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## Needs will rise as flood recedes, officials say

Baptist Press

MEMPHIS — With the close of the first full week of disaster response to floods in the Southeast, Southern Baptist disaster officials say meal counts at their feeding units — and the need for clean-up volunteers — will continue to rise as the waters recede.

"I think we're starting to turn the corner with the floodwaters themselves," said Mickey Caison, a Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission staffer serving as national on-site coordinator. "But we expect our overall meal counts to rise in the next few days as more volunteers come in."

Caison also said July 15 he did not expect to call any additional feeding or childcare units into the affected three-state area.

Since the flood emergency began, more than 82,600 meals have been provided.

Most of the relief activity is focused in southwest Georgia. Feeding units from Georgia are operating in Perry, Cordele, and

### Tennesseans care for children of flood victims in Georgia

The Tennessee Baptist Childcare Unit, a part of the disaster relief program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, is serving in Albany, Ga., caring for the children of flood victims.

Additional volunteers are needed to serve at least three days July 24-30, reported Cameron Byler, Brotherhood Director. No special training is necessary.

The unit, which includes a trailer supplied with toys and other childcare items, began its work July 15. About 60 children had been cared for July 17, said Byler. Many parents use the service for several hours while being processed at the nearby

American Red Cross Service Center, explained Byler.

"We're performing a real service for these people," he noted.

A total of 17 volunteers have served on the unit. They are from Clinton, Johnson City, Western District Association, and Knox County Association, said Byler. Housing for the team is being provided by First Church, Albany.

To volunteer, contact the Brotherhood Department at (615) 371-2026. Donations for Tennessee Baptist disaster relief should be sent to the TBC Brotherhood Department, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024. Checks should be made out to the TBC. □

The Georgia Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department continued to call for volunteers and for clean-up equipment and supplies, including pressure washers, pumps, shovels, buckets, disinfectants, brooms, mops, and rubber gloves. Prospective volunteers and equipment providers should call 1 (800) 746-4422.

In Florida, the state convention continued operating two feeding units in Bonifay. Cecil Seagle, the on-site coordinator for Florida, predicted July 15 one of the units might be deactivated by early next week and added the Florida operation had sufficient volunteers and supplies.

Meanwhile, an Alabama Baptist Convention unit at Enterprise, Ala., prepared 1,800 meals July 14 and approximately 2,000 more July 15, according to Tommy Puckett, Brotherhood director for the convention. Alabama will decide early next week whether to call for volunteers and supplies. Floodwaters there are expected to continue receding. □

Albany. A South Carolina feeding unit is located at Donaldsonville; a North Carolina unit is at Albany. A childcare unit

from Tennessee is operating at Albany as well, with another childcare unit from Illinois scheduled to arrive July 15.

## Southern Baptists help Vietnamese farmers

Baptist Press

PHU LUONG DISTRICT, Vietnam — Tea farmer Nguyen Van Rau grows more tea these days — thanks to Southern Baptists, including one from Tennessee.

Foreign missionaries are still barred from Vietnam. But as Americans slowly return to do business in this land where they once fought a war, they'll find Southern Baptists already there — helping thousands of farmers improve their agricultural output.

The implications are significant in the impoverished, largely rural nation of 73 million people — the second-largest population in Southeast Asia.

The Southern Baptist assistance comes from the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center — an agricultural development center in the Philippines — via a program coordinated by Cooperative Services International (CSI), a Southern Baptist aid agency.

The program began in 1989, when veteran Southern Baptist agriculturist Harold Watson of Brooklyn, Miss., visited Viet-

nam from his base in the Philippines. He went to discuss ways the nation could expand food production and improve the lot of farmers scraping out a living from poor-quality land.

Watson's "SALT" (Sloping Agricultural Land Technology) program, which converts denuded, useless hillsides into food-producing farms, has been adapted to many areas throughout Asia. In 1985 Watson won the Ramon Magsaysay Award — Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize — as recognition for his contributions to agriculture.

Watson visited Agricultural University No. 3 near Thai Nguyen City in Vietnam's northern Bac Thai Province. There he met with agricultural teachers to discuss how area farmers could grow more food. Later in 1989 Cooperative Services International joined with another humanitarian agency, Bread for the World, to send 20 Vietnamese farmers and agriculturists to the Rural Life Center.

The farmers quickly saw how easily they could adapt the SALT program to small farms in hilly areas back home. Wat-

son showed how planting rows of fast-growing, nitrogen-fixing trees on the natural contours of a hillside could enrich soil, prevent erosion, and develop farmable terraces.

In 1992 another group of Vietnamese agricultural workers visited the Rural Life Cen-

ter. One was Tu Quang Hein, director of the department of science and international relations at Agricultural University No. 3.

An intense man who likes to work, he returned to the university and immediately began — Continued on page 2



**FAMILIES IN VIETNAM** will have more meat on their tables thanks to several agricultural projects arranged by Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization. Shown inspecting a goat are Tennessee agriculturist Jeff Palmer of Waverly, center, Duong Thanh Liem, left, and student Vuong Minh Tri. Duong is president of the University of Agriculture and Forestry at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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## Southern Baptists help Vietnamese ...

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teaching the SALT concepts to his students and farmers across the province.

By training farmers who in turn trained others, he has educated almost 1,000 farmers in SALT technology.

One of his first "converts" was tea farmer Nguyen Van Rau, whose farm covers several acres, most of it on steeply sloped land in Phu Luong District.

Southern Baptist worker **Jeff Palmer of Tennessee**, an agriculturist with the Rural Life Center, visited Nguyen's farm in June. He saw how the enterprising farmer has neatly set out "Trepthosia candida" trees along terraced rows of his tea crop to control erosion and enrich soil.

"These types of trees will enrich the soil and can be used for fuel because they grow quickly," said Palmer, of Waverly. "One reason we've worked with the universities is because it took some research to discover the best type of tree to use and they're already set up to do this. Besides, the government won't allow us to work with villages directly."

Asked if the improvements have helped his production, Nguyen smiled and nodded eagerly.

### Former Vietnam soldier now ministers where he once fought

Baptist Press

**THAI NGUYEN CITY, Vietnam** — Bob Bell fought in Vietnam in the 1960s to win a war, dodging sniper bullets while he and other U.S. Navy Seabees constructed landing strips, buildings, and roads.

Now, more than 20 years later, he's one of the first Southern Baptists back in postwar Vietnam to help rebuild the country.

Bell and his wife, Suzanne, teach English under the sponsorship of Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization.

Communist Vietnam bans missionaries, but it welcomes English teachers and development workers. Bell left a promising career in prison chaplaincy in Missouri to return to a land where he once spent some of the most harrowing moments of his life. Mrs. Bell, an attorney, left a career in insurance law. They arrived in August last year after one earlier visit.

The Bells and their two young sons live in

a modest four-room apartment on the campus of the Agricultural University No. 3, located outside Thai Nguyen City in Bac Thai Province north of Hanoi.

Like Vietnam itself, the university struggles to upgrade itself. Visitors reach the campus — a collection of buildings grouped around fish ponds — via a rough road that runs atop a dike holding back waters for surrounding rice fields.

English instruction plays a key role in Vietnam's plans for the future. It's the main language of business and agriculture throughout Asia and the rest of the world. About eight of every 10 students in the country study English, university leaders say.

Bell teaches English four times a week to as many as three dozen students.

Though an American, Bell says he has found no bitterness toward him left over from the war. □ — Southern Baptist overseas correspondent Mike Creswell recently visited Vietnam and filed these stories on what he found in the country.

- Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
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## Accrediting agency wants follow-up visit to Southwestern

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**FORT WORTH, Texas** — The major accrediting association for theological schools has asked for a second visit to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the wake of the firing of President Russell H. Dilday Jr. in March.

The Association of Theological Schools recently sent a letter to Southwestern advising the school that a "follow-up" visit this fall is planned, according to Nancy Merrill, a spokesperson for ATS. It would

follow a May visit by an ATS team to the Fort Worth campus that resulted from the March 9 firing of Dilday.

However, William B. Tolar, acting seminary president, said the seminary will ask ATS to postpone the fall visit until next spring. Tolar said with the seminary trustees voting on a new president July 28 (the nominee is Kenneth S. Hemphill, director of the Southern Baptist Center for Church Growth) and the regular board of trustees meeting in October, the spring 1995 period would give the trustees and a

new president time to get ready for the visit.

The May fact-finding visit, called a "focused visit without prejudice" by the ATS, was by a five-member team which interviewed current and past trustees officers, Dilday, faculty, administrative staff, and elected student leaders.

Merrill said the team's findings were presented to the Commission on Accrediting for "formal action." She said the findings are confidential and preliminary but prompted the request for a second visit. □

## CBF encourages churches to 'send two checks instead of one'

Baptist Press

**NASHVILLE** — The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has asked churches who have been sending funds to SBC agencies through the CBF to "send two checks instead of one" in response to SBC action in Orlando in June.

Messengers at the annual meeting of the SBC directed all SBC agencies to discontinue receiving funds via the CBF. CBF officials sent a letter to those contributing churches with instructions on how the churches can allocate their mission dollars to both CBF and SBC.

The letter encourages those churches to write two checks — one mailed to the CBF, and

one mailed to the SBC via the SBC Executive Committee. The letter noted the check sent to the Executive Committee should include instructions as to which agencies should receive funds.

The letter urges the use of percentages in two of the CBF giving plans which send some funds to SBC agencies but exclude the Executive Committee, the Christian Life Commission and, in one plan, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The CBF letter also included a bulletin-type insert, in question-and-answer format, that churches could use to explain the "ramifications of the SBC's action."

Carolyn Weatherford Crum-

plished more meat into diets here."

So far, tea farmer Nguyen has no idea who Jesus Christ is, much less who Southern Baptists are. But he does know that an American has helped him grow more tea.

For now, in Vietnam, that's a good start. □ — Mike Creswell

wide areas around the schools.

"In the first two generations we increased the size of the goats from 15 kilograms to about 50 kilograms," Palmer said. "Since goat meat sells well at markets, these improved goats will have a significant effect both on the income of farmers as well as

help put more meat into diets here."

# Hemphill 'excellent' choice for SWBTS, says Tennessee trustee

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — The selection of Kenneth S. Hemphill as the new president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, is an "excellent" choice, according to a Tennessee pastor who served on the nine-member search committee.

"I think he (Hemphill) will bring a new day to Southwestern," said Bob Burch, pastor of Calvary Church, Knoxville.

Burch cited three reasons for his opinion on Hemphill, a former Virginia Baptist pastor who now serves as director of the Southern Baptist Center for Church Growth, a cooperative venture between the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

First, Hemphill's "commitment to the Lord Jesus and his

love for him, the Bible, and the church are strikingly obvious," Burch said.

Second, Hemphill "sees a need to minister to the hearts and spirits of students, and not just their minds," he said.

And, finally, Burch said, Hemphill "has been successful in his ministry so he knows of what he speaks. Many teachers speak out of theory, not experience."

Burch confirmed a July 13 Baptist Press report that six men were interviewed for the position during the two-month search process — Hemphill, Timothy George, Birmingham, Ala.; Richard Melick, Dallas, Texas; Richard Land and Mark Coppenger, Nashville; and Ralph Smith, Austin, Texas.

Of those, Hemphill, George, Melick, and Smith were invited for second interviews. George, however, had a scheduling conflict and was unavail-



**KEN HEMPHILL**, the nominee for the presidency Southwest Seminary is no stranger to the campus. He has preached in a revival at the seminary before.

able for the second meeting.

Burch noted that after the first meeting with Hemphill everyone was impressed.

"After the second meeting everyone said he was obviously the man for the job," Burch said.

Hemphill received the committee's nomination despite not being a Southwestern graduate, a qualification most observers felt was necessary.

Burch confirmed the committee received numerous letters emphasizing that the person chosen should be an alumnus of the school.

Burch, himself a Southwestern graduate, said he would like to have seen a Southwestern alumnus, but "I too wanted the best possible person and for the Lord's will to be done."

The Tennessee trustee said Hemphill seemed to have all the qualities the committee was searching for, noting his intelligence, winsome personality, and skills.

A seminary president must

have an unusual array of gifts. You need more than just a pastor or an administrator," he said.

"We tried to find the person we felt could restore the heart of Southwestern and that is a driving force for evangelism and missions," the Knoxville pastor added.

Burch acknowledged that at first Hemphill did not know if he would be interested in the position, but after the first interview he became excited about the prospect.

Burch talked with Hemphill during the SBC annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

"I told him that his interest in church growth could be amplified at the seminary."

Burch said he feels Hemphill's election at a special called meeting July 28 will go "without a hitch," but acknowledged there is no certainty he won't be challenged. □

## Mississippi camp area may receive permanent gambling protection

By William H. Perkins Jr.  
For Baptist Press

BILOXI, Miss. — The Mississippi Gaming Commission on June 30 declared the neighborhood around Gulfshore Baptist Assembly a legal but inappropriate site for casino gambling and is considering a permanent ban on any gambling development in the area.

Paul Harvey, executive director of the commission, told the state's three gaming commissioners during their regular meeting in Biloxi the situation in the Henderson Point neighborhood where Gulfshore is located "transcends" the legality of casino development there.

Harvey identified a number of concerns he had with developing the site

for a casino operation.

Among them were the tight, compacted nature of the residential area, the "unprecedented" amount of correspondence opposing the site, the Harrison County Board of Supervisors' unanimous opposition, the proximity to religious activity, a petition from local residents with 1,500 validated names, all opposing the site, and public safety concerns due to lack of infrastructure in the area to handle huge increases in traffic and sewer problems.

"I don't consider it to be a suitable site," he said, adding he would have a "tremendous problem" recommending the site for a casino operation.

The ballroom atop the Treasure Bay Hotel, where the hearing took place, erupted with applause from the hun-

dreds of local residents and Baptists who had packed the room to register their opposition.

The three gaming commissioners echoed Harvey's statement.

Commissioner Robert Engram of Gulfport said Baptists had done a "glorious job" of convincing him they didn't want a casino anywhere near Gulfshore.

He was referring to the tidal wave of letters and telephone calls the commission received concerning a proposal — withdrawn just a few days before the hearing — by Spectrum, Inc., to build a 24-hour-a-day casino within sight of the state Baptist campground.

Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, asked the gaming commission to impose a

1,000-yard buffer zone prohibiting gambling development around religious retreats and conference centers recognized as nonprofit by the Internal Revenue Service.

"We want you to be proactive," Jones said.

The gaming commissioners approved Harvey's request that legal staff be allowed to study the buffer zone proposal and bring recommendations before the commission.

Jones promised to monitor the commission's progress toward an officially recognized buffer zone.

"Baptists proved that their voice can be heard loud and clear in Mississippi. Thanks to everyone who wrote and called the commission, the mission of Gulfshore will soon be fully and permanently protected." Jones said. □

## Chile/Tennessee missions — past and future



**MIRASOL, A MISSION CHURCH** in Puerto Montt, Chile, was one of the early projects for Tennessee volunteers. Several groups helped with construction of the sanctuary, classrooms and other space on the side, and a pastor's house in the rear of the building. Karen Wright is the missionary who worked with Tennesseans on the project. Several projects remain to be completed before the Chile/Tennessee Partnership closes out in December. Volunteers are needed. — Photo by Wm. Fletcher Allen

Though the Chile/Tennessee partnership is winding down, there are still opportunities for service in Chile before the partnership officially ends Dec. 31.

One team of seven to 15 people is needed to assist First Church, Rancagua in the construction of a 3,900-square-foot facility that will contain a meeting room for 400-500 people, three classrooms for 50 people each, and an office for the pastor.

Volunteers should be experienced in construction and should bring their own hand tools.

The project dates are Sept. 17-26. For more information, call Jarvis Hearn at (615) 371-2028. □

## Despite five fires in 15 months N.M. church determined to go on

Baptist Press

SILVER CITY, N.M. — The fourth and fifth fires to strike Indian Hills Church, June 13 and 16, have eliminated the physical remains of the Silver City church.

The first fire, Easter Sunday 1993, caused smoke and fire damage to one room. It later was ruled to have been set by arsonists.

A second fire on July 1, 1993 was determined to be electrical. It caused smoke damage throughout the building.

On June 2 of this year, another fire damaged the entire building. Investigators believe it too was set by arsonists.

The June 13 fire was reported at 3:15 a.m. All that re-

mained from the previous fires were destroyed with the exception of the pastor's library. Damage estimates approach \$750,000.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms has been called in to investigate.

Another fire destroyed all that remained, including church records, in the early morning hours of June 16.

Pastor Dan Grindstaff said "Experiencing God" groups are meeting in homes and deacons are meeting each Wednesday in prayer groups. The church is meeting at its former location while it rebuilds. A bank is supplying a temporary office.

The pastor said the church is stronger than ever, unified, and looking to the future. □

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## Brownsville senior adults injured in van accident

BROWNSVILLE — Nine senior adults, all members of Holy Grove Church near Brownsville, were injured in an accident on Austin Peay Highway July 13.

According to witnesses, a car entering the highway from a secondary road failed to stop. The car hit the church van on the driver's side, sending it off the highway about 100 feet.

All nine members of the party were injured and the van was a total loss.

John Kimberly, minister of music and senior adults at Holy Grove, was driving the van. The group was traveling to Eureka Springs, Ark., and had been on the road about 30 minutes.

All nine passengers were treated for cuts and bruises and possible broken bones. As of July 14 three remained hospitalized in Jackson and one was in a Brownsville hospital. Some of Kimberly's clean shirts were used with first aid given by a passing motorist and some of the less injured passengers. □

## Puzzled by action

The action by the Southern Baptist Convention to, in effect, refuse funds from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is puzzling. It would be more understandable if the givers were to refuse to contribute to the receivers. It was the receivers (SBC) who excluded from any leadership in the SBC those who have since chosen to work with the CBF.

This action drives one more wedge of exclusion between fundamentalists and traditional conservatives of moderate persuasion. Such tactics do not go unnoticed by many thoughtful lay individuals.

The SBC and media personnel should no longer indicate the strength of the SBC by referring to its 15 million members. As indicated by the vote at the New Orleans convention and other votes subsequently, the number of fundamental lay individuals supporting the power structure of the SBC is only a fraction of the 15 million.

Politicians desiring to appeal to the "Religious Right" should be careful. They may get less support than they expect.

George M. Grimes  
Memphis 38117

## Faithful reader

After I received the *Baptist and Reflector* today, I wanted to write and thank you and others who make up this paper so people as I am can keep in touch. I am in Fayetteville Health Care Center Nursing Home, age 80.

I share my paper with others here. My church sends me mine since I am unable to at-

tend my church home (New Grove Church, Blanche).

I have sent items and papers when possible to my son who lives in North Pole, Alaska. He is soon to be in the ministry in Alaska. His home is there after serving in the Air Force for 23 years.

I enjoy it so much and miss my WMU and Sunday School and other things in my church.

I am reading *The New Lotie Moon Story* by Catherine B. Allen. All WMU women should receive such a blessing from this study. How someone could tell all! May his great works continue.

Pearlie W. Ferguson  
Fayetteville 37334

## Gives comparisons

The recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention gives evidence that messengers believe that some Christian brothers and sisters are acceptable for fellowship while others are unacceptable. During the same week three things occurred that are seemingly inconsistent.

On Monday the Pastors' Conference welcomed to its platform the leading independent Baptist in the nation. According to press reports, Jerry Falwell spoke to "an appreciative audience."

Messengers later affirmed a document which included the strengthening of Baptist-Catholic relationships.

These two actions displayed a willingness to share fellowship with two groups which do not share our tradition or our basic Southern Baptist heritage.

How strange, then, that the same convention would reject

mission money from people who have been brothers and sisters for decades. Many people who are giving money to the SBC through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship have been faithful Southern Baptists who have been systematically excluded from involvement in the convention. They continue to do their best to have some participation, including participation in giving through an alternate channel.

Is it true that the Southern Baptist Convention has more appreciation for Jerry Falwell and Pope John Paul II than for Keith Parks and Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler? Is it possible that we can work together to reach the world as Christian brothers and sisters despite our differences? The recent actions of the messengers of the Convention do not give reason for hope.

Marvin Cameron, pastor  
West Hills Church  
Knoxville 37909

## Wanted discussion

I have waited for reports in state Baptist papers (I read four regularly) to see if they addressed an issue of the '94 business that took me back to the Stanley convention in Dallas. Since none of the four deal with it as a problem, I thought a letter to the editor would calm my spirit on the matter.

For many of us Southern Baptists there needed to be a forum to speak a word of rebuke, at least in a semi-official way, toward the trustees of Southwestern. Sims' motion was made before Robinson's. What parliamentary rule did Young use for his treatment of Sims' motion?

I feel that the chair exercised poor parliamentary procedure to unilaterally stop the effort to address the matter of the trustees and their leadership. Where was that high-priced parliamentarian when this was going on? Better yet where were all those folks on the floor of the convention who like to get their names in the *SBC Annual* by raising a point of order?

Rodger D. Eakin  
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## Support camps

I have just returned from serving as a missionary for two weeks during the Royal Ambassador camps at Camp Linden.

It has been a great experience to serve with a fine group of young men who serve as the staff for the camps. Almost without exception they do a very fine job in providing leadership for the boys who come to camp. They help the boys to grow in many ways, such as mission awareness, citizenship, nature, campcraft, worship, and learning to work together.

During the two weeks at Camp Linden 24 of the boys made some commitment, either to accept Jesus as Savior or rededication.

Attendance at the camps, both at Camp Carson and Camp Linden, is low. We need to be concerned enough to promote the camps in our churches. We should be having several times as many boys in camp as we are having. Let's get behind the RA camps and provide some excellent Christian training for the boys.

Marshall Hargrave  
Jefferson City 37760

## Holy Spirit, not spirits

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

The Hebrew had many words for various alcoholic beverages. The Greek had only one — wine (ainos). So "wine" may refer to wine or to any alcoholic beverage.

The "Happy Hour" is a euphemism for "cocktail hour." The alcohol consumed lowers inhibitions and stimulates conversation and mixing together. But over indulgence leads to "excess" or debauchery. Paul warns against such.

However, alcohol only gives a temporary lift and

then depresses. Paul says that, instead, we should be "filled with the Spirit." Instead of ultimate depression the Holy Spirit gives a permanent glow to one's personality.

Every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We are "filled with the Spirit" when we surrender all our faculties to him. Therefore, Paul says that we should be filled with his presence and power in order to have the permanent glow of a permanent exhilaration of a life completely surrendered to the Lord. □

By Herschel Hobbs,  
Baptist theologian



HOBBS

## Daily prayer requests for Chile/Tennessee Partnership



July—

- 21 — Plans are underway for the Berean Bible Courses for lay leaders at the Theological Institute in Temuco for the remainder of 1994-95.
- 22 — Lesa Bray, on furlough, celebrates her birthday today.
- 23 — Manuel Sanchez in Temuco needs salvation. While Manuel is not attending church, his wife and sons continue to be faithful and active.
- 24 — Pray for personal revival in the lives of pastors, missionaries, and lay leaders in Chile.
- 25 — Abdon Nunez, the new pastor of Redentor Church in Valdivia, is also opening a center for alcoholics.
- 26 — Four couples are studying *Experiencing God* led by the David Millers in Puerto Varas.
- 27 — Alejandro Pino (La Serena) is an adult Sunday School teacher and has started a radio program to reach professionals. Radio station owner Domingo San-doval is of the Ba'hai faith. Pray Domingo will accept Christ as a result of this Christian contact.

# Paper, people combine for missions success

When Nashville pastor R. B. C. Howell began fleshing out his idea for a Baptist newspaper for Tennessee Baptists, he began something that has continued for almost 160 years.

Publishing the first copy of *The Baptist* in January 1835, Howell saw the deep need for Baptists in Tennessee to be linked together in a common cause. The link, he believed, would be an interesting, informative, doctrinally sound paper that could be read and comprehended by lay persons and pastors, learned and borderline readers, professors and students.

It would be a paper for pastors, but it would also be an advocate for the people.

While the ancestor of Baptist papers in Tennessee catered to pastors, down through the years editors have become more and more interested in publishing a paper that relates to all Tennessee Baptists.

A day is set aside on the denominational calendar each year to emphasize the role of the *Baptist and Reflector*. On page 12 of this issue, a form is there for use of all readers. Each church which has few or no subscribers can celebrate *Baptist and Reflector Day* August 21.

The churches can order from the *Baptist and Reflector* office free copies of use on that day as they observe *Baptist and Reflector Day*.

The paper, the official newsjournal for

Tennessee Baptists, is forty years older than the state convention, and older than most Tennessee Baptist churches.

When Howell began publishing his monthly Baptist newspaper, Andrew Jackson was president of the United States. The following year saw Texas declaring secession from Mexico and Sam Houston commanding the Texas army.

The paper has changed in many ways since then, but it has survived name changes and turbulent war years. It has seen the nation come to the forefront of international leadership. It has been a part of the expansion of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to almost one million members close to 3,000 churches.

It has maintained contact with many Tennessee Baptists, though not nearly enough, and provided them with vital news, enriching feature stories, necessary words of advice, practical examples of church life and personal devotion, and support of Baptist tenets and doctrine.

The paper has not minced words about Baptist life and work, and has been ready with expressions of gratitude as well as admonition when needed.

Through the years, as the convention changed and the needs of the people evolved from a rural to more suburban life, the paper has adapted. Values of dependable and honest journalism have not changed, but styles and professional

writing and newsgathering have been strengthened.

It is worthy of note that a Baptist paper has survived in a changing society and a changing convention for almost 160 years. Survival is imperative to the health of the convention.

We cannot imagine how Howell and other Baptists of his era would feel if they were alive today.

Before they could grasp the immensity and complexity of today's Tennessee Baptist Convention, they probably would comment that the paper still survives — though in its early years and a few times later, survival was not a certainty.

However, mere survival is not all that grand an accomplishment. Flourishing in an enhanced role would be better.

*As pleased as we are with those Tennessee Baptists who care enough to read the paper regularly, churches would find it easier to succeed in many ways if they felt an affinity so deep with other Tennessee Baptists that they would want to know all about their brothers and sisters in Christ and they would want to know constantly.*

*Baptist and Reflector Day is August 21. On page 12 of this paper is information geared to help churches recognize the paper on that day — or another day.*

Do Tennessee Baptists really care about each other? The paper is here to help you answer that affirmatively.

Remember that on August 21. □

■ one word more

By Wm. Fletcher Allen editor

## The parade ground

Most military bases have a piece of land called the parade ground. The parade ground is usually at the heart of the base, or at least positioned in a highly visible area.

Military parades often lack some of the lightheartedness and casual atmosphere of other parades.

But one thing is certain. There will be a crisp discipline and responsible camaraderie not experienced in non-military settings. This is proper, and it is good.

I like military parades (without the hardware of combat) because they stress that discipline and offer honor and respect to heritage, patriotism, and duty.

When I was undergoing what is properly called "basic training," those who supervised made certain we learned all we were supposed to learn and that we knew how to respect our leaders, our flag and country, and our unit.

We learned how to obey orders, and when proper, how to give them.

How was that done? It was easy. We learned to put them first, before personal concerns.

We learned to salute correctly the flag and persons of higher rank. We learned to give respect with that salute.

We were taught the value of reliability and dependability. We learned that someone else's life could be dependent on our actions. We learned to support each other.

Ideally, the combination of all we were taught should have made for successful lives inside and outside military service. Often though, it did not. The results were determined by each one. We were not applauded nor penalized for the actions of another.

While I am not giving inordinate tribute to military power, I do believe that church bodies and individuals could take these messages and experience greater success in ministry, witnessing, and daily living. The parade ground was a place where much we learned was put on display.

The Christian's parade ground is much larger, and still vital. □



ALLEN

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

■ just for today

By Fred Wood pastor emeritus Eudora Church, Memphis

### Start with a smile

Clerk: "Great news. For the first time in 10 years we operated in the black. But we operated in the red so long we're out of black ink. What to do?"

Boss: "That's easy. Take some money out of petty cash and buy some black ink."

Clerk: "If I do, we'll be back in the red."

### Take this thought

Living too near the edge is dangerous in many ways. It can cause us to have "too much month at the end of the money." It can bring us too close to exams without adequate preparation. It can "push us over the line" into sinful living.

### Memorize this Scripture

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

### Pray this prayer

Lord, keep before me the importance of strong discipline in my life. Help me to avoid a stern, overbearing spirit of intolerance toward others who do not share my convictions. □

# Anger: sometimes it is acceptable

It is difficult for many people to realize that anger is ever acceptable for Christians and especially for Christians in the family.

Even in the family there is both acceptable and unacceptable anger. How can we tell which type of anger we are experiencing?

The Bible describes at least three types of anger that are not acceptable. The first is hasty anger. "A quick-tempered man does foolish things ..." (Proverbs 14:17).

The second is long-lasting anger. "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry ..." (Ephesians 4:26).

The third is vengeful anger. The writer of Hebrews is quoting Deuteronomy 32:35 when he said, "For we know him who said, 'It is mine to avenge: I will repay.'" (Hebrews 10:30).

Paul put it this way, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge: I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

All anger in the Bible is not condemned. Jesus got angry at what he encountered in the Temple in John 2:13-16 and

■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor and professor

cleaned house. Paul admonished us to "be angry and sin not" in Ephesians 4:26. I paraphrase this sometimes that we should be good and mad but also be good, while we are mad at the same time.

This is an intense emotion that arises as a reaction to sin and wrong doing.

Jesus was recorded as feeling this in Mark 3:1-5 when he healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath and the Pharisees got upset.

The NIV says that he was "deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts." He was "angry" because their religious rules were more important to them than the man's withered hand.

As far as I know, this is the only time in the Bible that Jesus is described as being angry.

One of the things that will surprise many Christians on the judgment day is that we will be judged as much for not being angry at the right things

as we will for being angry at the wrong things.

Scripture also enjoins us not to let the sun go down on our anger and to put away our anger. These Scriptures suggest that we are responsible for the deliberate expression of anger.

There is no room here for the person who seeks to evade responsibility for some hurtful and destructive act in the name of uncontrollable outbursts of anger.

We are responsible within the family to make sure that our anger is an expression of our disgust with wrong doing and not simply an attempt to get our own way.

Anger should also be redemptive with a view toward correcting the wrong doing when possible.

Now that we know more about acceptable and unacceptable anger, our aim should be to diminish the unacceptable and replace it with anger of the acceptable kind. □

Dr. Barkley welcomes questions and items for discussion in this column.



BARKLEY

# East Tennessee associations band together for Los Amigos

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

SEVIERVILLE — The spirit of cooperation is alive and well in East Tennessee.

Four associations — East Tennessee, Jefferson County, Knox County, and Nolachucky — are supporting one ministry that is having an impact.

Los Amigos de Cristo (Friends of Christ) was formed as a cooperative ministry of the four associations about two years ago to the more than a thousand Hispanics who come to East Tennessee annually to work on farms.

Of those migrant workers approximately 200 live permanently in Cocke County or the Morristown area, says Michael Brooks, director of missions for East Tennessee Association and former president of Los Amigos ministry.

The ultimate goal for Los Amigos ministry is to provide a New Testament church for the Hispanics who remain year round, Brooks said.

James Tullock, a member of Calvary Church, Morristown,

migrants is adjusting to their schedules on the farms, Brooks and Tullock agreed.

"We try to let the farmers know we'll try to work within their schedules," Brooks said, noting that last year Vacation Bible School began around 7:45 p.m. after the workers finished their duties in the fields.

Brooks noted the ministry has a good relationship with most of the farmers in the area. "We don't force the issue with farmers who don't want the ministry," he said, adding that many of the farmers find the ministry beneficial to them as well as the migrants.

On one of the area farms, a group from Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, built a playground for the migrant children. The playground gives the children somewhere to go besides the fields or just sitting in their parents' car during the day, Brooks said.

Many laypeople in the four association-area have grasped the ministry, including Carol Webb of Rocky Hill Church, Knoxville.

"So many times during the past two and one half years while working with the Hispanic ministry I witnessed one miracle after another. A need would arise and before expected, the need was met," Webb said.

She observed that God "has placed these people (migrant workers) in our midst for a very important purpose. Not only are they in need of help with material things, education, a better quality of life, health education, and illness prevention, they mainly need the love of Jesus Christ shared with them," she stressed.

On a recent Saturday in June, Webb and around 30 other volunteers worked during the first Camp Ba-Yo-Ca Day for Hispanic Children at the Knox County Association-operated camp in Sevierville.

Approximately 33 Hispanic children attended the event.

"We see the needs of these kids," Webb said. "We want to structure anything we can to show Christ's love."

The day camp experience provided fun, games, good food, and also the message of Jesus



A LITTLE 'TLC' is shown at left to 'Bush' by Carol Webb, right, of Rocky Hill Church, Knoxville, and Kathy Davis of Pine Ridge Church, Harriman, who led an Acteens Activator team from Big Emory Association to help with a recent day camp for Hispanic children. Below, Leading a game for Hispanic children are three workers from Valley Grove Church, Knoxville. From left are Tiffany Beavis, Kim Rose, and Melanie Clark (with son Cory on back). They were among about 30 volunteers at the recent day camp for Hispanics.

Christ through a variety of ways.

While the event was a good idea and was something positive for the children, it took over two years to gain the confidence of the parents so they would allow their children to travel away from them for the experience, Webb said.

"It takes a while to gain confidence and trust," she said.

The camp for children is just one of several activities planned by the Los Amigos ministry this summer. Others include a Hispanic health fair and Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs led by different mission teams throughout the summer.

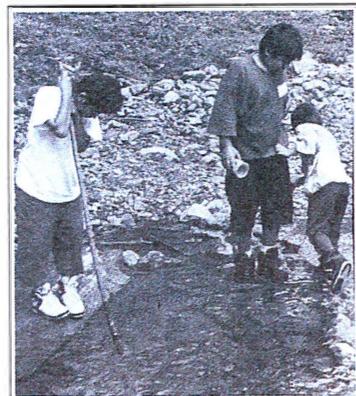
In addition to activities such



as these the ministry hopes to establish home Bible studies to meet the needs of the adults, Brooks said.

And, hopefully, those will

lead toward starting churches close to the migrant workers rather than transporting them to a central location. "We will do what works," he pledged. □



HISPANIC CHILDREN enjoyed playing in the creek at Camp BA-YO-CA. Many of the migrant children must wait around the fields where their parents pick tomatoes and other crops. In addition to this free time, these children and about 30 of their friends had structured activities planned for them during the recent day camp sponsored by Los Amigos ministry.

in Nolachucky Association, echoed Brooks.

"We are having more migrants stay year round. Our goal is to see a Spanish-speaking church develop," said Tullock, who works with the Hispanic ministry at Calvary. He also is vice president of Los Amigos ministry.

Currently, worship services are being offered in Cocke County (Newport) and in Morristown. They are being led by Jose Roman, pastor/director of Los Amigos ministry.

A handicap that must be overcome in working with the

## Venezuelan leads Los Amigos ministry

Jose Roman is an answer to prayer.

The Venezuelan native proved to be just what Los Amigos de Cristo needed, said James Tullock of Calvary Church, Morristown.

"We had prayed for the Lord to provide someone who could preach in Spanish," Tullock said.

Roman helped Calvary in its ministry to Hispanics last summer. He later was asked if he would be interested in serving Los Amigos as pastor/director. He accepted and began his new role last December.

One of his goals, which is supported by Los Amigos, is to establish a new church. They currently provide services in Morristown for 30-60 people each week. They hope to eventually have a Hispanic church in Morristown, Newport, and in Jefferson County, Roman said.

Another major task for Roman is building relationships, something that comes naturally for him.

East Tennessee Association Director of Missions Michael Brooks described Roman as "vi-

brant and energetic."

"Within minutes he can have them (migrant workers) laughing and talking," Brooks said.

And while Los Amigos ministry was successful before Roman came along, he "has made things easier," Brooks observed.

A barrier he has to overcome, Roman said, is the Hispanic community as a whole believe they are Christian.

"They are Catholic and think they are a Christian. But they are not in the way the Bible says," Roman noted, adding that "it makes it difficult to share the Gospel."

Another obstacle in ministering to the migrant workers is that the migrant life is always geared to starting over. They often are given

false promises to get them to go to other places and this makes them suspicious, Roman said.

The way to overcome that is to show them you care, he said.

"When we fill a need, they will be ready to receive the message (of Christ)," he said. □



KAREN AND JOSE ROMAN visit with James Tullock, right, of Calvary Church, Morristown. Roman is pastor/director of Los Amigos de Cristo, a cooperative ministry of East Tennessee, Jefferson County, Knox County, and Nolachucky associations.

## This old chair is not a handicap for Baptist Men's leader

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, Editor  
Baptist and Reflector

FAYETTEVILLE — Hearing about the never-give-up attitude of Steve Orr is one thing, but seeing him in action is the real thing.

He's an unusual but successful Brotherhood director. In fact, he has a good following from the men of the church.

Though he is confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak clearly, the young man's indomitable spirit often places him in positions of leadership.

He finds ways to communicate. And when men of Parks City Church, Fayetteville, are absent from a meeting, they have to deal with Steve. He gets someone, usually his mother, Geneva Myrick, to call them for an accounting.

Baptist Men of the church have rallied around Steve Orr, making him a member of their group and gladly accepting his role as "chairman of enthusiasm."

As he was being interviewed before a Wednesday evening prayer service, Steve wasn't willing to accept praise for the work the men's groups have done.

"The men who can really do the work — they are the story," he said.

His mother said the Baptist men's fellowship has been a boost to Steve. "Because of his dad's death," she said, "they are the men whom he needs so much in his life."

The 39-year-old dynamo lives with his mother.

Orr said he was willing to work with the men because they "drafted" him, and pledged they would work together in projects that needed to be done. One of the first things he undertook was responsibility for calling some of the older members of the church, "just to check up on them." His mother does the communicating — but Steve insists the members call him if they have a need.

He is also responsible for getting the men together when a meeting is needed. And, volunteered one of the men, Orr likes fish so much he gladly acts as the "official taster" at the churchwide fish fries.

It seems the men of the church have a list of needs that seldom shortens. They cook for revival meetings (one of their easy jobs), and move

from their community to help others. For example, they helped neighboring First Church, McBurg, with some construction in April.

When the March ice storm marched through the area, the men, including their leader, did a lot of work for fellow church members trimming trees, clearing yards, and taking care of debris.

The church is blessed with retired men who "don't know how to retire," said Joe Mayberry, William Carey Association director of missions. He added that when anyone in the church has a need for prayer, "they know what to do, they call Steve Orr." And when he calls to ask someone to do something, he seldom is refused.

Charles Pyles, one of the co-leaders for the Brotherhood, said that Steve always has a good outlook on life. "He is a good man with a very sharp mind," Pyles said.

Pyles said Orr is expert at games of the mind. "If he starts losing, he just falls back on a humorous term. He reminds us that we shouldn't be unkind to 'a poor little crippled boy.'" That's when every-



STEVE ORR, seated, is surrounded by other men of the Brotherhood, Parks City Church, Fayetteville. From left, Jimmy Swinford, Bob Pittenger, Charles Pyles, and Joe Cashion.

one knows to stay alert, said Pyles.

His mother said Orr will soon be 40 — and everyone is planning a big party. That, they say, is when Steve had better look out.

When the ice storm struck in March, the men removed 75 trailer loads of debris from homes and the church yard. With Steve giving advice, they have almost taken over maintenance of the church build-

ings and grounds.

A work list of work done and jobs to be done looks like a work order for a large maintenance company.

Ed Lee, interim pastor of Parks City, cites Steve Orr as a shining light and a tower of courage among his fellow members. "They just depend on his smiling face and positive attitude," he said.

That is not difficult to understand. □

## Tennessee volunteer discovers partnership missions lives on and on long after project is completed

By Margaret Ann Pickell  
For Baptist and Reflector

As the partnership with Tennessee and Chile draws to a close, volunteers realize that none of the trips end with returning home. Truly the mission lives on and on.

Three years ago in August 1991, a group of volunteers from Loudon County went to Chile on a mission trip led by Loudon County Association Director of Missions Raymond Atwood. During that trip to Valdevia, Chile, we worked with missionary Donna Mae Bobby of Nashville.

During those days of ministry, Bobby

took the volunteers to visit an orphanage where 95 girls were living. A need to provide milk for those girls was identified. The missionary already had been supplementing the milk supply from time to time.

Returning home, the picture of the 95 smiling faces of the orphans, ages 3 to 18, remained imprinted on the hearts of volunteers. As a result the Woman's Missionary Union presented the need to the association that fall. In January 1992, a check for \$1,600 was sent to Bobby through the Foreign Mission Board. The mission lives on and on.

Providing the milk helped open the door for the missionary to teach Bible in this orphanage. Two years later, the Loudon County Association WMU, led by director Shelby Lord, felt led once again to choose the "milk fund for Valdevia" as a Mission Action project for 1993-94.

When Bobby was contacted regarding this, she informed us that only a small amount of the original milk fund remained. Another

check for approximately \$1,500 was mailed to the missionary this past January. The mission trips live on and on and on.

Long after volunteers return home, needs continue to be met as hands and hearts continue to be united in prayer across the miles. Stories like this are multiplied over and over again as volunteers come home with hearts ablaze and share needs with fellow Baptists.

My purpose in writing this article is to urge all Tennessee Baptists to continue to support the volunteer mission effort as the partnership with Chile winds down and new partnership dreams come into focus with Canada and Poland.

Nothing Baptists do in this regard will ever be wasted.

Continue to pray and give and encourage those who are willing to go. We can all have a part in seeing that volunteer missions lives on and on. □ — Pickell is the associational WMU mission action and personal witnessing chairman for Loudon County Association. In addition to serving on the team which ministered in Chile (described above), she has been on mission trips to the Philippines and Venezuela, where she still has ties with the people. Missionary Donna Mae Bobby has visited Pickell's home in Lenoir City and in many Loudon County Association churches when she returned to the United States recently on furlough.

### Tennessean to work with FMB prospects

For Baptist and Reflector

RICHMOND — Memphis native Carey Bates, Southern Baptist missionary to Portugal, has been named a candidate consultant in the Foreign Mission Board's personnel selection department, effective Aug. 3.



BATES

Bates, 43, will work with missionary candidates in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

The personnel selection department processes career and associate missionary applications.

Bates and his wife, the former Lynne Pepin of Memphis, have been on leave of absence since late 1993. During that time he has been interim minister of youth at Ridgeway Church, Memphis.

Bates formerly was on staff at Cherokee Church, Memphis. □



ORPHANS IN VALDEVIA, CHILE, enjoy milk provided by funds from Loudon County Association of Baptists.

## Tour of 'motherland' calls for praise, worship of Father

By Gina Dykeman  
*Baptist and Reflector*

**Editor's note** — Dykeman is news and production assistant for the *Baptist and Reflector*. The following is her personal account of a recent mission tour of England and Wales.

When I stepped on a plane in Nashville to begin a two-week tour of England and Wales, I did not realize all the sights, sounds, and, most importantly, thoughts awaiting me.

I was ready to have a good time traveling and singing with the Samford University Alumni Choir and seeing famous sights like the House of Parliament, Windsor Castle, and Shakespeare's home in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Alumni Choir, under the direction of A Cappella conductor Gene Black, was made up of friends from my five years in the Samford University A Cappella Choir as well as others who preceded me at Samford, in Birmingham, Ala. Now living as far away as Massachusetts to the north, Texas to the west, and Florida to the south we were able to have four rehearsals before the trip.

Traveling more than 2,000 miles in our non-air-conditioned coach was sometimes a warm experience even with daily highs only in the lower 70s, sometimes a cramped experience, especially after a few sightseeing/shopping stops. But it was never a dull experience with Rook games, concert music rehearsals, and non-stop photo opportunities. We saw luscious green valleys and mountains, desolate moors, and graveled seashores; sheep, cows, and wild horses; Stonehenge, the inspirational site of the hymn *Rock of Ages*, and enough rock walls to probably encircle Tennessee.

On June 6, the anniversary of D-Day, we sang in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Staring up in wonder after the concert, at the world's second largest dome and the richly decorated craftsmanship found in the 286-year-old cathedral, it was almost incomprehensible to imagine the

painstaking work required to build such a place in which to glorify and worship the Lord. It also was incomprehensible to imagine how St. Paul's survived World War II, especially after we later visited Coventry Cathedral which was destroyed during the war.

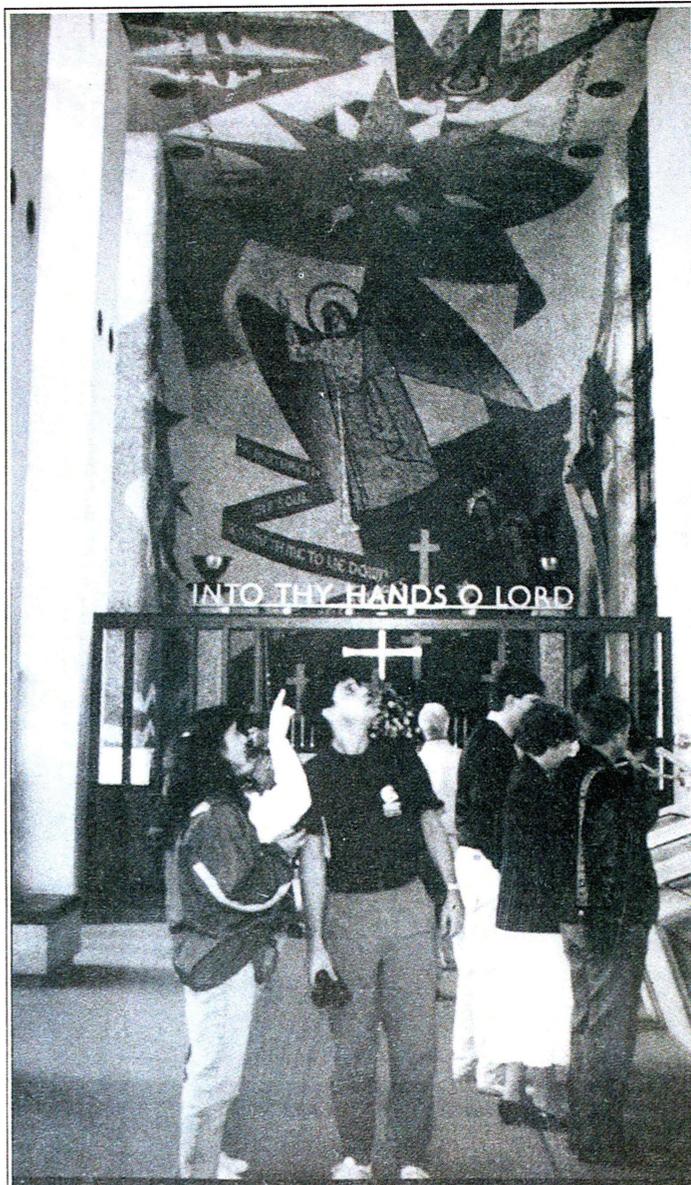
All that remains standing at Coventry are the cathedral's outer walls — a continual reminder of the deeds men will do in hatred, a monument to the brave Allied soldiers and citizens who fought to preserve liberty, and a scar to show the results of times when God's commandments and will come second to the desires of man. The new cathedral which stands beside the ruins displays the renewal brought by God's reconciling forgiveness.

On June 8 we visited an American Memorial Cemetery near Cambridge. Across the hillside are the familiar white crosses with the names and home states of those who died for freedom. We gathered for photos at the base of the American flag and spontaneously broke into singing "America, the Beautiful," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and "God Bless America." Turning to stare in wonder at our flag, we sang the "Star-Spangled Banner."

At that moment it was impossible not to reflect upon the sacrifices made by so many to provide the liberty and freedom so easily taken for granted. It also was impossible not to think of places in our world where these privileges are still dreamed of and prayed for.

Whether surrounded by the golden splendor of St. Paul's, the wood and plaster of the Baptist churches we sang in, or the open plain of the final resting place for some Americans on British soil, it was impossible not to think of the one who made the ultimate sacrifice for me. The other liberties of speech, religion, and such would be worthless if I did not have him to speak of and worship.

As so often happens when we least expect it, God can take a time of "just" fun and transform it into a time of growth. □



**CHOIR MEMBERS** Stephanie, Patty, and Keith Kirkley, daughter, mother, and son, examine the mural depicting the World War II European and Pacific air wars at the American Memorial Cemetery Chapel.

## Pleasant Grove Church, New Market, celebrates 125 years

**NEW MARKET** — Ben Knisley, who returned to Pleasant Grove Church, New Market, June 26 for the 125th anniversary observance, remembers when members traveled to a revival there in horse-drawn wagons.

That was in 1937, recalled Knisley, 83. He was leading the music at the revival.

In 1951 he was called by the congregation as pastor. Knisley was a bivocational pastor or "jack-leg or working preacher," he noted. He also worked for a utility company for 28 years.

He spent many hours leading repairs of the church building, he remembers. He served there for four years.

Although he's been gone for 40 years, Knisley has continued friendships made in the church.

Knisley, retired pastor, Warrensburg Church, Mohawk, also continues his ministry. In retirement he still leads churches. "I realize I'm going to have to give it up sometime," said Knisley.

But for now he's glad to help churches, which, he observes, aren't being led to understand the denomination.

"Ninety-five percent of our Baptists today don't know

what we're trying to do as a denomination," said Knisley.

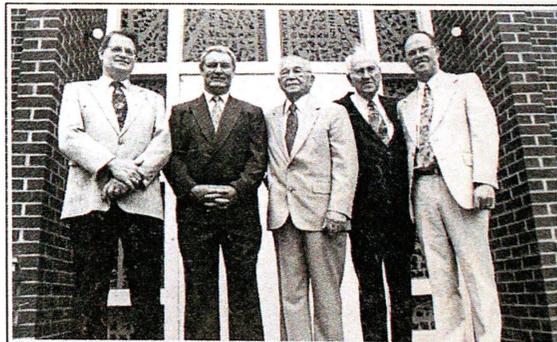
"We've added organs and upholstered pews but at the expense of what we ought to be doing for missions," he explained.

"There's so much to do," noted Knisley.

Another former pastor, Johnny Beeler, spoke during the service led by Pastor Johnny Mills. Beeler is pastor of Hickory Valley Church, Maynardville. A plaque from the Tennessee Baptist Convention recognizing the anniversary was presented by Jerry DeZearn, director of missions, Jefferson County Association, to Jonas Cochran, chairman of deacons. □ — Connie Davis



**KNISLEY**



**GUESTS AND LEADERS** of the anniversary celebration of Pleasant Grove Church, from left, Jerry DeZearn, director of missions, Jefferson County Association; Johnny Mills, pastor; and former pastors, Ben Knisley of Corryton; Roscoe Harless of Knoxville; and Johnny Beeler, pastor, Hickory Valley Church, Maynardville; stand in front of the church.

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## ■ the people

■ **Eva Nell Loyd** was honored by the choir of First Church, Fall Branch, for 33 years of service as organist. She was given several gifts as signs of appreciation.



LOYD

■ **Kathleen Lane** celebrated her 25th anniversary as secretary, First Church, Elizabethton, on July 1.

## ■ death

■ **Jane Jones Songer**, a native of Nashville, died June 26 in Atlanta of cancer. Songer, a graduate of Belmont University, Nashville, was president of the Tennessee Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference in 1983. Her

husband, Jerry, is pastor of First Church, Roswell, Ga. The Songers served Tennessee churches in Huntland, Greenbrier, Cleveland, and Chattanooga. Memorials may be sent to the church at 710 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell, GA 30075.

## ■ the leaders

■ **Brian Rainey** has been called as pastor of Butler's Chapel Church, Ramer. He is a student at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College.

■ **George Ramsey** of Murphy, N.C., has been called as children and youth director at Mine City Church, Ducktown, for the summer. He's a graduate of Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N.C.

■ **Doug Boucher**, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Benton, has been appointed a state clinical supervisor by the National Board of Christian Clinical

Therapists. He's available to assist ordained clergy and others involved in counseling in obtaining training certification and licensure in the field of pastoral counseling.

■ **Van Sliger** has been called as pastor of Pope Avenue Church, Athens. He was ordained at Pope Avenue June 26.

■ **Johnny Burns**, interim pastor, Ramer Church, Ramer, resigned effective June 12. He is available for pulpit supply.

■ **Bill Wolfe** has resigned as pastor of First Church, Counce, effective June 26, to serve Mack's Grove Church, Dresden.

## ■ the churches

■ **First Church, Sparta**, celebrated its 65th anniversary July 24.

■ A Sept. 4-8 revival is slated at **First Church, Pulaski**. Joel Carwile will lead it.

■ **Beacon Church, Parsons**, almost has completed renovation of its building.

■ **Cumberland Homesteads Church, Crossville**, will hold Founders' Day and Homecoming July 24. It was founded 57 years ago. Jim McPherson, former pastor, will preach during the morning service. A luncheon and musical concert to begin at 1 p.m. by Carrie Cagle also are planned.

■ The 150th anniversary of **Cedar Fork Church, Philadelphia**, is July 24. Services will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to dress representing the past. The Unity Sounds from Knoxville will perform in

the afternoon service. Lunch will be at noon and an old-fashioned tent revival will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run through July 30.

■ On Friday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. **Cumberland Homesteads Church, Crossville**, will host Jubilation Brass from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas.

■ **Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville**, will honor its special education department Aug. 7 for 25 years of ministry. Director Estine Bush and assistant director Merry Brown have served since it was begun by Bush. All former pupils and workers are invited.

■ **Corinth Church, Darden**, is holding revival July 17-24 which is being led by Jeff Flowers of Missouri.

■ **Union Grove Church, Beech Bluff**, will hold revival Aug. 7-12 to be led by Don Dyer.

■ **Stones River Church, Smyrna**, is holding Vacation Bible School July 17-21. Chil-

dren through adults are involved.

■ **Nash Grove Church, Baxter**, will hold revival July 24-29. Thurman Seber, director of missions, Salem Association, will speak. Bryan Hickey of Algood will lead the music.

■ **Kirk Church, Collierville**, will hold revival July 31 - Aug. 3. Roger Williams, a pastor in Annville, Ky., will speak and Jimmy Rowland, youth minister, Community Bible Church, Memphis, and human resources director, Network of International Christian Schools, will direct the music.

## ■ the missionaries

■ **Ron and Gloria Price Murff**, missionaries to Southern Africa, are in the states and can be reached at 3610 Old Dunlap Rd., Whitwell, Tenn. 37397. She was born in Chattanooga and considers Whitwell her hometown.



THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE of Tennessee Baptist Foundation have awarded scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year. They assisted 58 seminary students, three medical students, 74 students in Tennessee Baptist schools, and seven in other colleges. Shown are, from left, Edward Smith, First Church, Franklin; Gladys Cowart, First Church, Pigeon Forge; Earl Wilson, TBF president; Bonnie Sneed, TBF staff; Ron Buck, chairman, First Church, Goodlettsville; Bruce Hammond, Brook Hollow Church, Nashville; and Paul Jennings, Southeast Church, Murfreesboro. Contributions can be made by contacting the Foundation.



THREE MEMBERS of First Church, New Tazewell, were honored during the church's recent centennial celebration. Rosa Dyke, center, was given a plaque for serving 40 years as church clerk. Presented certificates were Bradford Davis, Sunday School director, 22 years, and Thelma Vance, church secretary, 13 years.

# Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

## A church's obligation to its pastor

By Bill Fox, former interim pastor First Church, Smithville

I join your excitement about the coming of your new pastor, Rick Roberts. Thank you for allowing me to be part of First Baptist family for a few months. My Christian life has been enriched.

As you look forward to the coming of your new pastor, consider your obligations to him.

■ To respect the office of pastor and support his ministry for as long as he holds that office to which the church, under God's leadership, has called him.

■ To guarantee the freedom of the pulpit so that the pastor can preach his convictions in his own manner and style as the Spirit of God leads him.

■ To allow the pastor to be himself instead of trying to fit him into some ministerial mold and to expect no more of his family than any other family in the church.

■ To provide for the pastor's support to the best of the church's ability and to review annually the pastor's compensation as an evidence of the church's care and concern for his welfare.

■ To recognize that because the pastor is human he will make mistakes and needs forgiveness like everyone else and that because of the limitation of time he cannot do all that he should do and fulfill everybody's expectations.

■ To confer with the pastor about

any accusations made against him instead of discussing it in secret and to refrain from passing judgment upon him until he has had the opportunity to defend himself.

■ To counsel with the pastor when there is a disturbing conflict involving him and to give him adequate time to relocate if he needs to move.

I surely do love and appreciate you! □

## A \$1,500 friend

By Michael S. Lester, pastor North Etowah Church, Etowah

Waiting rooms and lobbies are notorious as dumping grounds for old magazines and newspapers. However, occasionally you discover something of val-

ue. I happened to pick up a recent copy of the *Wall Street Journal* someone left behind.

A front page article caught my attention. An Atlanta entrepreneur has come up with a novel idea. For \$1,500 (and upwards) he will find a friend for you. It seems that many executives have little time for making friends. They socialize often with business contacts and associates but seldom do these people possess the desire or qualities to be a real friend. These "six-figure-salary" executives need someone with whom they can pal around, "let their hair down," and be vulnerable.

It reminds us that everyone needs a friend. Having a friend is one of life's greatest blessings ... second only perhaps to being a friend. □

## Tennessee evangelist among those who see change as end of 20th century nears

By Keith Hinson  
For Baptist Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The life and job of the full-time evangelist is changing, according to several itinerant preachers and musicians who attended the recent Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting here.

One significant change has been the length of most series of revival meetings — still the bread and butter of itinerant evangelists.

"When I first became a full-time evangelist more than seven years ago, almost all (revival) meetings ran from Sunday-Friday," said Fred McCoy, an evangelist based in Warner-Robbins, Ga. "But now, many revivals only run through Wednesday night. In fact, I'm doing more one-day (revival) meetings now."

He attributed the reduction in the number of revival meetings to "our fast-paced, hurry-up society" and to an increasing number of alternative options for what to do on Friday nights.

Tennessee evangelist Benny Jackson of Germantown said many mega-churches have reduced the number of revival

meetings because they have so many activities and events throughout a given week or year.

"In a mega-church, a revival is one of many major events," said Jackson, who is in his 21st year of full-time evangelism. "Some medium-size churches copy the mega-churches, because they want to be like them. But



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what the medium-size churches don't realize is that they don't have as many major events."

Jackson said medium size churches would benefit from a longer series of revival services, because "a larger proportion of their people participate in the meetings than in mega-churches."

Dean Forrest, a Greenville, S.C.-based evangelist, would like to see a return to two-week revivals, which were popular earlier this century.

"It takes the first two or three meetings for the people to really get close to you," said Forrest, who sings with his wife and preaches. "As it is, by

the time they start opening up to you, it's over. We need more time to motivate people to bring lost people with them to the meetings.

Evangelists have seen an increase in the number of one-day revivals.

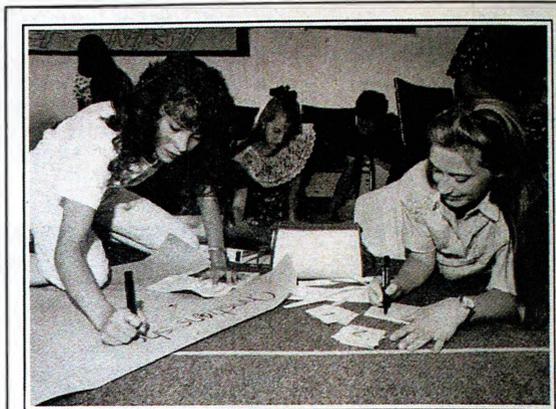
One-day revivals can be a time when numerous conversions take place, Jackson observed.

"If a church has done a lot of preparation and has a lot of prospects present, then the service can be a good harvest time," Jackson said.

Alabama evangelist Leon Westerhouse of Birmingham agreed that one-day revivals can have a beneficial effect. "A church has to prepare in advance for a one-day meeting. They must have a push on home visitation prior to the revival and an emphasis on prayer."

One advantage of the shortened series of revivals is that the evangelist gets to spend more time with his family.

"In the past, I would get home late on Friday night, unpack, and then repack for the following week. Now, with revivals often ending on Wednesday, I have more time with my family," McCoy said. □



Tennessee youth at Glorieta

Rachel Ryan, right, of First Church, Hendersonville, recently participated with a small group of senior high students at a Summer Youth Celebration at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Convention Center. With her is Adrienne McCaskill of First Church, Fairview, Texas. — Photo by Jim Veneman

## Workshop offers training on Islam witness

Islam is the largest and fastest growing world religion in America, according to figures released by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Interfaith Witness Associate Training in Islam will be held Aug. 5-6 at the Baptist Center, Brentwood. The conference is sponsored by the HMB and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Missions Department.

Ken James, HMB regional interfaith witness director, will lead the conference.

The schedule for Friday, Aug. 5, is 2-9 p.m. (CST) with dinner provided. On Saturday,

Aug. 6, the conference will run from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. with lunch provided.

All participants are requested to complete both days' sessions for certification.

A registration fee of \$15 with checks made payable to Interfaith Witness Department, HMB, must accompany a completed registration form by July 27. Call Susan Babb, TBC language missions secretary, for information or to obtain a registration form at (615) 371-2031. □

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# Sunday School lesson commentary

## Job's search for a fair trial — Bible Book Series for July 24

By Carl Scarlett, pastor, Miracle Church, La Vergne

Many years ago as a student in elementary school I along with my classmates were assigned a poem to memorize. The title of the poem was, "If." There was a line in that poem that said, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs." Job must have felt by now that all about him were losing theirs. Eliphaz and his companions were becoming accusative even to the point of being obnoxious.

In our lesson this week, Job will go through a series of speeches and charges from his friends for the third time. Something begins to emerge in this exchange of words between Job and his friends. They are making less and less sense, and Job is becoming stronger in his faith even though he isn't really aware of what is happening and why.

### Eliphaz's strong accusations — ch. 22:2-5

Eliphaz and his companions condemned Job. They accused

### Focal Passages Job 22:2-5; 23:3-11; 27:2-6; 28:28

him of being a hypocrite. Eliphaz felt it was now time to set the record straight and what he and his companions had said in their first two rounds of speeches had gotten nowhere as far as Job admitting to being a sinful person. So Eliphaz pulls no punches with Job. He accuses him of everything he can think of that might be sinful in Job's life. He accused Job of stealing from the poor, being a tyrant and oppressor of everyone he had contact with. Although Eliphaz could not produce any evidence at all to support his accusations, he continued to insist that Job was a great sinner or else God would not have sent all of the troubles Job was experiencing.

Eliphaz gave good counsel to Job in that he admonished him to

acquaint himself with God, be at peace with God and thyself, receive that law from God's mouth (vv. 21-23). These admonitions are wonderful if done in love which seems to be missing in Eliphaz's third speech to Job.

### Job's cry for God's presence — ch. 23:3-11

Job feels sure God will deliver him from the false accusations and charges from his friends if only God will grant him a hearing. He is sure God will pronounce him innocent of all charges and even had thoughts of what God would say when he is given a hearing (v. 5). He comforts himself with the hope God will favorably deal with him when he does find God (vv. 6-17). Job was experiencing estranged feelings toward God probably because everything he has heard from his friends has been negative. Job's mind is heavy and he was experiencing a feeling of distance between he and God due to all his trials and testings.

### Job affirms his righteous — ch. 27:2-6

Job becomes bold in rebutting his friends' speeches. He has not said as much as his friends but now the conversation changes. Job backs up his life and character with a strong affirmation, that as long as there is breath in his nostrils, he would continue to defend his character (v. 3). He is confident that as long as he lives, he will not live a life that would bring reproach to his God (v. 4). He further stated he would not compromise or half-heartedly agree with his friends or anyone else in anyway that would be displeasing to his God (v. 5). Job is a great example of a faithful servant of God who refuses to compromise his faith for anyone who may challenge his faith and total commitment to God.

Job's conscience was clear and gave him the courage to stand against false accusations and charges even from his friends.

### Where to find wisdom — ch. 28:28

Behold, the fear of the Lord that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding (v. 28).

Job has endured many trials of his faith, and he has learned many lessons as he reflects on these and other great facts of knowledge and he sums up the whole philosophy of his life when he states that to know the revealed will of God is attainable by every believer. Divine revelation is the only way man can understand the wisdom of God. This kind of wisdom is gained by the humble submission of man's will to God as he stands in awe and in respect given to the mighty God who has created everything. Job knew that the supreme reign of God in the life of God's servant would keep him from evil.

God's wisdom reigning in our hearts today gives us the knowledge we need to shun the very presence of evil. □

## Restoration after wrongdoing — Convention Uniform Series for July 24

By Randall Cummings, pastor, First Church, Ripley

A few years ago a wise country deacon taught me "there is no right way to do a wrong thing." This lesson is about Israel's attempt to do a wrong thing the right way. It is also an amazing account of the love and mercy of God for his people.

Israel had heard the commandment against idolatry (ch. 20:4), and twice had committed themselves to keeping it with the other commandments (ch. 24:3, 7). Israel knew not to make idols.

### Sin of the people

The temptation to return to the familiar ground of idolatry was intensified by the delay of Moses' return from the top of Sinai (ch. 32:1). Moses had been told by God to come up Sinai and receive the stone tablets with the testimony of God written on them. He was there for 40 days.

Because of his long delay and perhaps because of the fiery

appearance of Sinai's summit, the Israelites despaired of Moses ever returning to them. They decided to craft a golden calf idol, declaring it to be the god that had delivered them from Egypt.

Why did Israel, camped in the shadow of a mountain that appeared to burn with the cloud of the presence of God upon it, craft and worship an idol? The people were in a desert. Daily they collected the manna, but, perhaps they wondered, with Moses gone, how long would that continue?

The idolatry of Israel at Sinai astounds us. Had we seen the plagues, had we heard the thunder of God's voice at Sinai as the Hebrews did, we believe we would not have fallen back to idolatry. But we compromise our faith over far less vital issues than the Hebrews at Sinai. A modern Christian may not bow down

before a graven image, but every day his heart may bow to values, priorities, and material things placed before God in his life.

In the face of starvation and death, Israel's idolatry seemed a reasonable decision. It also happened to be a sin. The compromises of modern Christians mostly seem related to personal and social comfort. That is very different from the life or death concerns of Israel. Can we honestly say with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel..." (Romans 1:16)?

### Moses' intercession and

### God's mercy

While on Sinai's summit, God told Moses what was happening in the camp (ch. 32:8). We see Moses' depth of heart as he immediately interceded for the people (v. 11). Upon entering the camp, Moses shattered the tablets with the testimony of God written upon them and

### Focal Passage Exodus 32:15-19, 30-34; 34:4-6

destroyed the golden calf.

The stone tablets that Moses shattered were described in chapter 31 as having writing on both sides. This is a reference to the fullness and importance of the law. These tablets contained the commandments and additional instructions given to Moses.

Moses confronted Aaron for his culpability. Aaron's excuse is an attempt to sidestep his responsibility. It is similar in nature to Adam's blaming of Eve in the account of the fall (Genesis 3:12). Seeing the immoral behavior of some people was out of control, Moses called upon those who were "for the Lord" (v. 26) to take their swords and put the frenzied idolaters to death. Moses' second

entreaty (vv. 31-34) resulted in God declaring full punishment of the people would come later.

The next stage of the people's restoration came when God directed Moses to carve two stone tablets like the first and ascend Sinai's summit again. Moses then understood why God had been merciful to Israel in spite of their idolatry. In one of the most important passages of the Old Testament, God passed before Moses, allowing him to see only his back, and he declared his compassion, grace, lovingkindness, and truth. God's mercy and justice were revealed to Moses (ch. 34:6-7).

Though idol worship is foreign to us, idolatry is not. Christians today are tempted to put many things before God. But if we are inconsistent, God is not. We always know that God is ready to forgive and restore us to him. □

## Temporal yet eternal — Life and Work Series for July 24

By Clay Frazier, retired pastor, Morristown

We need to realize that life is both temporal and eternal. This present life and system is going to pass, but it has eternal significance. If we can get this principle clearly in our minds and heart, we will avoid being caught up in the snare of "things." Human kind is not really living until and unless the "eternity factor" is calculated into the equation of life. Let us consider some things that were factored into the Apostle Paul's life.

### Seeing the unseen — v. 18

Many of the real things of life are not concrete. Love is not seen. Faith is not seen. Hate is not seen. We see only the fruits of these things. Paul teaches here that we will be overflowed with the seen. Our focus must be on that which is real, the eternal and unseen. A woman confessed that her house was the whole of her life, but after her home burned, she said, "Never again will I

invest my life in that which can perish in three hours." We will save our lives from being "wasted" if we can learn to see beyond the temporal.

### Tabernacle or building — ch. 5:1

A tabernacle is how Paul looked upon his body. A tabernacle is passing, temporary, and movable. A building is permanent and lasting. The Apostle looked on his body as a tabernacle. If his body (tabernacle) dies, he will receive a building, a house not made with hands and eternal. He was confident that he had an eternal home. The threat of death was real to him, but he was filled with confidence because of God's provision. Jesus told his disciples he was going to prepare a place for his own. We can trust him to keep his promise.

### Eagerly waiting — vv. 2-4

Our bodies wear out and life is filled with imperfections and

### Focal Passages II Corinthians 4:18 — 5:10

hurt. Our bodies often embarrass us. Paul is anticipating his house (body) in heaven. Can you imagine a body not touched by sin, one that does not sicken and die? No wonder Paul was eagerly waiting for that day when he would lay aside the old, worn out house for a new house not made with hands. One thing we can be sure of is that we will not be disappointed over our eager waiting. The kind and perfect Father cannot and will not bungle this event. Twice he has described his waiting as groaning. Often that word is used to describe our present state. One day that word will be erased from our vocabulary. Praise his name and his glorious provision.

### Our guarantee — v. 5

All of us are familiar with earnest money. It is really a down

payment and seals a bargain. No one else can buy the house, or whatever, if we have paid earnest money. We have not bought salvation. God has provided that and has given His Holy Spirit to live in our life. The Holy Spirit comes to say God will keep his promise. He will not break his word. The quiet coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives is evidenced by peace, joy, desire for holiness, and surrender to the will and ways of the Father in our lives.

### Faith and waiting — vv. 6-8

We walk by faith. These events Paul speaks of have not come to pass. He was waiting and walking by faith. We are not home yet, so Paul says we are absent from the Lord. We walk on by faith knowing the Father's house is just ahead. We will not fear because the Father will be there. My mother was a home body. Seldom did I ever come home to an empty house. Once, when I was a grown

man, I drove from another state to find the old home place locked (first time ever) and mother gone. We can be assured the door will not be locked, nor the Father absent when we come to the Father's Great House.

### Preparing for homecoming — vv. 9-10

The Apostle states that the over-mastering motive of his life was to be pleasing to God. We are accountable. An early American patriot who was esteemed to be the most intelligent person of early America was once approached and asked what was the most important thought ever entertained by his mind. His reply was, "my accountability to God." The verses continue and tell us we must all appear at the judgment seat and give an account. We can prepare for that day by being obedient to God today because then we will stand before the Great God of the Universe. □

## Southeastern to open extension centers

Baptist Press

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will offer classes this fall at three new extension centers, according to seminary officials.

The centers will be located at churches near Augusta, Ga.; Charlotte, N.C.; and Norfolk, Va. A task force of Southeastern administrators and faculty chose the three sites, said L. Russ Bush, vice president for academic affairs at SEBTS. The seminary plans to add two centers later, Bush said.

A five-year academic schedule has been designed. Each center will offer most of the master of divinity requirements. Students still will be required to take some credit hours at Southeastern's main campus.

Classes begin Aug. 22 and will meet only on Mondays at the extension centers. □

## Baptist teenager escapes injury from Jewish rioters

Baptist Press

JERUSALEM — A 16-year-old Southern Baptist narrowly escaped injury July 3 during a demonstration by rampaging Jewish settlers protesting the return of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to Gaza.

A rock crashed through a

bedroom window, with shattering glass barely missing Sommer Hicks, daughter of Southern Baptist representatives Ray and Beverly Hicks of Cincinnati.

"The hand of God must have protected me," she said. "The rock and glass seemed to veer away and just missed."

The militant Jewish settlers also inflicted about \$1,000 in damages on Jerusalem House, a facility owned by the Baptist Convention in Israel, the organization of Southern Baptist workers in Israel. □

## Carey named as Missions Today editor

Baptist Press

MEMPHIS — Robert J. "Bob" Carey of Fort Worth, Texas, has been named editor of *Missions Today* magazine for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's adult division.

Carey, 39, joins the commission after serving as director of communications on the staff of North Richland Hills Church in Fort Worth for the past three years. □



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## Church distributes Ten Commandments

Baptist Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — Many in Cobb County, Ga., were concerned when a copy of the

Ten Commandments was ordered removed from the county courthouse in January and again in June when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the ruling.

As a result, Roswell Street Church here was prompted to take action. The church initiated the printing and distrib-

ution of 50,000 copies of a high quality reproduction of the Ten Commandments suitable for framing.

Other Cobb County churches also are distributing the document, which is being financed by area businessmen.

Pastor Nelson Price said

the church hopes the mass distribution in Cobb County will "stimulate an effort to memorize the commandments," thus having a positive impact on the county's moral climate.

The art work was done by Cobb County calligrapher John Stuart McKenzie. □



## Don't Miss This News!

### Baptist and Reflector Day

### Aug. 21

#### What is Baptist and Reflector Day?

- Annual recognition designated by Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- A time to inform Baptists of the newsjournal, a descendant of a newspaper begun in 1835. It has been published under its current banner since *The American Baptist Reflector* and the *Tennessee Baptist* combined in 1889.
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#### To observe Baptist and Reflector Day

- Provide a free copy of the paper to members of non-subscribing churches on Aug. 21. If your church has provided the paper for members but no longer does so, this will be an excellent time to remind members of the paper and to introduce the paper to new members. See order form below.
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- Schedule 10 or 15 minutes to tell your congregation about the paper. If desired, schedule a time for a member of the *Baptist and Reflector* staff to speak.
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#### Education Commission officers

In their annual meeting in Charleston, S.C., members of the Southern Baptist Education Commission re-elected their officers for 1994-95. Pictured with Stephen P. Carleton, far left, executive director of the commission and member of First Church, Nashville, are, from left, Jerry Henry, Selma, Ala., chairman; Doug Hodo, Houston, Texas, vice chairman; and Betty Jo Cooley, Chesnee, S.C., secretary.