Chattanooga*
- Tony Rutherford, North Port, Newport
- Franklin Hawkins, First, Kingsport
- Michael Hodges, Manley, Morristown

MIDDLE

- Dean Haun, First, Sparta*
- Paul Moody, First, Erin*
- Leonard Markham, Bluegrass, Hendersonville*
- Lee Barrett, Whitsett Chapel, Nashville*
- Ruth Agee, Fairview, Lebanon*
- John Compton, First, Dickson*
- Marshall Gupton, Una, Nashville
- Randall Rogers, First, Gordonsville
- Paul Durham, Radnor, Nashville

WEST

- Jerry Milam, Gibson, Gibson*
- Ken Story, Germantown, Germantown*
- Robert L. Armour, First, Troy*
- Jimmy Breedlove, Parkview, Jackson*
- Joe Littlefield, White Station, Memphis*
- Ronnie J. Wilburn, Meridian, Jackson
- Truman Spurgin, Munford, Munford*
- Ralph Thomas, First, Oakland
- Joe E. Franklin, First, Jackson
- Paul Barkley, Ardmore, Memphis
- Bill Robbins, Allen, Brownsville

Term Expiring 1994 EAST

- Sarah Farmer, Southwestern, Johnson City
- Wendell Boertje, Central, Bearden, Knoxville
- David Crocker, Central, Johnson City
- William Swafford, Magna View, Talbot
- Larry Williams, Ooltewah, Ooltewah
- Gary Gerhardt, First, Church Hill
- Anne Nolan, Signal Mountain, Signal Mountain
- Ron Owens, Grace, Elizabethton
- Doug White, Mt. Olive, Knoxville
- Charles Parker, First, Oliver Springs
- Wallace Parham, First, Chattanooga
- Randall Presnell, Haynes Flat,, Cumberland Gap

MIDDLE

- Ann Davenport, First, McMinnville
- Donald Owens, Immanuel, Lebanon
- Jerrell Sutton, Two Rivers, Nashville
- J. Mike Kemper, Green River, Waynesboro
- Wayne Markham, Lantana, Crossville
- Don Edwards, Southeast, Murfreesboro
- Eugene Cotey, First, Murfreesboro
- Bill Sherman, Woodmont, Nashville
- Lucille Hatfield, First, Jamestown
- Dan Arterburn, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage
- Richard Patton, First, Portland

WEST

- Mickey Basham, North Jackson, Jackson
- John Bedford, Beverly Hills, Memphis
- Franklin Samuels, Southland, Memphis
- David Bartholomew, First, Trimble
- Wilburn Nelson, Chapel Hill, Milan
- Wayne Perkins, First, Kenton
- G. Mike Thrower, Brunswick, Brunswick
- Howard S. Kolb, Audubon Park, Memphis
- Bill Wolfe, First, Counce
- Gary Watkins, First, Collierville

Term Expiring 1993 EAST

- Bobby Turner, West Hills, Knoxville
- Mattie Mullins, Gray Southern, Gray
- James McCluskey, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
- Earl McCosh, Central Heights, Dandridge
- Ray Sorrells, Calvary, Elizabethton
- Thomas Gatton, Second, Knoxville
- C. David Brown, Mine City, Ducktown
- Ralph Hooker, Shiloh, Ocoee
- Russ Dunham, First, LaFollette
- Oran Creasman, Eastanette, Riceville
- Gary Baker, First, Sweetwater
- Brenda Harris, North Cleveland, Cleveland

MIDDLE

- Ginger McAfee, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Juliet
- Tim Floyd, First, Columbia
- Bob Mowrey, Park Avenue, Nashville
- Garner Foster, First, Pulaski
- Roger Shelton, Haywood Hills, Nashville
- Jerry Oakley, Springfield, Springfield
- Christine Bess, Crieveewood, Nashville
- James Redding, Gracey Avenue, Clarksville
- David George, Immanuel, Nashville
- Mike Adams, First, Linden

WEST

- Hillard Goode, First, Humboldt
- Ron Davidson, First, Grand Junction
- M. B. Howard, Oak Grove, Covington
- Joseph H. Trybone, Hillcrest, Dyersburg
- Doug Baker, Parran's Chapel, Bolivar
- J. H. Patrick, Colonial, Memphis
- Lynn King, Maplewood, Paris
- Conyers Walker, First, Bruceton
- Don McCulley, First, Dresden
- Harold Maples, Ridgeway, Memphis

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

- ### Term Expiring 1995
- William E. Crook, Grace, Nashville*
 - Paul Jennings, Southeast, Murfreesboro*
 - Bruce Hammond, Brook Hollow, Nashville*
 - Robert G. Lamons, First, Jackson*

5. Earl E. Dausner, First, Selmer

- ### Term Expiring 1994
- J. Don Hill, Calvary, Kingsport
 - Samuel Dean, First, Clinton
 - Dewey Jones, Holly Grove, Brownsville
 - Roy G. Elliott, First, Jackson
 - Dan Early, Brentwood, Brentwood

- ### Term Expiring 1993
- Ron Buck, First, Goodlettsville
 - Calvin Metcalf, Central, (FC), Knoxville
 - Glenn Stophel, Brainerd, Chattanooga
 - Gladys C. Cowart, First, Pigeon Forge
 - Edward M. Smith, First, Franklin

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES INC.

- ### Term Expiring 1995
- William F. Mason, Meadowview, Georgetown*
 - Robert Spradlin, Cedar Fork, Philadelphia*
 - Ronnie Batchelor, First, Greenfield*
 - William A. Smith, Ridgeway, Memphis*
 - Clark Gross, First, Chattanooga*
 - Jeffrey Gamble, Hickory Grove, Huntland
 - Larry Parrott, MCPheeters Bend, Church Hill
 - Cathy Miller, Broadmoor, Memphis
 - Ivan Raley, Grassland Heights, Franklin

Term Expiring 1994

- Lana Settle, Trinity, Manchester
- Jack Roddy, Siam, Elizabethton
- Vivian Cunningham, Cedar Grove, Maryville
- Danny West, Litz Manor, Kingsport
- George Horton, Haywood Hills, Nashville
- Frank Ingraham, First, Franklin
- Hoyt Wilson, First, Lexington
- Talmadge Cribfield Sr., Macedonia, Ripley
- Roy Fisher, First, Donelson

Term Expiring 1993

- Mrs. Shirley Underwood, Central, Johnson City
- J. Edward North, First, Humboldt
- Jack Kay, Bartlett, Bartlett
- Louise Wilburn, First, Collierville
- Kenneth Newman, Inglewood, Nashville
- R. J. Hames, Brainerd, Chattanooga
- Greg Boston, First, Sparta
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- Servello Terry, Tabernacle, Clarksville

BELMONT UNIVERSITY

- ### Term Expiring 1995
- Ken Hubbard, First, Smyrna*
 - Terry Turner, Brentwood, Brentwood
 - Donna Hilley, Park Avenue, Nashville*
 - G. Fred Baldwin, First, Greenbrier*
 - W. Gerald Ezell, First, Nashville
 - Norman Jerre Richards, Oak Valley, Franklin
 - Jerry Tracey, First, Manchester
 - Joel Jackson, First, Clarksville
 - Donald Dixon, Highland, Tallahoma*
 - Ginnie Thornton, Glendale, Nashville
 - D. Ed Moody, First, Franklin
 - William Albright, Tusculum, Nashville
 - Randall Baskin, Radnor, Nashville

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- Paul Walker, First, Pulaski
 - Joel Snider, Crieveewood, Nashville
 - Mary Frances Rudy, Immanuel, Nashville
 - Peggy DePriest, Edgefield, Nashville
 - Larry Thraikill, Brentwood, Brentwood
 - Louie Buntin, Immanuel, Nashville
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- Horace Watson, Woodmont, Nashville
- Bill Looper, Pleasant Heights, Columbia
- J. Howard Young Jr., First, Murfreesboro
- Antha Key, First, Donelson
- James Patton, First, Fairview
- Charles Gibbs Jr., Trace Creek, New Johnsonville

- ### Term Expiring 1993
- W. E. Sheriff, Forest Hills, Nashville
 - John E. McCall, Forest Hills, Nashville
 - Gary V. Webster, First, Goodlettsville
 - Mary Lu Smith, Brook Hollow, Nashville
 - Horace Houston Hooper Jr., Harpeth Heights, Nashville
 - Phillip A. Cooley, First, Gallatin
 - Clinton H. Swafford, First, Winchester
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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Term Expiring 1995

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2. Paul Woodford, First, Lewisburg (M)
3. Carl Price, LaGuarda, Lebanon (M)
4. Frances Slover, Pleasant Grove, Covington (W)
5. Gregory Bowers, Eastwood, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. William H. Carter, West Knoxville, Knoxville (E)
2. Carl Strickler, Lynn Garden, Kingsport (E)
3. Raymond Langlois, Judson, Nashville (M)
4. Marvin Nail, Whitsett Chapel, Nashville (M) (TC)
5. David Stephan, Calvary, Jackson (W)

Term Expiring 1993

1. Jerry Manooth, Robertsville, Oak Ridge (E)
2. Tracy Wilson, First, Rogersville (E)
3. Kerney Bailey, Inglewood, Nashville (M)
4. Wayne Rowan, Oakwood, Milan (W)
5. Jimmy O. Sparks, Charjean, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1993

1. Herb Jones, Deep Springs, Dandridge (E)
2. Jeannette Rolater, Southeast, Murfreesboro (M)
3. Beth Prowse, First, Cookeville (M)
4. Teddy Evans, Oak Grove, Covington (W)
5. Jim Witherington, Ellendale, Ellendale (W)

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Term Expiring 1995

1. Jim Royston, Colonial Heights, Kingsport (E)
2. Frances Mynatt, First, Gallatinburg (E)
3. Michael A. Smith, New Hope, Hermitage (M)
4. Fred Johnson, Grace, Nashville (M)
5. Jim Meredith, White Haven, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. Stephen Witt, Mountain Creek, Chattanooga (E)
2. Robert Lawson, Cumberland, Knoxville (E)
3. Wyatt Parker, Fifth Avenue, Knoxville (E)
4. Howard Kitter, Dixie Hills, Bolivar (W)
5. Walton West, First, Huntingdon (W)

Term Expiring 1993

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1992-93

The Committee on Committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention presents the following nominations for terms expiring 1995 and for vacancies created by those who have moved out of state, passed away, resigned, or moved from one grand division to another. (E) East (M) Middle (W) West.

Bold Face Type indicates persons nominated. TC indicates temporary chairman of committee.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Term Expiring 1995

1. Charles Bryan, Central, Alcoa (E)
2. Herbert Lee, First, Sunbright (E)
3. John Parker, Bluegrass, Hendersonville (M)
4. William Suddarth, Elkton, Elkton (M)
5. Jerry McDivitt, Northside, Milan (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. Jeff Sames, Broadway, Knoxville (E)
2. Vernon Johnson, Bethel, Townsend (E)
3. Chris Ward, First, Gleason (W)
4. Stephan W. Clifton, Meridian, Jackson (W)
5. Jerry Summers, Mt. Pleasant, Bradford (W)

Term Expiring 1993

1. Thomas L. Williams, Fort Robinson, Kingsport (E)
2. Jerry Tidwell, Grace, Tullahoma (M)
3. Leslie L. Bruce, First, White House (M) TC
4. Bobby Johnson, LaGuarda, Lebanon (M)
5. Otis Hinton, Temple, Paris (W)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

Term Expiring 1995

1. Paul Sharpe, Central, Bearden, Knoxville (E)
2. Mark Wilson, First, Jacksboro (E)
3. Martha Dell Williams, Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill (M)
4. Juanita Shaver, Judson, Nashville (M)
5. Sara Williams, First, Milan (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. Don Adams, First, Andersonville (E)

2. Stan Young, Edgemoor, Clinton (E)
3. David Murphy, Inglewood, Nashville (M)
4. Jerry Leggett, Lake Road, Union City (W)
5. Tracy Holmes, First, Lexington (W) (TC)

Term Expiring 1993

1. Richard N. Perkey, Central, (FC), Knoxville (E)
2. Lyndell Parks, Belle Aire, Murfreesboro (M)
3. David Hughes, Tusculum Hills, Nashville (M)
4. L. Paul Wynne, Berclair, Memphis (W)
5. L. Charles Ennis, First, Covington (W)

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

Term Expiring 1995

1. Don Givens, St. Elmo, Chattanooga (E)
2. David Foster, Bellevue Community Church, Nashville (M)
3. C. Kenny Cooper, Bellevue Church, Nashville (M)
4. Robert E. Tyson, National Avenue, Memphis (W)
5. Bob Brian, West Jackson, Jackson (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. William D. Fox, First, South Pittsburg (E) (TC)
2. Charlie Boggan, First, Newport (E)
3. Ronald E. Mouser, Central, (FC), Knoxville (E)
4. Robert Wooddy, Bluegrass, Hendersonville (M)
5. Jack C. Smothers, First, Bells (W)

Term Expiring 1993

1. John Perkins, Snow Memorial, Johnson City (E)
2. Richard C. German, Highland, Tullahoma (M)
3. Thomas Mattox, First, Summer-town (M)
4. Ronald E. Wylie, Southside, Dyersburg (W)
5. Mickey Hanks, Reelfoot, Troy (W)

CHURCH STAFF COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1995

1. Mary Ann Pope, Ball Camp, Knoxville (E)
2. Cindy Nance, First, Jacksboro (E)
3. Lloyd Comer, Immanuel, Lawrenceburg (M)
4. Willard Chandler, McLemoresville, Huntingdon (W)

5. George Cantrell, Oakwood, Milan (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. Wylie Gross, Ridgedale, Chattanooga (E)
2. Stacey Riddle, Robertsville, Oak Ridge (E)
3. Robert E. Crain, First, Greenbrier (M)
4. Tom Cooper, North Springfield, Springfield (M)
5. Dewey Jones, Holly Grove, Brownsville (W)

Term Expiring 1993

1. Robert A. Harris, First, Kingston (E) TC
2. Fred Singleton Jr., Mt. Olivet, Mt. Juliet (M)
3. Ronny Gray, Trinity, Manchester (M)
4. Sarah Emerson, Soulsbury, Soulsbury (W)
5. James A. Willoughby, Southside, Dyersburg (W)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1995

1. Jack Carver, First, Madison (M)
2. Mike Madewell, Little Hope, Clarksville (M)
3. John Langlois, Lockeland, Nashville (M)
4. Jerry Eggenberger, Highland Park, Jackson (W)
5. Bill Brown, Salem, Trenton (W)

Term Expiring 1994

1. Reed Dixon, First, Sweetwater (E)
2. Sonny Strange, Emmanuel, Jefferson City (E)
3. Cecil Gilliland, First, Waynesboro (E)
4. Michael Mayo, Saturn Drive, Nashville (M)
5. H. C. Zachry, First, Jackson (W)

Term Expiring 1993

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

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Term Expiring 1995

1. Wesley Shotwell, Hickory Hollow Chapel, Antioch (M)
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3. David Livingstone, First, Smithville (M)
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**1992-93 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE**

Executive Board

TO THE

Tennessee Baptist Convention

The basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1992-1993 is \$27,159,322, a 4 percent decrease (\$1,131,638) from the 1991-92 budget. The Expanded Annuity Program for Tennessee Baptist ministerial staff is continued as a preferred item the same as 1991-92. Cooperative Program receipts are to be distributed 62.5 percent through the Tennessee Baptist Convention and 37.5 percent through the Southern Baptist Convention.

The proposed Cooperative Program budget for 1992-1993 is as follows:

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

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Operating Funds		
Baptist Health Care System	\$ 0	\$ 0
Baptist Memo Health Care	\$ 0	\$ 0
Baptist Health Care System E. Tenn.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tenn. Baptist Adult Homes	172,593	162,237
Tenn. Baptist Children's Homes	1,186,433	1,115,247
Audits		
Baptist Health Care System	0	0
Baptist Health Care System E. Tenn.	16,640	0
Tenn. Baptist Adult Homes	2,200	10,500
Tenn. Baptist Children's Homes	6,000	6,500
	\$24,840	\$17,000
Capital Funds		
Tenn. Baptist Adult Homes	50,000	47,000
Tenn. Baptist Children's Homes	75,000	70,500
	\$ 125,000	\$ 117,500
Total from Coop. Program	\$ 1,508,866	\$ 1,411,984

Educational Institutions

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
OPERATING FUNDS		
Belmont University	1,755,355	1,650,034
Carson-Newman College	\$ 1,755,355	\$ 1,650,034
Union University	1,755,355	1,650,034
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	391,987	279,527
CRV Scholarships	79,860	79,860
Historical Archives	15,000	15,000
	\$ 5,752,912	\$ 5,324,489
Audits		
Belmont University	13,104	13,104
Carson-Newman College	14,560	14,560
Union University	14,144	14,144
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	4,888	5,400
	\$46,696	\$47,208
Capital Funds		
Belmont University	536,985	504,766
Carson-Newman College	\$ 536,985	\$ 504,766
Union University	536,985	504,766
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	113,920	46,521
	\$1,724,875	\$1,560,819
Total from Coop. Program	\$ 7,524,483	\$ 6,932,516

**Convention-Administrative Departments-
Baptist and Reflector — Tenn. Bapt. Foundation**

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Executive Offices		
Executive Director-Treasurer	\$ 738,751	\$ 757,580
Public Relations Office	91,538	84,355
PA/CL Office	7,375	7,375
	\$ 837,664	\$ 849,310
Baptist and Reflector	\$ 1,014,272	\$ 998,815
Contingency	\$8,211	\$8,211
Total Operating Funds	\$ 1,860,147	\$ 1,856,336
Less Other Income		
Baptist & Reflector —		
Anticipated Income	\$ 701,560	\$ 685,695
Executive Director-Treasurer		
Interest	37,500	37,500
Public Relations — Fees	1,500	1,500
	\$740,560	\$724,695
Total From Coop. Program	\$ 1,119,587	\$1,131,641
Tenn. Bapt. Foundation	\$ 347,079	\$ 326,254
Audit	5,800	8,200
	\$ 352,879	\$ 334,454

Central Administrative Division 1992-93 Budget

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Business Department		
Camps Operating	\$ 448,909	\$ 432,080
Capital — Baptist Center Equip.	42,000	42,000
Capital — Camps	150,000	150,000
Total	\$ 1,192,368	\$ 1,152,319
Accounting Office	\$ 160,121	\$168,141
Program Services	310,800	309,396
Property Maint. Managers Office	47,545	48,085
Total	\$ 518,466	\$ 525,622
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Operating and Capital	\$ 1,719,045	\$ 1,686,152
Less Other Income		
Accounting — Earned Interest	\$ 85,771	\$ 85,771
Camps Operating —		
Anticipated Income	382,950	404,550
Camps Capital — GSMO	150,000	150,000
Business Off-Maint and Utilities	27,945	29,710
Total From Cooperative Program	\$ 1,072,379	\$ 1,016,121

Church Programs Division

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Division Office		
Brotherhood	\$ 7,938	\$ 20,859
Church Media Library Rec.	209,023	208,974
Church Music	72,445	72,952
Discipleship Training	164,732	165,527
Sunday School	302,913	306,714
	356,189	363,413
Total	\$ 1,105,302	\$ 1,117,580
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Woman's Missionary Union	\$585,121	\$596,802
Total operating funds	\$ 1,706,572	\$ 1,743,452
Less Other Income		
WMU — GSMO	123,011	117,503
Brotherhood — GSMO	16,500	14,500
Sunday School — GSMO	43,000	44,000
Church Media Library, Church Music,		

Discipleship Training, Sunday School from BSSB	\$60,684	\$60,684
Total from Cooperative Program	\$ 1,463,377	\$ 1,506,765

Convention Ministries Division

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Division Office		
DEPARTMENTS:		
Missions — Office	\$ 274,929	\$ 282,240
Miss. Lot, Bldg., Site Fund	250,000	225,000
Missions — Program	1,628,253	1,872,647
Total Missions Dept.	\$ 2,153,182	\$ 2,379,887
Student — Office	\$ 151,179	\$ 156,940
Student — Campus	841,053	850,319
Student — Campus Capital	98,600	100,000
Total Student Work	\$ 1,090,832	\$ 1,107,259
Evangelism	\$ 211,006	\$ 212,918
Coop. Prog. — Stewardship Prom.	127,557	129,552
Church Ministers Relations	147,178	146,671
Partnership Missions/		
Telecommunications	98,013	97,943
Partnership Missions	55,692	0
Church Bldg. and Loan	15,195	15,720
Total	\$ 654,641	\$ 602,804
Annuity Office	\$ 111,185	\$115,949
Annuity Programs	1,760,780	1,802,200
Total Annuity	\$ 1,871,965	\$1,918,149
Contingency	8,211	8,211
Total Capital & Operating	\$ 5,897,278	\$ 6,152,340
Less Other Income		
Missions Department, Evangelism —		
HMB	\$ 86,004	\$ 86,004
Mission Lot and Bldg. Fund — GSMO	250,000	225,000
Missions Program —		
GSMO and HMB	321,142	413,897
Student Campus — GSMO	26,500	32,399
Church-Ministers Rel. — GSMO	15,000	25,000
Annuity Office — ANNUITY BOARD, SBC	34,000	34,000
Partnership Mission — Div. O-Student — BSSB	21,006	21,006
Church Bldg. and Loan — Self-Liq.	15,195	15,720
Partnership Missions - Earned Interest	38,047	0
Student Campus Capital — Sale		
Property	4,425	12,539
Credit from Annuity Board	0	200,000
TOTAL	\$ 5,085,959	\$ 5,086,775
Less Preferred Item	1,188,479	1,188,479
Total from Cooperative Program	\$ 3,897,480	\$ 3,898,296

SUMMARY, TBC

	Budget 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Southern Baptist Convention	10,163,430	9,739,066
Preferred Item	1,188,479	1,188,479
Benevolent Institutions	1,508,866	1,411,984
Education Institutions	7,524,483	6,932,516
Foundation	352,879	334,454
Convention, Administration, Baptist and Reflector,	1,119,587	1,131,641
Central Administration Division	1,072,379	1,016,121
Church Programs Division	1,463,377	1,506,765
Convention Ministries Division	3,897,480	3,898,296
TOTAL TBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	\$28,290,960	\$27,159,322

Increased viewership evident on first day of shared channel

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Viewers in nine states got their first look at ACTS programming

Oct. 1 when "COPE," hosted by psychologist Karen Hayter, came on live at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. "Calls came in from

coast to coast," according to director Bruce Grinstead.

This was repeated the following hour when callers responded to the 800 number while watching "The Baptist Hour" in such places as Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin, according to Mike Wright, vice president for network operations.

"Our COPE phone lines are always jammed," said Grinstead, who estimated Hayter takes from "six to eight calls an hour at the outside." But COPE's first day in new markets such as San Diego, Salt Lake City, Reno, and Manhattan — all as a result of ACTS new channel-sharing agreement with VGI, Inc. — yielded the immediate impact expected by the Southern Baptist Radio and Tele-

vision Commission, which operates ACTS.

Under the agreement, the commission's ACTS network broad-

casts eight hours of programming daily in alternative time blocks with 16 hours of programming by VISN, an interfaith network.

Daily prayer requests for Chile/Tennessee Partnership — October



- 15 — Missionary Carol Henson on her birthday.
- 16 — A 42-member medical missions team, led by Nashville physician Dewey Dunn, serving in Temuco through Oct. 20.
- 17 — Birthday blessings for furloughing missionary Divina Park, who also will be retiring soon.
- 18 — Missionary Bill Baer on his birthday.
- 19 — Pastor Lionel Sanchez and members of the Diego de Almagro Baptist Church. Pray that revival will continue to spread and that the church will become a powerful witness even through difficult circumstances.
- 20 — "Xinena" asks for prayer that God "will fill the emptiness she feels in her soul."
- 21 — Good health for the Chileans and their family members.



HONORING SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR Tommy Colston, right, for 25 years of service at Bartlebaugh Church, Chattanooga, are Millard Hooper Jr., center, minister of education, and Pastor Bill Delaney. Colston received a plaque as recognition.

Answer to prayer comes from unexpected source

By Croig Bird, FMB
For Baptist Press

MANZINI, Swaziland — Missionaries Don and Linda Bradley prayed for help with an evangelistic crusade in a Mozambican refugee camp — and looked west for the answer.

But the prayer request didn't produce Southern Baptist volunteers from the United States. Instead the response came from the south — from 14 Indian Baptists in South Africa who didn't even know the Bradleys needed assistance.

Last December Bradley told Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrator John Faulkner of the need for volunteers to help in a summer crusade. They discussed the difficulties and agreed to pray.

Two weeks later Peggie Moody, a South African business-

man and a stranger to Bradley, knocked on the missionary's door. He asked if a group of South African Indian Baptists he represented could work in the refugee camp.

"We wouldn't even have been at home except our car broke down," Bradley recounted. "We were disappointed about missing a Christmas party at the local prison. But we started praising God when we realized how he had answered our prayers."

Crowds of more than 400 flooded Malindza Baptist Church during the recent four-day crusade at the refugee camp. Hundreds of people responded to spiritual invitations, including 22 adults who professed faith in Christ. Each is now completing a three-month class for new believers.

"We figured Baptists from six different countries and three con-

tinents combined their spiritual gifts to follow the Great Commission in a dusty refugee camp," said Bradley.

That international count included the Mozambican congregation; Angolan pastor Isac Silvano, who started the church;

the American missionaries; the volunteers (who did double duty representing South Africa and India); and Swaziland Baptists, whose country houses the refugee camp.

Baptists have worked in Swaziland — an ancient African

kingdom still ruled by a monarch and surrounded by South Africa and Mozambique — only since 1983. Southern Baptists have aided the Malindza refugee camp since 1984, when the Foreign Mission Board financed a \$30,000 water system. □

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The Alternative Ministry

□ Justified by faith — Bible Book Series for October 18

By Mike Kemper, pastor, Green River Church, Waynesboro

So far in the Romans study, Paul has dealt with the guilt of the whole world — Jew and Gentile — all condemned under sin. Paul then turned his theme to "justification by faith." This is "good news!" God's plan for dealing with our sin is for the righteous God to give unrighteous man His righteousness. The law has shown our guilt.

"But now" (v. 21) — in the past we saw our guilt, but in this time of grace we see the righteousness of God. This righteousness does not depend on the law. People today still have the concept of law-rightness, works-rightness. But Paul proved we all have broken the law, and continue to do so, and the law condemns us, not save us. If we have righteousness, it is grace-rightness.

In verses 22-26, Paul used several important descriptive words. "Righteousness" is literally the quality of rightness or justice. God's character is flawless and He keeps that spotless rightness, while giving

righteous status to believers. Believers receive this blessing from God by exercising faith in Jesus Christ.

Verse 23 could read, "For all have sinned and are daily coming short of the glory of God's righteousness." God's "glory" is the demonstration of His divine attributes and perfection.

Paul also used the word "justified," (v. 24). As a child, I was taught the way to remember the meaning of this word was "just as if I had never sinned." God applies His rightness to my "unrighteousness" when I, by faith, trust Jesus Christ. Thus, it is just as if I had never sinned! He does this, not because I have kept the law or because I have good works, but because God's grace (undeserved favor) is upon every believer.

Paul referred to "redemption," the deliverance from sin and its penalties by payment of a price, Jesus' death and shed

blood on the cross.

Notice in verse 25 the word "propitiation," signifying God's own provision for mercy. God's holy law must be satisfied. Payment for sin must be made. Jesus' death on the cross was the ransom payment for all sinners. When Jesus died on the cross, the accounts of the past, present, and future were paid in full! God, because of the propitiation of Jesus Christ, can be "just and the justifier" of all who believe in Jesus (v. 26).

Here is "the bottom line" (vv. 27-31). Boasting is out of place, because if there is any justification of anyone at all, it comes by faith and not by works. Jew or Gentile, man or woman, we are all made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul illustrated the truth he had presented by using Abraham as the example. Every Jew held Abraham in high regard and knew he had been "justified" before God. Was

Abraham justified by works? No. If he had been, he could have boasted of his accomplishments, but there is no reference to such an idea. However, we do find, "Abraham believed God," and God's gift of righteousness came upon him in Genesis 15:6.

Romans 4:5 teaches God justifies the ungodly, not the "righteous." Jews thought God justified "religious" people on the basis of works. Critical thinkers would ask, "Did Abraham's salvation come before circumcision (compliance to law), or after circumcision?" The order of Abraham's experience is important. According to Genesis 15:6 and 17:10-14, 23-27, the order was faith, justification, then circumcision. He was saved by faith 14 years before he was circumcised. No physical ritual can produce spiritual changes. Yet, men still depend largely on outward things to make them feel right. The important element is "inward" faith resulting in "out-

ward" obedience.

The key word in verses 13, 14, and 16 is "promise." God's promise to Abraham that he would be "the heir of the world" was not given to him because of the law, but by grace. The law was never given to save anyone, only to reveal our need

Basic Passage Romans 3:21-8:39

of forgiveness and salvation. Salvation comes to us by grace through faith (v. 16).

Human striving and effort will not take us to heaven. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only hope any of us can find. Salvation is available to all, despite failures and inadequacies. No individual is too far from God's grace. Take it the way God intended. Let the Law show you your need, then accept God's gift of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ! ☐

□ Solomon: Wise king — Convention Uniform Series for October 18

By Wesley Ellis, retired pastor, Forest Hills Church, Memphis

King David, a "man after God's own heart" (I Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22), came to the last days of his life apparently without making the necessary preparations for placing his successor on the throne. He perhaps was evading the reality of approaching death. However, the obvious intentions of his son, Adonijah, began to stir him to action.

This is too often the case with God's people who know what we need to do, but don't get around to it until forced. We should handle life's responsibilities with intention and care, whether it be making our wills, arranging for substitutes when we plan to be away from church duties, or anything else that needs to be done.

David had promised Bathsheba that Solomon would be king after him (v. 30) in keeping

with God's promise (see I Chronicles 22:7-10). Thus, he took quick action to designate and anoint Solomon as his successor (vv. 32-40). The people received the news with great rejoicing. Solomon then moved rapidly to strengthen his authority as king.

Wise counsel from a father I Kings 2:1-4

David was by no means perfect, but he was a Godly man who repented at the wrong he did and sought God's help to walk in the right way (I John 1:9). Therefore, he had good advice for his son. The counsel came from his own experience and his knowledge of the Word of God. No doubt he had in mind how Moses had given a similar charge to Joshua (Joshua 1:6).

Success was not to be found through the pleasures of riches or the absolute powers of king-

ship. Rather, it would come from following the Lord and obeying Him. Materialism and the ways of the world do not bring life abundant. Jesus promised that those who obey Him and walk in His ways will have special blessings (John 14:20-21).

Verse 4 may refer to God's promise to David in II Samuel 7:16 concerning the everlasting kingdom. This was to be fulfilled in David's greater Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 1:31-33). David was concerned that Solomon remember this and do everything to fulfill the ideal.

Such a reminder must have kept Solomon from going even further from the ways of David than he did. A dream or vision of high standards has an uplifting effect upon our children, too.

Crucial direction

I Kings 3:5-9

No temple had yet been built in Jerusalem to centralize and unify the worship by the people. Thus, the "high places" (v. 2) were worship sites and had not been taken on the disrepute that they did in later years. Solomon went to Gibeon to worship. The Lord appeared to him in a dream during the night and made an

Basic Passage I Kings 1:28-37; 2:1-4; 3:5-14

amazing offer: "Ask what you wish me to give you" (v. 5).

Solomon's greatness as a king was determined by his decision at that moment, for he asked for "an understanding heart to judge thy people" (v. 9). "Heart" refers not to emotions, but to personal awareness and judgment. Literally, this was a

request for a mind "with skill to listen" (New English Bible). It reveals the wisdom Solomon already possessed, that he could ask so wisely.

Children of God, already indwelt by the Holy Spirit who guides and helps, may yet ask for wisdom as we face life's difficulties (James 1:5).

Gracious endowments I Kings 3:10-14

God's grace is shown not only in the wisdom (v. 12), but also in the riches and honor He gave to Solomon (v. 13). Grace is also in the solemn reminder that all of this would not guarantee that Solomon would continue in Godliness. All people fall short. It remained for the Son of God to deserve true "power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12). ☐

□ Strengthen relationships — Life and Work Series for October 18

By James Hutson, pastor, First Church, Rockwood

All of us live in relationships. A few people don't get along with others. They retreat from everyone else. We call them hermits or recluses. Some willingly choose to live alone. But most people choose to be part of a family. Some people are denied family through no fault of their own. But the overwhelming majority of people are part of a family. We are part of a biological family into which we are born. We become part of a family by choice when we marry. Learning to get along in a family is a life-long process.

I Timothy 5 describes the church as a family. Paul offered instruction on how to maintain good relationships inside the family.

Relationships with various age groups

I Timothy 5:1-2

Older men are to be treated like fathers. Younger men are to be treated like brothers. Older women are to be treated like mothers. Younger women are to be treated like sisters. Each member of the family is to be treated with loving respect.

Some people are raised in a home where there is little love and no respect. But a Christian should give and receive large quantities of both.

Relationships with widows I Timothy 5:3-16

A woman in the ancient world was dependent upon her father and husband for protection and provision. Widows had a rough time. Paul identified three kinds of widows.

A. There are "widows indeed," (vv. 3-5, 9-10), widows who have no other means of support. Paul

said it is a part of our Christian duty to provide for these.

B. There are "younger widows," (vv. 6, 11-15). Paul advised these women to marry and raise a family. This advice may be easier said than done. Paul admonished this group not to be tale bearers or gossips. Certainly they are not to resort to immoral living as a means of support.

C. There are widows "who belong to a family unit," (vv. 4, 8, 16). The responsibility for a family to care for its own is clear. When our parents or relatives need our help, we need to remember how much they helped us (v. 4). In addition, caring for our families is a testimony to our faith (v. 8).

Relationships with church leaders I Timothy 5:17-20

Church leaders are due re-

spect, honor, and a "double portion." This last term refers to salary. These rewards are due to those whose preach and teach.

Today there are many varieties of church staff besides the pastor. All deserve the best a church can do in respect, honor, and salary.

All ministers are to be protected against false accusation, (vv. 19-20). But if there are legitimate grounds for accusation — immorality, dishonesty, or rank heresy — then public action is to be taken. The abuse of a disciple over some triviality can lead to a harsh spirit.

Let all ministers live in such a way that evil cannot be spoken of them (Romans 14:16).

Relationship with yourself I Timothy 5:21

Paul urged Timothy not to

play favorites or show partiality. This is good advice, but it is hard to do. Some people cannot do enough for their ministers and their church. Others are reluctant to help and skeptical of what is being done. Nevertheless, it is a worthy goal.

Basic Passage: I Timothy 5

God desires that the members of His family have healthy relationships with each other. That is true in our homes and in the church. We are to be especially mindful of those in our midst who are disadvantaged.

In our world today there are many, in addition to widows, who need loving care from their families. ☐

More than 1100 students accept Christ at SSB summer camps

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — More than 1000 children and youth accepted Christ and more than \$190,000 in mission offerings was collected at Centrifuge and Crosspoint camps last summer, according to reports from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to Joe Palmer, a manager in the board's discipleship and family development division, 923 youth in grades seven-12 made professions of faith at Centrifuge camps held at 29 locations across the United States and in several foreign countries. Other spiritual decisions included 2674 rededications, 388 responses to a call to church vocational work, and 331 other decisions. Total attendance for all camps was 36,572.

Mission offerings collected at Centrifuge camps totaled almost \$178,000, Palmer said, adding the money will be used to help pay for evangelistic booklets and tracts used at the Summer Olympic in Barcelona, the translation of Vacation Bible School materials into Spanish and the New Testament into Arabic, and a Christian radio broadcast in Afghanistan.

Crosspoint coordinator Deane Hartzell said 206 children in grades four through eight accepted Christ at camps last summer. Also reported were 282 rededications and ten other decisions. Total attendance at the 12 different camp locations was 2870.

Mission offerings collected at Crosspoint camps totaled \$13,074, Hartzell said. □

Yemen leader grants hospital fee increase

Baptist Press

JIBLA, Yemen — Yemen has granted Southern Baptists' Jibla hospital the right to charge paying patients 70 percent more, offsetting losses from giving care to patients too poor to pay.

Baptists have sought the increase for more than two years. Without it, they had feared they would have to close the hospital, which represents the Middle Eastern nation's only official relationship with the Christian world.

Southern Baptist officials met with Yemen's minister of health Sept. 11 and 17. They received signed permission for the increase Sept. 23. The hospital's current operating budget, which expires next July, allowed for no fee increase without the minister's approval.

With news of the increase, hospital officials immediately raised workers' salaries by 30

percent. They had questioned how long employees would stay without a raise. The cost of living in Yemen has soared 200 percent during the past 18 months. An ally of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, Yemen is struggling to recover after neighboring Arab nations opposing Iraq slashed their aid to Yemen.

Workers at the hospital have not had a raise in three years. Twenty-eight Southern Baptist representatives who work at the hospital receive normal cost-of-living adjustments from home but their pay does not come out of the hospital budget.

The hospital costs nearly \$1 million a year to operate. Some support comes from Southern Baptist gifts through the Foreign Mission Board but the rest must come from patients who can afford to pay. □

Sanchez to direct SWBTS institute

Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas — Daniel Sanchez has been named director of the new church growth institute at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sanchez, professor of missions at Southwestern since 1983, was appointed to the director's position by Russell H. Dilday, seminary president.

Dilday said the church growth institute and Sanchez's appointment as director will "enhance Biblically based and theologically sound church growth education at Southwestern."

Since 1980 Southwestern has promoted church growth programs through the World Mission/Evangelism Center. However, Dilday said the new church growth institute will allow a more concentrated approach.

Sanchez, a graduate of Southwestern, is a former missionary to Panama and employee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He has conducted church growth seminars throughout the United States as well as several foreign countries. □

Summer missionaries report increase in professions of faith

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — The number of professions of faith reported by Southern Baptist summer missionaries has exceeded last year's total by more than 480.

Home Mission Board statistics will not be final until Jan. 1. However, summer missionaries reported 3528 professions of



WILLARD SCOTT of NBC's "Today Show" will address the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference during their June 15 luncheon during the 1993 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston. The group's officers include, from left, Lilly Faye Wisdom, Katy Texas, Eloise Thomas, Jackson, Miss., President June Honeycutt, Louisville, and Rena Henderson, St. Simons, Ga.

faith before Sept. 15. That compares to 3044 in 1991.

Summer missionaries are college students who work as home missionaries for ten weeks during the summer. They are funded by the Home Mission Board and Baptist Student Unions. This year, 1496 students served in summer missions programs.

The increase of summer missionaries, 100 more than in 1991, is responsible for at least half the number of professions of faith, said Van Simmons, HMB director of student missions. According to statistics, summer missionaries average three to four professions of faith per term.

"Student missions is definitely healthy," Simmons added.

For information about summer missions opportunities, call 1 (800) HMB-VOLS. □

Commentary writer retires after 20 years

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — For 20 years, William Fallis has been making points both for and with his readers.

The 78-year-old Virginia native recently retired as author of *Points for Emphasis*, a commentary annual published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for Bible students of the International Uniform Lessons (Convention Uniform Series for Southern Baptists).

Thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and many other denominations use the international lessons each week and thousands of Sunday School teachers depend on Fallis' concise commentary to make their jobs a little easier.

"One of the things people like most about *Points* is its brevity," Fallis said, adding only four pages of text is devoted to each of the year's 52 Sunday School lessons for both application and interpretation. "The goal of the publication is to provide the lesson in a nutshell, so to speak," he said.

First published in 1918, *Points for Emphasis* is the old-

est annual pocket commentary on the IUL and the Sunday School Board's longest running product. But despite its longevity, the commentary has only had three contributing authors: Hight C Moore and Clifton J. Allen, both former editorial secretaries at the board, and Fallis.

Fallis will be succeeded by Trent Butler, an editorial director in the SSB's trade publishing division. □

Union University seeks applicants for job fair

Union University

JACKSON — The Union University School of Business Administration and department of communication arts is seeking the participation of business and industry in West Tennessee for their first annual job fair to be held Nov. 19.

The purpose of the job fair is for regional businesses to showcase their organizations and to meet potential employees and to familiarize area companies with Union's facilities and programs, said Robert Wyatt, interim dean of the School of Business Administration.

There is no cost to exhibit at the job fair, but space is limited. Interested companies must reserve booth space in advance. Booths will open at 8 a.m. and will remain open until 4 p.m. A complimentary luncheon will be provided at noon to all exhibitors.

For more information, contact Brent Cunningham, job fair coordinator, at (901) 668-1818. □

California Baptists protest bill approval

Baptist Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Southern Baptist leaders expressed disappointment and anger with California Governor Pete Wilson for signing into law a measure granting homosexuals special protection against employment discrimination.

"It appears churches who voice their concerns are ignored

as if they did not exist," observed C.B. Hogue, California Southern Baptist Convention executive director, in response to the governor's action. Hogue said churches also "have rights which should be considered but weren't."

Wilson signed the bill two weeks after the CSBC executive board adopted a resolution urging the governor to veto the measure. The resolution, which acknowledged Wilson's "wise decision in vetoing similar legislation" a year ago, also called on all California Southern Baptist churches to let the governor know they oppose the bill which empowers the state labor commission to investigate job discrimination complaints by homosexuals. □

Southern Baptists take part in euthanasia talks

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — A Southern Baptist ethicist and a professor of religion recently took part in the first of three meetings on euthanasia and assisted suicide sponsored by the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics.

The Chicago-based center is an independent, not-for-profit medical ethics organization and publisher of the journal *Second Opinion*.

C. Ben Mitchell, director of biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Danic B. McGee, professor of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, are both part of the project. Mitchell is on the working group on public policy, and McGee is on the theologian's working group.

The project's goal includes the publication of a volume that deals with euthanasia and assisted suicide with a special emphasis on the positions of major religious traditions. □

SWBTS plans dedication of Bowld Music Library

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — With help from community leaders, alumni, and trustees, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will officially open the new Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Music Library Oct. 20.

Following a dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. in the seminary's Truett Auditorium, officials will cut the ribbon to the \$3.5 million library. The ceremonies will include special recognition of the building's namesake, Kathryn Sullivan Bowld, of Memphis, who is a two-time graduate of Southwestern.

Bowld has a 62-year relationship with the seminary since first arriving on the campus in 1930 to become an "evangelistic pianist." □