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Survey team to recommend partnership with Poland

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, Editor
Baptist and Reflector

After a short but thorough survey visit to Poland, a survey team of eight Tennessee Baptists is preparing to recommend a three-year Partnership Mission alignment with the East European nation.

The team visited with Polish Baptist leaders and Foreign Mission Board representatives in Warsaw Aug. 19-25.

The Tennessee team was led by James Porch, executive director/treasurer; Terry Sharp, Partnership Missions director for new partnerships, and included Wm. Fletcher Allen, *Baptist and Reflector* editor; Bill Wilson, Convention Ministries Division director; Paul Moody, Executive Board president; Russ Dunham, Convention Ministries Committee chairman, LaFollette layman; Ray Moss, Two Rivers Church (Nash-

ville) associate pastor; and Bennie Creel, Directors of Missions president.

Bill Peacock, FMB partnerships staffer, was present for the discussions, as was Mark Edworthy, FMB missionary to Poland.

Two formal meetings were held at the Baptist Center in Warsaw. The final discussion developed a general partnership agreement which will be refined by Polish and Tennessee Baptists.

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Partnership needs and processes were discussed by the groups.

It was determined that most of the typical partnership "projects" will be attempted by volunteers working alongside Polish Baptists. Evangelism, health care, construction, teaching, and discipleship are among the greatest needs.

If the partnership is approved along with part of Canada, Tennessee Baptist volunteers will have their first opportunity to work with a European community of Baptists.

Heretofore, partnerships have included Burkina Faso (Upper Volta), Venezuela, the Philippines, and Chile.

The partnership with Chile concludes this December after three years. A 15-year partnership with Michigan will continue as well. □

Next week's paper will have in-depth information about Poland and the Polish Baptists.

Return to Rwanda brings tears of joy, pain for Tennessean

By Bob Carey
For Baptist Press

BUTARE, Rwanda — The return visit to Butare, Rwanda, brought tears of joy — and pain — for a Southern Baptist missionary from Columbia.

Missionary nurse Katrina Knox, along with other Rwanda missionaries, have lived a nomadic life since their evacuation from the country in April. They have traveled from Nairobi, Kenya, where they first found sanctuary, to Tanzania and Zaire, where they're now assigned to work with Rwandan refugees.

Knox, now assigned to Goma, Zaire, heard that a woman from Burundi was living in her half of a duplex that she shared in Butare with fellow missionary Martha Colwell of Athens, Ga.

That made the six-hour drive from Goma to Butare, to assess the situation and salvage personal belongings, almost surreal to Knox.

"It seems like a regular day driving home, the same road, trees, and weather, just not as many people," Knox said on the trip. "It seems like I've just returned home from furlough."

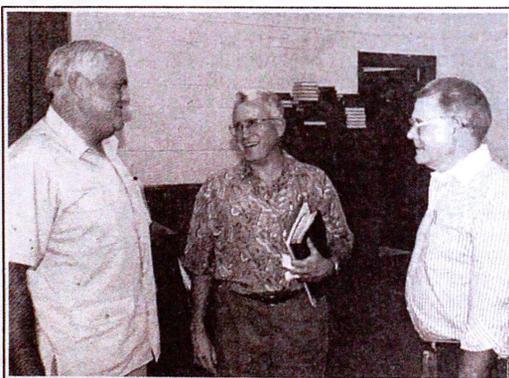
She found differences, how-

ever. Just a little over four months ago members of the Hutus, the ruling tribe in Rwanda, went on a killing spree, murdering hundreds of thousands of Tutsis, a numerically smaller rival tribe.

The Tutsi army, known as the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF), launched an attack to retake control of Rwanda. About a month ago they were successful in taking all but a small portion of the country that the French army has held as a safe zone. With the Tutsis taking control, Hutus streamed out of Rwanda, with more than two million settling

around Goma, Zaire, a city of 100,000.

With RPF checkpoints at towns, the travel time into Rwanda for Knox was extended. On the outskirts of the Rwanda capital of Kigali, while waiting at a checkpoint, Knox was greeted by Joseph, the brother of a pastor murdered by the Hutus. He asked Knox what she knew of his family. He knew of his brother's death, but lacked word on his sister-in-law and nephews and nieces. Knox said her sources indicated all had been killed, but she would find out — See Return, page 2



Enjoying pastors retreat

Ronnie Wilburn, center, pastor of Meridian Church, Jackson, talks with pastors Calvin Moore, left, East Union Church, Jackson, and Bill Worthy, Oak Grove Church, Goodspring, during the 38th annual Pastors Retreat held Aug. 22-25 at Camp Carson in Newport. Wilburn is president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference. See page 4 for story and additional photos.

Baptists scramble to respond to needs of Cuban refugees

By Barbara Denman
For Baptist Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — "I do not know what desperation drives a family to put their children on a raft not knowing if they will make it or not," said Baptist official Bill Fulkerson.

"But there are desperate people in Cuba, desperate to leave a situation where there is no hope, no future, or no today."

Those comments set the mood and agenda for a group of Southern Baptists who came to Coral Gables Aug. 15 to develop a strategy for meeting human and spiritual needs for the scores of Cuban refugees

pouring into the state from Cuba, a 90-mile trip from Key West by way of the Straits of Florida.

Since January more than 7,500 Cubans have set sail in makeshift rafts across the treacherous, shark-infested waters of the Straits of Florida. The first half of August has seen more than all of July.

The meeting drew Fulkerson, director of refugee resettlement and Larry Martin, vice president for ministry of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, as well as representatives from the Florida Baptist Convention, Miami Association, and Thomas Diaz, pastor of White Street Church — See Baptists, page 2

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Baptists scramble to respond to needs ...

— Continued from page 1 in Key West.

For days, Diaz had been greeting and witnessing to the refugees at the Key West Transit Center, which began as an outgrowth of the White Street Church and is directed by Arturo Cobo, a member of the church.

The participants at the Aug. 15 meeting were aware the U.S. policy on accepting the refugees into the country could change at a moment's notice. Concern had been expressed that the wave of Cubans to Florida could be a repeat of the 1980 Mariel boatlift that brought 125,000 Cuban refugees to Miami. State govern-

ment officials also were alarmed and held a similar strategy meeting the same week as the Southern Baptists.

The change in policy took place Aug. 19 when President Bill Clinton reversed nearly 30 years of U.S. policy to declare fleeing Cubans intercepted at sea would not be allowed to enter the United States.

Clinton ordered the Coast Guard — backed by the Navy — to intercept the refugees at sea and take them to the U.S. Navy Base on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Refugees who made it to the U.S. shores will be detained and have their cases reviewed.

Almost immediately the 350

Cubans at the Key West Transit House were picked up by federal authorities and detained at a local Air Force base. Diaz has been granted permission to see the Cubans and was sent 1,000 Spanish New Testaments which had been earmarked for the 1995 simultaneous revivals.

The change in U.S. policy will dictate Florida Baptists "refocus our resources to people who are incarcerated," said Raul Vazquez, director of the language missions division of the Florida Baptist Convention. "We now need to concentrate on counseling and making this period more tolerable while being detained. These

are not criminals, they are people trying to survive."

Vazquez said the state convention administration has offered him the use of its crisis response resources, including feeding and childcare units to minister to a new wave of refugees. "There is a network of Cuban pastors in Miami interested in responding to the crisis situation. Many of them have been refugees themselves and identify with their fellow countrymen," he added.

Churches interested in sponsoring Cuban refugees are being asked to contact Fulkerston at the Southern Baptist refugee resettlement office at (404) 898-7395. □

Return to Rwanda brings tears of joy, pain ...

— Continued from page 1 when she arrived in Butare.

From Kigali to Butare, the war became much more evident. Approaching the house of another Southern Baptist missionary, Stan Lee of Greenville, S.C., Knox was surprised to find him there with Marti Felts, a missionary journeyman from Tyler, Texas. They were trying to recover what was left of Lee's possessions.

An RPF soldier occupied Lee's house. At first he was reluctant to turn over the little that had not been ransacked before. Lee prevailed and salvaged his wife's piano and several other items.

A few kilometers down the road, Knox found three buildings where she used to shop demolished and many homes and stores with mortar dam-

age. Entering Butare, Knox prepared for the worst. She had been warned the week before there was nothing left of her belongings.



KNOX

I was able to find that was left as a blessing," she said.

Driving into the compound was eerie for Knox. As she parked her truck she saw paper everywhere with cook fires burning just a few feet away. In a partially burned pile in the backyard were pieces of a Monopoly game, her sheet music, recipes, and letters from family and friends.

Knox quickly began going through the piles, sorting the

unburned letters. Within minutes several children were helping her save memories of her nine years on the field.

Gathering what letters she could, Knox went to Colwell's side of the duplex and found several of her books among Colwell's. "Things are so mixed up. Some of my things are in Martha's house and some of hers are in mine," Knox said.

A Rwandan woman staying in Knox's house said she was welcome to look anywhere and that she would move out when Knox wanted her house back.

Knox's mahogany furniture was mostly undamaged, but books and pictures had been moved from place to place. Going from room to room Knox squealed with joy every time she found special items. Entering the last room she found

her library still in the bookshelves.

Knox's return did not go unnoticed. Several Tutsi Christians arrived, including the sister of Joseph's sister-in-law.

Sadly she told Knox that Hutus had murdered her sister and all but one child. She herself had hidden under her bed for almost three months to escape death.

The woman occupying Knox's house and another couple agreed to watch the house and help protect both Knox's and Colwell's possessions.

With nightfall and the need to return to Kigali approaching, Knox took one last look through the house. She opened the pantry door and was overjoyed.

Covered by empty sacks and paper was her piano. God had indeed blessed the missionary from Tennessee. □

7-year-old girl gives all for Rwandan babies in need

Baptist Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — If a picture tells a thousand words, these thousand words were more than little Terri Clayton could bear.

The 7-year-old girl hopped out of her chair and ran away from the dinner table. Her mother, father, and two brothers sat there waiting.

Shortly, Terri returned with three \$1 bills — all of her money. "I don't want it anymore," she said.

She shoved the money toward her mother, who still held the latest copy of Missouri Baptists' state paper, *Word and Way*, which had a front page photo of 18 babies lying on blankets on the floor of a makeshift orphanage in a Rwandan refugee camp in Zaire.

Beneath the photo was a Baptist Press story from the Foreign Mission Board about how Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are feeding and offering medical care to children whose parents died as they settled into squalid camps.

The parents of the babies pictured most likely were buried by relief authorities in

mass graves with other Rwandan corpses that fellow refugees had rolled into mats and left to decay.

"I'd been saying how sad it was that major league baseball players were striking because they wanted more money when they already had millions — while there were people in the world who didn't even have enough to live on," said Terri's mother, Janie Clayton, in an interview from her home.

"I said, 'In fact, look at this picture.'"

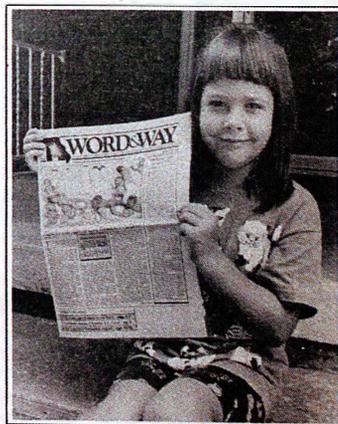
The Claytons discussed the photo for a while, and then Terri ran back to her room and brought her money. Mrs. Clayton told her to keep it.

Terri ran back to her room and her mother heard her crying. "I want all my money to go to help those babies," she told her mother. "I want you to mail it tonight."

Terri's \$3 is among many gifts received by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for Rwandans. Terri wasn't the only one moved by the photo which *Word and Way* editors had bought from a syndicated wire service.

Like Terri, many Southern Baptists are learning that every dollar and every bit of concern counts in times of crisis.

Donations for hunger and relief may be sent to FMB, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, Va., 23230. □



TERRI CLAYTON, 7, shows a copy of the picture that spurred her to give all her money — three \$1 bills — for Rwandan babies in Zaire.

Congress orders removal of religion from EEOC guidelines

By Tom Strode
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Congress has directed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to remove the category of religion from proposed guidelines on workplace harassment after widespread criticism of their religious liberty implications.

Several organizations, including the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, welcomed Congress' action as a victory for religious freedom.

"Congress has seen the light, because they felt the heat from the outrage of the American people," said Michael Whitehead, the CLC's general counsel.

In an 88-12 vote Aug. 19, the Senate passed an appropriations bill which included an amendment deleting religion from the guidelines. Earlier in the week, the House of Representatives passed the same measure after work by a joint Senate/House conference com-

mittee. The Senate and House had passed different versions of the bill, including differing amendments on the EEOC guidelines, before they went to the committee.

"This amendment puts the final nail in the coffin for these flawed guidelines," said Sen. Howell Heflin, D.-Ala., a chief sponsor of the amendment.

The bill awaits the signature of President Bill Clinton.

Since the guidelines' content became well known early this year, the CLC and other organizations had charged the inclusion of religion in the proposed rules would result in a ban on religious expression on the job, largely because of employers' fear of lawsuits. The guidelines, which also cover race, color, gender, national origin, age, and disability, could result in harassment charges against employees or employers for witnessing to fellow workers or subordinates, or for displaying religious art or literature, the CLC and others warned.

The response of evangelical Christians and others to these concerns produced the largest volume of comments in EEOC's history. Between mid-February and mid-June, the EEOC received more than 100,000 comments, a commission spokesperson said.

"As I have said since the beginning of the debate over these guidelines, we all want to do whatever is possible to prevent harassment of any kind in the workplace," Heflin said in a prepared statement after the Senate vote. "However, we cannot do this as a tradeoff for religious freedom.

"The EEOC should realize that the Constitution, and now the Congress, requires them to go the extra mile to preserve Americans' religious freedom."

The Senate version of the amendment, introduced by Sen. Hank Brown, R.-Colo., as well as Heflin, was the one reported out of the conference committee for final passage. The House version prohibited the use of funds for implemen-

tation of the guidelines if they were not changed.

The CLC sent a letter to the conference committee members asking them to include the Senate language in the final bill.

The letter followed action taken during the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in June in Orlando, Fla.

Messengers approved a resolution requesting the removal of religion from the guidelines and separate handling of rules on religious discrimination.

On the eve of the SBC action on the EEOC resolution, President Clinton sent letters to SBC President Edwin Young and CLC Executive Director Richard Land assuring them of his commitment to religious liberty and his willingness to work with the CLC and others on such issues. Whitehead said the letter was not satisfactory, because the president did not commit to have religion removed.

A week after the SBC meet-

ing Whitehead expressed the same concerns to Clinton administration lawyers in a meeting at the White House. Among other religious liberty lawyers at the meeting were Brent Walker, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Steve McFarland of the Christian Legal Society. Clinton attended the last portion of the meeting.

The Heflin-Brown amendment not only directs the EEOC to delete religion but calls for any new guidelines on religious harassment to be written in such a way as to clarify "that symbols or expressions of religious belief consistent with the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 are not to be restricted and do not constitute proof of harassment."

Although the guidelines were proposed last September, concerns about their impact on religious expression did not become widely known until February. □

Florida editor resigns; cites 'harassment'

Compiled from news reports

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jack Brymer, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* since 1984, resigned abruptly Aug. 26, citing "continued harassment" from the paper's governing board.

Brymer's resignation came at the conclusion of a two-day meeting of the nine-member commission which is elected by the Florida Baptist Convention.

For more than a year, the commission, while affirming Brymer's performance, has repeatedly debated the editorial practices of the *Witness*, particularly its role in reporting matters related to controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brymer has faced questions by some commissioners in past meetings about the use of Associated Baptist Press articles in the *Witness*, but this time commissioner William "Bob" Parker, a pastor from Lake Mary, moved to halt the usage. His motion failed on a tie vote, 3-3, the same outcome of another motion to "suggest" the *Witness* not use the news service.

Parker said ABP is linked to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a group of moderate Southern Baptists who hold "radical" theological views. Noting the Southern Baptist Convention took action in June to distance itself from the CBF, according to the tran-

script, Parker said the *Witness* should follow suit by abandoning use of ABP.

ABP, founded in 1990 after two editors of Baptist Press were fired by the SBC Executive Committee, has an autonomous board of directors, all of whom are Southern Baptist. ABP does receive 46 percent of its funding from CBF.

Even though the two motions failed, Brymer resigned at the end of the meeting saying his efforts to please the board were "hopeless" because the commissioners couldn't put the matter to rest. He said he could not continue and still maintain his credibility with the board.

The issue is not ABP, Brymer said, but his professional integrity and editorial freedom.

"The issue is whether or not people are going to be adult enough and open enough to the truth," he told commissioners.

"I'm in it for the integrity of the paper and my own conscience, which says if you are going to be a newsjournal you've got to keep the people informed, even when it's not popular and when some power people don't like it."

Last August commissioners voted to affirm Brymer despite an effort by some commissioners to restrict his coverage of controversial issues and to align the newspaper with the conservative element in the state convention.

Last February, at Brymer's urging, commissioners again pledged support for the *Witness* in an attempt to quell what Brymer called "lingering doubts" about their affirmation.

Greg Warner, executive editor of ABP told Baptist Press: "ABP has become the focus of anger for the SBC's conservative leadership, who are unhappy that they can't control what the rest of us read and know. When they can't assail ABP on the merits, they resort to guilt by innuendo, such as this national campaign by SBC leaders to link ABP with the Fellowship. ABP is not aligned with the Fellowship, not controlled by the Fellowship, but, like most SBC agencies until recently, it is funded by the Fellowship."

Most Baptist newspapers now use material from both ABP and BP. The *Witness* ranked 11th last year in use of ABP stories among Baptist newspapers. At least three-fourths of its national news came from Baptist Press, Brymer told commissioners.

Commissioners agreed to appoint a committee to negotiate a date and terms for Brymer's departure. Brymer indicated he has no immediate employment plans.

The 58-year-old Brymer formerly was managing editor of the *Alabama Baptist* for 17 years. □ — Compiled from BP and ABP reports

Former missionaries visit Cuba 25 years after fleeing

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — When Ester Valdivieso opened her door in Havana, Cuba, she saw a face she hadn't seen in 25 years.

The Cuban woman had no trouble recognizing the unexpected callers outside her home — Margaret Caudill Fite, her North American neighbor for nearly a decade, and her husband, David.

The Fites had just returned to Havana, the Cuban capital, for the first time since being deported in 1969. They arrived shortly before thousands of Cubans fled the country by boat.

"It was a very emotional experience, probably in some ways the most emotional" of the trip, said Fite after returning to their Fort Worth home. The Fites were missionaries to Cuba from 1960-69. She is the daughter of former missionaries, the late Herbert Caudill and his wife, Marjorie, of Decatur, Ga.

During their years in Cuba the Fites lived across the street from Valdivieso and her late husband, but they were more than neighbors.

When the Cuban government held Fite as a political prisoner for nearly four years, the Cuban couple

were "like family" to Fite's wife and three sons.

The return to their old neighborhood was the Fites' first stop after arriving in Cuba July 30. In Havana they stayed in the same apartment where they spent their last night in 1969. Then it was the home of Mrs. Fites' parents, missionaries to Cuba for nearly 40 years.

"Some of the same furniture was there; some of the same pictures on the wall. ... We were flooded with memories," said Fite, now director of continuing education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Many more memories were yet to come. The couple spent 10 days in Cuba leading conferences on pastoral care and family relationships in several churches of the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba. Fite also preached in four churches, including one where he was pastor.

"It was very encouraging to see the results of the seeds we had sown there," said Fite, who also taught in the Baptist seminary in Havana while he was a missionary.

The trip helped the Fites put into perspective the years they spent as missionaries in Cuba by seeing packed churches and enthusiastic Christians. □

Annual pastors retreat provides spiritual, mental, renewal

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

NEWPORT — The sights and sounds are more of what one might expect at an all night youth gathering.

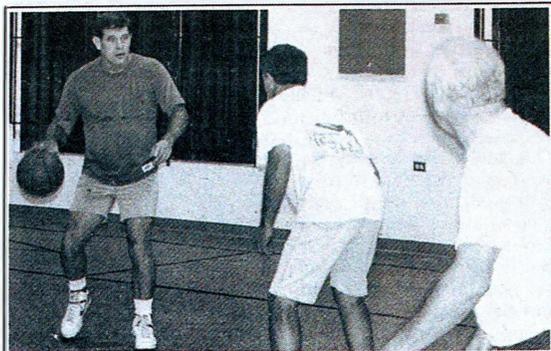
But, instead, those players banging bodies together on the basketball court and players intensely studying their Rook hands — all near the midnight hour — were not youthful teenagers, but instead were ministers at the 38th annual Tennessee Baptist Pastors Retreat.

And, so what? That's what a retreat is for. About 110 people registered for this year's event at Camp Carson.

"The Pastors Retreat was established for the purpose of pastors getting away from their church fields to listen to good preaching, relax, and fellowship," said Jerry King, director of the TBC Evangelism Department, host of the annu-



PASTOR DON SMITH of *Stuart Park Church, Cleveland*, enjoys watermelon after an evening session.



UNION ASSOCIATION Director of Missions Ray Maynard surveys the court during a three-on-three basketball tournament at the 38th annual Tennessee Baptist Pastors Retreat.

al gathering for pastors.

That's why it was designed as a retreat rather than a conference, King explained. It brings the physical, spiritual, and emotional aspects together, he said.

Pastors who come agree that they do it for several reasons, but fellowship and a time of relaxation rank high on their list.

"It's very refreshing to come and get away from the church, get refilled, and go back with a new enthusiasm for your work," said John Albright, pastor of Allons Church, Allons.

Forrest Creekmore, pastor of Chestnut Grove Church, Portland, has been coming to the retreats since 1974. "I find it to be a time of relaxation, spiritual insight, and fellowship with pastors," he said, adding that "it's just a time to put everything into perspective."

Larry Costner, pastor of

Lantana Road Church, Crossville, called the retreat "one of the most overlooked resources that we have in our convention." Costner, who has been attending "off and on" for 14 years, said the retreat "motivates him to go back and do a better job."

Carl Bond, director of missions for Giles County Association, said the retreat provides a time of solitude with the Lord.

"It's a time to withdraw from your normal duties and meditate with the Lord," Bond said.

One participant attended the retreat for the first time in many years.

Ralph Benningfield, former director of missions in Union Association, made it a point to attend the retreat after moving back to Tennessee.

Though retired, Benningfield is serving as pastor of Laurel Hill Mission in Sparta.

"I liked them (the TBC Pastors Retreat) in the past and remembered it," he said.

Benningfield compared the retreat to "a kind of revival for ministers. It does for them what a revival does for a church," he said.

And, while some participants have been attending the retreats for 20 years or more, some attended this year for the first time, including Ken McMillen, director of missions for Riverside Association.

"It's been great. Dr. (Thomas) Lea's Bible studies have been fantastic," he said.

He also noted that every speaker touched on a common theme of "we're living in a hurting world."

Richard Lee, one of those "banging bodies" on the basketball court around midnight, also enjoyed the Bible studies as well as the fellowship and recreational opportunities.

"It keeps me coming back," said the pastor of Pistole Church, Sparta, who was attending his seventh retreat.

Recreation, led by Archie Fendley of Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville, was an important part of the week. Winners of the various tournaments were: Three on three basketball, Bill Roberts, Richard Lee, Larry Young; Ping-Pong singles, Bill Hart; Ping-Pong doubles, Bill Hart, Ronnie Jones; horseshoe singles, Ronnie Jones; golf stroke play, Mike Breeden; golf best ball, Gary Swaggerty, Harold Newby, Archie Fendley; Rook tournament, Larry Young, Ronnie Jones. □

The program leaders said:

"Saving faith is trust only in Jesus for the purpose of eternal life." — Thomas Lea, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Seminary

"Just as David defeated Goliath, you and I can have wonderful victory by the power of God in our lives." — Ronnie Wilburn, pastor, Meridian Church, Jackson

"The issue is not whether you are afraid of the devil; the issue is whether the devil is afraid of you." — Wilburn

"If we are God's preacher man, let's go out there with the desire to win every soul we possibly can." — J. Harold Smith, evangelist, Newport

"It's not too bad getting old because that means every day you're getting closer and closer to home." — Smith

"Nobody loves preaching more than I do. But when I don't do it person to person, it's not effective in the pulpit. Jesus preached to thousands and hundreds, but he did a whole lot of one on one." — James Messer, evangelist, Theodore, Ala.

"When we go to God in prayer, we ought to know before we even get on our knees that God is able." — C.C. Mills Jr., pastor, Friendship Church, Greeneville

Hotel list released for November TBC annual meeting in Memphis

People who need lodging for the 1994 Tennessee Baptist Convention, which will be held Nov. 15-16 in Memphis, should begin making reservations, according to Pat Malloy of the TBC Executive Office.

Reservations should be made directly to the hotel, but specify you are a messenger of the Tennessee Baptist Convention because another convention is meeting in the area at the same time.

The convention meeting, along with the Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference, will be held at Bellevue Church, Cordova.

Travel time to each of the hotels listed range from seven to 15 minutes. All phone

numbers are in the (901) area code.

Adams Mark, 839 Ridge Lake Blvd., \$79, 684-6664

Hampton Inn, Sycamore View, \$60, 388-4881

Holiday Inn (headquarters), Shelby Oaks Dr., \$54, 388-7050

Holiday Inn Express, 5225 Summer Ave., \$40, 266-7331

Holiday Inn, East, Express, 5795 Poplar Ave., \$59, 682-7881

Holiday Inn, 2490 Mt. Moriah, \$72, 362-8010

East Memphis Hilton, 5069 Sanderlin, \$59, 767-6666

Wilson Inn, East, 8635 Highway 64, \$35-\$45, 372-0000 □

Union University hosts appreciation dinner for pastors, spouses

JACKSON — Union University's annual West Tennessee Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet will be held in the university's new Student Union Building, Thursday, Sept. 15.

Fellowship will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the banquet at 7 p.m.

The event is free to West Tennessee pastors and their spouses.

A program consisting of testimonies and music is planned and will be led by church-related vocation students, according to John Adams, vice president for religious affairs.

Reservations must be made prior to Monday, Sept. 12.

To make reservations or to cancel, call Adams at (901) 661-5160. □

Daily prayer requests for Chile/Tennessee Partnership



September—

- 1 — Give thanks for the effectiveness of the medical team's ministry last month at six sites. May those they touched also receive spiritual health.
- 2 — Grant the churches in Valparaiso and Vina del Mar the desire, resources, and determination to disciple those saved during last month's evangelism efforts and pursue those who heard but have not responded.
- 3 — May God give Rodney Irby, a missionary evangelist in Santiago, fruit for his labor.
- 4 — Empowering of the Christians serving in the new fishermen's ministry in the Antofagasta area.
- 5 — A special sense of God's presence to missionaries Hawk and Carol Hawkins as they have begun a new work with the youth of Luz and Vida Baptist Churches in Temuco.
- 6 — Former missionary Joy Bates has a birthday today.
- 7 — The Hayward Armstrong family are on a brief furlough in Birmingham. Their son, Taylor, has just begun college, and Sherra's parents are both critically ill.

'Playing it safe' is not the Christian way

Baptists and other Christians often do not put forth our best effort. An example can help illustrate.

The baseball player slides into home plate. The catcher lunges to tag him with the ball, but apparently the runner touches the plate before the catcher gets him with the ball. Maybe he did not block home plate.

The umpire, with arms stretching out, shouts, "He's safe!" The crowd roars, the run counts, the team wins.

Toying with the idea of "what if," the question can be asked about this scenario, "What if the coach had not had confidence in the runner — and held him at third base?" And, "What if the runner had hesitated, refused to run at top speed, or neglected to slide for home plate?" The game probably would have been lost!

For those who do not understand baseball language, the question can be asked in other ways.

When a salesperson is trying to make a sale, should the very best salesmanship be put forth, with truthfulness, honesty, and courtesy?

If a cook is preparing a delicious meal, would the finest ingredients be used in correct amounts, and should the cooking

time be precise?

Of course the salesperson and the cook expect great results when they do things correctly, when the best effort is used. And they never are satisfied with "playing it safe."

Confidence plays a role in whether we foolishly "play it safe" all the time, and whether we are willing to stretch for the tape with a great burst of speed.

Performing at the highest level may mean we have to extend what we think is our ultimate capability.

How does this apply in the church, to one's personal life, to the success or failure of the Tennessee Baptist Convention?

Do we participate totally or sit on the sidelines? Is outreach important, or let them come when they want? Are prayer and Bible study worth full commitment?

Baptists often are guilty of playing it safe. It seems easy to rationalize, "If I don't extend much effort I won't be disappointed when I fail." Or, "Why should I get involved with that? It isn't my responsibility."

Bogus excuses rob the "play it safe" person of God's bonus.

Paul the Apostle wrote that he was pushing his body, straining every mus-

cle, reaching recklessly for the finish line, and not counting the cost.

On the battlefronts of today's war with Satan, Christians *must* have that same lifestyle. This means that:

(1) No more excuses will be accepted for lazy Christianity.

(2) Every Christian is responsible for the job assigned.

(3) Each church leader, including the pastor, insists that church people take seriously the biblical lifestyle.

(4) Pastors must be bold in offering the non-optional Way to people without giving a shortcut at the same time.

(5) Church leaders must use every God-given implement, every tool, for telling the story of Christ and getting the people involved. This includes prayer, Bible study, worship, praise, witnessing, fellowship, discipleship, and total commitment in stewardship.

Unity in spirit is helpful for any people who want to serve the Lord fully. The *Baptist and Reflector* can help achieve that among Tennessee Baptists. Thank God for church leaders who believe that and practice it among members.

"I run straight toward the goal," said Paul in one of his great challenges, "to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." □

■ one word more

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
editor

Great day recalled

When Ester Valdivieso opened her door in Havana, Cuba, a few days ago, she saw someone she hadn't seen in 25 years.

She saw former neighbors David and Margaret Fite, and they had an emotional experience.

The time-yellowed pages of a Baptist newspaper tell part of the story.

One photo shows David Fite rushing into the arms of his mother, and his wife Margaret



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embraced by another relative. A second photo shows Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, missionaries also and parents of Margaret,

coming down steps of the airplane that had brought the four home to freedom from Cuba in February 1969.

For four years Southern Baptists had been praying for the two missionary couples. The men had been in a Havana prison, Fite for four years, convicted on several charges including illegal currency exchange, to which they had pled guilty. They had helped Cuban friends.

That day a quarter of a century ago, was celebrated as an answer to prayer; so it was.

The men had not been silent while under arrest. They had ministered to prisoners and shared the Gospel as much as possible.

And now, the second chapter in the story tells about the Fites return to Cuba.

During their nine years as missionaries, the Fite family lived across the street from Valdivieso and her late husband.

The Cuban couple were more than neighbors, however. They became family to Margaret and the three children.

It is no wonder the former neighbors are still close friends, and that they could rejoice in their reunion.

The Fites were in Cuba recently leading conferences on pastoral care and family relationships. They felt good about what they experienced. "When we left 25 years ago, Baptist work hung in balance," David said. He said this time they saw confirmation of faith as God's work continues. □

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

■ just for today

By Fred Wood
pastor emeritus
Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile

A jeweler taking a grandfather clock to his shop for repairs bumped into a lady, knocking several packages from her arms.

She glared at him and said, "Why can't you be like other people and just wear a watch?"

Take this thought

Every person needs one or more mentors. They help us by providing role models for our growing lives.

A problem arises, however, when we refuse to make our own decisions.

Teachers can help us, but only to a point.

The time comes when we must make our own choices and assume responsibility for the results.

Memorize this Scripture

"I have set before you life and death ... choose life" (Deuteronomy 4:19).

Pray this prayer

Lord, help me realize that choices not chances bring happiness. Lead me to develop the inner resources that make it possible for me to say "Here stand I, God help me, I can do no other." □

Loving people you do not like

■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor and professor

An ongoing question in counseling is our subject this week. I often ask clients, "Do you think you can love people you don't like?"

The response that I get many times is a blank stare. It is as though that concept has never crossed their minds.

Couples come to counseling saying they don't love each other any more. It would be more accurate to say, in most instances, that they don't like each other anymore.

I contend that we all have the capacity to love people that we don't like.

Personalities have the potential of creating a climate where relationship is difficult at best.

We find ourselves not liking someone because of the way he stands or the way she says certain things.

It is both amazing and amusing to note the insignificance of the attitudes and actions that keep us from liking people.

It is easier to understand that people don't like those who hurt them or have hurt people that they love. We do not like people who threaten us or our self-worth.

To like someone means that we enjoy them, their company, and their actions.

All of us would have to admit that there are certain people that we don't enjoy being around, even in our own family.

Using that understanding of liking, I remember there have been times in our 26 years of marriage when my wife did not like me very much.

I had done or said something to hurt her. I have one or two annoying habits (like pecking on the table) that keeps her from enjoying being around me at times.

But there has never been a time in those 26 years that I did not know that she loved me.

What does it mean to love someone that you do not like?

I thought that loving someone meant that you wanted to be with them all the time. I thought that it meant that you like everything about them.

I like to define love as "desiring the best for the object of your love despite what it costs you." □



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Apply that concept to God's love for us. He certainly loved us before he ever liked us.

We were sinners in willful rebellion against him. Romans 5:8 says that while we were still sinners God sent his Son to die for us. This is love.

Love comes from the heart of the lover and is not elicited by the loveliness or the lovableness of the object of the love.

God loves me enough to do that which I need, but he will not walk close to me or "pal around" with me when there is unconfessed sin in my life.

He never stops loving me, but he just doesn't like me enough to hang around with me.

I think this principle works in the family also.

There are times when I don't like some family members, but I should always be willing to do what is best for them in my understanding of the situation. □

Dr. Barkley is a certified counselor and also teaches at the Union University campus at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. He would like to hear from readers of this column. Readers may contact him by writing to the Baptist and Reflector office. — Editor

Bellevue missions teams support Mississippi River Ministry

By Bill George
For Baptist and Reflector

Editor's Note — Bill George is director of missions, Beulah Association.

BEULAH ASSOCIATION — The words of the song say "Old Man River just keeps rollin' along."

A recent study of the states bordering the Mississippi River indicated that not only was the river "rollin' along," but the Christian people living in those states were "rollin' along" while overlooking great needs right at their back door.

As a result of the study, the Mississippi River Ministry was formed and West Tennessee (from the Tennessee River to the Mississippi River) was right smack in the middle of the area said to be greatly in need of assistance.

Beulah Baptist Association, which is located right on the Mississippi River, decided to get involved. After some study, the range of needs and opportunities for ministry was sobering. A commitment was made by the association to minister to the variety of needs and hurts in the community.

Helping the association for the second summer of its involvement in Mississippi River Ministry were teams from Maury Association, Woodland Church, Brownsville; First Church, Greenbrier; Mount Carmel Church, Cross Plains; and Bellevue Church, greater Memphis.

The impact of the teams of college

students and singles from Bellevue Church will be felt for a long time.

During the week of Aug. 6-13 some 75 folks from Bellevue — one of the largest churches in the denomination with nearly 17,000 resident members — spread out across the association to conduct a community ministry survey.

As they knocked on doors, they also shared the Gospel. One lady said to a team, "I have been praying for God to send someone to tell me about Jesus." That day her prayer was heard and she gave her heart to Jesus.

Jerry Essary, pastor, McConnell Church, Martin, said, "Our folks were uplifted and enthusiastically helped by the young adults from Bellevue." The team members "were eager and willing to do whatever was asked of them. Prospects were discovered and our community encouraged," he said.

Other members of the team led Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs. One team was helping Pleasant Hill Church, Martin, lead a group in a trailer park near the church and in a housing project in the Sharon community. Ten boys and girls committed their lives to God as a result.

After the team left, Kelly Campbell, pastor of Pleasant Hill was making followup visits. At the home of one of the boys who had become a Christian, Campbell got to share God with the boy's mother.

Pastor Campbell is praising the Lord for the work done by the Bellevue team. Other teams from Bellevue led

churches in revival services. And a team did construction work at Pleasant Hill Church in Rives. The church's family life center had rooms which needed to be completed.

The Bellevue teams also formed a college and singles choir which performed a musical in several locations.

The churches of Lake County dismissed a Sunday evening worship to attend a presentation of "Wake Up America" by the choir at Wynnburg Church, Wynnburg. And the choir performed at the Obion County Fair.

Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Church, also got involved in the project.

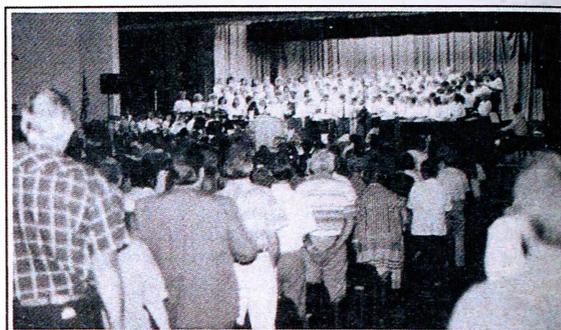
He met with pastors from the 42 churches in Beulah Association at its Mission Center. Rogers also spoke at the Spiritual Life Rally held at the Obion County Civic Center Aug. 11.

The rally was a fit ending to all the work. More than 1,200 gathered to overflow to overflow the civic center. Jim Whitmire, minister of music from the church, led the music and the 150-member choir from Bellevue.

More than 100 people renewed their commitment to God at the rally and three made initial commitments.

As a result of the efforts by the folks from Bellevue Church who were willing to give a week of their time, some 52 people in Beulah Association were saved and other decisions were made that will only be revealed in eternity.

Beulah Baptist Association may be on the Mississippi River, but it certainly isn't "just rollin' along" any longer. The Mississippi River Ministry has been just the energizer we needed to get us up and moving. We have been blessed by all the teams who have come from all over the state to minister and help meet needs. But why should we be amazed? Is this not what we are commanded to do? □



THE CROWD OF 1,200 GATHERED for the Spiritual Life Rally at the Obion County Civic Center hear the 150-member choir of Bellevue Church, greater Memphis.

Tennessean leads evangelism projects around the world

By Jere Phillips
For Baptist and Reflector

Editor's Note — Jere Phillips, who is director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention missions department, attended Union University with Williams and has participated in nine of his projects to six countries.

How did a Union University graduate end up traveling all over the world, ministering in such places as Kabankalan (the Philippines) and Ramnad (India)? Shad Williams has

sponsored 97 international projects, making 60 overseas journeys, traveling to 15 countries, and witnessing over one million decisions for Christ.

But it has been a much longer journey for this red-headed evangelist than mere miles and years.

Raised in a non-Christian home, Williams decided to become a rock and roll singer. He formed a band, wrote a number of songs, and recorded several successful records.

Then Don Milam, who was at that time pastor of Park Av-

enue Church in Memphis, visited Williams and his wife, Sheila. Williams remembers, "He didn't condemn me. He didn't tell me how bad the music business was or how bad I was. He just kept telling us about Jesus and how he died for us." Before he left, Milam knelt on the floor and prayed for the couple. Finally, one day at his home, Williams prayed and made his commitment to God.

After Sheila made her commitment, the couple was helped in Bible study by a young man who was a member of the church.

Williams quit the music business, enrolled in a local Bible college, and began preaching on street corners and anywhere else he could find people who would listen.

Then the couple met Wallace Johnson, who became a friend and suggested Williams attend Union University in Jackson. He decided to take that advice.

Williams explained God knew that he would be ministering in other countries and needed the broader background offered at Union. He studied psychology, which pre-

pared him, he understands now, for the cross-cultural situations he would face.

Another benefit which Williams found at Union was help with a handicap. Not only did Williams have the typical problems of a married student with a family and a full academic load, he also had to cope with very poor eyesight.

Williams remembers, "Even my religion professors were always available to discuss things and to encourage me. I was stimulated to ... work hard and was rewarded for it."

Graduating in 1973, Williams' eyesight had deteriorated too severely for him to attend seminary. He was called to the staff of East Park Church (now Briarwood Church) in Memphis, where he worked for four years.

Williams participated in a church-sponsored trip to East Africa. There God arrested his heart for overseas evangelism. He resigned his position to begin full-time evangelism work.

Much of his work in other countries has been in third world countries. Most have been developed through the Southern

Baptist Foreign Mission Board's partnership projects.

On some projects he takes a team of laypeople and ministers. He has worked with Baptist leaders such as Nilson Fanini of Brazil and Greg Tingson of the Philippines, the new president of the Baptist World Alliance.

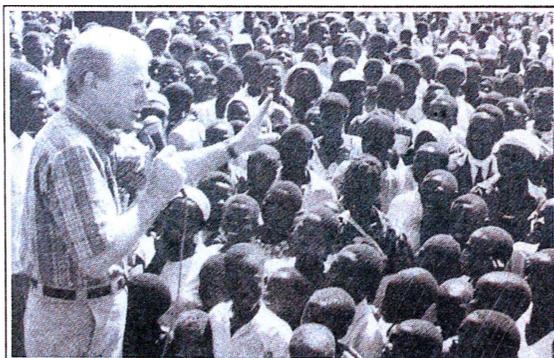
Today the Shad Williams Evangelistic Association based in Memphis averages 15 projects each year. Each project involves 25-35 evangelistic meetings in market squares, plazas, schools, and universities. He is also involved in church planting — starting 12 churches this year.

His philosophy is "we go to them," rather than efforts to "get them to come to us."

His expertise in this area was recognized by the Billy Graham organization, which had him lead a seminar at the 1986 Conference for Itinerant Evangelists held in Amsterdam.

Williams' future plans still encompass the world after 18 years as a full-time evangelist.

"Our ministry is front-line, confrontational evangelism. We want to keep doing what we do, but more of it." □



PREACHING DURING ONE OF HIS PROJECTS overseas is Shad Williams, evangelist of Memphis.

TenneScene ■ the people, their work

■ the people

■ **First Church, Covington**, installed the following as deacons on Aug. 21 — **Jerry Apfel, John Brasfield, Larry Jackson, James Luncford, James Smith, and Billy Utz**. The church also ordained **Jim Hardin and Keith Kauhi** as deacons on that date.

■ the leaders

■ **Bethel Church, Henderson**, has called **Jeremy Ballinger** of Dyersburg as minister of music and youth.

■ **Harmony Church, Whiteville**, has called **Charles Pratt**, director of missions, Haywood Association, as interim pastor.

■ **Oaklawn Church, Memphis**, has called **Mark Stephens** of Tampa, Fla., youth/

music minister. He is a student at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis.

■ the churches

■ **Giles Creek Church, Smyrna**, will hold its 25th anniversary celebration in conjunction with homecoming Sept. 25. Activities include a luncheon and afternoon music service.

■ **Two Rivers Church, Nashville**, will hold a Country Sunday Sept. 11. Activities include an Old-fashioned Country Gospel Praise and Worship at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are encouraged to wear country attire. Following a luncheon (tickets are necessary) and games for children, a revival will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run through Sept. 14. Fred Wolfe, pastor, Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., will lead it.

■ **First Church, Hendersonville**, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sept. 11. Both the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services will be led by E. Courtney Wilson, pastor emeritus. At 6 p.m., a concert will be presented with special guest Jay Rouse of Gaither Music Publications. A reception will follow.

■ the associations

■ **International Friends of Nashville** will hold a Welcome Coffee for internationals Sept. 1 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Woodmont Church, Nashville. Weekly meetings will begin Sept. 8 and be held from 9-11:30 a.m. Free nursery is provided.

■ the work

■ In July, 21 teens and six adults from **Brownsville Church, Brownsville**, took a 12-day trip to Des Moines, Iowa. They taught Vacation Bible School at the Friendship Center, a Southern Baptist home mission point in the inner city and performed a musical/drama. As a result seven people made professions of faith.

■ state events

■ The annual **Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament** for ministers and denominational workers will be held Sept. 22-23 at Henry Horton

State Park in Chapel Hill. A registration fee of \$45 should be mailed to Dan Farmer at 104 Hillsboro St., Greenfield, Tenn. 38230. For more information contact him at (901) 235-3017.

■ The **Tri-State Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Puppeteers** will hold a Ministry Arts Weekend Sept. 16-17 at Friendship Church, Grenada, Miss. For more information contact Martha Cannon at (601) 563-3604.

ty, Overland Park, Kan. She will serve as a family and church missions apprentice.

■ **Bryan Parks, 24**, a member of First Church, Mount Juliet, has begun his work in Albania. He was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to work there two years through Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist aid organization.

■ **Cindy Beason, 21**, a member of First Church, Mount Juliet, has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as a journeyman for two years of service in Amman, Jordan. She will teach kindergarten at Amman Baptist School.

■ the missionaries

■ Gallatin native **Lisa Kemp, 23**, was appointed in August by the Home Mission Board to serve as a US-2 missionary to do student work in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

■ **Richard and Lucille Lee** were appointed as missionary apprentices in Jackson. Richard Lee formerly worked for the Kansas City school system and is a graduate of

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Lee is a graduate of Backer University.



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■ death

■ **M. L. Arbuckle, 83**, retired pastor of Cleveland, died Aug. 15. He served the following churches — Patterson, Rockvale; Burt, Woodbury; Mount Pleasant, Rockvale; Holly Grove, Walter Hill; Barfield, Murfreesboro; Walnut Street Mission (now West Gate Church, Murfreesboro); Eagleville, Eagleville; Immanuel, Lebanon; Gracey Avenue, Clarksville; Big Springs, Cleveland, Valley View, Cleveland; Stuart Park, Cleveland; Antioch, McDonald; and Oak Grove, Cleveland. He was vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and a member of the TBC Executive Board. Survivors include his wife, a son, and three daughters.



WINNERS OF THE TOP RANK for church teams in the Tennessee Amateur Softball Association, Parrans Chapel Church, Bolivar, pose with the trophy they earned. Team members are, front row, from left, **Cliff Craft, Tim Meyer, Richard Doyle, Kenneth Craft, Chris Cranford**; second row, **Tony Terry, Cameron Clift, Eddie Kessler, Rob Craft, and David Goodman**.

Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

Parish Nurse Program

By Walter Taylor, director of missions Knox County Baptist Association

Health care has captured its place in the daily news and is on the minds of most Americans. Certainly this is a serious matter and calls for the attention and input of every segment of society, including the Christian community. Obviously there are no simple solutions to this very complex problem.

But there are some steps that can be taken to meet the needs of all the people. I personally believe health care can

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be provided, but only if we decide that all will work together in caring for one another.

The Baptist Health System of East Tennessee has recently initiated a program that may be of interest to our churches. It is called the Parish Nurse Program. This program would provide opportunity for a church or group of churches to jointly employ a nurse for 20 hours per week, to give attention and direction to the health needs of the congregation.

The cost for this program would be a joint venture with Baptist Hospital and the local church or churches, beginning with the church paying one fourth each year until the fourth year when the program would become the church's full responsibility. Baptist Hospital would continue to maintain its relationship throughout the period of this venture. Health care information would be a regular part of this ministry as well as direct health monitoring and service.

If your church would like further information, contact Dick Denson in the

chaplain's office at Baptist, 632-5252.

I applaud Baptist Hospital for taking this step to help initiate at least one way for us to help care for those in our churches who in some instances may have little or no health care protection. □

Christian rock music

By Mike McAfee, youth council Mount Olivet Church, Mount Juliet

I was approached one day while working by a man who was wondering about Christian rock music. He said that he had a problem listening to Christian rock music. He explained to me that he liked secular rock, but could not justify listening to Christian rock.

I first thought about not saying anything, letting the issue drop, and not witnessing to him. I mean, why should I? I definitely did not want to have a conflict or argument at work.

Then I thought of a sermon I had

heard at a Youth Evangelism Conference. The speaker, Rick Ously, told a story about an offensive lineman who was blocking for him in a high school football game. The game was almost over and Rick's team was losing by five points.

Rick asked the offensive lineman if he could make a hole for him in the defensive line so the team could win. The lineman simply said "Can do." They won the game on the next play.

How did this affect me? Well, according to Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me."

I quickly explained to the man that God created everything from southern gospel to country to rap and rock. It is only when Satan twists and turns this music that it is negative. If the music you listen to lifts up God and opens doors for you to witness to others, then listen to it without reservation. □

Treasurer's Report Third Quarter November 1, 1993 — July 31, 1994

GIFTS AND OTHER INCOME

Cooperative Program	\$18,701,193
Cooperative Program from TN Baptist Foundation	134,153
Designated to SBC/TBC Institutions	2,913,413
Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions	6,296,274
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions	2,467,121
Golden State Offering for State Missions	370,721
Other Income (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, Baptist Sunday School Board, Camps, Earned interest on daily deposits and refunds)	<u>1,814,503</u>
Total Receipts	\$32,697,378

Distribution

	COOP PROGRAM	DESIGNATED	TOTAL
SBC GIFTS			
Foreign Missions	\$3,379,447	\$6,529,680	\$9,909,127
Home Missions	1,321,364	2,533,492	3,854,856
World Hunger	0	275,197	275,197
Six Seminars	1,370,028	36,391	1,406,419
Radio & TV Comm.	270,356	7,178	277,534
All other SBC gifts	417,700	11,290	428,990
TOTAL SBC	\$6,758,895	\$9,393,228	\$16,152,123
Disaster Relief & UTL	\$0	\$19,313	\$19,313
TBC GIFTS			
Belmont University	\$1,472,265	\$79,337	\$1,551,602
Carson-Newman College	1,472,265	204,421	1,676,686
Union University	1,472,265	307,405	1,779,670
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	222,257	37,752	260,009
CRV Scholarships	54,434	1,968	56,402
Childrens Homes	808,281	1,385,305	2,193,586
Hospitals	0	0	0
Adult Homes	163,378	8,969	172,347
Foundation	222,389	8,041	230,430
Audits for Institutions	54,189	1,959	56,148
Convention, Administrative Services	542,533	19,615	562,148
Baptist & Reflector	214,309	7,748	222,057
Central Administrative Departments	698,999	25,273	724,272
Church Programs Departments	676,141	24,445	700,586
Convention Ministries Departments	408,290	14,761	423,051
Annuity Office & Programs	437,629	15,822	453,451
Missions Programs	1,355,043	48,990	1,404,033
Student Campus Work	635,039	22,959	657,998
Woman's Missionary Union	355,112	12,839	367,951
All other TBC gifts	0	378,034	378,034
TOTAL TBC GIFTS	\$11,264,818	\$2,605,643	\$13,870,461
Preferred (Annuity)	<u>811,634</u>	<u>29,344</u>	<u>840,978</u>
TOTAL GIFTS CHURCHES	\$18,835,347	\$12,047,528	\$30,882,875
OTHER INCOME	0	1,814,503	1,814,503
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,835,347	\$13,862,031	\$32,697,378

PERCENT GIFTS FROM CHURCHES

SBC	— 52.30
TBC	— 47.64
WW	— 0.06
	— 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 July 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:

- * — An asterik in front of the church name indicates a mission congregation.
- ** — The Designated column includes gifts designated by the church to: Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Golden State Missions, and TBC and SBC boards and agencies.

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Foundation	134,153.49	25,608.57	Childs Memorial	3,480.00	1,810.00
ALPHA					
Assoc C P Chair: Charles Gilmer					
Centerville, 1st	2,119.60	3,845.82	Historical Clax Gap	280.70	1,866.00
Cross Roads	2,280.49	1,025.00	Clymerville	5,697.50	1,696.89
Edgewood	168.00	600.00	Coal Hill	638.21	760.00
Fairfield	2,727.78	2,129.11	Crab Orchard	1,866.84	390.00
Garrett	320.00	150.00	Daysville	846.88	836.61
Highland	323.24	50.00	Deer Lodge, 1st Mstr	2,018.00	787.00
Hohenwald, 1st	15,385.22	2,385.50	Dyllis	3,785.32	1,386.50
Lick Creek	429.28	0.00	Eureka	1,276.00	2,206.00
Linden, 1st	5,437.94	2,911.23	Fairview	779.71	1,247.96
Lobelville, 1st	2,179.01	734.00	Faith Missionary	194.68	0.00
Maple Valley	167.80	0.00	Kellytown	3,808.92	6,838.14
New Hope	437.45	823.50	Kingston, 1st	50,231.33	26,042.96
*Only	0.00	50.00	Lakeview	2,406.00	1,702.32
Pine Grove	544.43	627.00	Laurel Bluff	1,197.82	245.55
Pinney	677.00	0.00	Lee Village	5,966.54	91.80
Pinewood, 1st	3,028.19	1,811.70	Liberty	7,419.07	7,877.84
Toms Creek	2,314.00	1,827.50	Middle Creek	5,916.16	5,666.96
Wrigley	1,847.06	356.00	Mossy Grove	2,232.23	3,118.06
Beech River					
Assoc C P Chair: Hoyt Wilson					
Bath Springs	0.00	4,812.00	Oakdale, 1st	2,981.23	810.00
Beacon	126.00	100.00	Orchard View	958.35	450.00
Bear Creek	1,567.13	821.75	Petros	5,120.40	1,041.00
Bible Hill	665.49	669.44	Pine Orchard	4,366.34	1,935.23
Calvary	6,944.07	5,883.00	Pine Ridge	4,048.00	2,278.00
Chapel Hill	361.45	696.00	Pinney	11,628.22	3,917.71
Corinth	833.96	690.86	Pinney Grove	2,192.66	1,481.82
Cross Roads	24.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	9,254.59	2,506.59
Cub Creek Hall	0.00	0.00	Pond Grove	605.81	124.52
Darden	67.43	190.00	Riggs Chapel	1,850.00	660.86
Decaturville, 1st	951.00	1,205.00	Riverside	13,050.38	3,537.76
Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Rockwood, 1st	33,917.32	19,828.94
Flatwoods	2,848.69	630.00	Rockwood, 2nd	328.28	315.00
Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	28,005.61	4,922.47
Huron	150.00	300.00	South Harriman	34,483.06	26,733.07
Judson	0.00	0.00	Sunbright, 1st	3,849.47	2,237.76
Lexington, 1st	50,971.57	30,382.65	Trenton Street	20,331.70	5,133.93
Lone Chestnut	0.00	0.00	Union	2,085.95	666.63
Luxey	225.00	0.00	Union Chapel	1,964.20	1,500.00
Mount Ararat	2,502.86	2,170.17	Walnut Hill	5,686.65	3,910.67
Mount Gilead	2,556.49	2,448.79	Warburg, 1st	5,682.16	2,886.00
Mount Zion	119.77	809.44	Whites Creek	1,536.82	1,218.66
New Beech Grove	225.00	175.00	Association	0.00	4,705.00
New Chapel	0.00	0.00	Big Hatchie		
New Hope	480.00	620.00	Assoc C P Chair: Royce Wilson		
New Prospect	45.50	674.19	Ashport	1,806.05	748.10
Parsons, 1st	5,654.84	3,234.65	Beaver	4,283.85	1,500.00
Perryville, 1st	470.40	534.51	Brighton	36,544.50	6,045.26
Pine Grove	2,684.55	1,000.00	Calvary	6,191.90	1,622.72
Poplar Springs	487.41	100.00	Calvary Hill	459.08	750.88
Ridge Grove	0.00	0.00	Charleston	8,510.42	4,236.02
Rock Hill	4,363.39	2,685.00	Covington, 1st	44,131.24	35,225.42
Salem	712.74	183.68	Durhamville	483.00	832.65
Saltville, 1st	1,616.54	327.00	Eastland	2,104.07	2,148.74
Sand Ridge	3,544.05	3,967.29	Elim	390.04	292.53
Sardis	2,279.50	1,022.00	Faith	3,666.64	1,586.73
Scotts Hill, 1st	3,559.88	2,545.00	Fellowship	12,994.89	4,570.58
Southside	0.00	102.13	Fulton	676.04	637.48
Tombin Chapel	0.00	0.00	Garland	6,516.59	3,940.05
Twin Oaks	0.00	0.00	Gateway Mission	4,008.54	3,027.98
Union	1,321.50	2,012.50	Genoa	3,881.21	3,900.90
Union Grove	1,000.00	411.85	Henning, 1st	975.26	785.74
Wildersville	2,815.75	2,476.15	Keeling	3,364.00	1,400.00
Beulah					
Assoc C P Chair: Wayne Sutton					
Alamo	1,829.56	0.00	Liberty	11,148.55	5,642.80
Aldridge	343.75	50.00	Mason, 1st	1,486.69	538.00
Antioch	315.00	103.37	Mount Lebanon	988.95	1,930.77
Bethel	315.00	35.00	Munford	10,346.53	2,483.66
Blessed Hope	2,307.94	1,225.00	Oak Grove	23,549.00	9,175.14
Broadway	450.00	565.00	Olive Branch	538.46	545.06
Calvary	5,249.15	1,550.68	Pleasant Grove	6,567.54	3,540.02
Cottonwood	495.00	0.00	Rialto	838.80	268.41
Cottonwood Grove	2,018.00	1,341.00	Ripley, 1st	19,239.17	10,877.81
Cypress Creek	100.00	733.00	Ripley, 1st Indian	0.00	0.00
Fairview	435.00	659.00	Salem	71.44	0.00
Hornbeak	1,050.86	626.54	Smyrna	18,788.43	7,600.88
Johnsons Grove	992.62	489.12	Trinity	2,278.53	394.50
Lake Road	1,945.90	163.57	Walnut Grove	3,618.85	2,212.02
Lakeview	342.00	196.00	Western Valley	360.00	0.00
Macedonia	1,682.61	581.00	Woodlawn	225.00	1,680.00
Martin, 1st	55,037.12	41,304.82	Bledsoe		
Mc Connell	4,222.13	2,356.90	Assoc C P Chair: Ed Hardy		
Meoring	225.00	0.00	Academy Heights	450.00	512.00
Mount Moriah	225.00	214.81	Antioch	154.25	0.00
Mount Olive	1,962.59	444.24	*Bledsoe Creek	0.00	1,439.30
Mount Pelia	8,296.79	3,009.93	Chestnut Grove	220.00	0.00
New Concord	783.00	533.50	College Heights	18,773.55	5,582.33
New Home	755.00	8,244.27	Corum Hill	45.00	0.00
New Salem	5,251.59	2,446.00	Cottontown	1,637.86	0.00
Obion, 1st	8,292.00	2,871.00	Cragfont	1,932.40	342.85
Phillippy	0.00	0.00	Dixon Creek	0.00	850.00
Pleasant Hill #1	4,193.10	4,685.39	Fountain Head	300.00	200.00
Pleasant Hill #2	2,773.22	2,163.71	Gallatin, 1st	24,200.00	36,550.71
Reelfoot	2,875.45	200.00	Grace	2,745.00	1,422.70
Ridgely, 1st	9,125.40	7,340.45	Hartsville, 1st	6,766.04	4,692.00
Samburg	1,855.00	200.00	Hillsdale	72.54	150.00
South Fulton	21,618.73	6,579.16	Immanuel	755.00	0.00
Sunswept	4,351.24	1,727.33	Indian Hills	761.11	189.50
Tiptonville, 1st	6,767.68	8,756.67	Lafayette, 1st	12,063.71	2,714.69
Troy, 1st	11,651.91	4,614.42	Madison Creek	1,443.98	120.00
Union City, 1st	42,665.76	32,242.90	Mitchellville	2,096.91	574.29
Union City, 2nd	27,911.92	9,303.74	New Hope	0.00	3,944.33
Walnut Log	1,197.45	25.63	Oak Street	960.73	527.60
Willingham Mem	436.28	31.00	Page Heights	2,760.43	796.36
Woodland Mills, 1st	1,168.00	18,269.95	Pleasant Valley	1,497.00	420.79
Wynnsburg	5,370.90	3,696.96	Portland, 1st	6,280.00	7,148.98
Big Emory					
Assoc C P Chair: George Vaddington					
Beech Park	9,923.15	4,321.92	Red Boiling Spgs, 1st	225.00	0.00
Bethel	25.00	0.00	*Rocky Creek	0.00	0.00
Big Emory	3,409.82	4,072.00	Southside	0.00	490.00
Calvary	1,409.54	2,652.86	Station Camp	300.00	331.00
Caney Ford	1,629.00	4,966.00	Trinity	2,914.00	2,311.06
Cardiff	812.81	1,689.76	Twin Hills	350.00	188.00
Cedar Grove	11,758.00	24,828.20	Westmoreland, 1st	2,470.98	1,853.50
Central	3,991.30	1,916.59	Bradley County		
Chapman Grove	1,620.00	1,110.50	Assoc C P Chair: Burley Cader		
Big Emory					
Assoc C P Chair: Royce Wilson					
Antioch	1,800.00	1,000.00	Beacon	984.79	11.00
Bellefonte	9,233.04	494.61	Big Spring	18,354.66	4,169.52
Blue Springs	1,800.00	807.52	*Blythe Avenue	1,138.33	1,145.00
Brittville	1,699.32	0.00	Candler Creek	18,770.86	5,801.77
Center Point	0.00	287.56			

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Eastwood	0.00	1,254.07	Association	0.00	146.25	Marshall Hill	682.88	3,960.78	West End	8,007.14	5,457.00	Williamsport	819.31	395.48
Ebenezer	10,236.26	38,743.09	Lawrence County			Mc Mahan Calvary	1,770.59	821.11	Midland			Asoc C P Chair Jerry King		
Elm Street	0.00	0.00	Asoc C P Chair Charles Galleher			Mt Harmony	4,568.01	3,991.10	Beaverdale	1,615.98	1,158.78	*African Christ Felloes	0.00	75.00
Euclid Avenue	5,281.97	5,871.00	Barnesville	0.00	0.00	Mt Harmony, Riceville	4,037.68	3,485.12	Bells Camp Ground	19,271.76	22,722.75	Alta Loma	4,433.40	3,950.30
Fairview	1,200.00	3,082.15	Beech Grove	263.92	312.90	Mount Plagah	2,845.48	3,394.60	Bethany	1,167.81	185.73	Antioch, Ist	22,520.82	6,987.81
Fair Havens	2,048.68	1,123.24	Blooming Grove	183.80	580.01	Mount Verd	2,462.57	459.86	Bethel (G)	0.00	0.00	Arington, Ist	1,807.10	2,232.65
Farragut, Ist	192.12	1,505.78	Bonnertown	400.00	700.00	New Bethel	270.43	277.80	Bethel (K)	0.00	0.00	Bakers Grove	4,045.00	1,030.00
Fellowship	6,497.00	10,175.07	Brace	1,682.90	892.21	New Hopewell	642.91	1,989.21	Bell Road	2,246.05	841.27	Belleuve	12,890.70	7,446.82
Fifth Avenue	5,315.20	12,127.35	Center Point	0.00	671.31	New Hope	1,238.79	835.19	*Bellevue Community	0.00	0.00	Bellshire	924.01	960.39
*1st Fallisippi	900.00	600.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Niota, Ist	1,670.00	2,607.00	Belmont Heights	30,915.54	16,152.70	Bending Chestnut	0.00	130.00
*Flint Gap	0.00	600.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	North Athens	5,748.91	7,248.74	Berea	0.00	0.00	Berryville	753.00	230.00
Fort Hill	1,423.00	1,118.50	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	North Etowah	32,322.82	12,252.22	Bluegrass	40,193.59	18,780.33	*Bon Aqua	1,639.91	513.87
Fort Sanders	780.35	770.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	North Etowah	32,322.82	12,252.22	Bordeaux	1,148.00	525.00	Brentwood	165,593.77	59,079.61
Fort Sanders	780.35	770.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Old Park Hill	640.77	1,964.61	Broadmoor	4,085.44	9,000.00	Brook Hollow	25,412.76	12,004.55
Fountain City, Ist	14,670.69	9,667.04	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Old Park Hill	640.77	1,964.61	Brook Hollow	25,412.76	12,004.55	Calvary	1,128.00	443.00
Galilee	5,513.36	7,688.25	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Old Salem	2,533.34	3,318.02	Calvary	1,128.00	443.00	Central	0.00	0.00
Gallagher Memorial	2,815.94	2,715.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Parkway	180.00	0.00	Central, Hndr'ville	8,825.50	1,042.21	Charlotte Road	16,074.52	1,919.40
Gayland Heights	889.15	1,877.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Pond Hill	2,424.38	693.16	Chinese, Belt Hghts	1,049.60	192.00	*Church Of Jesus	0.00	0.00
Glenwood Avenue	8,451.03	3,997.32	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Pope Avenue	434.00	0.00	Clearview	34,651.98	12,152.39	College Grove, Ist	1,192.17	287.36
Glenview	8,750.00	15,148.86	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Riceville, Ist	9,864.31	2,200.56	Concord	1,250.00	1,488.59	Concord	1,250.00	1,488.59
Grace	72,393.93	15,993.49	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Rock View	1,543.60	300.00	Covenant	0.00	2,305.86	Creeview	44,654.71	11,916.81
Grassy Valley	6,931.00	1,903.90	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Rocky Mount	3,042.69	2,488.80	Cross Keys	41.96	97.27	Dalewood	45,210.64	25,267.50
Greaveston	5,203.89	1,265.25	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Rogers Creek	2,862.22	1,591.00	Dalewood	45,210.64	25,267.50	Dickerson Road	3,775.29	4,384.15
Greenway	1,181.66	2,067.98	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Rogers Creek	2,862.22	1,591.00	Dickerson Road	3,775.29	4,384.15	Dickson, Ist	49,069.04	30,314.72
Grove Heights	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	St. Louis	1,529.06	805.00	Donelson View	1,906.43	906.75	Donelson, Ist	94,946.88	43,059.09
Grove Hill	520.45	50.61	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Short Creek	1,412.02	330.35	Donelson, Ist	94,946.88	43,059.09	*East Chatham	1,328.40	356.46
Hillcrest	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	South Liberty	2,555.00	2,457.11	Eastland	12,683.40	10,311.77	Eastside	4,387.74	1,732.94
Hines Valley	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Stephanville	0.00	0.00	Eastwood	0.00	0.00	Edgefield	3,689.42	3,874.44
Holt Avenue	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Union Grove, Meigs	0.00	0.00	Fairview, Ist	11,818.23	5,731.96	Faith Temple	150.00	50.00
Hollywood Hills	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Union Grove, Meigs	0.00	0.00	Fern Avenue	225.01	54.12	Forest Hills	24,028.25	39,200.88
Holston	3,831.89	1,438.50	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Union Hill, McMinn	4,114.00	630.46	Forest Hills	24,028.25	39,200.88	Franklin, Ist	95,750.00	166,461.00
House Mountain	2,998.53	4,276.73	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Union Hill, McMinn	4,114.00	630.46	Gallatin Road	75.00	1,212.75	Gallatin Road	75.00	1,212.75
Immanuel	2,037.61	2,452.32	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Valley Road	200.00	0.00	Glendale	0.00	6,763.36	Glendale	0.00	6,763.36
Inskip	14,261.00	10,189.75	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Valley View	482.00	338.00	Glenwood	9,087.91	2,534.70	Goodlettsville, Ist	3,706.97	18,260.93
Island Home	1,125.00	1,591.75	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Walnut Grove	3,525.00	1,841.50	Grace	37,947.00	12,815.45	*Grace Community	2,301.47	0.00
John Sevier	4,083.72	9,188.23	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	West End	1,842.99	1,328.66	Grandview	672.41	2,754.34	Grassland Heights	16,890.56	6,753.76
*Knoxville	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	West View	1,182.63	4,698.71	Grays Point	0.00	0.00	Greenville	38,979.82	15,658.45
Knoxville, Ist	16,729.17	10,350.53	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Wildwood	6,744.22	6,066.85	Green Hill	38,979.82	15,658.45	Harbort	1,397.86	191.25
Knoxville, 2nd	5,106.68	2,643.22	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	Zion Hill	4,343.00	1,900.00	Harbort	1,397.86	191.25	Harpheth Ist	3,875.48	24,965.96
Knoxville, 3rd	0.00	0.00	Deerfield	3,145.01	1,828.50	McMinn-Meigs Assoc.	0.00	794.50	Harsh Chapel	3,366.58	1,418.00	Harsh Chapel	3,366.58	1,418.00
Lincoln Park	27,056.67	18,530.60	London County			Madison	13,385.07	6,578.66	Harvest Fields	3,352.77	1,751.53	Haywood Hills	34,483.31	9,490.59
Linden Avenue	965.91	840.21	Asoc C P Chair Charles E. Amos			Madison	13,385.07	6,578.66	Hickory Hollow	3,192.16	1,359.27	Hendersonville, Ist	107,308.86	60,922.05
Little Flat Creek	1,215.00	850.00	Antioch	2,341.37	2,341.37	Maple Springs	3,168.17	2,026.22	Hickory Hollow	3,192.16	1,359.27	Hermitage, Ist	4,377.03	2,265.50
Lonsdale	922.33	607.68	Baldards Chapel	0.00	531.00	Mason Wells	200.00	0.00	Hillsboro	20,444.50	3,432.58	Hermitage, Ist	4,377.03	2,265.50
Loveland	3,022.33	607.68	Beals Chapel	200.00	323.00	Merced	720.00	100.00	Hillsboro	20,444.50	3,432.58	Hickory Hills	1,371.69	396.00
Lyons Creek	22,380.36	11,892.56	Bethel Avenue	0.00	1,502.00	Meridian	21,936.97	5,138.06	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hickory Hills	1,371.69	396.00
Marble City	527.25	4,721.31	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Mifflin	1,317.00	497.00	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Marbledale	9,663.14	1,849.19	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Michell's Chapel	0.00	0.00	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mars Hill	4,535.26	2,940.63	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	North Jackson	13,805.95	7,904.50	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mascot	4,756.00	1,760.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Meadow View	360.00	1,854.47	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Meridian	46,874.30	22,593.15	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Middlebrook Pike	300.00	121.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Midway	0.00	0.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
*Mobileland	0.00	0.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mooreland Heights	321.88	342.61	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mount Carmel	4,009.54	7,529.49	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mount Harmony	10,064.38	12,688.83	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mount Olive	45,700.00	21,993.80	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mount Olive, East	200.00	0.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
Mountain View	3,030.93	3,568.54	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
New Covenant	350.00	0.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
New Hopewell	23,845.80	451,108.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
New Salem	100.00	100.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
North Acres	0.00	7,214.26	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
North Hills	37.00	0.00	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
North Knoxville	11,765.19	1,874.32	Bethany	5,708.05	2,701.00	Oakfield	6,801.00	1,452.56	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92	Hillhurst	1,097.43	849.92
North Side	0.00	0.00	Bethany											

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Barter, 1st	304.00	476.52	Friendship	00	3,689.00	Sylvia	11,505.93	1,459.18	Bible Union	380.00	688.00	Lincoln	4,147.15	1,160.87
Bear Creek	348.98	25.00	Glencol	00	1,430.76	Tracy Creek	18,052.55	12,616.37	Calvary	00	182.00	Mc Burg, 1st	450.00	00
Brotherton	1,875.88	806.00	Gregorys Chapel	90.00	00	Vansee	100.00	75.00	Central	22,742.52	8,570.11	Macedonia	496.12	00
Cane Creek	429.55	700.00	Holly Springs	00	00	Waverly, 1st	19,087.50	13,890.77	Corinth	1,359.00	1,641.00	Molino	00	00
Cane Fork	3,261.14	5,779.00	Hopewell Springs	3,273.00	4,752.23	Union	00	00	David Memorial	1,226.83	641.38	Mulberry, 1st	766.52	352.00
Cedar	3,384.65	1,830.00	Howards Chapel	381.64	381.64	Assoc C P Chair Greg Long	00	00	Dresden, 1st	17,167.76	11,240.52	New Hope	606.11	3,161.34
Central Emmanuel	1,346.51	2,003.00	Island Creek	00	3,634.26	Bear Cove	5,010.00	6,250.00	Eastside	186.43	824.66	New Hope	00	500.00
Colonial View Chpl	1,722.00	638.27	Lakeside	850.00	3,002.00	Boiling Springs	664.58	1,443.00	Fellowship	210.08	297.00	Oak Grove	765.00	1,868.05
Cookville, 1st	82,350.26	46,410.60	Long Ridge	00	2,000.00	Bon De Croft	145.00	978.00	Gearins Chapel	606.00	1,172.00	Oak Hill	1,579.00	1,247.85
Crossroads Chapel	405.04	37.00	Lower Chilhowee	00	282.45	Cherry Creek	662.80	771.38	Gleason, 1st	4,716.85	2,350.45	Parks City	7,454.28	3,839.32
Cummins Mill	670.00	00	Macedonia	00	17,619.93	Doyle, 1st	278.28	290.00	Greenfield, 1st	14,286.42	3,893.75	Petersburg, 1st	742.22	3,109.99
Dillard's Branch	00	00	Madisonville, 1st	17,619.93	14,321.23	Grace	00	00	Hodges Chapel	162.38	250.00	Pleasant Grove	135.00	7,185.65
Dodson Creek	1,376.00	1,391.43	Maple Springs	00	260.00	Greenwood	450.47	428.50	Jolley Springs	3,400.21	1,610.91	Pleasant Hill	64.00	3,388.06
Double Springs	1,091.58	1,427.13	Millers Chapel	122.68	307.00	Gum Springs	4,791.66	4,074.26	Liberty	858.54	1,182.50	Pleasant Ridge	00	3,012.00
Eastwood	7,120.54	1,781.36	Mount Zion	294.00	00	Hickory Valley	1,615.06	781.07	Long Heights	720.00	536.68	Prospect	6,179.81	5,192.00
Gainesboro, 1st	1,705.56	700.97	Mount Isabella	00	100.00	Hill Road	462.91	357.00	Macks Grove	900.00	1,191.85	Stewarts Chapel	1,685.90	3,329.25
Hampson-Crossroads	8,828.77	4,617.99	Mount Pleasant	200.00	650.00	Laurel Creek	893.56	876.10	Main Street	409.65	253.21	Taft, 1st	400.00	300.00
Johnson	179.00	300.00	Mount Vernon	00	00	Laurel Hill	697.06	413.00	Morris Chapel	90.00	469.17	West End	7,774.24	2,325.21
Midway	300.00	255.00	Mount Zion	2,697.07	3,641.91	Liberty	959.00	532.00	New Hope	1,413.15	1,667.03	Wilson County	00	00
Mill Creek	450.00	892.00	Murray's	00	1,051.02	Old Bethel	00	00	New Prospect	1,130.51	00	Assoc C P Chair Bob Johnson	00	00
Monterey, 1st	36,164.26	4,684.43	New Bethany	899.51	1,661.76	Pistole	1,272.13	745.72	New Salem	1,212.40	142.57	Alexandria, 1st	7,960.63	2,460.09
Nash Grove	1,637.00	1,177.00	New Macedonia	00	10,766.00	Pleasant Hill	00	280.00	Northwestern	506.00	225.00	Bartons Creek	7,075.26	3,924.21
New Home	3,067.85	2,974.59	New Providence	2,034.00	1,942.00	Quebeck	989.69	772.00	Oak Grove #1	1,125.00	4,298.67	Big Springs	748.83	00
New Macedonia	00	100.00	North Sweetwater	1,706.10	2,096.54	Sparta, 1st	11,333.36	5,995.99	Oak Grove #2	00	00	Calvary	2,246.08	545.35
Poplar Grove	3,317.72	2,099.60	Notchey Creek	2,362.45	5,138.36	Spencer, 1st	1,033.04	1,308.05	Old Bethel	868.54	1,146.82	Cedar Creek	2,405.79	4,273.39
Poplar Springs	512.58	220.00	Oak Grove	1,640.94	588.31	Watauga	00	00	Palmerville	1,895.82	3,989.99	Cedar Grove	2,924.60	1,742.34
Rock Point	1,001.14	86.00	Oakland	491.45	200.00	Assoc C P Chair Richard Tester	00	00	Pleasant Grove	1,737.83	2,544.99	Chandler	147.17	50.00
Sandy Springs	1,218.40	220.00	Old Sweetwater	00	200.00	Bakers Gap	2,875.44	906.85	Pleasant View	00	00	Fairview	19,448.92	3,354.95
Scott Avenue	511.00	220.00	Piney Grove	00	00	Beck Mountain	2,823.10	2,583.51	Public Wall	00	2,302.75	Fall Creek	8,952.87	6,566.80
Scotts Point	583.32	683.46	Poplar Bluff	00	6,718.22	Bethel	2,082.41	6,350.00	Ralston	00	484.00	Fellowship	794.39	1,280.50
Stevens Street	14,933.23	2,513.12	Reed Springs	2,084.64	6,227.83	Bethany	231.27	357.62	Rutledge	75.00	352.00	Gladeville	7,938.14	16,271.04
Trinity	400.00	00	Rocky Springs	1,256.11	4,800.00	Big Spring	1,541.91	2,040.91	Sand Hill	454.11	00	Greenville	282.81	1,662.05
*University Heights	1,825.20	1,032.00	Rural Vale	00	00	Bitmore	4,507.43	2,388.39	Sharon, 1st	7,764.00	4,041.23	Hillcrest	11,558.17	2,365.04
Verbe	52.03	350.00	Shady Grove	00	211.00	Butler	1,190.91	1,373.00	Sidonia	675.00	1,020.54	Hobson Pike	3,752.61	1,735.82
Washington Ave	21,722.72	5,424.82	Sheltons Grove	00	50.00	Caldwell Springs	00	00	Southside	16,690.32	9,062.93	Hurricane	1,752.33	1,445.00
West View	4,583.30	837.37	Shoal Creek	00	00	Calvary	14,024.93	7,267.68	Thompson Creek	659.65	891.68	Immanuel	46,141.25	16,963.66
Wilhite	750.00	2,528.17	South Madisonville	1,166.02	4,845.25	Cedar Grove	4,318.18	1,549.20	Tumbling Creek	2,773.96	584.28	La Guardia	6,653.67	2,902.83
Woodcliff	00	625.00	Sweetwater, 1st	22,522.39	21,709.86	Central	225.00	374.25	Union Grove	710.90	205.00	Lebanon, 1st	66,569.77	31,188.97
			Tellico	427.79	429.84	Cobbs Creek	1,409.00	1,304.60	West Union	450.00	2,341.52	Macedonia	1,222.14	1,435.00
			Tellico Plains, 1st	3,777.00	2,645.37	Doe River	4,430.00	1,111.00	Western District	00	00	Mount Juliet, 1st	76,444.81	32,276.82
			Tevis Springs	401.16	1,435.77	Dungan Chapel	4,105.09	1,246.06	Assoc C P Chair Pete Lumpkins	00	00	Mount Olivet	3,539.62	14,411.38
			Trove Falls	00	389.00	East Side	2,040.90	3,125.00	Bethlehem	4,377.98	1,358.16	Ramah	718.41	00
			Trinity	00	00	Elizabethton, 1st	43,865.37	18,349.02	Big Sandy, 1st	2,489.06	2,136.85	Rocky Valley	1,475.00	2,060.73
			Union	180.49	00	Elk River	5,423.98	975.75	Birds Creek	7,023.35	4,277.65	Round Lick	7,909.00	3,008.02
			Union Grove	104.89	175.00	Fairview	5,583.99	1,510.99	Buchanan	1,218.23	00	Saulsburry	2,365.75	529.55
			Union Hall	00	00	Grace	25,899.63	6,547.13	Central Point	270.00	243.64	Shop Springs	2,999.97	2,816.75
			Upper Shady Grove	00	244.00	Hale Mem Chapel	00	00	Cottage Grove	3,741.22	2,277.99	Silver Springs	6,543.88	2,655.66
			Vonore	4,609.38	1,611.00	*Hampden	3,503.00	1,573.53	Dover, 1st	13,216.95	3,142.38	Smith Fork	860.22	1,954.56
			Victory	00	00	Happy Valley	1,280.86	386.00	Fairview	15,367.14	4,907.83	Southside	3,585.43	1,194.00
			Watson Chapel	1,458.00	754.53	Harmony	1,618.00	1,909.88	Faxon	647.82	239.75	Trinity	00	500.00
			Westside	00	00	Hunter, 1st	8,000.00	2,544.79	Friendship	00	00	Village	150.00	00
			Williamsburg	00	00	Hunter Memorial	3,612.64	1,425.81	Harrison	1,150.00	923.37	Vine	245.62	180.50
			Association	00	334.00	Immanuel	10,036.22	2,776.71	Jesses Chapel	1,733.00	761.00	Watertown, 1st	5,466.66	1,354.43
						Little Doe	6,541.31	4,280.22	Mansfield	1,280.27	435.00	Webb's Chapel	256.87	294.57
						Little Milligan	2,362.95	1,589.27	Maplewood	18,405.61	10,173.62	Additional Churches	00	00
						Little Mountain	1,128.39	143.00	Mc David Grove	348.91	1,140.00	Belvue Christian	200.00	75.00
						Lynn Valley	3,689.76	3,065.94	Mount Sinai	797.44	665.00	Cedar Grove	00	150.91
						Meadow View	00	1,852.11	New Bethel	750.00	91.00	Circle Of Faith	00	185.05
						Mtn City, 1st	17,315.61	8,992.36	New Harmony	15,198.36	6,817.52	Cornestone	2,700.00	10.00
						Nelsons Chapel	2,102.05	1,495.00	New Hope	750.00	670.00	Cornestone Christian	225.00	00
						Norfolk	252.47	100.00	North Fork	2,124.52	1,414.27	Deansburg	00	316.70
						Oak Street	14,333.36	4,002.07	Oak Hill	00	300.00	Faith Family Fwship	00	1,000.00
						Pine Grove	1,266.13	1,847.88	Paris, 1st	84,459.99	46,929.34	Faith Family Fwship	00	1,000.00
						Pleasant Grove	4,193.63	2,454.50	Point Pleasant	4,783.11	2,320.50	Five Rivers	1,901.90	340.00
						Pleasant Home	00	00	Puryear	13,200.00	4,999.40	Grace	1,363.29	00
						Poplar Grove	2,923.05	1,618.32	Rambie Creek	450.00	1,465.00	Grant	00	80.00
						Powder Branch	1,099.54	2,272.40	Russwood	7,526.73	1,298.43	Grantsboro	00	1,905.96
						Ritterton	4,702.10	1,466.74	Shady Grove	518.24	458.30	Harrison, 1st	00	200.00
						Riverview	1,395.23	200.00	Spring Creek	600.00	900.00	Immanuel	474.63	00
						Roan Creek	1,900.00	1,280.00	Springhill	4,012.47	2,449.15	Liberty	370.20	362.99
						Roan Mountain	5,928.60	4,095.47	Springville	1,431.00	764.98	Liberty	391.76	00
						Roan Park	2,181.35	2,923.00	Temple	8,851.40	4,950.41	Maranatha	400.00	00
						Rock Springs	120.00	323.00	Union Friendship	2,077.40	1,257.55	New Beginning	490.69	50.00
						Shady Valley	1,045.64	949.14	West Paris	9,944.49	3,455.09	New River	00	1,402.71
						Sham	18,025.22	7,657.30	William Carey	00	00	New Vision	200.00	100.00
						Sink Valley	00	00	Assoc C P Chair Randy Bradford	00	00	On The Rock	913.55	00
						Sinking Creek	5,460.03	3,164.46	Brogan Avenue	561.34	468.00	Pleasant Grove	00	816.00
						Slate Line	3,460.10	977.00	Calvary	90.00	380.00	Plunketts Creek	00	482.75
						Stoney Creek	3,641.00	1,744.00	Cash Point	7,797.00	4,032.63	Prescott Memorial	00	1,756.61
						Sugar Grove	100.00	20.00	Community	334.10	200.00	Providence	00	555.00
						Usaks	7,271.87	1,376.65	Donaldson Grove	4,026.71	1,272.61	Rutledge	00	708.00
						Union	7,320.49	2,749.23	Elois, 1st	461.65	888.14	Selmer, 2nd	447.10	00
						Walnut Grove	1,107.58	800.00	Fayetteville, 1st	52,052.21	14,047.66	Spring Hill (P)	00	344.51
						Watauga, 1st	413.09	680.69	Fayetteville, 1st	5,804.00	7,462.00	St Johns	00	500.00
						Wilson Springs	749.46	718.33	Friendship Southern	222.22	270.00	Unity	00	1,120.00
						Zion	4,076.28	6,055.35	Hickory Grove	784.88	2,448.38	Victory	00	1,018.67
									Hilldale	50.50	70.27	Willow Bend	00	755.00
									Howell, 1st	1,074.84	784.45	Other	00	00
									Howell Hill	00	00	Miscellaneous		

Southern administration requests, receives Marshall resignation

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Molly T. Marshall, the first woman to teach theology at a Southern Baptist seminary, has resigned her position at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective Dec. 31.

Marshall's resignation had been sought by the administration, according to seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. The administration had received complaints from students and others who charged Marshall's teaching fell outside the parameters of the Abstract of Principles, the seminary's statement of faith, Mohler said.

Marshall, an associate professor of Christian theology, has drawn fire from conservatives in the SBC. Specific charges were dismissed at that time by trustees. Mohler said the current concerns were new and did not relate to previous criticisms of her. He said it would be inappropriate to publicly discuss the nature of the concerns about Marshall.



Marshall would have faced a formal dismissal process had she not resigned, Mohler said. That would have included a hearing before a panel composed of eight trustees and five faculty members. The panel's findings would have been turned over to the full board of trustees for consideration.

Marshall, a tenured professor, and her supporters, however, contend her teaching was within the seminary's doctoral guidelines.

In an interview with Baptist Press Aug. 22, Marshall said, "I was given an ultimatum by the vice president, David

Groups respond to resignation

Compiled from news reports

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — An independent association of faculty members at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in a resolution adopted Aug. 22, said they are "outraged" over the "forced resignation" of professor Molly Marshall, describing it as "unjustified" and "untimely."

About 40 professors of the Faculty Association voted on the six-paragraph resolution, said C. Anne Davis, association president and professor of church social work.

The vote is not an official action of the seminary's 70-member body.

Two trustees, one current and one former, contacted by Associated Baptist Press, however, offered seminary

Dockery, in June — but I must be very candid, David Dockery speaking on behalf of the president and the trustees — that I could either resign or be fired in October.

"There have been no specific charges," she said. After the verbal ultimatum, she said she asked for "written charges, and I've received none.

"There is a process for dismissal at our institution," Marshall commented. "I became convinced that ... following that process to its conclusion would be a charade, given the intent of the administration and trustees. In other words, I believe the decision to terminate my employment here was made prior to any sustained inquiry into my theological views."

Mohler, in a statement to Baptist

Press, maintained, "I'm fully convinced that Professor Marshall could and would have received a fair hearing, and I believe history will record that in this case the seminary took the right action in the right manner."

Mohler said his decision to seek Marshall's resignation was "based upon a very thorough investigation which included a careful and intensive reading of her published works and transcripts of oral presentations. In order to honor the process, I conducted a thorough conversation with both Professor Marshall and Dean Dockery concerning a large range of issues of concern...."

Mohler said gender was not a factor in the decision. "The issue is not the gender of the professor, but the substance of what the professor teaches or advocates."

President R. Albert Mohler unqualified support for his role in the dismissal.

Early in her career, critics charged Marshall espoused universalism, a belief that God would grant eternal life to everybody. Trustees cleared her of that charge and in 1988 she was given tenure by seminary trustees.

In 1992, an address she gave in Danville, Va., related to gender issues and the Christian faith became the subject of controversy. A Virginia layman leveled several charges at Marshall based in part on a newspaper account of that address. A trustee committee reviewed a tape of the speech and found that the layman's charges and the newspaper report were in error.

Despite the controversies, Marshall's theology classes were frequently filled to capacity, and in 1993, she won the seminary's Findley B. and Louvenia Edge Award for Teaching Excellence.

"Professor Marshall is a marvelously gifted person and throughout this process there has never been any question of her giftedness or of her ability to relate to colleagues and students," Mohler said. "But the bottom line is this: For a Southern Baptist theological institution that is not enough. We voluntarily teach and serve here on the basis of the Abstract of Principles and other formal commitments. It is not enough that we believe ourselves to be within these commitments if it is not the judgment of the president and the board of trustees that one is in violation."

In her final semester at Southern, Marshall will teach no master's level courses, but she will lead one doctoral level seminar. She will also continue to supervise her current doctoral students until they complete their studies. She said her plans are uncertain at this point. □

SBC study group compares task to climbing mountain

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — "The work is like climbing a mountain, a formidable but not impossible task," according to Mark Brister, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La.,

He compared that analogy to what it is like to study the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brister is chairman of the seven-member Program and Structure Study Committee which has spent the past year interviewing, studying, and surveying the agencies and institutions of the nation's largest evangelical denomination.

Although the study is "well under way," Brister said, there is still much to be done.

"We must come back with a report from the mountain that will inspire Southern Baptists to look ahead."

Brister said the study is a team effort, "an excellent committee, a group of thinking evangelicals, open to God's leadership." During the course of their meetings the group

has had discussions with representatives of all 19 SBC agencies and institutions.

The committee will report its findings to the SBC Executive Committee which commissioned the study last year. However, the study committee does not plan to report at the Executive Committee's regular meeting in Nashville in September, nor are there definite plans as to when the report of the committee will be presented, Brister told Baptist Press Aug. 23.

A number of denominational officials, not wanting to be identified, said the committee's report probably would be presented to the Executive Committee sometime before next year's annual SBC meeting in Atlanta because any structural changes in the SBC would take at least two years to be approved.

The study of SBC agency responsibilities, called "program statements," will entail "taking a hard look" at the SBC boards and commissions, said Fred Wolfe, chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, in ap-

pointing the study committee last year. Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., said the study will examine "how we might be more cost-efficient with the ones we already have" and where various program statements need to be updated.

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Committee members include Robert L. Sorrell, associate pastor of Bellevue Church, Cordova. □

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■ Sunday School lesson commentary

□ Wisdom concerning relationships — Bible Book Series for Sept. 4

By Carl Scarlett, pastor, Miracle Church, La Vergne

Solomon's servants collected 3,000 of his proverbs. Only about 1,000 are given to us by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Our lesson this week will deal with the last series of Proverbs from Solomon and from proverbs collected by Hezekiah's servants, namely, Agur and Lemuel.

Advice for kings — ch. 25:1-7

God has complete knowledge about every matter and has no need to search for wisdom. Wise is the king or leader who has authority over men to search for the deep things of God.

Advice on how to control our lives — vv. 8-23

Discipline is almost a lost virtue in our day. To discipline one's life to seek the welfare of others before one's selfish desires is the mark of a wise man.

The best way to turn an enemy into a friend is to treat him with love and provide for his needs. This action will "heap coals of fire

on their heads" (vv. 21-22). Our good deeds toward our enemy not only makes a friend of our enemy but God rewards us abundantly because of our unselfish deeds.

Realistic advice — ch. 27:1-22

This chapter of Proverbs gives us words of commendation of the characteristic traits of a wise person and the words of warning concerning the characteristics of the foolish.

No man has the assurance of tomorrow. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (v. 1).

We should never brag on ourselves. Leave the compliments to others who see the attributes of our lives. Others see us better than we can see ourselves. Others have a better estimation of our deeds than we do (v. 2).

Poor, rich — ch. 28:1-28

Eleven of the parables in this chapter deals with poverty and

Focal Passages
Proverbs 25:21-22, 28;
26:21; 27:1-2; 28:6, 22,
27; 29:22-23; 30:17;
31:10, 25-30

wealth. It is better to live a life of righteousness than to have riches untold (v. 6).

Multitudes of people in our day are selling their souls and lives for the things that money can buy. Peace, joy, contentment, and purity cannot be purchased with money. These characteristics come from a life that walks in a right relationship to God (v. 6).

Various teachings — ch. 29:1-27

Anyone who has an angry spirit is a dangerous person. They stir up strife everywhere they go. Their angry spirit drives them to hurt everyone they come in contact with. They cannot make sen-

sible decisions. All their ways leads to all kinds of evil deeds (v. 22). A proud person cannot rise but will fall. A humble person shall gain great honor (v. 23).

Words of Agur — ch. 30:1-33

Agur gives God all of the glory for he knew within himself, apart from God, he had no wisdom. He admonishes man to never add to or take away from God's Word for his Word is truth (vv. 1-6).

Words of Lemuel — ch. 31:1-9

Lemuel's mother gives him wise counsel to follow as a young man. She warns him of the dangers of giving his attention to women of the lustful world, the dangers of strong drink and the need to speak wisely and always to judge righteously.

The question, "who can find a virtuous woman?" challenges every man to search until he finds this kind of a woman for his mate and to be the mother of his children. Her price is far

more valuable than fine jewelry (v. 10). The virtuous woman clothes herself with strength and honor. These virtues are priceless and give an example to her children (v. 25).

The virtuous woman will speak words of wisdom and kindness to everyone. The wise woman doesn't have time for idle words or ways. She is always intent on seeing to the daily needs of her household (v. 27).

The children and husband of a virtuous woman always speak words that are complimentary. She deserves all the praise her family gives her (v. 28).

Women may fill the highest office of authority in the world but no woman can attain any greater honor than that of a virtuous mother and wife (v. 29).

Wisdom begins in a total commitment to God and His Word. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom ... □

□ Spying out Jericho — Convention Uniform Series for Sept. 4

By Randall Cummings, pastor, First Church, Ripley

Fearlessness and courage are not the same thing. Fearlessness can be foolish, but courage is always noble. Courage does not exclude the experience of fear — it excludes cowardice. As one wag said, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." This passage of Scripture focuses on the courageous faith of four very different individuals: Joshua, Rahab, and the two spies.

Joshua's commission — ch. 1:1-18

"Moses my servant is dead." This stark statement begins the saga of Israel's conquest of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Three times God told Joshua to demonstrate courage as leader of Israel (vv. 6-7, 9). The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh also called upon Joshua to be "strong and coura-

Focal Passage
Joshua 2:1, 8-14, 22-24

geous" (v. 18). The concept of cowardice as sin is lost among believers. Shrinking from conviction is viewed as an open amoral option. To be asked to fill the shoes of Moses was an intimidating task. Joshua would have sinned had he given in to his fears. For Christians today to shrink from taking stands on matters of justice, righteousness, and ethics is sinful. We need to heed God's straightforward commission to Joshua: "Only be strong and very courageous" (v. 6).

Rahab's confession — ch. 2:1-21

Rahab the prostitute was an unlikely prospect for courageous faith. Along with the rest of Jericho she heard of God's power-

ful acts on behalf of Israel. She heard about the parting of the Red Sea, and about the defeat of Sihon and Og. The hearts of the people melted with fear (v. 11). They had no courage to resist the invasion of the Hebrews. But Rahab discovered a courage born of faith. Rahab could see what God was about to do and decided to join with him. When the spies arrived in Jericho, Rahab decided to hide and protect them.

Rahab revealed her faith to the spies. "I know that the Lord has given you the land ..." (v. 9). said the prostitute to the two strangers. It was not a knowledge of the head, but a spiritual realization that transformed her life. For her assistance to these men on their dangerous mission Rahab asked her family be spared. That request reflected her

certainty that God was delivering Jericho into the hands of the Israelites.

God used Rahab as a major player in these events because she had the courage to make herself available to God. It is no wonder the Bible unashamedly lists Rahab the prostitute as a heroine of the faith (Hebrews 11:31) as well as a part of the genealogy of Jesus. There were people in Jericho with pasts less odious to us than Rahab's, but they were not available to God. They gave into their fears and silenced the voice of faith. That is a modern phenomenon as well. God certainly wants a Christian's life to show the fruit of faith in righteous living. But lack of courage in the service of God can make us just as unavailable to God as any debauchery. Cowardice is sin.

Spies' report — vv. 22-24

Rahab hid the spies from the king of Jericho and then let them escape through her window. Before leaving Rahab they told her to identify her dwelling by hanging a red rope out of her window and keeping her family members inside the house during the battle to come. When they returned to camp, these men reported to Joshua. The spies spoke of the fear of the inhabitants of the land had for Israel. Their words echo with confidence that God is going to give them victory. Note how different the report of these two spies from the report given by 10 other spies 40 years before. The land was just as formidable as before, but these men had the courage born of faith that God would give the land to Israel. □

□ God is holy — Life and Work Series for Sept. 4

By Clay Frazier, retired pastor, Morristown

We are to study this month the attributes of God. It is fitting that our study begins with the holiness of God. This is the cardinal truth in any study of the Almighty. If we miss this truth, we will be deficient in our worship, our inner life, our conduct, and our relationship with people. This failure to recognize God as holy may well explain the behavior of millions of our Baptist people.

God is holy — Psalm 99:9

This Psalm, in a very simple way, says that God is holy. Because he is holy, he is to be exalted and worshiped. What does holy mean? It means in part that God is above and beyond every other entity or person in the universe. It means he has no real rival. It means he has no fault. It means he is absolute and complete. It means he can do anything. He has no restrictions except those imposed upon himself. The idea of holiness has reference to the complete purity of

God, yet it includes more than that. The Scriptures teach that his ways are above our ways. Jesus taught us, "Hallowed be thy name." All that surrounds him is holy. In Psalm 24, we are told that only a person with clean hands, a pure heart, has not lifted up his soul in vanity, and has not sworn deceitfully can come into God's presence. These words leave all of us helpless and lost. We have a "go-between" in Jesus Christ our Lord. The "middle wall of partition has been broken down." Do we try to worship without full recognition of this overwhelming truth?

His holiness demands our purity — Exodus 19:10-16, 18a

The Scriptures are plain that without holiness we cannot see God. Also, God says, "Be holy for I am holy." The Scripture passage we are studying took place in the wilderness when God delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. God was to meet his people. A covenant was to be made. The

laws of holiness were to be given. The people could not come carelessly to meet God. He demanded purity. God told Moses to sanctify (v. 10) the people. That means to consecrate, to set apart. They are to be free from sin. God did not want pollution of any kind on their clothing. He commanded a washing of their clothes. We moderns might take a lesson here on our clothing when we gather for worship. God does have something to say about our dress. The great, holy God was going to reveal himself in a most dramatic way. In verse 12, God taught his "otherness" by setting bounds on the mount to which he would come. If a person went beyond the bounds he was to be put to death. God is merciful, but he is also holy. We must not think he will tolerate carelessness, disregard for his Word, and impurity. The people evidently responded to Moses in a positive way. God came in a mighty way as depicted in verses 16 and 18a. The words

Focal Passages
Psalm 99:9;
Exodus 19:10-12, 16,
18a; 1 Peter 1:13-16

used to describe God's presence are "thunders," "lightnings," "cloud," "trumpet exceeding loud," "smoke," and "fire." All these words are forceful. The people trembled. Should we expect in our day, God's presence in our worship services as he was experienced in this worship service? Perhaps the key is the Israelite's obedience and expectancy. Perhaps it was their obedience to clean themselves up. Most of our worship services have become rather pale. Was it Vance Havner who said, "The court house clock struck twelve and the church gave up her dead?"

Holiness is to be practiced — 1 Peter 1:13-14

Holiness is expected and demanded of God's people. It is both a gift and an achievement. It

cannot be done in our strength alone, but it cannot become a reality without our cooperation and effort. Note that Peter in verse 13 calls for "girding up the loins of your mind, be sober. ..." This means we are to be alert and serious in our mind. The admonition of Peter to gird up the loins of our mind is the effort. The grace mentioned is the gift. We can confidently know that the work in us will be complete upon the coming, or revelation, of our Lord Jesus. We are to obey the command for holiness. We must not go back to former lusts which we did in ignorance. Holiness involves day by day surrender to the will of God. In our closing verses, we are called to holiness in our manner (conversation) of living. All holiness issues from God. His command is, "Be holy for I am holy." Holiness is to be lived out in our thoughts, attitudes, our deeds and our love for God and his creation. What a vital theme for our day. □

2,500 collegian 'resources' receive evangelism training

Baptist Press

RIDGECREST, N.C. — College students represent "not just a great mission field, but a great missions resource," student ministry leader Bill Henry believes.

Approximately 2,500 members of that "resource" attended August's Student Week 1994 conferences at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist conference centers. Both conferences focused on evangelism, focusing on the theme, "Empower to Proclaim ... Hope."

In addition to Bible studies and worship services focusing on evangelism, students chose from a variety of seminars with witnessing-related themes. They also broke into "share groups" to study a recently updated version of *The Share Seminar*, a personal evangelism training workbook by Milt Hughes, former editor of *The Student* magazine. □

Grandmother jailed for abortion stance; witnesses to inmates

Baptist Press

CHICAGO — Sue Bergquist knew the risk when she

blocked the entrance to an abortion clinic. Seven of her own children are adopted and several of those came from mothers who were encouraged to abort.

Bergquist had been arrested 30 times — for sitting in front of abortion clinics and praying.

For the last charge she was sentenced to jail for a week. Bergquist, a member of Armistage Church, Chicago, took her Bible and witnessed to other inmates. One woman became a Christian through her efforts.

As to her effort at the abortion clinic, one woman decided against abortion and kept her baby. □

Kansas City church severs association ties

Baptist Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A terse three-sentence statement by Broadway Church, Kansas City, apparently brought an end to one of the most public conflicts between a Missouri Baptist church and its local Baptist association.

Earlier this month the church distributed a press release saying members had voted to no longer be a member of Blue River-Kansas City Association. The statement said, "We believe that it is in the best interests of our local Baptist association to avoid another

Thousands expected to attend 'Mission 95'

Baptist Press



NASHVILLE — Final plans are being made for a global missions conference designed to "open the eyes of college students to what God is doing in the world and invite them to be a part of it," student ministry worker Jeff Lewis said.

Registration opens Sept. 1 for "Missions 95," a Southern Baptist conference expected to bring together more than 5,000 college students and 100 home and foreign missionaries at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27-31. The conference is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board National Student Ministry in cooperation with the Foreign and Home mission boards, the Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union.

"Mission 95" is the sixth national student ministry conference sponsored by Southern Baptists, Lewis said, adding similar meetings are held only once every five years.

"More than any other single missions meeting, these conferences probably have the greatest effect on Southern Baptist mission efforts in

the United States and around the world," Lewis said. For example, more than one-fifth of the 4,000 students attending "Mission '90" in Fort Worth, Texas, made a public commitment to missions, he said.

"Mission 95" will offer a host of well-known speak-

ers including Sammy Tippit, founder and president of God's Love in Action/Sammy Tippit Ministries; Tom Sine, futurist and director of Mustard Seed Ministries; Pam Moore, director of intercessory prayer at Dallas Baptist University and a personal companion of Corrie Ten Boom for the last seven years of the Christian author's life; Scott Wesley Brown, contemporary Christian singer and songwriter; Louie Giglio, founder and director of CHOICE Ministries, Waco, Texas; and Jennifer Kennedy Dean, a free-lance writer and communications specialist.

Other speakers and Southern Baptist agency representatives will also participate.

For information about costs and reservations, call the "Mission 95" registration office at (817) 581-4711. □

round of controversy. Prolonging the debate about our membership in the association is also an unnecessary spiritual drain on our congregation and we desire to act with integrity with regard to who we are and how we have defined ourselves."

The action by Broadway culminated 10 months of controversy and conflict. In March the association's credentials committee recommended dismissing the church from membership in the association, but that effort failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority by three votes out of 401 cast in a special session in April.

The charges against Broadway were failure to promote harmony within the association and being uncooperative. The charges grew out of a decision by the church to maintain its six-point statement of faith rather than endorse the *Baptist Faith and Message* statement as requested by the credentials committee. □

Book-Link ministry faces financial crunch

Baptist Press

MEMPHIS — Book-Link, a ministry of the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators that has supplied missionaries with thousands of books since 1988, is facing a "desperate" financial crisis, according to Olin Williams, executive director of the organization.

Williams said Book-Link has been unable to fill 99 of

the requests it now has due to a lack of postage to mail the books.

Williams said it costs 72 cents per pound to ship materials to a foreign country. Unfortunately, he said, the donation of funds to mail books does not keep pace with the number of books donated.

As an emergency measure, the organization's executive committee voted to make \$1,000 in funds available to start filling outstanding requests. Since the organization began, Book-Link has shipped 89,467 books to 60 countries around the world.

For more information, call Williams at (606) 379-2140. □

Anderson College president to retire

Baptist Press

ANDERSON, S.C. — Mark L. Hopkins has announced he will take early retirement Nov. 19 as president of Anderson College, a South Carolina Baptist-affiliated school.

Hopkins, who will turn 55 on the day of his retirement, has been president of the school since 1982.

Behind Hopkins' early retirement was a year of difficulty with both the faculty and trustees. Difficulty with both groups centered around Hopkins' administrative style, coupled with some of his administrative decisions.

The Missouri native plans to continue living in the Anderson area. □

BSSB to add Korean consultant; eliminates editorial positions

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — A new position of church growth consultant with Korean churches is being added in the Baptist Sunday School Board's multicultural church leadership department.

At the same time, the positions of editor of Korean and Vietnamese materials are being deleted, with editing of those materials to be handled on a free-lance basis, according to Ramon Martinez, department director.

The two displaced editors will receive severance benefits and outplacement assistance.

Martinez said that despite recent downsizing of some language editorial positions, the board is continuing to produce dated Sunday School materials in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, and for the deaf. □

Nelson announces retirement in Montana

Baptist Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — James W. Nelson, 70, executive director of the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship since 1985, will retire Dec. 31.

The Alabama native said he would retire earlier "depending on the time of the election of my successor." □

Know someone who has moved away — Send 'a letter from home'

Do you know someone who has moved out of Tennessee or they could be in the state, but no longer receive the *Baptist and Reflector*? It could be a former pastor or church staff member, a relative, or a good friend. Keep that person dear to your heart informed about Baptist life in Tennessee by sending him or her a one-year subscription to the *Baptist and Reflector* for only \$7.50 per year. It will be like sending them "a letter from home" 51 weeks a year. A note announcing your gift will be sent to the individual you choose.

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