

SBC committee, board make peace ...

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"The Annuity Board cannot police the charitable contributions of corporations," Miller said.

In another matter, however, the Annuity Board was reprimanded by the Executive Committee for providing services outside the board's program statements. Program statements for SBC agencies and the convention-approved guidelines by which they function in the SBC, and the Executive Committee is given the responsibility to monitor agencies' adherence to their program requests.

The Annuity Board was requested to "discontinue expanding its retirement annuity and insurance services beyond the denomination. ..." The board currently services Criswell College, Dallas; Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis; and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, based in Atlanta.

A second request asked the Annuity Board to "discontinue expanding its client base in investment and related services

which are not prescribed in the three programs of the Annuity Board."

Board officials said they would abide by the requests.

In other action, the Executive Committee voted, without dissent and without debate, a subcommittee's recommendation asking its "officers and staff to study the impact of monies coming through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to Southern Baptist Convention entities ..." and then recommend the "acceptance or rejection of said funds." The recommendation will come at the Executive Committee meeting in June prior the SBC meeting in Orlando.

The action was a surprise to most observers at the meeting because discussion about CBF gifts to most SBC entities has been ongoing but was not on the printed agenda of the committee or its various subcommittees.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the SBC in June a 1994-95 SBC Allocation Budget of \$136,539,730, which is the same as the 1992-93 fiscal



TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION PRESIDENT Ray Newcomb, left, visits with Southern Baptist Executive Committee member John Wallace, a layman from First Church, Morristown, during the Executive Committee's Feb. 21-22 meeting in Nashville. Newcomb, pastor of First Church, Millington, attended a meeting of state convention presidents held in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting.

year actual receipts.

In a budget-related matter, a motion to reduce Baptist World Alliance funding by \$20,000, in protest of R. Keith Parks being a featured speaker at a BWA event was defeated during budget deliberations. Parks, former SBC Foreign Mission Board president, is CBF missions coordinator.

In other actions, the committee approved a renegotiated contract of \$10,000 for SBC Parliamentarian Barry McCarty. The contract is less than what he has been paid the past five years. They also approved St. Louis as the site of the 2002 SBC annual meeting and authorized representation from the Wyoming convention. □

- Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
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TBC committee progressing toward future ...

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The committee, working in small groups with TBC staff input, then developed five objective statements.

Spiritual Awakening — "To be a catalyst for, and sustainer of, spiritual awakening in Tennessee Baptists, by responding to and cooperating with the work of the Holy Spirit."

Education — "To enable Ten-

nessee Baptists to learn and teach eternal truth to meet contemporary needs."

Ministry — "To enable Tennessee Baptists to minister in Christ's name to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of all people, beginning in Tennessee."

Fellowship — "To encourage unity among Tennessee Baptists by strengthening commu-

nication, understanding, and cooperation."

Evangelism — "To assist and encourage Tennessee Baptists in reaching the unchurched with the Gospel of Christ."

Brown and TBC Executive Director James Porch emphasized the missions statement and objectives are preliminary and are subject to changes.

Following the committee's work, Porch noted there are six component parts, all still in the input stage: presentation of demographics, shared outcomes from TBC staff, the five objectives (expressions of desires of the committee), the process of still receiving hopes and dreams from across TBC, an opportunity to give institutions time to share dreams with the committee, and a definitive missions statement.

"These component parts need some semblance of organization," Porch said. He asked the committee to allow Brown to select four people from the committee along with four TBC staff members to put the components into an organized manner for the committee to consider in May. That committee is still to be named.

Brown noted the February meeting helped the committee to focus on a missions statement and to see a picture of the demographics of the state.

"The committee is coming together, using a process to open windows," Brown said, adding that from the fall of 1993 to the

fall of 1994 the committee is focusing on receiving input, "listening to churches and other groups."

Long-Range Planning Committee members are:

East — Ron Phillips, Hixson; Walter Taylor, Knoxville; Don Olive, Jefferson City; Becky Tucker, Sweetwater; Bill Edmonds, Coalfield; Phillip Kazee, Oneida; Bob Polk, Elizabethton; Doris June Large, Knoxville; Russ Dunham, LaFollette; and Hershel Chevallier, Knoxville

Middle — Jim Alexander, Clarksville; Paul Peak, Murfreesboro; Jim Freedman, Nashville; Truman Brown, Hendersonville; W. D. Thomas, Mt. Juliet; Jimmy Terry Sr., Clarksville; Ann Davenport, McMinnville; Wesley Pitts, Clarksville; Betty Wiseman, Brentwood; Martin Bradley, Nashville

West — Gary Coltharp, Jackson; Earl Deusner, Selmer; Ronnie Wylie, Dyersburg; Page Walley, Bolivar; John McBride, Cordova; Carroll Griffin, Jackson; Carol Kirkland, Jackson; Marketa Jenkins, Jackson; M. B. Howard, Covington; Kevin Parsons, Covington

Current and past TBC officers — Leonard Markham, Hendersonville; John Holland, Knoxville; Marvin Cameron, Knoxville; Ray Newcomb, Millington; Frank Samuels, Memphis; Doug Baker, Bolivar

Executive Board representatives — Samuels, David Crocker, Johnson City □

Tennessee Facts

West
Central
East

The following statistics were among a wealth of demographic data presented to the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Long-Range Planning Committee meeting held recently in Brentwood. The research was compiled by Orrin Morris, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

- (1) In 1993, 27 percent of Tennesseans lived in the West; 36.9 percent in the Central portion of the state; and 36 percent in the East.
- (2) Gibson County had the largest decrease in population (3,152) between 1980 and 1990, followed by Hamilton County (2,204), Crockett County (1,563), and Roane County (1,198).
- (3) The largest population increases between 1980 and 1990 were found in Shelby County (49,218), Rutherford County (34,512), Davidson County (32,973), and Williamson County (22,913).
- (4) Population by race: West — 64.3 percent white, 34.7 percent black; 0.7 percent Asian, 0.4 percent other; Central — 87.4 percent white, 11.4 percent black, 0.8 percent Asian, 0.5 percent other; East — 92.8 percent white, 6.3 percent black, 0.5 percent Asian, 0.4 percent other.

Young 'laterals' SBC input, urges attention to cities

By Art Toalston
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Input for the future of the Southern Baptist Convention from nine study groups commissioned by SBC President H. Edwin Young has been handed over to the Executive Committee and other SBC agencies.

"Now I'm lateraling all of this to the Executive Committee," the pastor of Second Church, Houston, said. In his comments to the Executive Committee during its Feb. 21-22 meeting in Nashville, Young noted the study involved 120 individuals in nine ad hoc groups formed in September 1992. The groups worked without SBC funding.

"I'm not asking for any action on these; I'm not making any motions," said Young, whose second one-year term as SBC president will end with the convention's annual meeting in June in Orlando, Fla.

"I'm simply saying these are some things I think and these study groups I believe we need to look at."

In other comments, Young called for an SBC strategy to reach America's cities, challenged investigative reporting by religious journalists, and criticized the Clinton administration.

Beyond the recommendations of the study groups, Young said, "We need to get a very clear, dynamic, prayed-through strategy to reach our cities ... certainly the inner city, but the whole city, the suburbs, downtown, the different groups, up-and-outs, down-and-outs, all in between."

Young said he hopes the Executive Committee will appoint a group to work with the Home Mission Board to "come up with a strategy to reach the cities as we go to the turn of the century. That's where people are."

On investigative reporting, Young said, "I personally do not believe that those who are in the business of being editors of Christian papers, journals, etc., need to be in the business of investigative reporting. In other words, as a man who seeks to understand and live by the Bible, I should not in any way seek to uncover anything about your life and publicize it in a negative way, whatever you have done, whatever I have done. We are to cover our brother's nakedness. And when there's investigative reporting in the name of Christianity, I think you'll have a hard time justifying that if you read the Book and the spirit of brothers and sisters in Christ."

Young said he is "not being

critical of what's happening, not going back and pulling out any old articles, etc., but there are too many great things happening in the kingdom of God

for us to get upset or give headline attention to 15 people over here or 25 people over there when thousands of people are coming to Christ every Sunday and hundreds of thousands of people are meeting in our churches hearing the Gospel and so many fabulous things are happening ..."

Of President Bill Clinton, Young said he has "prayed faithfully for our president and vice president for the 40 days that I asked" in a January prayer effort coordinated by the SBC Brotherhood Commission. "And we still pray for these men. It's very important that we do this," Young said.

"But by the same token, I don't think we as individuals and as spiritual leaders can turn our back on the agenda that we see of free abortions,

free condoms, and free needles.

"And you go right down the line, it is anti-family, it is contrary to what I believe an honest reading of the Bible is all about," he said.

Some in the audience disagreed with Young's conclusions, particularly on the cities and investigative reporting.

Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis confronted Young after the session.

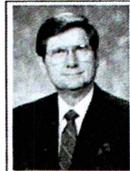
Asked to respond to Young on the record, Lewis told Associated Baptist Press, "I certainly agree with his concern for the cities." However he said Young "may not be aware we do have a long-established strategy" for reaching cities — the HMB's Mega-Focus cities process which involves population centers of one million or more in goal-setting for church planting, evangelism, and cooperation across agency lines.

Jack Brymer, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, disagreed with Young's comments on the press.

"Probably 90 percent of the information in Baptist state papers is positive," Brymer said. "The overwhelming majority of space is given to reporting on missions. Apparently he does not read Baptist state papers. Otherwise he could not make such a statement."



YOUNG



LEWIS

Concerning the study group recommendations, Morris H. Chapman, Executive Committee president, told Baptist Press, "The study groups appointed by Dr. Young have done a superb job. The Executive Committee certainly will want to assist in giving leadership in areas within our convention where we may enhance our witness and expand our ministries."

James T. Draper Jr., president of the Baptist Sunday School Board who served as general chairman of the study groups, said input has been forwarded to each SBC agency addressed in the various recommendations.

Recommendations included:

- A plan to "reach independent churches of like mind and theology and invite them to join the SBC."

- A call for ethnic and at-large full board members for all SBC agencies, boards, and commissions, along with an ethnic and black task force to work with all SBC boards and agencies for formulating a unified strategy to carry out the Great Commission.

- A call for a youth coordinator to work with all SBC agencies. □ — Bob Allen of Associated Baptist Press contributed to this report.

'Experiencing God' broadcast looks at how God is at work

By Terri Lackey
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — If participants of a recent nationally broadcast teleconference learned one lesson, it is that a person cannot experience God without changing.

Christians who choose to know God completely can expect changes to occur within their lives, according to Henry Blackaby, coauthor of the Southern Baptist resource, *Experiencing God*, which has influenced Christians across denominational lines.

The Baptist Sunday School Board sponsored the seven-hour "Experiencing God" teleconference broadcast live from Two Rivers Church, Nashville, by satellite to about 150 sites and 3,500 participants nationally.

The host panel included Blackaby, Avery Willis, FMB senior vice president, and Roy Edgemon, director of the BSSB's discipleship and family development division, who served as moderator.

Callers from California to Virginia phoned on the 1-800 number at the host site to ask

specific questions or give testimonies of their experiences with God.

At one point callers jammed four phone lines causing an overload that temporarily shut down the system, said BSSB staffer Sam House.

Questions from about 51 callers who made it on air ranged from whether recent natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods are God's way of getting the attention of Christians to how church leaders can motivate youth to become godly people.

While individuals experience God in unique ways, according to Blackaby, all Christians should recognize seven "realities" of God's workings.

(1) God is always at work around you.

(2) God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

(3) God invites you to become involved with him and his work.

(4) God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal himself, his purposes, and his ways.

(5) God's invitation for you

to work with him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

(6) You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.

(7) You come to know God by experience as you obey him and he accomplishes his work

through you.

In answer to the question about natural disasters, Blackaby agreed God has a hand in disasters, saying one can find instances of pestilence, floods, and disease all through the Bible.

"God's saying, 'Turn back to

Deacons' Conference scheduled this weekend

The State Deacon Conference is scheduled Friday and Saturday at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville.

Sponsored by the Discipleship Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, the event features 11 conferences and a variety of music and messages.

"Praying Deacons" is the theme for the March 4-5 gathering.

Registration will begin at 6 p. m. Friday, and the conference concludes with a Saturday noon message by Joe Stacker, Church Leadership Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Leonard Markham, pastor of Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, speaks at 7:30 p. m. opening night.

Conferences include How Is Your Personal Prayer Life, The Family Ministry Plan Really Works, Husband and Wife Deacon Ministry Team, Deacons Helping Add to the Church, Deacons as Leaders, Helping the Church Choose the Right Deacons;

Planning and Conducting Effective Deacon Meetings, Caring for Families in Crises, How to Deal with Conflict in the Church, Every Church Should Have a Prayer Ministry, and How to Create a Pastor-Deacon Team Spirit.

Faculty members for these conferences will include:

Paul Barkley, counselor and professor, Bartlett; Sam Malloy, deacon, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; Murray and Loretta Mathis, pastor

and wife, Third Church, Murfreesboro; Raymond Langlois, pastor, Hillview Church, Nashville; Bob Sheffield, consultant, General Leadership Department, BSSB; Herman King, deacon, Judson Church, Nashville;

Bob and Jean Norman, pastor and wife, Clearview Church, Franklin; and Lew Reynolds, minister of missions and special ministries, Judson Church.

The Belmont Heights Quartet will provide music on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The group conferences begin Friday and participants may choose at each of the three conference times.

There is a \$3 per person fee for the weekend event. □

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Thanks for helping

I want to thank all of those who sacrificed of themselves to come to Lawrence County during the Great Ice Storm Disaster of 1994. The Brotherhood Department's disaster relief team did a wonderful job.

Bro. Cameron Byler demonstrated the Spirit of Christ as he provided leadership. I know I speak for all of Lawrence County when I say thank you to Bro. Byler and the dedicated people who came from across Tennessee and elsewhere to help us in our time of need.

We also thank our director of missions, J. C. Carpenter. He worked tirelessly during the disaster to help coordinate the efforts of our association's resources. Space doesn't permit me to name all of those who contributed time, effort, and money, but I am proud of the Lawrence County Association of Baptists!

I want to also remind everyone in the disaster area that there is still much opportunity for ministry in the aftermath of the destruction. Our churches can make great strides toward

evangelizing our communities if we first show them we care. Let's go in the name of Jesus, and continue offering "Help and Hope" for a hurting humanity!

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Gamblers' life

I have received our state paper for many years and enjoy it very much. I especially appreciate your stand against evil, as of late gambling. I have never been a gambler. I depend on God's gracious love and work to meet my needs. As I read your articles on gambling recently some thoughts came to mind as to what a gambler's life likely might be like.

Some young person reading these might be turned from a life of losing and misery.

Payday — I gamble to win pocket full of money, but go home almost broke.

Payday — I gamble to win enough money to finish paying for almost new family car. Now I drive old clunker.

Payday — Gamble to win money for payment on family house. Banker sent notice that

next week he will foreclose loan if I miss another payment on house.

Payday — Gambled for more money to buy winter clothes for children. Next week I hear neighbor tell his wife those kids will freeze if their daddy doesn't buy them some clothes.

Payday — May be my lucky day! Gambled to get lots of money to buy family food for winter months. Next week they look malnutritionally thin. Maybe they'll get good meal at school.

Again Payday — Things going all wrong. I gamble for money to buy whiskey and beer. No luck. I have to stay sober as an angel.

Payday — Yes, I go to casino. Seems I've got to gamble or die. Got it in my blood.

Last Payday — Family gone to wife's parents. Our house is gone, car is gone, money gone, no clothes, hungry, lost job. Sure wish I could go to casino and win some money.

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Matter of prayer

In the Feb. 16 edition of the

Baptist and Reflector was a story about the prayer breakfast which our president and vice president, with their wives, attended in Washington, D.C.

This brought to mind a question — what are our expectations from our president? Each of us voted for or against him in the election. Each one had reasons for the way we voted. And now, regardless of the way we voted in the past, we have an obligation as Christians to pray for elected leaders.

Since he cannot perform his duties in a way that will please all of us, why not pray that he will read God's Word and follow our Lord as he makes the decisions that affect each of us?

Someone suggested we should pray this way, and I think it is proper. Since we do not know the answer ourselves let us pray that his way, his time, and his purpose be fulfilled in our president and all of our elected leaders.

Too often we pray selfishly that our will be done. How much better off we will be when we can honestly pray that his will be done and mean it.

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Friendship should precede marriage: counselor

By Terri Lackey
For Baptist Press

GULF SHORES, Ala. — One of the worst mistakes married couples make today is failing to become intimate friends before they exchange wedding vows, a marriage and family therapist said.

When a couple skips the friendship part of a relationship, they can easily slip into divorce, said Jim Talley, who operates a private counseling practice in Oklahoma City.

And what's worse, according to Talley, who has been a minister of single adults for Southern Baptist churches in California and Oklahoma, is the advice couples get when they aren't happy.

Talley led classes at two events for leaders and ministers of singles Feb. 18-23 in Gulf Shores sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The five most destructive words to the American family and the most popular words of marriage counselors today are: 'Get on with your life,'" Talley told single leaders and ministers at the conferences.

"Ninety percent of counseling is not paid for; it comes from a non-qualified person across the backyard fence," he said. "And the advice people give is equal to one thing: Get divorced quickly and remarry ASAP."

When Talley counsels cou-

ples heading toward divorce, he said he advises them first to "stabilize yourselves spiritually, emotionally, lovingly, and financially. Don't get into another relationship until you've stabilized yourself."

Talley labeled successive marriages or relationships as inversely proportional to longevity. When people who are going through divorce or separation fail to stabilize, they can expect their next relationships to get shorter and shorter.

One reason for the high rate of divorces and remarriages is ease of obtaining the papers for both, he said.

"It's too easy to get married today. People get done in the divorce line downstairs at the courthouse and they go upstairs and buy a marriage license. What's wrong?"

"One thing wrong is the person responsible for putting marriages together (the pastor) is not making it hard enough for people to get married."

Talley said pastors must begin taking more responsibility for making the marriage commitment more strenuous.

Another reason is "couples get too close too soon."

"Friendship should be genderless, a bond of commitment between two friends," said Talley outlining four levels of friendship: 1) acquaintance ("You know enough to say hello."); 2) casual ("You know

them better because your schedules put you together."); 3) close ("You share more than general interest. You determine when you will see each other."); and 4) intimate ("You mutually agree to share intimate details of your lives.")

"Until you reach step four with someone, where what you see is what you get, you have no business even dating," he said. Men and women are so different that "learning how to build a relationship without the first floor of friendship is futile and leads to divorce."

He said men and women should not even enter into a dating relationship until they have had about four months to work on the friendship. He advocates completing intimate friendship with a same gender friend before attempting to try it with the opposite sex.

"When you begin to do things with the opposite sex, everything changes. The typical, evangelical American couple spends about three hours in friendship.

"Learning how to do friendship things with each other is the first step in making good marriages," he said.

Talley said couples who already are married and going through bad times can back up and try to become friends the correct way. "Just go back and start all over and build your friendship." □

True Love Waits Rally draws media focus on abstinence

A Middle Tennessee "True Love Waits" Rally set for Friday, March 4, at Two Rivers Church, Nashville, will likely draw international media attention.

A television crew from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has indicated it probably will cover the event for its nationally televised program "Reporting" which typically draws an audience of two million viewers.

Cable News Network (CNN) also is exploring the possibility of covering the rally.

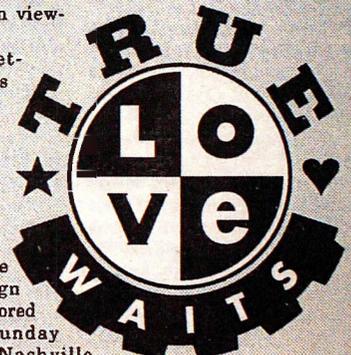
In honor of the event and the success of "True Love Waits," the national sexual abstinence education campaign for teenagers sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen has declared March 4 "True Love Waits Day" in the city.

The rally begins at 7 p.m. and will feature singers DeGarmo & Key and Kenny Marks and speaker Miles McPherson, a former National Football League player.

There will be two altar calls, one for salvation and one for "True Love Waits" commitments, said Chris Hess, a local "True Love Waits" committee member and youth minister at Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville.

The rally is interdenominational as youth ministers from various denominations in Nashville are planning to bring their youth, Hess said.

In addition to encouraging sexual abstinence among teenagers, "True Love Waits" also has served to break down denominational lines and walls in Nashville, Hess added. □



'It's your serve' is more than a catchy slogan

Borrowed from the game of tennis, this year's theme for the emphasis on home missions is much more than a catchy slogan.

"It's your serve, minister in Christ's name," is about serving, giving, and praying.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are the center pieces for the season. Tennessee Baptists, like millions of other Southern Baptists in the homeland will be involved in many specialized missions activities next week.

The Week of Prayer is scheduled March 6-13. The national goal for the offering is \$40 million, and Tennessee Baptists' goal is \$3,250,000.

Baptists in the Volunteer State, if the goal is reached, will contribute 8 percent of the total.

The \$3,250,000 is a challenging, and attainable goal. However, it is short of offering great sacrificial opportunities. It can be reached, and should be, but Tennessee Baptists must continue to grow in missions giving.

It's your serve, my serve. Tennessee Baptists must take this challenge seriously. It is personal, and comes to us with a word of caution. To minister in

Christ's name means that half-hearted ministry is insufficient. It is every Baptist's responsibility to minister in the local community, the close-by neighborhood. Witnessing in Christ's name involves extraordinary measures. Why it might even mean that some sacrifice is necessary!

Scriptural basis for the prayer focus comes from Luke 10. At the conclusion of the parable of the "good" Samaritan, Jesus asks his questioner about his interpretation of the parable.

Which of the three men do you think was a neighbor to the robbery victim?, he asked. The questioner (who was a law expert) answered that the merciful man acted as a true neighbor.

Go and do likewise, Jesus admonished him. That command is the Scripture chosen for the prayer, giving, and service emphases March 6-13: *Go and do likewise.*

A closer look at Home Mission Board facts and figures is helpful:

- All receipts above the \$40 million goal will go toward funding and effort to start 1,500 new congregations each year during this decade.

- Monthly cost of operating the HMB is \$7,603,884. Cost per minute is \$174.

Cost per hour is \$10,416. Weekly cost is \$1.7 million.

- The HMB has 4,868 missions personnel. More than 1,600 Mission Service Corps volunteers are serving, and 828 of these are serving two years. More than 1,600 are in Language Church Extension, and 1,294 are in New Church Extension.

How were Easter Offering dollars used in 1993? Here are some examples:

- Repaired a church building and residence used by an Indian congregation in Tuba City, Arizona.

- Provided MasterLife materials for 32 inmates in Fresno, California.

- Provided assistance for a deaf crusade in Manchester, Connecticut.

- Helped establish a Baptist witness in three unentered counties of Kansas.

- Purchased chairs and tables for Valley Church in Hagerman, Idaho.

What do churches and individual Baptists do? For this special season of Home Mission emphases: *pray for all the work, give sacrificially to the offering, serve with all your heart.*

There are approximately 50 home missionaries in Tennessee. Their service and ours is vital to the Lord's ministry here. The word for all Tennessee Baptists is: *It's your serve!* □

■ one word more

By Wm. Fletcher Allen editor

The place of honor

I like what William Hazlitt said about honor. "Those only deserve a monument who do not need one," he said.

Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux said it this way: "Honor is like a rocky island without a landing place," he noted. "Once we leave it we can't get back."

One's word given as a guarantee of performance is one dictionary meaning of honor. However said or explained, honor is an important but sometimes ignored word.

The well-known writer and veterinarian of Scotland, James Herriot, can make some keen observations about life when he writes of his many years of practice on the farms of Yorkshire.

In one story he tells of a sheep farmer who cherished Tip, his old sheep dog. Tip was faithful and true, a hard worker who scorned the easy life.

Early on Tip sensed his responsibility to care for the sheep, and indeed, to care for the farm. He took it seriously.

He shunned a warm bed inside, even in the bitter snows of winter. How could he care for the farm, he must have realized, if I'm cozy inside?

He took as lookout and bed a barrel that had been overturned and partially filled with straw. Carefully ensconced in the barrel with his head thrust out, he could perform his duties perfectly.

From that outpost, he could spot any ewe or lamb that was in distress and take care of mischief done by stray curs.

But Tip grew older and finally had a stroke. His master asked James Herriot to put Tip to sleep.

A younger dog soon took over the lookout, scorning warmth and shelter. The two men talked about Tip's faithfulness and the young dog's attempt to follow his example.

Why did they make that choice? Nodding to the barrel and the dog, Herriot said, "Place of honor."

Place of honor! That sobriquet makes one want no monument for living on the frontier with Jesus Christ. *Place of honor!* Reward comes later, forever linked with honor. □



ALLEN

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

■ just for today

By Fred Wood pastor emeritus Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile

Mary: "You told her what I told you not to tell her!"

Susie: "But I told her not to tell you that I told her!"

Mary: "Well don't tell her that I told you that she told me you told her!"

Take this thought

Who can you trust with your "secrets"? Not many! Be careful how you reveal confidential things to friends. They may use them against you later. You may become embarrassed and feel uncomfortable in that person's presence. Someone said, "I can keep secrets people tell me. But people I tell them to can't keep them."

Memorize this Scripture

"So the tongue is a small member of the body ... but it proves a very world of mischief among our members" (James 3:5,6 Moffat).

Pray this prayer

Lord, help me to remember whoever avoids slips of speech can bridle the entire body. Fill my mouth with "worth while stuff" but nudge me when I've said "enuf." □

Looking at the permissive parent

■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor and professor

I must confess that I am a member of the Spock generation.

My mother raised me with a copy of Dr. Benjamin Spock's book on the bedside table.

Through the influence of Dr. Spock and others, many American parents coming out of the national financial depression did not want their children to have life as tough as they did.

They wanted their children to be free to develop into all that they could be.

Permissive parents do not make rules or give any directions. They want to be there if the child wants to ask questions.

They prefer being a resource that the child can call on, but not a director that tells the child where to go or what to do.

The children of permissive parents grow up to be insecure and unsure of themselves, because they were never sure where the boundaries were or how to go about making decisions.

This lackadaisical parenting style produces children who flounder at the necessity of making choices.

The sink-or-swim method of choice-making does not work any better than its aquatic brother.

I have had clients who were

having trouble learning to be assertive and kicked themselves because they always let other people take advantage of them.

When we do not know where the boundaries are, it is difficult to explain to others how they crossed them.

An opposite result of the permissive parent is the insecure child who acts out to cover up his or her insecurity.

The class clown or disruptive student may be trying to cover up the fact that he/she does not have a clue as to what is happening.

In trying not to do too much in giving direction to the child, many permissive parents find that they did not do enough.

As I first began studying psychology and counseling, I was struck by a particular theory of therapy that was almost the antithesis of my own personality.

I have always been assertive by nature and many times might have been compared to the proverbial bull in the china shop.

As a pastor and leader I

wanted to give other people more determinism in their choices.

To do that, I thought it would be better if I did not have any plan at all and simply acted as a facilitator for the church or group.

I soon found that the best leader was one who knew where he thought the group ought to go, but was willing to listen to those who had other ideas.

When I went to meetings with no plan, I found that we usually got nowhere.

Permissive parents have the right idea in giving their children some free reign, but

authoritative parents also recognize that children still need to know where the boundaries are and why we have to have limits. □

Readers may contact Dr Barkley with questions they would like addressed on this page. Others may be interested. The paper would like to provide a forum for subjects of interest to families. He can be reached at Union University, BMH Campus, 999 Monroe, Memphis 38104, or The Counseling Center, 6385 Stage Rd., Ste. 1, Bartlett 38134. — Editor



BARKLEY

Central Church, Fountain City, sends fourth team to Chile

By Clara Brincefield
Southern Baptist missionary to Chile

They did it again! Central Church of Fountain City, Knoxville, that is. From Feb. 2-14, nine volunteers worked in Temuco, Chile, leading Vacation Bible School. This was the fourth team sent by the church to participate in the Tennessee/Chile Baptist Partnership.

The team led children at the New Life Mission of Padre Las Casas. As many as 210 children — those we managed to count — gathered for the VBS. A tent tabernacle constructed at the church took care of the overflow of children.

The Tennesseans included Carla Hawkins, Karen Hambrée, Bettie Mynatt, Mary Margaret Suddath, Roger Underwood, Ron Mouser, minister of special ministries, Ed Jenkins, minister of activities, and Rebecca Kindberg from Elizabethton. David Gass from Kentucky also joined the group.

After the team members met the congregation, we set out to visit the community house to house. We distributed invitations and tracts to the neighborhood children.

On Sunday we met youth in Sunday School like Soledad, a 14-year-old Indian girl visiting her grandmother. Soledad was attending an evangelical church for the first time. We also met Isabel, a young Indian woman, wife, and mother. We observed her need to make a decision for Christ.

At the evening service Ron Mouser preached on the touch of the Savior. Soledad and Isabel made public decisions to accept Christ as Savior.

God was already working. In spite of the language barrier, communication was very vivid and fast friendships were



MARCHING INTO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Assembly to be led by Tennesseans from Knoxville are children in Temuco, Chile.

made between Chileans and Tennessee volunteers.

Roger Underwood, who worked with youth, was invited to a birthday party. Although he went without a translator, he was able to communicate Christian love and friendship.

All volunteers were invited into homes for a meal. Different Chilean foods like fried empanadas and corn pudding were enjoyed by all. The typical Chilean once (on-say), a snack, became a favorite.

Only one communication problem was noticed. A team member was asked to open a window but he understood the person wanted him to pray. So he "opened the window to heaven" and prayed.

After working all afternoon in VBS, team members stayed on for the evening outdoor services which attracted neighbors from all around. A quartet of Tennesseans sang in English and Spanish. The team also used mime and puppets to share the Gospel.

Trying to communicate and teach without knowing the

Spanish language can be difficult, but saying goodbye at the end of the project was probably the most difficult part. The people of the New Life Mission hugged and kissed the volunteers, gave them gifts, and cried as they tried to thank their new friends.

What, you might ask, are the results of such a project?

One is Axel, 13, who was befriended by Roger Underwood. Axel is from a Catholic family, but came to VBS with permission from his parents, who live near the mission.

He and Roger sat together during a worship service. When the invitation was given, Axel asked Roger to go with him to make his public commitment to God. Before he left, Roger bought a Spanish Bible and gave it to Axel.

Roger wasn't the only missionary. Mary Margaret drew 5- and 6-year-olds like magnets. Karen and Carla impressed children and teachers with crafts and games.

Real life sisters Bettie and Rebecca were a great team leading 50 children in the 9-11 year class. David Gass led each group in recreation despite getting sunburned.

Ron Mouser, in addition to leading the group of volunteers and preaching, sat on the floor of a small crowded room every day with about 24 3- and 4-year-olds climbing all over him.

Many children and adults went to the airport to see the group off. Some went by bus; some walked.

Results? Only eternity will tell. Like 10-year-old Amelia said to Mary Margaret, "Te echare de menos. (I'll miss you.)" □

Middle Tennesseans lead MK youth in Chile

By Tracy Melton
Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville

As I sat on the front porch of the cozy bed and breakfast in Chile, the sun began to dance, illuminating shadows upon the pages of my Bible. I glanced up to witness the formation of a vast outline of mountains floating over a sparkling lake, and a snow-capped volcano which peered at me through the early morning dense fog.

Camp will never be the same again for me and my three co-counselors — Ken and Jennifer Turbeville of Third Church, Murfreesboro, and Cindy Turbeville of Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville. We had made the journey to Chile to lead a camp for youth of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Unknowing of any Spanish or the customs of the Chileans, we arrived in Temuco. We survived customs, ordered from a Spanish menu by using a Spanish dictionary, and paid for our meal with dollars before we were met by our new friends.

After arriving at the camp in Vallarica, we met the missionary kids (MKs) — four girls and six boys ranging in ages from 11-18. At a get acquainted party, we brought out the candy, canned sodas, and small presents for them we brought from the states.

"You guys passed the test," said Lee Walker of Mississippi. Because of the popularity of the Dr. Peppers, which are

not available in Chile, the counselors had to hold a rally to distribute them.

As the week began we learned the Chilean culture and thus, that of the MKs, follows schedules loosely.

So on a less structured schedule we led a Bible study, music, puppetry, drama, signing for the deaf, and other activities. We also made time for swimming and repelling.

The MKs were fluent in Spanish as well as English. Their skills were truly amazing. Sometimes they would start a sentence in English and finish it in Spanish.

The most important rule of the week became — No speaking Spanish to deceive.

The time came when camp ended. "You'll forget us, just like all the rest," said Lucy Graves of Mississippi. I knew she was not being facetious. So many people come into and out of these children's lives.

It eased my mind to know they depended on each other. They are like an extended family. They even called each other's parents aunt and uncle.

I know Lucy would never realize the significance of what that week meant to me, how much I had grown to love them, or the life-changing spiritual decisions I made as a result of the week.

"I'll never forget you, Lucy," was my simple answer. "How could I?" □

Editor's Note — Tennesseans and Chileans participate in the Tennessee/Chile Baptist Partnership

Daily prayer requests for Chile/Tennessee Partnership

March —

- 2 — Today missionary Jackie Bursmeyer celebrates her birthday.
- 3 — New believers accepted Christ last month as a Tennessee team led Vacation Bible School.
- 4 — New believers are being disciplined toward spiritual maturity.
- 5 — The school of El Sembrador Church in Temuco is considering moving to a new location.
- 6 — The New Life Mission in Temuco needs to become stronger as it plans to constitute as a church this year.
- 7 — The Grossman family is preparing to begin furlough in April. Pray their work will continue in their absence.
- 8 — Nationals lead their churches in preparation for Tennessee teams.
- 9 — Ken and Cathy Yinger are in language study in Costa Rica preparing for missionary service in Copiapo, Chile.



CHILEAN WORKERS AND CHILDREN pause during activity time to pose for a photo.

He's not used to making little plans, or failing to succeed

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
Baptist and Reflector

Make no little plans, dream no little dreams, said Daniel Burnham, successful business entrepreneur. Roger Rice may not know of Burnham's advice, but he could have claimed those words for his own.

Roger Rice has never had anything like little plans.

His life has been filled with big things and great accomplishments.

Rice has a colossal dream, but he's come up with a plan that fits the dream.

An active member of Westwood Church, Nashville, Rice is spearheading construction and operation of homes and an engineering rehabilitation center in Middle Tennessee.

The center will be planned to care for physically handicapped persons. He has developed a foundation to get the project underway, the first of its kind in the area.

Rice wants the center to be available for people nationwide. The foundation will pay transportation costs for clients as needed, he says.

Why the keen interest for such a facility? What is the driving force for Rice?

Born in 1958, the 35-year-old man has severe physical handicaps himself.

Fully grown at three feet, two inches, Rice was born without arms. But he accomplishes more than many people who have arms.

Defects don't slow him

Rice began helping others as a baby. Born to Marie and Bobby Rice in Chicago, he spent most of his first five years in the Illinois Research Hospital there.

Medical authorities recommended at his birth that Roger be placed in a home, but on the advice of a nurse who was a nun, the family took him home as soon as it was possible.

"Raise him as you're raising other children," the nun advised. "God has a plan for Roger and if you put him in a home, God's plan for Roger will not happen."

Rice could not walk until he was 12, and he learned by himself at home. He was taught at home or in special education until he was 16, when a teacher and some students in Maury County adopted him as a friend, helped, and encouraged him.

Rice is a victim of Thalidomide, a drug given to pregnant women (mainly in Europe) as a sedative to prevent miscarriage and to control nausea. The drug had not been adequately tested and caused thousands of deformities in babies during the 1950s, especially in Germany.

During his years in the hospital, Rice was a pioneer. He helped researchers as they tried to form artificial limbs for children, though his size and body weight prohibited his permanent use of artificial arms.

Bobby Rice's construction work took the family to Memphis. They later lived in Maury County for several years before coming to Nashville in 1978.

School and college

The Rices had a full house with four boys and two girls. Roger testifies to the importance of good family relationships. "We've always been a family that supports and believes in each other," he says.

Roger Rice graduated from Culleoka High School in 1976 before the family moved to Nashville. He went on to complete Columbia State Community College after high school.

"When I was very young," Rice says, "I had two goals. I wanted to become a lawyer, like Perry Mason, and I wanted to get into sportscasting."

He thought he could pursue those goals at Memphis State University, but after a few weeks, he had to withdraw.

"The school really helped me, but there were too many

obstacles," Rice says. "I didn't have a helper. But I did get a license in broadcasting."

"Dropping out of Memphis State is the only time in my life when I've been defeated," he says with an honest smile.

It was during the latter years of high school and college that Rice began to apply Christianity in his life.

"Until those years," he says, "I had been saying I could do everything in my own strength. But finally I came to realize the truth of Paul's testimony in Philippians 4:3, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'"

Making some changes

He began thinking more about the future. "I wondered what I would do when my parents were gone. I was not a Christian at that time."

"Mike Rigby, a young man at Westwood Church, befriended me. He reminded me of a friend I had had earlier."

"I was impressed by Mike's witness. He did not ever put me down. He was always positive but not pushy."

"I finally ran out of excuses for not accepting Jesus. Mike was a persistent witness but never threatening."

"I had been going to church some all along and sometimes I went with Mike to keep him off my back."

"I discovered I didn't have to prove anything to Mike, or to God, and that I didn't have to be saved in a church."

Mike and Roger were baptized on the same day at Westwood Church. They're still close friends.

He had watched God's glory exploding in beautiful sunsets from atop a large parking building — and he still does. "It is just God and me," he says.

Uncommon church life

Roger Rice is one of the most active members at Westwood, according to Pastor Jerry Foust. "This young man is amazing, he has a zest for life and helping others," he says. "He has a special mission."

For five years Rice has taught Sunday School for grades four through six. He has worked with youth and has filled in with Royal Ambassadors. He says he enjoys teaching the children the most.

Rice is chairman of the outreach and support group at Westwood, and was a member of the Pastor Search Committee that brought Foust to Westwood two years ago.

Fulfilling the dream

"My dream may be born of necessity," Rice says, "not for myself, but for those physically handicapped persons who don't get good treatment. We can remedy that."

"If society isn't willing to give me a job," he says, "then let me prove I can do something. We can fall back on the government for \$500 a month, but none of us could afford an attendant. And insurance won't cover necessary equipment."

"I thought about all this and knew with God's help we could

have a solution. My family doesn't look on it as a burden, but it is unfair to depend on my brothers and sisters."

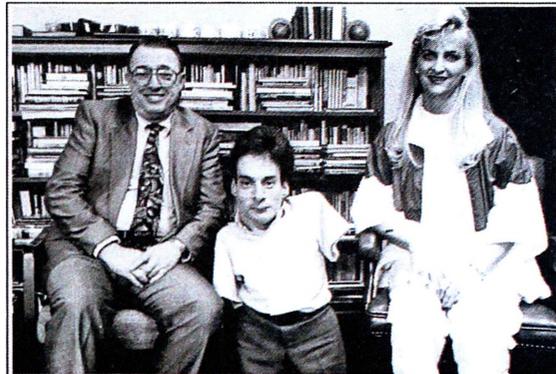
Rice says with deep feeling, "I believe the time is now to bring the dream into reality."

"God has led me and introduced me to people who can help. For one example, John Richards is like a brother to me," Rice says of John Richards, a fireman/emergency

Nashville," Rice says, but it would serve people nationwide.

"We can get some government help, probably a land site. The goal is to use half the \$10 million raised to build the homes and rehab center, 80 percent of the remaining half to fund the first five years, and the remaining to finance a business for the handicapped, providing jobs and counselors."

Where will the counselors



MAN WITH A BURNING DREAM, Roger Rice, center, is flanked by Westwood pastor Jerry Foust, left, and Rice's sister Anna Dillard. His dream involves building a \$10 million rehabilitation center with homes for physically handicapped persons. — Photo by Wm. Fletcher Allen

medical technician and owner of Richardson Painting and Decorating, Nashville. He serves as a director for the Rice Foundation.

"I really believe in the project," he says. "It is a way to provide a little help so the physically handicapped can move forward and contribute in a meaningful way."

Another director is Steve Moore, operations manager of U. S. Trucking Co., Nashville. Moore's daughter Mandy died recently while waiting for a transplant and Rice was a leader in fund raising efforts.

"Roger is an inspiration to our family and I will do anything I can to help with the rehab center plans," Moore says.

The Rice Foundation, named for Roger's family, will develop a unique community of 10 homes and an Engineering Rehabilitation Center.

The ground level of each home is designed for a single physically handicapped person and family if there are family members who wish to reside with the person. The top floor will house a fulltime helper.

The center will provide engineering aids for the physically handicapped person such as custom walkers, wheelchairs, prostheses, etc., and psychological adjustment for the newly handicapped person and family.

"We would like it to be within a 25-mile radius of

come from? With a smile and a wink, Rice provides the answer. "I believe those of us who have been handicapped for a while will know how to counsel," he says.

He adds that it's tough to lose an arm or leg, hard to adjust. The center will be able to help rehabilitate physical, mental, and spiritual needs.

Who are the helpers?

With a dream like Roger Rice's, help has to come from many areas. He is close to specialists who have promised to help, such as Doug Hobson, rehab engineer from the University of Pittsburgh. "He has helped with rehab centers all over the world, with drawings, and ideas," says Rice.

The board of directors hopes the foundation can get allies from some local hospitals, especially those which have done this kind of ministry.

The other assistance must come from private citizens and businesses that see a dream worthy of realization — a dream with great impact. The foundation is working on funding, not only to keep the dream alive, but to bring it to pass.

Roger Rice believes in taking the message to the people. So he is available to give his testimony and special message to church groups and others.

Call him at (615) 386-3829, or call Westwood Church for more information, 356-5228. □

Roger Rice is physically handicapped but he:

- has finished high school and college.
- teaches Sunday School.
- is planning to develop a superior rehab complex with homes.
- travels in his own van.

Treasurer's Report First Quarter

Nov. 1, 1993 — Jan. 31, 1994

GIFTS AND OTHER INCOME

Cooperative Program	\$5,766,916.18
Designated for Cooperative Program	\$225,641.57
Cooperative Program from TBC Fdtn Investments	0.00
Designated for SBC and TBC Institutions	\$589,008.64
SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS	
Lottie Moon	\$4,102,351.12
Annie Armstrong	\$129,693.56
Golden State Missions	\$292,908.94
Other Income (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, Baptist Sunday School Board, Camps, Earned interest on daily deposits and refunds)	<u>\$463,963.94</u>
	\$41,625,251.00

Distribution

	COOP PROGRAM	DESIGNATED	TOTAL
SBC GIFTS			
Foreign Missions	\$1,061,135.06	\$4,150,437.74	\$5,211,572.80
Home Missions	414,903.81	143,478.50	558,382.31
World Hunger	0.00	181,764.84	181,764.84
Six Seminars	430,184.15	0.00	430,184.15
Radio & TV Comm.	84,890.80	0.00	84,890.80
All other SBC gifts	<u>134,342.01</u>	<u>143.25</u>	<u>134,485.26</u>
TOTAL SBC	\$2,125,455.83	\$4,475,824.33	\$6,601,280.16
WORLDWIDE SPECIAL MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$6,101.55	\$6,101.55
TBC GIFTS			
Belmont University	\$471,834.54	\$5,450.00	\$477,284.54
Carson-Newman College	471,834.54	50,749.73	522,584.27
Union University	470,741.95	110,385.35	581,127.30
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	71,229.41	12,652.61	83,882.02
CRV Scholarships	17,445.26	0.00	17,445.26
Childrens Homes	259,039.65	154,106.74	413,146.39
Hospitals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adult Homes	52,359.55	686.19	53,045.74
Foundation	71,271.84	0.00	71,271.84
Audits for Institutions	17,366.68	0.00	17,366.68
Convention, Administrative Services	124,638.77	0.00	124,638.77
Baptist & Reflector	68,682.09	0.00	68,682.09
Central Administrative Departments	224,017.08	0.00	224,017.08
Church Programs Departments	216,690.95	0.00	216,690.95
Convention Ministries Departments	106,051.73	0.00	106,051.73
Annuity Office & Programs	285,921.49	0.00	285,921.49
Missions Programs	351,965.80	0.00	351,965.80
Student Campus Work	164,948.55	0.00	164,948.55
Woman's Missionary Union	113,807.46	0.00	113,807.46
All other TBC gifts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>345,146.13</u>	<u>345,146.13</u>
TOTAL TBC GIFTS	\$3,559,847.34	\$679,176.75	\$4,239,024.09
Preferred (Annuity)	<u>260,114.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>260,114.21</u>
TOTAL GIFTS CHURCHES	\$5,945,417.38	\$5,161,102.63	\$11,106,520.01
OTHER INCOME	0.00	463,963.94	463,963.94
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$5,945,417.38</u>	<u>\$5,625,066.57</u>	<u>\$11,570,483.95</u>

PERCENT GIFTS FROM CHURCHES

SBC	59.44
TBC	40.51
WW	.05
	100.00

Treasurers, please compare your church's listing with your records for gifts received by Tennessee Baptist Convention for period Nov. 1, 1993 through Jan. 31, 1994. If there is a question please contact James Porch, treasurer,

Tennessee Baptist Convention. This report reflects gifts received by Tennessee Baptist Convention and items reported by Tennessee Baptist institutions.

NOTE — In the following Cooperative Program gifts from Tennessee churches the asterisk (*) located in front of the church name indicates a Mission Congregation.

A (1) indicates PORTION designated all for TBC; a (2) indicates PORTION designated all for SBC.

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
ALPHA					
CP Chair: Charles Gilmer					
Centerville, 1st	750.00	2,020.82	Clymerville	1,573.00	1,183.89
Cross Rds	171.65	375.43	Coal Hill	139.64	250.00
Edgewood	42.00	100.00	Crab Orchard	684.85	255.00
Fairfield	542.90	922.31	Daysville	275.46	315.00
Garrett	105.07	50.00	Deer Lodge, 1st Msnr	576.00	322.00
Highland	224.23	0.00	Dyllis	983.03	0.00
Hohenwald, 1st	4,995.00	1,312.00	Eureka	266.00	1,100.00
Lick Creek	94.98	0.00	Fairview	60.82	174.48
Linden, 1st	1,896.12	1,657.22	Faith Msnr	56.51	0.00
Lobelville, 1st	486.67	0.00	Kellytown	1,291.40	2,048.15
Maple Valley	69.60	0.00	Kingston, 1st	18,034.17	13,378.08
New Hope	114.30	136.00	Lakeview	521.00	500.00
*Only	0.00	0.00	Laurel Bluff	310.67	75.00
Pine Grove	131.20	218.00	Lee Village	1,929.12	0.00
Piney	251.00	0.00	Liberty	1,878.63	3,741.80
Pinewood, 1st	918.93	718.60	Middle Creek	1,656.42	2,210.14
Toms Creek	486.56	309.00	Mossy Grove	0.00	0.00
Wrigley	589.56	175.00	Oakdale, 1st	999.76	437.00
Beech River					
CP Chair: Hoyt Wilson					
Bath Spgs	0.00	1,413.60	Orchard View	351.51	300.00
Beacon	50.00	25.00	Petros	953.00	350.00
Bear Creek	384.63	284.75	Pine Orchard	1,139.16	1,909.21
Bibla Hill	202.42	249.44	Pine Ridge	1,123.00	1,116.00
Calvary	1,912.15	4,388.00	Piney	2,684.94	1,978.03
Chapel Hill	0.00	275.00	Piney Grove	526.55	737.00
Corinth	210.00	230.00	Pleasant Grove	2,812.06	1,130.00
Cross Rds	0.00	0.00	Pond Grove	293.19	53.52
Cub Creek Hall	0.00	0.00	Riggs Chapel	508.00	235.00
Darden	0.00	133.00	Riverside	3,289.39	0.00
Decaturville, 1st	300.00	475.00	Rockwood, 1st	8,398.30	3,388.00
Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Rockwood, 2nd	90.05	130.00
Flatwoods	520.77	195.00	Shiloh	8,908.73	1,015.60
Hopewell	0.00	0.00	South Harriman	9,427.86	21,044.73
Huron	50.00	100.00	Sunbright, 1st	903.95	1,400.75
Judson	0.00	0.00	Trenton Street	7,941.70	3,375.75
Lexington, 1st	12,025.59	16,515.08	Union	659.00	253.00
Lone Chestnut	0.00	0.00	Union Chapel	415.11	500.00
Luray	75.00	0.00	Walnut Hill	1,267.00	0.00
Mount Ararat	645.04	276.17	Wartburg, 1st	1,617.76	0.00
Mount Gilead	836.00	1,590.83	Whites Creek	393.50	543.09
Mount Zion	0.00	531.02	Association	0.00	4,705.00
New Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	Big Hatchie		
New Chapel	0.00	0.00	CP Chair: Royce Wilson		
New Hope	120.00	310.00	Ashport	513.65	164.55
New Prospect	0.00	0.00	Beaver	1,067.35	1,000.00
Parsons, 1st	1,888.20	1,742.40	Brighton	9,286.62	3,139.14
Perryville, 1st	158.73	0.00	Calvary	1,295.00	0.00
Pine Grove	855.22	100.00	Calvary Hill	71.36	121.00
Poplar Spgs	122.03	0.00	Charleston	1,826.42	2,735.92
Ridge Grove	0.00	0.00	Covington, 1st	12,735.53	22,890.40
Rock Hill	1,424.95	1,205.00	Durhamville	153.00	421.35
Salem	154.23	102.00	Eastland	499.30	1,992.22
Saltillo, 1st	402.62	200.00	Elim	99.60	74.72
Sand Ridge	3,070.06	2,369.13	Faith	916.66	958.00
Sardis	683.00	20.00	Fellowship	2,793.23	2,046.69
Scotts Hill, 1st	1,198.21	635.00	Fulton	233.71	558.58
Southside	0.00	0.00	Garland	1,561.71	1,958.69
Tombin Chapel	0.00	0.00	Gateway Mission	1,266.54	1,708.84
Twin Oaks	0.00	0.00	Grace	833.24	1,419.50
Union	414.00	619.50	Henning	296.84	553.83
Union Grove	0.00	0.00	Keeling	1,200.00	140.00
Wildersville	698.48	350.00	Liberty	3,349.07	2,611.00
Beulah					
CP Chair: Wayne Sutton					
Alamo	563.56	0.00	Mason, 1st	0.00	0.00
Aldridge	107.65	50.00	Mount Lebanon	488.70	1,038.75
Antioch	105.00	103.37	Munford	2,404.98	1,502.81
Bethel	105.00	35.00	Oak Grove	6,174.00	5,599.88
Blessed Hope	557.48	755.00	Olive Branch	100.24	86.37
Brday	150.00	187.00	Pleasant Grove	1,829.01	1,839.46
Calvary	636.74	0.00	Rialto	281.06	100.00
Cottonwood	165.00	0.00	Ripley, 1st	5,655.47	4,241.28
Cottonwood Grove	676.00	725.00	Ripley, 1st Indian	0.00	0.00
Cypress Creek	0.00	50.00	Salem	40.72	0.00
Fairview	137.00	248.00	Smyrna	5,802.87	4,150.66
Hornbeak	225.21	235.00	Trinity	435.40	45.00
Johnsons Grove	231.37	188.00	Walnut Grove	947.82	911.72
Lake Rd	672.90	0.00	Western Valley	135.00	0.00
Lakeview	114.00	115.00	Woodlawn	75.00	910.00
Macedonia	555.54	249.00	Bledsoe		
Martin, 1st	21,389.00	22,827.69	CP Chair: Ed Hardy		
Mc Connell	1,107.07	695.70	Academy Hgts	150.00	512.00
Mooring	0.00	0.00	Antioch	0.00	0.00
Mount Moriah	75.00	114.81	*Bledsoe Creek	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	424.63	176.43	Chestnut Grove	56.00	0.00
Mount Pelia	1,778.80	1,546.82	College Hgts	6,419.55	5,234.00
New Concord	571.00				

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Blosser	2,718.85	34,146.24	*Young Seang Korean Association	00.00	48.75	Marshall Hill	221.12	1,243.72	Viola	740.27	141.00	*African Christ Fellowship	00.00	00.00
Elm Street	00.00	00.00				Mt Mahan Calvary	724.60	350.00	West End	2,302.09	5,001.00	Alta Loma	1,433.40	1,639.80
Euclid Ave	2,175.54	3,223.75	Lawrence County CP Chair: Joel Newton			Mt Harmony, Ntota	1,385.98	1,204.61	Williamsport	178.28	54.00	Antioch, 1st	3,527.08	2,837.47
Fairview	00.00	2,863.00				Mt Harmony, Rvile	1,412.26	1,208.12	Midland CP Chair: Robert Mynatt					
Fair Havens	710.47	628.24	Barnsville	00.00	00.00	Mount Pisgah	749.77	1,670.25	Benverdale	529.90	00.00	Arrington, 1st	5,782.52	00.00
Farragut, 1st	00.00	00.00	Beech Grove	75.00	75.00	Mount Verd	346.87	00.00	Bella Camp Ground	6,719.37	3,468.00	Ashtand City, 1st	1,921.12	1,181.25
Fellowship	1,492.00	6,776.45	Blooming Grove	40.00	161.53	New Bethel	192.93	128.50	Bethany	195.87	00.00	Bakers City	1,435.00	770.00
(1)Fifth Ave	1,825.20	1,155.85	Bonnetown	200.00	609.00	New Hopewell	277.80	499.21	Bethel (C)	00.00	00.00	Bull Rd	563.99	128.00
*1st Pallisippi	300.00	00.00	Brace	596.50	734.61	New Zion	232.85	1,608.00	Bethel (K)	00.00	00.00	(1)Bellvue	5,150.86	4,385.00
Flint Gap	00.00	500.00	Center Point	00.00	200.00	Ntota, 1st	2,158.52	1,814.68	Beulah	102.32	00.00	*Bellevue Community	00.00	00.00
Fort Hill	400.00	00.00	Deerfield	1,026.90	539.39	North Athens	7,372.42	1,012.92	Bishopville	00.00	00.00	Bellshire	211.30	471.00
Fort Sanders	262.40	420.00	Edwards, 1st	380.98	1,571.74	Oak Grove	1,413.83	1,608.00	Black Oak Ridge	1,087.00	560.53	Belmont Hgts	10,491.38	8,303.20
Fountain City, 1st	3,797.62	5,549.08	Evas Chapel	00.00	210.00	Old Park Hill	251.31	1,223.00	Cedar Grove	60.00	00.00	Ben Allen Rd	00.00	00.00
Galilee	1,452.69	3,700.01	Five Points	60.00	00.00	Old Salem	556.47	809.25	Central View	00.00	00.00	Bending Chestnut	00.00	72.00
Gallaher Mem	550.40	00.00	*Greater Tabernacle	75.00	00.00	Parkway	40.00	00.00	Clear Spgs	392.78	1,061.50	*Benton Ave	00.00	00.00
Cayland Hgts	289.07	952.00	Gum Spgs	521.27	840.00	Pond Hill	707.35	250.16	Deep Spgs	75.00	350.00	Berean	00.00	00.00
Gillespie Ave	2,678.51	2,163.56	Highland Park	1,340.46	2,002.75	Pope Ave	00.00	00.00	Emory Valley	00.00	540.00	Berryville	302.00	200.00
Glanwood	3,750.00	9,504.32	Idaho	00.00	00.00	Riceville, 1st	3,193.92	1,166.69	Fair Msnr	00.00	00.00	Bluegrass	10,929.27	14,155.97
Grace	22,878.61	11,854.56	Immanuel	1,178.00	1,413.00	Rock View	397.89	00.00	Grace	75.00	101.30	*Bon Aqua	201.39	206.07
Crassy Valley	2,808.00	823.00	Iron City, 1st	536.96	845.00	Rocky Mount	1,119.91	1,297.80	Highland	1,066.66	00.00	Burdeau	299.00	25.00
Craverton	1,652.18	562.00	Lakeview	00.00	00.00	Rogers Creek	674.65	567.88	Hillvale	00.00	00.00	Brentwood	78,696.72	38,999.32
Greenway	461.44	1,410.00	Lawnburg, 1st	5,698.01	6,988.04	Sanford	00.00	00.00	Hinds Creek	173.44	173.44	Brdmoo	1,381.98	00.00
Grove Hgts	00.00	00.00	Leoma	3,241.85	15,021.19	Shiloh	526.74	175.00	Hines Creek Msnr	151.23	452.42	(1)Brook Hollow	9,595.51	5,215.75
Grove Hill	209.64	00.00	Liberty Grove	00.00	00.00	Short Creek	431.48	163.10	Miracle	00.00	00.00	Calvary	365.81	102.00
Hillcrest	00.00	00.00	Marretto, 1st	2,766.00	00.00	South Liberty	675.00	00.00	Mount Zion	278.18	00.00	Central	00.00	00.00
Hines Valley	00.00	00.00	Mars Hill	454.54	40.00	Stephensville	00.00	00.00	New Hope	597.94	00.00	Central, Hendville	1,462.64	740.75
Holt Ave	00.00	00.00	Mars Hill, 1st	1,059.80	5,102.11	Union Grove, Meigs	00.00	00.00	New Liberty	131.17	00.00	Charlotte Rd	3,724.01	1,221.13
Hollywood Hills	00.00	00.00	Meadow View	1,957.22	1,793.54	Union Grove, McMinn	00.00	292.89	New Pleasant Gap	00.00	00.00	*Chinese, Belmont Hgts	378.30	00.00
Holston	1,230.09	1,438.00	Mount Horeb	150.00	1,168.05	Union Hill	00.00	00.00	Old Beverly	90.00	00.00	*Christ	00.00	00.00
House Mt	1,042.27	1,719.89	New Prospect	1,466.00	1,003.00	Union Mc Minn	1,200.00	252.00	Pleasant Gap	86.97	00.00	*Church Of Jesus	00.00	00.00
Immanuel	795.60	390.35	O. K.	198.00	1,421.00	Valley Rd	75.00	00.00	Pleasant Hill	00.00	00.00	Clearview	12,867.45	300.00
Inskip	5,402.00	6,464.75	Oak Hill	00.00	226.00	Valley View	192.00	120.00	Riverview (B.C.)	25.00	00.00	College Grove, 1st	384.58	00.00
Island Home	250.00	1,591.75	Park Grove	353.15	891.00	Walnut Grove	1,090.00	00.00	Ruggles Ferry	132.92	00.00	Concord	500.00	1,001.59
John Sevier	1,037.11	6,004.48	Pine Grove	164.00	00.00	West End	498.57	502.22	2nd Chance	00.00	00.00	*Congregation Beth Chai	00.00	00.00
Jones Chapel	600.00	3,895.89	Ramah	174.00	00.00	West View	374.51	1,598.15	Covenant	00.00	00.00	Covenant	00.00	1,216.12
*Knorville	00.00	00.00	St. Joseph, 1st	1,570.76	1,287.00	Wildwood	1,888.39	801.28	Crievewood	29,521.23	11,354.81	Cross Keys	00.00	00.00
(1)2Knorville, 1st	20,700.49	35,841.31	Summertown	1,339.75	00.00	Zion Hill	1,687.00	1,400.00	Dalewood	15,257.09	15,360.97	Dickerson Rd	1,149.77	2,853.25
Knorville, 2nd	00.00	00.00	Trinity	105.00	112.00	McMinn-Meigs Assoc	00.00	794.50	Dickson, 1st	16,282.51	22,981.73	Donelson View	597.70	451.00
Knorville, 3rd	00.00	00.00	West Point	00.00	25.00	Madison-Chester CP Chair: Fred Clift			Mulberry Gap CP Chair: R. G. Walker					
Lincoln Park	7,282.15	17,021.02	Association	00.00	00.00	Antioch	90.11	182.00	Beech Grove	00.00	00.00	Donelson, 1st	34,673.05	25,756.95
Linden Ave	00.00	330.60	Louisa County CP Chair: Charles E. Amos			Ararat	6,487.00	3,183.55	Beech Grove #2	00.00	00.00	*East Cheatham	7,627.59	120.00
Little Flat Creek	257.34	9.25	Ballards Chapel	00.00	222.00	Beech Bluff	1,261.87	5,567.06	Beech Grove #3	00.00	00.00	Eastland	3,261.31	6,744.57
Lonsdale	225.00	320.00	Beth Chapel	50.00	214.00	Beech Brook	00.00	00.00	Bethel	00.00	00.00	Eastside	348.33	1,092.60
Loveland	1,009.36	607.68	Bethesda	00.00	195.00	Bemis, 1st	5,086.97	620.78	Big Hill Msnr	00.00	00.00	Eastwood	00.00	00.00
Lyons Creek	7,281.00	10,682.56	Bethesda, 1st	454.54	00.00	Bible Grove	1,468.91	00.00	Blackwater Union	00.00	00.00	Edgfield	1,238.61	2,156.08
Marble City	123.58	2,721.31	Bethlehem	1,490.28	1,321.00	Calvary	13,547.05	8,145.14	Brewers Chapel	00.00	00.00	Fairview, 1st	4,589.53	741.62
Marbledale	2,460.27	396.98	Bethlehem, 1st	4,500.00	1,894.25	Calvary (L.C.)	7,369.99	2,682.69	Briar Creek	00.00	00.00	Faith Temple	00.00	00.00
Mars Hill	592.38	1,224.14	Calvary (L.)	00.00	00.00	Calvary (L.C.)	00.00	00.00	Briar Creek	00.00	00.00	Fern Ave	46.42	00.00
Mascoe	1,032.00	1,000.00	Central	501.04	850.00	Clover Creek	845.00	527.76	Bridgeport Msnr	00.00	00.00	Forest Hills	6,845.00	26,402.40
Meadow View	1,220.00	939.00	Corinth	1,698.35	1,800.82	Cotton Grove	945.79	1,313.25	Carpenters Chapel	00.00	500.00	(2)Franklin, 1st	53,250.00	100.00
Meadow View	12,342.47	10,241.12	Dixie Lee	4,692.95	2,549.77	East Laurel	1,159.41	1,209.51	Cedar Flat	00.00	00.00	Freeland	00.00	00.00
Middlebrook Pk	90.00	66.00	East Hills	683.52	1,263.47	East Union	5,968.07	3,267.76	Cedar Grove	00.00	00.00	Friendly Chapel	00.00	00.00
*Mobileland	00.00	00.00	Everett Rd	142.00	214.30	Englewood	15,500.00	15,138.13	Chestnut Grove	00.00	00.00	Gallatin Rd	00.00	191.00
Mooreland Hgts	112.09	102.11	Friendship	1,947.82	4,703.28	Enville	1,003.18	668.11	Chinquapin	00.00	00.00	(1)Glendale	5,805.36	718.00
Mount Carmel	1,087.19	3,118.50	Grace Community	535.61	00.00	Friendship (B B)	3,464.54	1,036.70	Cinch River	00.00	00.00	Glenwood	2,092.33	1,348.25
Mount Harmony	2,780.80	6,412.88	Highland Park	482.46	3,183.22	Friendship (M)	1,072.95	1,387.27	Cinchedale	00.00	00.00	Goodlettsville, 1st	1,545.05	172.53
Mount Olive	15,600.00	13,588.64	Hilltop	411.46	52.50	Grace	1,518.31	00.00	Cobbs Chapel	00.00	00.00	Grace	10,667.73	8,049.70
Mount Olive, East	100.00	00.00	Hillsboro	2,696.72	452.93	Henderson, 1st	645.02	1,296.31	Community Chapel	00.00	00.00	*Grace Community	500.00	00.00
Mt View	1,126.36	1,401.00	Lenoir City, 1st	19,893.40	00.00	Highland Park	3,185.63	3,571.72	Cool Branch	00.00	00.00	Grandview	412.43	2,734.34
New Covenant	150.00	00.00	Lenoir City, 2nd	682.54	00.00	Hillcrest	549.91	45,695.75	Davis Chapel	00.00	00.00	Grassland Hgts	5,600.00	4,345.26
New Hopewell	00.00	00.00	Loudon, 1st	1,389.76	1,818.00	Jackson, 1st	16,592.91	45,695.75	Dry Valley	00.00	00.00	Grays Point	00.00	00.00
New Salem	00.00	100.00	Morgantown	497.00	1,495.50	*Korean, Jackson	00.00	00.00	Fair View	00.00	00.00	*Greater Revelation	00.00	00.00
North Acres	00.00	3,075.40	Mount Pleasant	59.63	48.00	Liberty Grove	2,478.39	2,181.00	Faith Msnr	00.00	00.00	Greenhill	12,594.00	9,900.91
North Hills	8.00	00.00	Mount Zion	793.21	2,520.00	Malesus	2,531.38	2,779.22	Flat Gap	00.00	00.00	Harpeth Korean	300.00	513.00
North Knoxville	5,290.03	2.00	Mt View	00.00	150.00	Mape Spgs	1,279.52	832.17	Fox Branch	00.00	00.00	Harpeth 1st	1,201.77	85.25
North Side	00.00	00.00	Nelson Street	00.00	00.00	Mason Wells	40.00	00.00	Friendlies Chapel	00.00	00.00	Harpeth Hgts	11,388.30	14,424.09
Northwest	50.00	00.00	New Midway	478.54	2,148.00	Mercer	240.00	00.00	Friendship	00.00	00.00	Harsh Chapel	1,075.88	579.00
Norwood	5,571.01	5,103.65	New Providence	2,277.00	3,003.00	Meridian	7,137.75	4,813.00	Friendship (N M)	00.00	00.00	Harvest Fields	1,087.03	1,282.05
Oakwood	1,000.00	48.00	Oral	856.00	1,500.00	Mifflin	429.00	142.00	Gaps Chapel	00.00	00.00	Haywood Hills	11,716.58	5,242.56
Park Lane	152.48	00.00	Philadelphias, 1st	1,211.02	2,953.46	Mitchells Chapel	674.18	00.00	Granite Lifesboat	00.00	00.00	Hendersonville, 1st	23,688.00	57,322.05
*Park Place	00.00	00.00	Pine Grove	595.00	296.00	*Northbrook	674.18</							

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Pugh Flat	168.24	0.00	Notchey Creek	575.00	1,128.50	Lynn Valley	1,376.51	1,373.15	Hilldale	22.95	62.00
Wainut Grove	300.00	493.50	Oak Grove	556.04	0.00	Meadow View	0.00	1,668.52	Howell Ist	474.85	255.00
CP Chair: Frank Layne			Oldland	313.22	100.00	Mt City, Ist	5,787.56	388.75	Howell Hill	0.00	0.00
Algood, 1st	0.00	0.00	Old Sweetwater	0.00	50.00	Nelsons Chapel	657.79	388.75	Kellys Creek	0.00	0.00
Bangham Hgts	2,272.50	1,241.92	Piney Grove	0.00	1,883.80	North Side	47.34	50.00	Kirkland	411.10	0.00
Baxter, Ist	105.00	219.50	Reed Spgs	544.95	2,500.00	Oak Street	3,583.34	2,138.07	Lexie Cross Rd	461.36	0.00
Beer Creek	90.00	0.00	Rocky Spgs	375.00	2,000.00	Pine Grove	0.00	430.00	Lincoln	1,033.62	537.53
Brotherton	325.36	300.00	Rural Vale	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	952.07	1,466.00	Mc Bur, Ist	150.00	0.00
Cane Creek	149.75	400.00	Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Home	0.00	0.00	Macedonia	499.12	0.00
Caney Fork	1,259.12	5,100.00	Sheltons Grove	0.00	50.00	Poplar Grove	879.48	628.10	Molino	0.00	0.00
Central Hill	804.65	1,200.00	Shoal Creek	0.00	0.00	Powder Branch	312.51	1,413.80	Mulberry, Ist	383.26	176.00
Cedar Emmanuel	400.00	1,400.00	South Madisonville	254.16	1,276.89	Rittertown	1,347.36	782.57	New Grove	226.55	2,236.29
Colony View Chapel	604.00	351.27	(1)Sweetwater, Ist	5,532.04	10,410.32	Riverview	474.64	0.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00
Cooleville, Ist	24,208.90	27,871.01	Tellico	169.39	293.84	Roan Creek	600.00	730.00	Oak Grove	170.00	0.00
*Crossridge Chapel	151.67	37.00	Tellico Plains, Ist	1,226.00	1,615.65	Roan Mt Ist	1,690.00	2,207.30	Oak Hill	281.00	150.00
Cummins Mill	146.00	0.00	Tevis Spgs	135.89	841.00	Roan Park	541.00	0.00	Parks City	1,833.32	2,241.03
Dillard's Church	0.00	0.00	Towee Falls	0.00	0.00	Rock Spgs	30.00	100.00	Peteraburg, Ist	244.03	76.60
Dodson Branch	451.00	0.00	Trinity	0.00	0.00	Shady Valley	381.96	95.80	Pleasant Grove	45.00	568.85
Double Spgs	393.82	533.38	Union	48.40	0.00	Siam	4,355.19	1,603.92	Pleasant Hill	0.00	1,618.01
Eastwood	2,234.55	600.00	Union Grove	1,173.00	478.38	Sink Valley	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Ridge	195.09	495.55
Gainesboro, Ist	550.01	256.06	Union Hall	0.00	0.00	Sinking Creek	1,213.34	0.00	Prospect	1,972.14	1,663.00
Hampton Crossrds	875.07	2,520.74	Upper Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	State Line	930.40	512.00	Stewarts Chapel	333.54	909.70
Johnson	49.00	100.00	Victory	2,634.01	1,611.00	Stoney Creek	863.00	0.00	Taft, Ist	200.00	300.00
Midway	150.00	420.00	Watson Chapel	532.00	1,754.53	Sugar Grove	0.00	0.00	West End	2,487.95	340.54
Monterey, Ist	10,956.37	4,477.80	Westside	0.00	0.00	Unaka	2,320.25	663.00	Wilson County		
Nash Grove	682.00	1,415.00	Williamsburg	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	320.94	200.00	CP Chair: Robert Caspra		
New Home	1,075.80	1,447.94	Tennessee Valley			Watauga, Ist	80.61	375.38	Alexandria, Ist	2,563.25	1,532.82
New Macedonia	0.00	0.00	CP Chair: Don Baker			Willow Spgs	197.45	227.32	Bartons Creek	2,275.19	2,566.71
Poplar Grove	929.57	1,343.00	Bethel	51.46	350.00	Zion	1,069.43	631.00	Big Spgs	264.03	0.00
Poplar Spgs	91.32	120.00	Central	1,515.00	725.00	Weakley County			Calvary	614.00	228.00
Rocky Point	357.44	0.00	Clear Creek	446.75	442.00	CP Chair: Ricky Finney			Cedar Creek	758.79	1,688.27
Sand Spgs	362.24	500.00	Cranmore Cove	47.67	224.00	Adams Chapel	998.00	753.00	Cedar Grove	691.62	1,075.02
Scott Ave	0.00	220.00	Dayton, Ist	8,776.42	1,839.10	Beech Spgs	187.26	383.81	Chandler	50.68	0.00
Silver Point	125.32	330.00	Garrison	1,287.46	0.00	Bethel	20,525.99	33,205.98	Fairview	7,150.57	5,987.07
Stevens Street	4,462.59	187.50	Grandview	1,237.61	812.00	Bethlehem	0.00	4,053.05	Fall Creek	1,873.01	3,929.00
Trinity	100.00	0.00	Graysville, Ist	379.00	150.00	Bible Union	120.00	200.00	Fellowship	193.78	103.50
*University Hgts	579.18	500.00	High Point	143.55	0.00	Calvary	0.00	75.00	Gladeville	7,938.14	2,987.56
Verble	0.00	100.00	Lake Dr	837.37	0.00	Central	7,176.00	4,933.11	Greenville	34.38	497.05
Washington Ave	5,597.03	2,000.00	Mount Vernon	289.00	0.00	Corinth	367.00	800.00	Hillcrest	4,187.38	2,104.04
West View	1,833.32	0.00	Mount Zion	169.19	100.00	Davis Mem	221.50	200.00	Hobson Pike	963.61	765.75
Wildie	375.00	822.75	New Union	1,410.37	100.00	Dresden, Ist	4,248.15	6,706.88	Hurricane	520.70	735.00
Woodliff	0.00	340.00	Ogden	0.00	2,894.13	Eastside	70.55	524.66	Immanuel	7,126.81	14,273.36
Sullivan			Pennine	0.00	0.00	Fellowship	64.93	131.00	La Guardo	2,143.38	1,652.41
CP Chair: Alan Buckles			Saints Clair	360.43	601.00	Gearns Chapel	153.00	451.00	Misc. - Foundation		
Bays Mt	369.78	451.76	Salem Creek	494.89	200.00	Cleason, Ist	1,592.01	324.74	Miscellaneous	1,781.30	443,916.64
Bloomington	2,328.00	5,774.71	Salem	1,293.75	1,015.54	Greenfield, Ist	6,234.54	2,637.00	Foundation	0.00	12,941.14
Calvary	5,694.64	0.00	Smyrna	703.05	1,037.00	Hodges Chapel	94.84	250.00	Individuals	274.36	6,865.00
Cedar Grove	2,286.02	1,208.03	Spring City, Ist	5,112.67	1,778.80	Jolley Spgs	1,530.50	323.00	CP Chair: Eddie Mullinax		
(1)Colonial Hgts	27,036.81	22,357.90	Walderns Ridge	1,020.00	2,206.00	Liberty	306.23	483.00	*Bell's	0.00	0.00
*Dorothy Street Mission	0.00	0.00	Washington	375.65	200.00	Long Hrts	240.00	381.68	*Bread Of Life	561.68	240.45
Fall Creek	191.06	160.00	Wolf Creek	2,078.33	591.00	Macks Street	0.00	0.00	Cedar Grove	631.00	435.00
Fort Robinson	2,536.36	8,805.06	Yellow Creek	924.90	2,498.45	Main Street	97.41	63.21	Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Glenwood	2,377.65	2,083.68	Association	0.00	500.00	Moore's Chapel	30.00	0.00	Immanuel	230.00	100.00
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Cedar Valley	1,290.00	1,990.59	Calvary	3,208.15	75.00	Russell	150.00	100.00	Russell	150.00	100.00
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Christianburg	505.91	810.75	Central	75.00	303.00	Spring Hill	1,251.76	1,420.90	Springhill	384.00	147.00
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Clifton	0.00	0.00	Doe River	985.00	655.00	West Paris	3,436.42	2,045.82	William Carey		
Coker Creek	0.00	0.00	Duncan Chapel	1,470.23	316.06	CP Chair: Randy Bradford			Brogan Ave	0.00	25.00
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Increase in HMB volunteers prompts higher goals for '95

By David Winfrey
For Baptist Press

ATLANTA — An increase in mission youth groups helped boost the number of volunteers coordinated through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board by almost 5 percent in 1993.

The board's volunteer division assigned 63,994 volunteers in 1993, up from 60,284 in 1992. Seven of 10 categories for volunteers showed an increase last year, including Mission Service Corps workers, who serve four months or longer.

Because the number of volunteers for 1993 is already higher than next year's goal, volunteer coordinators have set higher goals for 1995 and 2000, said Mike Robertson, di-

rector of the student missions department.

The 1995 goal has been increased from 61,000 to 65,000 and the 2000 goal has been jumped from 75,000 to 80,000, he said.

Mission youth groups showed the strongest increase in 1993, up more than 3,500 compared to 1992. Robertson attributed that growth to a direct appeal for volunteer help from all youth ministers.

The greatest decrease occurred in college students for special projects other than summer work, down from 1,639 in 1992 to 1,047 last

year. Robertson said that decrease is only a matter of book-keeping because those workers no longer register with the Home Mission Board for insurance.

"We know they're still out there serving. We just don't have a record of them."

The number of Christian Service Corps groups decreased in 1993, but larger size teams resulted in the actual number of CSC group members growing by about 1,000. While the growth in CSC volunteers is encouraging, the decrease in groups means fewer

projects received attention, Robertson said. Christian Service Corps recently was renamed Missions Partners.

A likely reason for the CSC decrease was the 10,000-plus volunteers who worked on disaster relief efforts in the flood-damaged Midwest, he said. Those workers are coordinated by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and not the HMB, he noted.

With the increase in mission youth groups but a decrease in CSC groups, the board maintained its traditional average of filling about 65

percent of home missionaries' requests for volunteers.

Robertson said the average could go lower as more requests are likely in the future. "More missionaries are learning the value of volunteers and are asking for help."

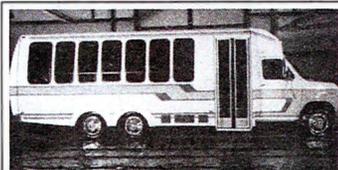
Volunteer coordinators already are expecting a decrease this year in the number of Acteen Activator teams because of that group's national convention held every five years. Between 12,000 and 15,000 Acteens are expected to attend their convention June 21-24 in Birmingham, Ala. □

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■ Sunday School lesson commentary

□ Controversy about Jesus as the Messiah — Bible Book Series for March 6

By Edward North, pastor, First Church, Humboldt

Jesus came into the world and men began choosing sides. Wherever one finds Jesus in the Gospels — from his birth, to his adventure, in the temple at age twelve, to his death on the cross — he is always in the midst of controversy. He and his religion were, and are, revolutionary.



NORTH

Various opinions about Jesus — vv. 12-13

John states the problem: "And there was much murmuring among the people concern-

ing him" (v. 12). Although they did not discuss him openly for fear of what the Jews (leaders) might do to them, some thought of him as a good man, but others as a deceiver. There was a definite difference of opinion.

In this one chapter, people react to Jesus with half-amused contempt (vv. 1-5), open hatred (vv. 7, 19), a desire to kill him (vv. 30, 32), arrogant contempt (vv. 15, 47-49), and acceptance (v. 31).

He is called a good man (v. 12), a deceiver (v. 12), a deluded madman (v. 20), a man of courage (v. 26), a prophet (v. 40), and the Christ (v. 41). There has never been a consensus about Jesus.

Jesus' opinion of himself — vv. 25-31

Some natives of Jerusalem were convinced Jesus was not the Messiah. They knew where Jesus was from and believed the Messiah would appear suddenly and supernaturally. Jesus was from Nazareth, a prophetically insignificant village.

Jesus' cry in verse 28 should be rendered a question: "You both know me, and you know where I am from?" The Lord was saying you think you know all about me, but I cannot be understood in terms of my parents or my homeland, but in terms of divine reality. Jesus knew himself. His origin was from God, and he was living

and ministering under orders from God (vv. 28-29). The critical issue for anyone is to know himself, especially in relationship to God.

His enemies tried to take him, but could not, because "... his hour had not yet come," (v. 30). A man is immortal as long as he is fulfilling God's purpose. Others believed in him because they reasoned the Messiah could not do greater works than this man had done in their eyes (v. 31).

The ongoing debate — vv. 37-43

Jesus declared that what is at stake in accepting him is the gift of living water, by which he meant the refreshing life giving presence of the Holy Spirit.

Focal Passages John 7:1-52

Belief in Christ results in glorious spiritual life (vv. 37-39).

Many believed that he was a prophet (a reference to Moses' bringing forth water out of the rock) and the Christ (vv. 40-41). Others rejected him on the basis of the fact that he did not seem to fit their expectation (vv. 41-42). John concludes, "So, there was division among the people because of him (v. 43).

The debate about the genuineness of Jesus goes on today. In the final analysis each person must decide for himself. What will you do with Jesus? □

□ The power of God for salvation — Convention Uniform Series for March 6

By Ken Clayton, pastor, Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory

Paul wrote his letter to Rome around A.D. 57 from Corinth.

This letter is different from Paul's other letters because he had not been to Rome. Paul's letter was a carefully constructed explanation of the Gospel which he preached. Rome was the greatest nation of its day. Rome's influence extended from Spain to Persia, and from England to Africa. The common language (Greek), the road system, and the Roman peace facilitated the rapid spread of Christianity. The Romans were in love with power. They treated their Caesars like gods. Paul countered with the truth that the Gospel is God's power to save (v. 16) and Jesus is Lord (v. 4).

His credentials — vv. 1, 3-7



CLAYTON

First, Paul began his letter by calling himself the "slave" of Jesus Christ. Paul's favorite term for Jesus is Lord. Lord means master and owner, the opposite of slave. Paul was under the authority of Jesus like a slave was under the rule of his master. Great spiritual leaders of the Old Testament were also called slaves of the Lord. Men like Moses, Joshua, David, Amos, and Jeremiah. Being subject to Jesus was an honor.

Second, Paul said he was "called to be an apostle." Again, in the Old Testament, great men heard and answered the call of God. Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), Moses (Exodus 3:10), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5), and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8-9) are but a few of the examples of those who heard and answered God's call. Paul felt that the Lord had chosen him and had given him a task to do. Paul had not aspired to some honor or determined that his life would go a

Focal Passage Romans 1:1, 3-17

certain way. There is an awesome responsibility in obedience when God, in his plan, selects particular people to do certain tasks. The will of God is inseparable from the call of God in your life.

Third, Paul was "set apart to serve the Gospel of God." The Lord's purpose for Paul's life was as a servant to declare the good news of who Jesus is and what he has done. Paul used the verb "set apart" to carry the idea of the call of God in his life. God "set apart" Paul's life before he was born (Galatians 1:15). Paul was "set apart" by the church at Antioch for the mission to the Gentiles (Acts 13:2).

Paul's prayer for his readers — vv. 8-15

Although Paul had never been to Rome, he wanted them

to know that he prayed for them (v. 9).

First, he thanked God that they were a witnessing and sharing church. Their faith was well known (v. 8). Second, he had requested that he be able to visit them, if it was the Lord's will (v. 10). Third, he prayed that they might mutually benefit and encourage one another (vv. 11-12). Paul explained that he had not yet been able to fulfill his plans to visit (v. 13). Paul felt indebted to share the Gospel with the wise and the simple, cultured and uncultured because of his call (v. 14). Paul knew that the Gospel message was for the whole world.

Paul's theme — vv. 16-17

These two verses announce clearly to all Paul's theme, the power of the message he preached. Although Paul had been imprisoned, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and scorned, he was not "ashamed

of the Gospel." Why was Paul not ashamed?

First, the Gospel demonstrated God's "power" to "save" from sin, his power over death, and his power for living. Second, "everyone" means all are welcome with Jesus. "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (ch. 10:13). Fourth, "faith" is trust and obedience. It means depending upon Jesus alone for the gift of eternal life. Fifth, "righteousness" — God alone is right. Through the cross of Jesus we are made right with God. Sixth, "the just" — we often think of justifying our actions, meaning to explain, or prove why we have done certain things. However, the word means "to treat, account, or reckon" a person to be just. God treats the sinner as if he had not been a sinner. This condition is not earned nor deserved. Those who believe in Jesus are treated like they are just. □

□ What does Christ expect? — Life and Work Series for March 6

By Charles Bryan, pastor, Central Church, Alcoa

Expectations! Whose expectations do you try to fulfill? As a pastor, I have sometimes tried to please everybody and meet all the expectations that church members placed on me. However, this is very frustrating because it is impossible to meet everyone's expectations. A couple of years ago, I realized that I could not make everyone like me nor could I please everyone. Instead, I learned that it is much more important for me to seek to meet God's expectations. What a difference this has made in my ministry and my life!



BRYAN

What does God expect of us? In our lesson this week, we will look at his expectations for us

concerning our responsibility to others, the place of faith in our lives, and our obedient service to him. Let us make note that these expectations are placed upon those of us who call ourselves Christians.

Responsibility to others — vv. 1-4

I don't like pickles. Until a few months ago, my oldest child didn't eat pickles either, but it was not because he didn't like them. It was because daddy didn't like them. I had a negative influence on him because of my attitude and actions concerning pickles. He now follows his mom's example and eats pickles.

As Christians, we must remember that we have a profound influence on other people's lives. We have a responsibility to live our lives before others in such a way that we are a positive influence upon

them. We must check our attitude and weigh our actions to make sure we do not lead others to sin and stray from God. As Christians, we must pay special heed to the less mature persons who may be vulnerable and easily led astray. And we must remember that we are accountable to God for our attitudes and actions, and how they affect others.

Another responsibility that we have toward others is seeking and granting forgiveness. We must remember that forgiveness is not to be judgmental, but loving, and should be given as often as someone seeks it from us. There can be no limit to forgiveness.

The need for faith — vv. 5-6

The apostles requested that Jesus increase their faith. Why? Perhaps after hearing their responsibilities to others,

Focal Passages Luke 17:1-10

they realized that they were incapable of fulfilling these duties by themselves. Maybe they knew they would need help. Jesus' answer shows that the presence of faith, not how great or small, is the real issue. Malcolm O. Tolbert in the *Broadman Bible Commentary* beautifully states what Jesus meant about faith. "It simply means that the person who has the smallest possible amount of real faith becomes the instrument of God's unlimited power." Are you an instrument of God's unlimited power?

Obedient service — vv. 7-10

In these verses, Jesus is calling upon us to examine our attitude toward our service to and for him. Why do we serve him? Do we serve God to

appease him? Do we serve him for the rewards we will get for our service? Or do we serve him in response to the grace and mercy that he has bestowed upon us? I hope we give obedient, unconditional service to God because of what he has already done for us. This is our "reasonable service" to God.

Let me conclude with a question and my answer to it. If heaven were not promised to you, would you still follow and serve Jesus Christ? Even if heaven were not awaiting me at the end of my earthly life, I still believe the most abundant life that I can live is found in Jesus Christ. In Christ, I have found joy, happiness, and fulfillment and it has made my life so much fuller. So yes, I would still follow and serve Jesus Christ even if there were no heaven. □

TenneScene ■ the people, their work

■ the people

■ The Baptist Men of Grace Church, Elizabethton, honored Paul Belamy for his work on its building and grounds.

■ David Gladson was licensed to preach by Fort Robinson Church, Kingsport. Gladson is a student at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

■ the leaders

■ Clint Nichols is serving Whitehaven Church, Memphis, as interim minister of music, effective Jan. 2.

■ Immanuel Church, Knoxville, has called Gene Fleming, associate pastor, Cumberland Church, Knoxville, as interim pastor. Mike Bryan is serving as music director. Fleming has served as pastor of West Knoxville Church.

■ Don Paxton is the new pastor of Campbells Chapel, Bristol.

■ Wayland Fillers, pastor, Calvary Church, Greeneville, and Mrs. Fillers were honored by the church for 20 years of ministry.

■ Mount Gilead Church, Bethel Springs, licensed Joy Dean Foster to the ministry Dec. 5. The church called David Tull as minister of music and youth.

■ the churches

■ On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the media ministry of First Church, Morristown, Higher Ground Ministries, has begun broadcasting worship services on Knoxville's WBIR-TV. The program, "Higher Ground," will include a 30-minute version of the previous week's Sunday morning service. It will air at noon each Sunday. Other programs broadcast from the church appear on the area's channel 11.

■ First Church, Mount Juliet, is hosting a Super Spring Women's Seminar March 19 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featured speaker is Evelyn Christenson. To register, contact FBC, Women's Ministry, P.O. Box 326, Mount Juliet, Tenn. 37122.

■ Caldwell Springs Church, Elizabethton, began celebrating its 100th anniversary at the beginning of the year. On Jan. 2 the church's bell tolled

100 times following a special service.

■ The youth ministry of Eads Church, Eads, held an emphasis on True Love Waits, a program promoting sexual abstinence, in February. It will conclude March 6 with Sunday Morning Finale led by youth. Robert and Margie Sims, members, First Church, Hickory Withe, led the emphasis.

■ the associations

■ The Sullivan Association and Community Carol Sing Dec. 9 drew its largest crowd since it has been held. The event was held at First Church, Kingsport.

■ Grainger Association will hold an overview of the study, *Doctrine of End Times*. It will be March 28 at Block Springs Church, Blaine. Don Mitchell, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, will lead the overview.

■ Holston Association will hold a Spring Youth Conference April 8-10 at the Grand Hotel in Pigeon Forge. The emphasis will be "True Love Waits," a program which promotes sexual abstinence. Mike Curry, president, Light



CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF the fund-raising program at Highland Park Church, Columbia, which received \$200,000 in commitments, are, from left, Neal Myers, minister of education and youth; Gilbert Westberry, minister of music; Jane Hughes, office manager; Ann T. Starr, Challenge to Build coordinator; and R. Trevis Otey Jr., pastor. The gifts will fund renovation of the fellowship hall area.

Ministries, Conway, Ark., will speak. The association also is holding a Youth Rally March 19 at Mountain View Church, Johnson City. Scott Davis, humorist, will speak.

■ Salem Association held a Royal Ambassador Assembly Feb. 22. Gary Odom, pastor, Round Lick Church, Watertown, and a former foreign missionary, spoke. Also Brandon Buckley, member, First Church, Woodbury, told the boys about his relationship with God. Buckley is a student at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro.

■ the schools

■ Belmont University, Nashville, will hold its 6th annual President's Concert March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Massey Auditorium. Performers include Image, Chorale, Jazzmin, Company, Chamber Singers, Jazz Small Group, Bluegrass Ensemble, University Orchestra, Oratorio Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, University Band, and the Nashville Children's Choir.

Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

Ministry of Super Bowl party

Michael L. Shea, pastor
Parkway Village Church, Memphis

The Super Bowl Party was super. The purpose of this event was the same as Paul's in I Corinthians 9: "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I may win the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, though not being myself under the law, that I might win those under the law; ... To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some" (vv. 19-22).

We might say, "And to the sports fans, I became as a sports fan, that I might win sports fans."

We must be careful not to let ministry routine cause us to run "without aim" (v. 26). But Paul's encouragement is that we would, "Run in such a way that you may win" (v. 25). That means that we must make "the most of every opportunity" (Colossians 4:5b).

We are under the Lord's direction to use every and any legitimate means to communicate the Gospel to the people around us by taking advantage of the opportunities that already exist. Let us

be careful not to allow religion to cause us to miss God's call and purpose for our lives as the Pharisees did in Jesus' day. □

Loneliness Around Us

S. Ray Jones, pastor
First Church, Camden

Recently, I was with a group of people. I looked around and I noticed an individual at the side of the crowd who looked lonely.

After talking with the person, I discovered that truly this was a lonely person who wanted very much to be one of the group. I was able to introduce him to other members of the group and I could tell the feeling of loneliness began to leave him. Later, he expressed gratitude for being made to feel a part of the group.

This incident did not happen at church, but it could have. It could happen if one is young or older.

Let's be sure that no one comes to First Church and leaves lonely. Make a point to speak to people. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and tell him or her how glad you are to see them.

It may be a member you do not know, but you need to know them. You may have to leave your group to speak to them — do it. Include that

person in your group.

One reason people come to church is to find fellowship. Help your group to begin ministering to that person's fellowship needs.

One or two people cannot make everyone feel welcome and have their fellowship needs met. But each one of us — together — can meet the fellowship needs of each person who comes to worship at First Church.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we worship the Lord together and fellowship with all who are present. □

Bring back tradition?

Grant Bishop, pastor
John Sevier Church, Knoxville

What gives you "balance" in life? Well, Tevye from *Fiddler on the Roof* could tell you in one word! Tradition!

Sometimes in dry humor Tevye makes a little fun of tradition, but for the most part he would say tradition is good. He tells why men in his village always wear a prayer shawl ... "this shows our constant devotion to God. Now you may ask how this tradition got started, I don't know. But it's a tradition, and because of our tradition, everyone knows who he is, and what God expects him to do!"

In this day of New Age thinking, New Age music, the new morality, new

non-traditional churches ... one wonders, what's wrong with holding onto tradition? Has all this "new" made our country, our homes, our lives better?

To talk of the downward course of man is old-fashioned, outdated, too negative. Yet in God's Word, Romans 1:18-32, "These things have come to pass, a reprobate mind. Indeed we have sown to the new way of the world, and reaped a whirlwind."

Perhaps it is just a voice crying out in the wilderness, a prophet who has not spoken clearly enough! Young adults, youth, older adults, before we throw out all tradition and lose our balance and fall, I call us to look to Jesus — the author and finisher of our faith — and practice the old tradition of II Chronicles 7:14, and then we could truly say in God we trust! □

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