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Says SBC President Jim Henry

Time will be given to discuss PSSC report

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — In a telephone interview with Jim Henry, the *Baptist and Reflector* has learned that the Southern Baptist Convention president plans for open discussion on a sweeping recommendation for SBC restructuring.

Contacted at his First Church, Orlando office, Henry said no one had asked him to handle the recommendation "one way or another."

"I want to give the people opportunity to discuss the recommendation and to ask questions," he said. The recommendation from a committee of seven Southern Baptist men and approved by the SBC Executive Committee in February, would greatly change several SBC agencies, eliminate some, and give new assignments to others. The most opposition concerns overlooking WMU's role in missions offerings promotion while giving those responsibilities to the Foreign and Home Mission

boards, which are being re-named the International and North American mission boards, respectively.

Among the recommendations, the SBC commissions for Brotherhood and Radio and Television would be merged with the Home Mission Board to form the North American Mission Board, while Stewardship, Education, and Historical commissions and Southern Baptist Foundation would be eliminated. The various commissions' responsibilities would be given to others while SBC Foundation work would be handled by the Executive Committee.

Henry also said, "My heart is that the messengers will have every opportunity to discuss freely the proposals from the Program Structure and Study Committee."

Mark Brister, chairman of

the SBC Program and Structure Study Committee, in a written statement to the *Baptist and Reflector*, noted the committee "expects the parliamentarians to follow *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Hence, once the PSSC report has been brought, there should be time for discussion and a vote." Brister noted the PSSC report "will be brought as a motion in its entirety."

"We are excited to come to this time in Baptist life to give the messengers to the 1995 Sesquicentennial Southern Baptist Convention the opportunity to vote on this historic and exciting mission-focused proposal."

Henry said he will meet with his six parliamentarians in Atlanta to "determine the best way to present the report and give people a chance to respond. We will follow *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* concerning amendments."

"I will do everything possible to be fair, and I have six capable brothers to help me. I

want the people to have freedom to speak," Henry said.

The Tennessee native and former Two Rivers Church, Nashville, pastor observed that extensive discussion over the report could be a problem because of the time frame. "We only have two to three hours to handle this major thing (the PSSC report)," Henry said. No one wants the report to not be acted on, Henry said, noting it needs action "one way or the other."

Recognizing he is "everybody's president," Henry stressed he will be fair to both the committee making the report and the messengers who must decide the report's fate.

"I'm looking forward to a positive presentation and discussion and trusting the Holy Spirit to lead messengers to accomplish God's will through us," Henry said.

"The messengers have the final say so. We will stand by the messengers," Henry promised. □ — Wm. Fletcher Allen and Lonnie Wilkey



HENRY

Tennessee Baptists give generously to CP in May

Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists gave \$2,275,528 to the Cooperative Program in May, compared to \$1,418,164 for the same month last year.

For the year-to-date, churches have sent \$15,478,897 through the Cooperative Program, an increase of \$1,133,953 or 7.9 percent over the same period last year.

Giving thus far is \$204,527 over budget needs.

TBC Executive Director James Porch said he feels "very confident we're going to meet our budget this year unless something happens we don't see at this point."

"Once again we express appreciation for the discipline and sacrificial giving of our churches across the state," he said. □

Fire destroys Loudon County church

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

LOUDON — A May 25 fire may have gutted the building of New Providence Church but it did not destroy the spirits of members of the almost 161-year-old Loudon County Association church.

Deacon chairman Johnny Walker acknowledged the fire affected the church but "not enough to damage our spirits."

"The main thing is to continue to worship together," he said.

And the church has.

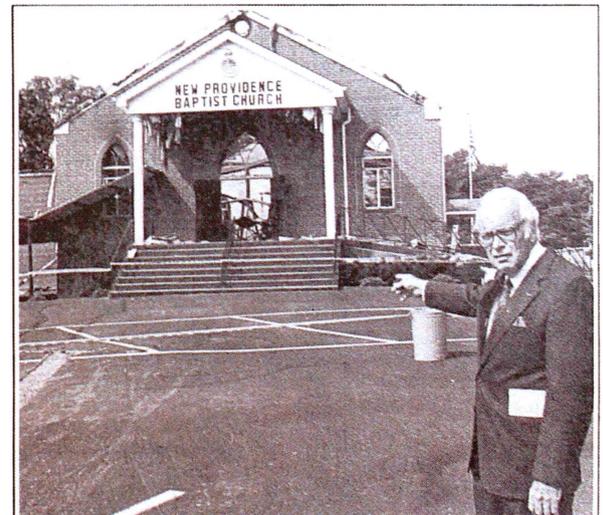
Pastor Obie Campbell said the congregation rallied together after the building was destroyed in the early morning hours of May 25.

Members, with assistance from others in the community, worked to make an annex building suitable for worship services on May 28. The annex was an old school building the church purchased a few years ago.

The fire destroyed everything in the church, including all of the pastor's personal items. Among those items were

books, tapes, and sermon notes from Campbell's 35-year ministry.

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NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH Pastor Obie Campbell stands outside the remains of the 160-year-old church. The building was destroyed by fire May 25.

- Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
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Fire destroys Loudon ...

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Campbell said the fire apparently began in the gas furnace in the attic of the church. The fire was spotted by a motorist traveling on I-75 in the early morning hours of May 25.

The only thing that survived the blaze was the church bell and a window that had been protected by insulation, Campbell said. The bell will be placed in the new church when it is rebuilt, the pastor said.

Campbell and Walker hope the rebuilding process will take place in eight months to a year. The church had insurance, but it probably won't be nearly enough to rebuild, Campbell said.

The long-time New Providence pastor said numerous individuals and churches have offered help.

First Church, Lenoir City, provided a public address system, extra chairs for the school building, and hymnals in preparation for the church's

first Sunday in the annex building.

One lady who no one knew saw the burned building from the interstate and wrote a check for \$100, Campbell related.

Campbell's son, Scott, pastor of South Madisonville Church in Sweetwater Association, also came to his dad's aid by giving him a Bible to use that first Sunday morning. Ironically, the Bible was one Campbell had given to his son.

Loudon County Association is accepting donations designated for fire replacement expense for New Providence. Donations may be sent to Loudon County Association, 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, Tenn., 37771.

Despite the tragedy the church remains upbeat. "The Lord has blessed us, he really has," Campbell told a reporter from the *News-Herald*, a semi-weekly newspaper in Loudon County. "We'll rebuild it," he affirmed. □

SBC Cooperative Program gifts down for month, up for year

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program total gifts for the budget still surpass the previous year but May's gifts fell 20.79 percent below that month a year ago, according to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

May 1995 gifts totaled \$10,263,441 compared to May 1994 of \$12,956,497, or \$2,693,056 less. But for the eight months of the SBC's fiscal year, the 1994-95 total is \$881,059, or .92 percent, above the 1993-94 total: \$96,594,318 compared to \$95,713,259.

"Since the 1993-94 year was a record Cooperative Program year for the SBC, we are gratified for the continuing support in 1994-95 of the churches throughout the

convention," Chapman said.

The May gifts were 9.8 percent below the \$11,378,310 monthly budget requirement in the SBC Program Allocation Budget for 1994-95 although gifts, year-to-date, are still 6.12 or more than \$5.5 million over the budget requirement.

Budget gifts year-to-date are \$96,594,318. The SBC budget is \$136,539,730.

Designated gifts for May were 22.44 percent or \$3,827,564, below May of last year: \$13,229,312, compared to \$17,056,876. Designated gifts, year-to-date, slipped 1.54 percent: \$105,783,954, compared to \$107,438,230.

The SBC CP total includes undesignated receipts from individuals, churches, state conventions, and fellowships for distribution according to the 1994-95 program allocation budget. □

Baptists reach 99.9 percent of '94 Lottie Moon goal

Baptist Press

RICHMOND — Southern Baptists increased their giving to the 1994 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by about \$3 million over the year before and came short by \$67,402 — or a mere .08 percent — of their goal, which hasn't been met since 1981.

The figures, released June 2 by the Foreign Mission Board, showed the final tally even surpassed the board's March 10 projections by nearly a half million dollars. The 1994 Lottie Moon offering goal was \$86 million.

"I think this is one more way Southern Baptists have of saying regardless of any secondary circumstances, the primary thing is for them to move ahead in mis-

sions," said Don Kammerdiener, the FMB's executive vice president.

When the books closed May 31, giving stood at a record \$85,932,597.88 — 99.92 percent of the goal. The 3.66 percent increase over 1993 represents the largest annual jump since 1988 and the closest Southern Baptists have drawn to the goal since they met it in 1981.

Kammerdiener noted that after four years of virtual plateau, offering receipts rose in 1993 and 1994. "Breaking through this plateau gives us encouragement that the trend will continue. This gain points us toward the even greater gain needed to reach the \$100 million sesquicentennial goal," he said.

That goal for 1995, Southern Baptists' 150th year, will require a 16.4 percent in-

crease. Southern Baptists posted double-digit percentage gains in 1988 (12.69 percent), 1984 (11.63 percent), 1981 (13.61 percent), 1980 (10.11 percent), and 1979 (13.02 percent).

"There is no question that Southern Baptists have the capacity to give that amount (\$100 million) and even a great deal more," said Carl Johnson, the board's vice president for finance, in a memo to trustees, announcing the tally.

The offering will provide about \$2.6 million in capital funds for the field, compared with \$1.9 million it supplied last year. Such expenses include equipment, autos, and housing. About \$83.4 million of the offering will go to the board's overseas operating budget, which primarily provides missionary support. □

Terry accepts Alabama editorship

Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Bob Terry has been elected editor of *The Alabama Baptist*, effective Aug. 1. Terry has been editor of Missouri's *Word & Way* since 1975.

Terry succeeds Hudson D. Baggett, who served the paper

as editor from 1966 until his death Nov. 17, 1994.

Terry, 52, is a native of Decatur, Ala. He holds degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He and his wife, Eleanor Ruth, have two children. □

Midwestern trustees elect Coppenger

Baptist Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In a special called business meeting June 2, 26 trustees unanimously elected Mark Coppenger as the new president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Coppenger, currently vice president for convention relations with the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will assume the presidency Aug. 1. As the sem-

inary's third president, he succeeds Milton Ferguson, who has held the post since 1973.

The search committee's recommendation to elect Coppenger included a yearly salary of \$67,400 plus benefits, for a total compensation package of approximately \$88,000.

Following the vote, trustees unanimously adopted a recommendation from the search committee naming Ferguson "president emeritus" of Midwestern. □

Daily Partnership Prayer Requests June



- 7 — Pray for the three teams from Tennessee that are in Poland conducting various missions activities.
- 8 — Give praise for the new challenges and directions ahead for First Church, Gwinn, Mich, and the faithfulness of his people.
- 9 — Pray for Terence Chan as he plants a new Chinese church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 10 — Pray for Dennis Milne as he moves to Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada, to plant a new church, Mountainview. Pray he will find housing and a place for the church to meet.
- 11 — Pray for Henry Kim as he plants a new Korean church in Calgary, Alberta.
- 12 — Pray for the teams in Poland as they return to the USA.
- 13 — Pray for Bob Ross as he prepares to move to Cumberland, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, this fall to plant a new church there.
- 14 — Pray for Stacy Wilds and Scott Elledge as they serve as summer missionaries in Oakland Association in Michigan.

HMB's Lewis calls for delay or changes in SBC restructuring

By Martin King
For Baptist Press

ATLANTA — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board has called for a delay in consideration of the proposed SBC restructuring due to concerns about its impact on home missions, although he is not opposed to "95 percent" of the proposal.

Larry Lewis' observations are contained in a 12-page memorandum sent May 25 to HMB directors. The restructuring proposal will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets June 20-22 in Atlanta.

"I recommend the report to be referred back to the SBC Executive Committee for further study, including cost estimates, savings projections, and impact of proposed changes and possible revisions," Lewis wrote in the memo.

Should the report be submitted to the convention rather than referred back, Lewis wrote, "It is imperative that messengers have the opportunity to consider amendments to the report ... (which) will change the nature of Southern Baptist work for generations." Some observers have speculated that amendments from the floor may be ruled out of order, Lewis wrote.

The proposed restructuring calls for combining into one agency the work of the Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Radio and Television Commission. Lewis focused his comments on ramifications of that aspect of the report. He told Baptist Press he does not oppose creation of the new North American Mission Board (NAMB), however, "there has been no impact study to determine if, in fact, this is feasible. No one has estimated the cost of such a venture or projected what, if any, savings would be realized.

"A recommendation of this magnitude should be support-

ed with adequate data and cost projections," he wrote. "I believe a thorough impact study should be made before messengers are asked to approve such a significant recommendation."

Lewis told HMB directors the mailing was precipitated because, "Many of you, and others, have asked my opinions of the report and recommendations." Copies also were mailed to members of the SBC



LEWIS

Executive Committee, which adopted the reorganization plan developed by a special Program and Structure Study Committee.

Lewis opened and closed the memorandum expressing appreciation for committee members who drafted the report. However, he questioned their background in mission strategy. "I am not aware that any of them have very much experience or expertise in missions. Their expertise appears to lean heavily toward corporate and mega-church management and their experience is primarily in the South. ..."

Proposed changes in the HMB's relationships with state Baptist conventions have "the potential for the most serious repercussions," according to Lewis.

He said he has no objection to a recommendation that calls for the NAMB to focus its resources on newer state conventions. However, according to Lewis, "this recommendation encourages the NAMB not to fund either programs or missions personnel in the older, stronger states and to concentrate exclusively on the newer, weaker convention areas."

Lewis cited two possible ramifications of this change in missions strategy: the hindrance of development of a national missions strategy and lack of involvement in selec-

tion of missionaries.

Lewis expressed concern that more than 1,300 home missionaries in the South would become state convention missionaries. Home missionaries, according to Lewis, have expressed concerns about employment status, salaries, benefits, and other issues should they become state convention missionaries. He also questioned whether state conventions could fully support the missionaries "without reducing the amount they send to SBC causes through the Cooperative Program. The ones I've talked to indicate they (can) not."

Lewis also criticized the restructure proposal for calling for greater emphasis on direct missions and less on working cooperatively with state conventions.

"It would be tragic for the HMB to return to the ineffective, inefficient, confusing methods of the past when cooperative missions has served us so well these past 30 years."

To date, the most controversial aspect of the restructuring proposal has been its provision that the home and foreign mission agencies, and not the Woman's Missionary Union, assume responsibility for promoting the two national missions offerings. Lewis said the HMB is already promoting the home missions offering "in cooperation with Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission. ... We expect that WMU will continue to give dedicated support ... and we will work closely in this task."

Lewis also expressed his desire that the report contain "a strong affirmation for WMU and a word of appreciation for their illustrious history of mission support. Also, a word of encouragement for their continued support would certainly be appropriate."

The HMB president also cited other concerns in the 12-page memo. □

Executive Committee's Chapman calls Lewis' response 'regrettable'

By Herb Hollinger
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The architects of the proposed restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention have affirmed their "strong belief" in the proposal although the president of the Home Mission Board has called publicly for a delay in a vote on the restructuring.

Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, reacted sharply to a 12-page memorandum HMB President Larry Lewis sent May 25 to board directors. Lewis called for a delay in consideration of the proposal due to concerns about its impact on missions and the HMB.

"It is regrettable that the president of the HMB does not support the report of the Program and Structure Study Committee, but this does not lessen the strong beliefs of the committee members that it is important for our Southern Baptist people from local churches across this country to decide the wisdom of the report," Chapman told Baptist Press in a four-page response to the memorandum. "The PSSC members realize the magnitude of the suggested changes but are convinced that adoption of the report is critical to the future of the SBC."

The PSSC report is the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the annual meeting of the SBC June 20-22 in Atlanta. The restructuring would reduce the current number of SBC agencies from 19 to 12. Among other things it would merge the HMB, Radio and Television Commission, and Brotherhood Commission into one new agency called the North American Mission Board.

Chapman said Lewis' memorandum places the emphasis of the report on cost efficiency. But, Chapman said, the PSSC members say Southern Baptists are compelled to ask the question, "Are we financially driven or vision pulled?"

"The emphasis of the PSSC has been how to witness more effectively in the next century to a nation rapidly abandoning a trust in the living God as we know him through Jesus Christ. No doubt there will be cost savings, but the greater

challenge is to put as many of our Cooperative Program dollars as possible to work reaching the lost. The PSSC has designed a structure which greatly accelerates our efforts to reach the unsaved in this increasingly lost nation."

Responding to Lewis' concerns regarding the relationship between the HMB and state conventions, Chapman observed, "The state conventions today have first opportunity to decide how much Cooperative Program funding to retain in the state convention and how much to forward to SBC entities. If the report is adopted, this will not change. The state



CHAPMAN

conventions will still determine what percentage of the Cooperative Program funds from the churches will be kept in the state for state ministries and missions. ..."

Chapman said the changes would not take place overnight and would be achieved only as the state conventions would concur.

Chapman also took exception to Lewis' contention the proposal would set a new direction away from cooperation between the states and the SBC, using "direct" missions instead of "cooperative" missions. "Again, nothing could be further from the truth. The committee members are products of the cooperative spirit which exists within the SBC. They have a clear understanding of the importance of the Convention's cooperation with state conventions, associations, and churches. ..."

Chapman also discounted Lewis' suggestion that messengers will not be allowed to amend the report, noting the convention is moderated by the SBC president according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 1990 edition. He also noted the committee published the report four months in advance to give Southern Baptists opportunity to study the report. The committee "is keenly aware that the final decision rests with messengers attending the SBC," Chapman said.

Chapman's response also dealt with various other items in Lewis' memo. □

Tennessean's vote gives Foster edge in committee

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The Labor and Human Resources Committee favorably reported the nomination of Henry Foster as surgeon general to the U.S. Senate by the margin of a vote from a colleague in the Nashville medical community. First-year Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., voted in favor of the controversy-laden nominee in committee action May 26, giving Foster a 9-7 edge.

Foster, an obstetrician/gynecologist and medical school administrator from Nashville, still faces a struggle on the Senate floor for confirmation, but it appears his supporters will succeed if they can overcome a promised filibuster by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Com-

mission is "disappointed, but not surprised," by the committee action, said James A. Smith, the agency's director of government relations.

Richard Land, CLC executive director, announced the agency's opposition to Foster's confirmation in late February.

It appears the confirmation battle will hinge on whether Gramm has enough votes to sustain a filibuster. Sixty votes are required to end a filibuster, which is a strategy used by a member to delay or prevent a vote. Even some Republicans who say they plan to vote against Foster's confirmation have indicated they think Foster probably should have a floor vote.

Smith said they will contact senators and ask them to support any filibuster which may be waged against Foster's nomination. □

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My friend Teddy

Every once in a while, we encounter a person so unique, different, naively innocent, yet so knowledgeable and sincere that immediately you want to be with them and be their friend.

Teddy Evans was one of those persons. I met Teddy when I became pastor of First Church, Collierville in 1952. Teddy was pastor of Fisherville Church nearby. From that moment on our friendship grew with the years.

When we came to the pastorate of First Church, Covington, in April 1961, Teddy was associational missionary of Baptist churches in McNairy Association with his office in Selmer. We met often at pastors' conferences and denominational meetings throughout West Tennessee.

When the missionary office became vacant in Big Hatchie Association in the 1960s we chose Teddy Evans to be our leader. He was an excellent preacher, natural leader, and great mixer of laity and preachers. He had an instinctive ability to see needs, listen to problems, and through prayer and common sense find a solution to most church and preacher problems.

His quick wit and homespun humor were always evident. He loved people, loved being around them and formed vast circles of friendships. There were more than 25 preachers at his funeral a few

weeks ago. There were many friends from the churches.

Teddy served the Lord by helping churches in many ways and he was always welcome. He seemed to sense (or maybe smell!) a church dinner or supper. Teddy traveled with us to Greece, Egypt, Turkey, and the Holy Land in June 1973 and was the life of the party.

Although his personal life may have been lonely — he was never a victim of loneliness; although his hearing was badly impaired, he is now enjoying the angelic chorus and never has to adjust that hearing aid. Like the writer of Hebrews he is circled about with a host of friends and family in the great reunion of heaven. Teddy, like any of us who live to be 86, had maybe outlived his generation, but he is now in that timeless eternal place where no one ever grows old. Yes, Teddy Evans, we miss you, we took many trips together. One day we'll walk those streets of gold with you and sit on the park bench by the river of eternal waters and sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb of God in perfect harmony.

Henry G. West
Henning 38041

Solution suggested

After consideration, I have decided to vote against the SBC Executive Committee's Program and Structure Study Committee report. Two reasons inform my decision.

Regardless of legalities, historical reality is that WMU birthed the special mission offerings, missions education, and women's ministry among Southern Baptists. To assign primary responsibility for these functions to any SBC entity morally amounts to theft and/or ingratitude. The SBC should not allow itself to become guilty of either mistake.

Second, the process whereby the report was prepared is antithetical to Baptist polity. The committee of seven men worked in secrecy. They did not consult convention appointed boards of trustees or presidents of any board or agency. Their plan was presented to and acted upon by the SBC Executive Committee in a day. Where can one discern the Baptist way of consultation with all parties involved, prayerful deliberations, and informed voting? To accept the report is to accept the methodology of its genesis and presentation. SBC messengers should refuse to do so.

If the SBC needs drastic reorganization, as it may, let us address the issue in the Baptist way. Appoint a committee from the spectrum of Baptist

leadership, insist the committee involve leadership of existing agencies and WMU as partners in the study process, and expect it to bring a report to the convention that reflects consensus. Obviously, this approach would entail hard work, prayer, willingness to dialogue and considerable time, but that is the Baptist way.

Michael A. Smith, pastor
Second Church
Memphis 38117

'Unexpected' blessing

Revival broke out in the face of disappointment, tragedy and personal loss at Bread of Life Baptist Mission May 24. Rob Finley, president of Prayer Resources, agreed to bring his teaching on prayer to our small mission congregation. The prayer seminar began on Sunday morning and continued through Wednesday night. The Holy Spirit of God called us to account for quality and quantity factors of our prayer lives. Nightly there was expectancy as the congregation received biblical insights into the foundational practice of prayer.

Tuesday, Dr. Finley and his wife Judy learned their daughter was in a three-vehicle accident in Memphis. Wednesday morning the Finley's received news their home had been burglarized. Memphis police advised the Finley's to return home immediately. After praying about it, we knew he should return. (Office equipment and supplies vital to Prayer Resources Ministries were among the things stolen.)

Wednesday night was the culmination of the seminar with the topic, "Praying for Revival." I asked the Lord if the thief was to be allowed to steal this blessing. My attention was drawn to some materials acquired from Prayer Resources. I discovered Dr. Finley had provided us with an audio cassette tape of the last presentation. Seeing no reason not to conclude working through the materials, I decided to play the cassette for the congregation.

You could see looks of disappointment and sorrow on the faces of the people. They quietly sat and listened to the final presentation via cassette tape. The Lord began speaking to people. Midway through the tape (15-20 minutes), the sense of alertness and expectancy had returned to the congregation. At the completion of the taped presentation, something began to happen. I referred to a statement Dr. Finley had made and invited anyone the Lord was leading to come to the microphone and speak.

Sins were confessed, needs were addressed, praises were uttered, forgiveness was sought by many who were touched.

The meeting was concluded after two hours. Please pray that God will continue what he has started at Bread of Life Baptist Mission and that we will be obedient to Him. Pray for the Finleys. Pray about utilizing this Tennessee Baptist evangelist.

David Watts, pastor
Bread of Life Mission
Lyles 37098

Needs modifying

I commend the Program and Structure Study Committee for the depth and breadth of its vision embodied in the "Covenant for a New Century." In particular, the call for a more sharply focused strategy in carrying out the Great Commission is awe-inspiring. In one respect, however, I find the proposal deeply flawed. This is in the design to eliminate the Historical Commission of the SBC, allocate one of its services, the Southern Baptist Library and Archives to the Council of Seminary Presidents, and a second, Baptist history education efforts, to the Sunday School Board, while leaving the remainder of the Historical Commission's ministries, I suppose, to simply cease their operations.

By splitting current ministries, the proposal almost certainly mandates increased costs to carry out the continuing ministries and leaves the convention's churches, associations, and state conventions without support in their efforts to preserve their histories.

It is sadly ironic that in this year of sesquicentennial celebration the convention will vote on a proposal which would gut our efforts to recall how the Holy Spirit has led us in the past and would mandate to oblivion those who valiantly brought us to this point. I encourage all messengers to the convention to support modifying the "Covenant for a New Century" in a way which would preserve intact the Historical Commission and its ministries to the various history needs of Southern Baptists.

Ronald Martin, chairman
Historical Commission, SBC
Garden Grove, CA

Amendment proposal

The reorganization of the SBC should be delayed to give time for study. If it is a good thing, that will become obvious, and if not it will be voted down. Why rush such sweeping reform without giving the whole body of the SBC time for study and prayer?

The current wording I believe is hurtful. I know many pastors would like to see the WMU go away, and that ideology shows through strongly in the reorganization document.

Some defend the wording by saying the WMU wanted to be excluded. Does that seem true? Not to me! As pastor of a wonderful church in Loretto, I can say the ladies of our church are offended by this action. They have worked hard to promote missions, and provide quality missions education for our church. Now they are told their traditional role as mission supporters is not important, and not needed. That is a slap in the face.

This issue didn't have to be raised. It was ill-advised when there was no problem to start with. If we need reorganization so be it, but let's not do it in a hurtful and antagonistic way. I propose we seek an amendment allowing us to continue our time honored tradition of assigning the tasks the WMU have done so well in the past. Even though it has been discretionary on their part, they have always given of themselves wholeheartedly.

If presented "as is," I will have to vote against this measure. If an amendment is made to include WMU and recognize their contribution to missions, I could then vote for reorganization.

Thomas C. Tapp, pastor
Faith Church
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Supports Bible drills

What a joy it was the other night to sit and watch the young people from our association in the Bible Drill. I was proud of each one and thought they all did a wonderful job. My hat goes off to each student, worker, parent, and pastor for supporting the Bible Drill. I know what it has meant to me, my daughter, and the entire church.

I, as the pastor, got excited about this year's drill and began pushing it from the pulpit. I wanted the church to get excited and support the young people as they memorized and used the Word of God. My four-year-old, a spry and fanciful lad, heard us talk of the Bible Drill in the home and at church. One Sunday while in the nursery, my son, along with another free thinking four-year-old, were giving the reasons for the absence of one of their favorite play mates. "She had to go to the hospital," one said, "because she dropped the Bible Drill on her leg and made a hole in it!"

Wouldn't it be great if we could get out a Bible Drill and make holes in hearts? I dare say that if we studied the Word like our youth did for the Bible Drill, the impression left in our church would change the church forever.

Bruce Martin, pastor
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New Market 37820

Atlanta could be first of two 'big' sessions

Southern Baptists met in Atlanta 10 years ago — and had the second largest messenger participation in SBC history.

Some 40,900 gathered with visions of division dancing in their heads. Five years later, Atlanta hosted 23,400.

That is a large number of messengers by any measure — but considerably less than the 1986 total.

Potentially the June 20-22 meeting this year could be explosive, but that probably won't happen.

It is true that many Southern Baptists are breathing hard after huffing and puffing so long about the proposed massive restructuring of the SBC presented by the Program and Structure Study Committee.

Several areas of the recommendation have been heavily criticized, but there does not seem to be any organized opposition. That is one difference between now and 1986.

The convention is only two weeks away. Messengers must prepare themselves for a good convention. They should also be ready to discuss the proposals of the recommendation with a healthy debate in an orderly fashion.

With President Jim Henry presiding, ably assisted by Baptist parliamentarians, this can be accomplished.

Henry's demeanor is such that messengers should feel comfortable. One of the major concerns of many Southern Baptists seems to be that they would not be heard.

Presiding officers who believe in free and fair discussion do not object to messenger participation.

It is a fact that the committee of seven would rather the entire report be adopted by the convention without amendments or alteration. The same is true for the SBC Executive Committee which in February approved the document without change and with little discussion.

Success of their recommendation depends on approval this June and at next year's convention.

For this reason, the 1995 session is very important. Larger than usual attendance is possible.

Everyone knows that the recommendation, which is being presented as a Covenant for a New Century, includes massive change in a broad sweep across years, experience, and tradition.

Those who have studied the massive report (recommendation) also know that some of the changes are needed and should help the convention. Other suggested changes have brought swift responses and suggestions for amendments. A thorough explanation by the committee is yet needed for all Southern Baptists. Explanations so far have come mostly from media such as this paper (which carried the entire report as presented to the Executive Committee).

The recommendation comes to convention messengers later this month amidst a flurry of distractions. A year ago many Southern Baptists would not have

thought such distractions would occur. We refer to recurring debate about Calvinism, the problems at Southern Seminary concerning the Carver School of Social Studies, and impressions of discord between Foreign Missions leaders and Woman's Missionary Union.

Distractions are not needed, especially at this time. The Southern Baptist Convention is on course for great changes affecting several major areas of ministry: Home and Foreign Mission boards, Radio/TV Commission, Brotherhood, Education Commission, Historical Commission, Stewardship Commission, and SBC Foundation.

As messengers gather in Atlanta, they should be prepared, of course, for the whole session. But in particular, they should have already studied the Program Structure and Study Committee's recommendation as approved by the SBC Executive Committee.

They should have asked questions for clarification from the committee itself, Executive Committee members, or other Baptist leaders. Then they will be prepared to listen to the report discuss it, and vote with some knowledge of the far-reaching effects.

In Tennessee there are concerns which have been expressed by the TBC Executive Board, sent to the committee, and published by this paper. Readers have expressed themselves by letters to the editor.

Next week we will address some of the particular issues for clarity. □

■ one word more
By Wm. Fletcher Allen
editor

Wind in her hair

She liked it.

The wind blowing through her hair was exciting to her, and her face showed it.

What was the wind?

Like so many children before her, Michaela's first encounter with the spring breeze was a serendipity. Since she was five months old when it happened, she probably hasn't remembered.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote about the enigma of wind — "Who can see the wind? Neither you nor I, but we can hear the leaves as it passes by."

Of course, Jesus reminded Nicodemus that no one sees the wind, but we believe it is a mighty force.

She met the wind in one of those God planned surprises. It was the kind of serendipity which might startle or disturb at first, but when you let God have his way, it is a blessing.

Our daughter Melody stopped by my office one warm spring afternoon a month ago with her daughter Michaela.

School was out for the day and she had left her sixth grade pupils, picked up Michaela from our house, and came by for a quick visit.

I met them outside the office. We stood by the car for a few minutes just talking. And of course I was holding granddaughter.

The wind blew gently on her face, tousling her hair.

She smiled at this gift of God, as children often do, recognizing it perhaps as not just a mystery, but a gift.

It was a new experience for her. She seemed to revel in the pleasure of it. I, the grandfather, will forever remember that fleeting moment.

So often God grants us those kinds of blessings. Like unruly siblings we question him and balk at the opportunity to take the step of acceptance.

No wonder it is that Jesus reminded his first disciples, and us, that we must become as little children in order to enter the Kingdom.

What is the wind? Like God's own Spirit, it moves where it will. Grasp what God offers, do not fear. □



ALLEN

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

■ just for today

By Fred Wood
pastor emeritus
Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a Smile

College co-ed on long distance: "Daddy, I've been busy." Daddy: "Doing what?" Co-ed: "Picketing." Daddy: "You do not have my permission. I sent you there to get an education. What are you picketing for?" Co-ed: "Against increased tuition fees." Daddy: "You have my permission."

Take this Truth

Never be satisfied with half truths. When you learn all the facts about something, things often look different.

Memorize this Scripture

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7).

Pray this Prayer

Dear Lord, teach us to study all sides of a question before we make up our mind to act! □

Finding cures for addiction

In recent weeks we have been dealing with addiction: its components, the cycle of addiction, and clues of addiction.

Now I want to deal with the cures for addiction. If you have a family member with an addictive problem or you fear that your family member might have an addictive problem, what should you do?

This is a very frightening circumstance for most family members. It leaves them with great uncertainty because of their lack of knowledge and training.

There are things to avoid and other things that should be accomplished when you face this situation.

Some people see information like this as being unnecessary and alarming. They do not think that the problem is as bad as some people make it out to be.

They have never had the problem in their families and don't see the possibility of doing so.

Information distributed by Rapha states that every child in this country begins making

■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor

choices about alcohol and drugs by age 14. They also state that in most cases children are exposed to chemical substances by the fourth grade and are experimenting by age 12. This is a serious threat to the family that cannot be overlooked.

The emphasis should be on being helpful instead of hurtful if you suspect a problem in your family. Since most people begin addictive behavior in order to face the unbearable and flee the unendurable, what we do in attempts to help should not be more intolerable.

They are likely to use the defenses of denial and repression to make the consequences of their behavior bearable.

These are some behaviors and attitudes to avoid:

- preaching, haranguing, lecturing, belligerent behavior
- accepting the responsibility for the person's behavior or consequences
- accepting excuses: "I can't help it!" "Everyone is doing it!"

— setting limits that you don't intend or cannot enforce

— feeling guilty because of your perceived blame for the other's behavior

These are some constructive actions to accomplish:

- calmly communicate care
- honestly and objectively evaluate the situation
- realistically and rationally plan what you will do in the crisis, before it occurs
- seek assistance

Addicted and dependent people need to know that we care for them and have hope for them. They need our encouragement more than our excuses.

They also need our support more than our sermons. Some may require professional help in day-treatment programs and the most severe may need institutional hospitalization.

I call the church to sincere, sensitive awareness of this terrible problem while at the same time encourage realistic, righteous, redemptive treatment for our family members who suffer from these types of problems. □

Ballpark Night a success at Valley View

Cleveland church uses sports as outreach tool

By Lettie J. Kirkpatrick
For Baptist and Reflector

CLEVELAND — Valley View Church here has developed an effective outreach to their area ballpark.

For the past four years, the church, now served by Pastor Gerald James, has sponsored "Ballpark Night" in late May or early June.

The designated Sunday night is set aside and signs with appropriate information are posted at Blue Springs Ballpark. Handouts advertising the event also are given to coaches and team members of youth and children's baseball and softball teams. They are urged to don their uniforms and come to the church to represent their teams.

Valley View has a large number of players and coaches in its membership. Their names are printed on a program which is distributed at the door. All at-

tending teams are recognized, and the team with the largest representation wins an award. Coaches are singled out for words of encouragement and appreciation.

Each player present is given a small gift. These gifts have included baseball cards, copies of Sports Spectrum, and Christian comics containing a baseball story.

Ballpark Night has featured a variety of programs including Kids Korus, the Valley View children's choir, a Christian sports film, personal testimony from the park director, a ventriloquist with his Little League dummy, and a speaker from the regional Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This year, Valley View's drama group performed sports-related skits at the June 4 event. The grand finale that night took place on the church lawn as everyone was treated to an ice cream sundae

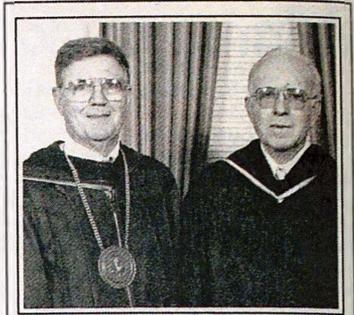
or Coke float.

Ballpark Night has not only become one of the highlights of the season, it has even added members to the church. Others have returned to the church following this initial contact. The event is scheduled shortly before Valley View's Vacation Bible School. Those attending this sports outreach are given information and enrollment forms.

Participation has been great as both adults and children enjoy the programs with their fun approach and positive Christian witness.

The church has expanded its community outreach and increased prospect opportunities.

Ballpark Night at Valley View has been a "win, win" event that could serve as a ministry model for other churches. □ — Kirkpatrick is a member of Valley View Church, Cleveland, and is a published writer.



C-N honors layman

Carson-Newman College recently honored Robert Clyde Fox, right, with the 1995 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, one of the college's highest honors given to an individual who "through characteristics of heart, mind, and conduct evidence a spirit of love and helpfulness to all mankind." He has been a deacon at First Church, Oliver Springs, for more than 50 years. C-N President Cordell Maddox presented the award.

Covington layman sees barn as Sunday School classroom

By Jim Johnston
For Baptist Press

COVINGTON — The way George Smith sees it, his barn is his Sunday School classroom.

"I can't teach, but I can build furniture," he said. "I think God wants you to do what you can to serve him. This is how I do it."

On a cool May evening recently, Smith and seven other volunteer members of "Baptist Builders" used their carpentry gifts to serve their Father. Smith's barn, half stocked with bales of hay and the other half converted into a workshop, smells strongly of sawdust.

In one corner, a table under

construction will be delivered to a church in Mexico. Parts of 12 pews, two deacons' benches, a Lord's Supper table, and a pulpit occupy the rest of the building. The pieces of church furniture will not remain there long until they will be transported to Atlanta, site of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Faith Church.

The barn won't be going to Atlanta to be used in assembling the furniture, but the Baptist Builders and their tools will be, thanks to the SBC Brotherhood Commission's "Carpenter Shop." The agency's SBC exhibit in Atlanta will be the first stop for the mobile woodworking shop, which will soon be touring the

nation building quality, affordable furniture for churches in need.

The Carpenter Shop was the idea of M.B. Howard, a 71-year-old Mission Service Corps volunteer from Covington. He's been in the ministry of constructing furniture and toys for churches for more than 15 years, but he wasn't satisfied he and his volunteers were meeting enough of the needs. So, he decided to take his act on the road.

The 14-foot trailer is equipped with everything a craftsman needs to build furniture, from drill presses to table saws. When it goes to a church or association, all it needs is a few volunteers to transform it

into a furniture factory.

Baptist Builders volunteer Mike Partin has no doubt the Carpenter Shop will be a success. From his trips and association with Howard, he has seen what the ministry can mean to churches.

"I believe in missions," said Partin, chairman of deacons at Covington's Oak Grove Church, where Howard and Smith also are members. "This is a way to get involved. You're really giving people and churches something they need when you give them furniture."

"It's been great for me. My wife and I are thinking about getting a motor home and going around doing missions work. We're just waiting to see

where the Lord leads. But this is where it all got started," said Partin, who is retired from the Navy.

Smith had no idea of what it meant to go to work for the Lord 10 years ago. He traveled around the country building restaurants and found himself living apart from God. Then he met Howard, joined Oak Grove Church, and found a way to serve his creator.

"I wasn't doing what God wanted me to do," Smith said. "I got away from him. But he's used this to get me back where he wants me. I've got a purpose." So does his barn. So will the Carpenter Shop. □ — Johnston writes for the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.



Facility dedicated

May 6 marked the dedication of the Madden Wood Work Shop on the Franklin campus of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The tools for this shop were donated by Dan and Fran Marcum of Tullahoma in honor of retired TBC Executive Director Tom Madden, their former pastor. From left, are Jane Madden, Edna Earle and Tom Madden, Fran Marcum, and TBCH President Gerald Stow.

First time in 19 years

Gray church exceeds Annie Armstrong goal

For Baptist and Reflector

GRAY — For the first time in at least 19 years, Boones Creek Church met their Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal. In fact, the church surpassed its \$2,000 goal by \$250.

Pastor Arnold "Bud" Pate said the Lord blessed the promotional efforts of WMU President Reta Tipton and two church members who assisted her.

"Adopt a State" was the theme of the offering. Displayed in the sanctuary was a large map of the United States, provided by Carol Barker, a local teacher. The map was surrounded by lights attached to a wooden frame, constructed by Barker's hus-

band, Johnny. Members were encouraged to adopt a state by giving a \$40 contribution, at which point a light was turned on.

The congregation responded enthusiastically, adopting states for various reasons. On Easter morning all lights were lit and the goal was met. □



STANDING IN FRONT of Boones Creek's Annie Armstrong display are, from left, Reta Tipton, Johnny Barker, and Carol Barker.

TenneScene ■ the people, their work

■ the churches

■ "The Backyard Bunch," a musical, will be presented by The Sunshine Gang, the children's choir of **Baker's Grove Church, Mount Juliet**, on June 11 at 6 p.m.

■ **Silver Springs Church, Mount Juliet**, held groundbreaking June 4 for a 9,600 square foot educational building.

■ On June 11 **Bethel Church, Greenbrier**, will celebrate its 110th anniversary with a groundbreaking for phase 1 of its new facilities. Jim Ryan will speak during the morning service followed by a luncheon and the groundbreaking at 1 p.m.

■ **Cornerstone Church, Jasper**, dedicated its new building May 7. The church also had a revival led by Terry Wilkerson, evangelist from Goodlettsville. Seven people made professions of faith and many made other spiritual decisions.

■ **Blue Springs Church, Rutledge**, will sponsor an area-wide crusade June 11-14, beginning at the church and moving to Rutledge High School the evening of June 11. Harold F. Hunter, a Nashville-based evangelist, will speak and David Hill, Jacksonville,

Fla., will lead the music. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

■ the people

■ **Elden Cox and Bill McGinnis** were ordained as deacons by Mitchell Springs Church, Rutledge.

■ **Jill Oakes**, a member of Radnor Church, Nashville, was awarded the National Columbia/Hospital Corporation of America Healthcare Volunteer Award. She was selected from nearly 200 nominees from 417 Columbia/HCA facilities throughout the nation. She has been an American Red Cross volunteer in the critical care unit waiting area for six years. Oakes also was recognized by the Tennessee Senate and House and Gov. Don Sunquist on May 24.

■ **Clark Culver** was licensed to preach by First Church, Counce, in April. He is doing supply work and can be reached at (901) 689-5113.

■ the leaders

■ **Ben Harbin**, interim director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's marketing planning department, has been named director. He is responsible for marketing all resources produced by the

board's Church Growth Group. He joined the board in 1978.

■ **Johnny Clay** has resigned as pastor of Puncheon Camp Church, Washburn, effective April 23. He served the church for about three years.

■ **Leonard Brooks**, pastor, Locust Grove Church, Washburn, has resigned, effective April 30.

■ **Sunset Village Church, Bristol**, has called **Donald Caudill** of Bristol, Va., as pastor.

■ **Hickory Ridge Church, Memphis**, has called **Glenn Britt** as minister of music.

■ **Steve Bode** has been called as pastor of Whitsitt Chapel Church, Nashville, effective June 11. Bode has served as pastor of churches in Tennessee and Kentucky.

■ **Barry Littlefield** has been called as pastor of First Church, Counce, effective June 1. He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

■ **Gerry Peak** has been called as minister of married adults at Germantown Church, Germantown.

■ **Guaranda Drive Church, Johnson City**, has called **Chad Sparks**, pastor, Garland Church, Garland, N.C., as pastor. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

■ **Kenny Long** has been called as minister of education, Westover Church, Jackson.

■ **Terry Clapp**, has retired as pastor of Grace Church, Morristown, effective June 4 and moved to Nashville. He served Grace Church 12 years and 40 years in his ministry. He is available for supply or interim work at (615) 367-4850.

■ **Dale Palmer**, minister of pastoral care, Bellevue Church, Cordova, retired April 30 after serving there 28 years. He is a graduate of Memphis State University, Southwest-



ROGER RICE, seated center, recently received a check for \$10,000 to help launch a capital campaign for a Rehab-Engineering Center in Middle Tennessee for physically handicapped people. Rice, who was a thalidomide baby, born without arms, is a college graduate and member of Westwood Church, Nashville. The Roger Rice Foundation plans to launch the campaign for the rehab center and 10 housing units Oct. 7-8 with a walkathon and mini-concert at the Vanderbilt Stadium Club. With him are Heidi Gillingham, left, former All-American basketball player of Vanderbilt University; Ella Chadwell, with Telephone Pioneers; and David May, official of South Central Bell. Half of the gift came from each organization. Gillingham is a Rice board member.

ern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Immanuel Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga. He helped found White Station Church, Memphis.

for Shiloh Association twice for a total of 10 years. He was a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was awarded the doctor of divinity degree by Union in 1976. Evans was pastor of Smyrna Church, Burlington; Pleasant Grove Church, Covington; Mount Olive Church, Union City; and First Church, Fisherville, Eads. He also was historian for Big Hatchie Association and a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Historical Committee.

■ deaths

■ **Teddy Evans**, 85, retired director of missions, Big Hatchie Association, died May 15 of an extended illness. Evans served Big Hatchie from 1967-75. He also served as director of missions of Hardeman Association for five years and



LEADERS OF ROCKY POINT CHURCH, RUSSELLVILLE, from left, Robert Hale Jr.; T.D. Cannon; Vernon Hale; Glen Haun; and John Fultz, pastor, burn a note for \$31,000. The debt for a fellowship hall was paid off in three years. The congregation, which averages about 100 in Sunday School, also gave \$39,000 to the Cooperative Program and missions during the three years.



ACTORS PRESENTING a dinner theatre at Mount Hermon Church, Murfreesboro, are, from left, Sean Richardson, Matt Graham, Tamra Frizzell, and Stephanie Jones. The May 4-6 performances of "One Foot in Heaven" were sold out. It was the church's second annual dinner theatre.

Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

Are you in cross-training?

By Tom Suiter, pastor
Indian Springs Church, Kingsport

Do you have on your cross-training shoes?

If you have shopped for athletic shoes lately, you know that there are hundreds to choose from. There are tennis, basketball, running, walking, and many other types — but, there is

one that catches my attention — cross-training shoes! Now, I know they are not designed for the meaning I am about to put on them — but why not? Shouldn't all our shoes be cross-training shoes?

Jesus has called us to take up our cross and follow him. As we do, we carry it with us in all areas of life — to work, school, play, shop, and home. The cross is to be our constant companion. So when we have on our cross, we

should have on our cross-training shoes. Our everyday "walk" is to be governed by the cross.

Cross-training is practicing the crucified life. That means living out our lives from a crucified position. I am no longer alive to the world, but I am alive unto God. The cross is always with me, consigning me to death that the life of Jesus may be seen in me. □

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Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
West Cleveland	1150.00	735.00	Centenary	1117.30	4204.67	Pleasant Hill	988.00	1045.00	Excell	2447.28	944.80	Fairview	0.00	39.00
Westwood	83429.60	53311.10	Central Point	3288.67	435.35	Pleasant View	348.52	159.60	1st Canaan	1075.00	868.00	Fredonia	733.16	355.50
White Oak	0.00	1085.48	Central, Alcoa	5750.04	3379.61	Poplar Creek	1931.81	993.11	Gracey Avenue	2798.45	6539.01	Friendship	296.92	565.18
Campbell County			Cold Springs	5260.93	9032.00	Red Hill	0.00	863.96	Greater Manry	0.00	100.00	Haleys Grove	891.41	646.90
Alder Springs	402.30	442.35	Dotsen Mem	16360.00	5691.56	Riverview	2924.26	800.00	Mis.	200.00	100.00	Isoline	725.58	316.27
Anthras	0.00	0.00	East Alcoa	1585.94	1799.89	Robertville	16011.74	6099.62	Greater St. James	350.00	0.00	Lantana Road	975.96	2140.18
Calvary	0.00	795.88	East Maryville	7500.00	18735.03	Royce	7101.21	1599.00	Gum Springs	2197.55	600.00	Mayland	714.65	200.00
Campbell County	0.00	100.00	East Warrville	285.59	390.00	S Clinton	9393.06	6840.00	Harmony	1266.00	1129.00	Memorial	3308.69	3122.05
Caryville, 1st	2306.83	915.00	Ellejoy	472.05	1119.55	Tuppertown	233.00	0.00	Hillcrest	4253.45	3072.18	Meridian	1178.92	402.08
Cedar Creek	0.00	0.00	Everett Hills	23383.96	12943.32	Union Valley	0.00	0.00	Hilldale	19400.99	15141.00	Mtn View	923.19	262.00
Cedar Hill	1050.00	3510.00	Forest Hill	11488.67	2843.83	Valley View	338.95	614.95	Immanuel	731.45	898.37	Oak Hill	2870.40	601.41
Central	0.00	0.00	Four Mile	1927.00	1325.00	Waldens View	0.00	0.00	Kenwood	1623.43	910.66	Oaklawn	805.95	1167.94
Coolidge, 1st	1007.72	546.31	Friends Hill	196.07	0.00	West Emory	0.00	0.00	Kirkwood	855.00	545.28	Ozone	30.00	342.00
Crouches Creek	600.00	1087.50	Friendship	3396.26	515.79	Willow Brook	0.00	1413.97	Little Hope	7751.99	3034.16	Pine Eden	5944.65	4540.36
Demory	180.00	2454.00	Friendsville, 1st	11758.00	2528.33	Woodland Park	1454.00	2506.45	Little West Fork	2084.65	2551.31	Pleasant	45.92	35.00
Eagan	74.00	0.00	Grace, Maryville	989.26	0.00	Zion	0.00	1782.71	Maplewood	1762.22	1017.29	Pleasant Hill, 1st	306.39	342.00
East Jacksboro	440.95	1930.10	Grandview	4565.59	2953.24	Concord			Memorial	2460.00	573.00	Slate Springs	187.00	0.00
East La Follette	2033.00	1071.71	Greenback Mem	2429.69	1651.00	Barfield	478.00	0.00	Mt Hermon	3429.56	897.29	Wetzel	810.49	760.00
Elk Valley, 1st	155.00	75.00	Happy Valley	262.13	792.00	Belle Aire	35452.19	11544.58	New Providence	4480.32	0.00	Duck River		
Elm Grove	0.00	0.00	Hillview	1643.87	2291.83	Bradleys Creek	1107.22	797.00	Northeast	2747.32	3166.00	Air View	497.33	105.00
Glade Springs	1727.00	5226.00	Hopewell	893.82	1025.00	Christiana, 1st	912.00	1864.67	Northside	2830.24	828.39	Altamont	390.34	0.00
High Street	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	5318.00	7323.40	Eagleview	1200.00	727.00	Parkview	1428.00	1079.00	Beech Grove, 1st	266.47	113.01
Hillcrest	1088.37	451.00	Kagley's Chpl	2728.45	2090.00	Flawch	1222.37	891.00	Pleasant View	11547.82	5138.80	Beldvere	102.00	0.00
Indian Creek	0.00	470.00	Keables Chpl	648.34	0.00	Florence	789.85	743.00	Slayden	769.65	121.55	Boynnton Valley	676.16	185.00
Indiana Avenue	915.00	1864.07	Kunzel Springs	159.00	307.00	Giles Creek	1058.68	180.00	Spring Creek	250.00	1221.00	Bradview	817.61	56.56
Jacksboro, 1st	6753.69	2523.00	Laurel Bank	3904.60	3445.00	Grace	1955.00	330.84	St Bethlehem, 1st	3210.00	2482.00	Center Grove	4083.28	47.25
Jellico, 1st	6599.47	3663.69	Liberty	1498.97	2083.71	Green Hill	1616.40	424.20	Thorn Manry	780.00	100.00	College Street	954.42	162.00
Kings Settlement	0.00	0.00	Louisville, 1st	0.00	0.00	Greystone Chpl	700.90	215.00	Trinity	171.91	113.00	Cowan, 1st	3078.97	2101.06
La Follette, 1st	17130.10	15985.00	Macedonia	0.00	219.00	Hillview	1881.33	700.36	Woodlawn 1st	1886.63	468.92	Cross Roads	1910.87	541.75
Lakeview	300.00	180.00	Macedonia Avenue	15000.00	23083.87	Hispanic, Smyrna	0.00	0.00	Cumberland Gap			Cumberland	432.98	67.00
Little Cove Creek	0.00	0.00	Maple Grove	386.00	2921.25	Holly Grove	694.76	703.95	Alanthus Hill	190.55	54.00	Decherd, 1st	2424.99	1495.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	Marble Hill	354.97	0.00	Immanuel	1567.00	1046.00	Bethel	50.00	0.00	Estill Springs, 1st	11029.91	8828.96
Midway	0.00	0.00	Maryville, 1st	13287.60	32838.07	Korean	0.00	0.00	Big Spring Union	0.00	100.00	Grace	14931.03	3875.93
Morley	78.59	0.00	Meadowbrook	62.00	107.00	Belle Aire	1318.98	465.00	Brooks Creek	0.00	322.54	Highland	5674.76	4411.60
New Liberty	0.00	0.00	Memorial	10611.69	3688.20	Lascassas	8334.13	10189.59	Brooks Memorial	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	1854.94	2440.47
Newcomb	2193.57	1107.50	Midway	0.00	0.00	Laverne, 1st	8715.74	2490.04	Calvary	0.00	0.00	Hillsboro, 1st	2144.29	1110.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1431.98	Millers Cove	796.94	320.28	Marshall Knob	554.12	0.00	Carrs Chpl	1942.90	2148.57	Huntland, 1st	3242.40	852.00
Pruden, 1st	0.00	0.00	Monte Vista	1232.84	7586.85	Midland	426.59	150.00	Cave Spring Manry	0.00	0.00	Keith Springs	330.00	400.00
Round Rock	0.00	0.00	Mt Carmel	2699.84	2729.95	Milton	416.00	1000.00	Cedar Cove	850.00	2450.00	Liberty	604.80	22.00
Stinking Creek	0.00	0.00	Mt Lebanon	34932.68	13009.65	Miracle	7969.63	2760.97	Chadwell Station	225.68	769.84	Lincoln Hgts	1684.48	747.13
West La Follette	2787.35	1200.00	Mt Zion	0.00	500.00	Mt Carmel	0.00	50.00	Cumberland Gap, 1st	0.00	0.00	Little Mtn	0.00	0.00
White Oak	0.00	0.00	New Faith And Hope	50.00	70.00	Mt Hermon	6650.00	2528.68	Dogwood Hgts	1776.51	131.78	Manchester, 1st	24998.67	16357.62
Carroll-Benton			Niles Ferry	2791.96	2516.78	Mt Pleasant	1624.92	1191.00	Duncan Chpl	0.00	492.54	Maxwell	1513.67	1246.51
Atwood, 1st	4246.51	1535.00	Oak Street	2279.89	2652.77	Mt Zion	2213.79	1483.71	East Hopewell	0.00	0.00	Midway	1310.00	50.00
Bethel	797.85	0.00	Oak View	6279.99	6457.96	Murfreesboro	0.00	0.00	Eastwood	105.00	0.00	Monteagle, 1st	816.64	620.00
Bruceston, 1st	9147.29	2700.75	Old Chilhowee	505.94	0.00	1st	66284.11	45979.70	Forge Ridge	0.00	100.00	Oaklawn	3300.00	1327.32
Camden, 1st	19337.58	6287.38	Old Piney Grove	2084.89	2915.90	Murfreesboro, 3rd	28210.79	2634.63	Gap Creek	2348.87	698.00	Paynes	728.82	117.20
Chalk Level	390.00	795.00	Parkway	14.16	57.23	New Hope	469.75	267.00	Gibson Station	0.00	0.00	Prairie Plains	180.00	150.00
Concord	0.00	40.00	Pilgrim	812.00	1029.50	New Life Laotian	806.24	0.00	Goins Chpl	0.00	0.00	Riva Lake	3028.00	3157.00
Coopers Chpl	0.00	40.00	Piney Grove	8427.25	1593.12	New Vision	2416.74	360.00	Greers Chpl	0.00	309.00	Rutledge Falls	1390.55	330.00
Eagle Creek	899.91	367.78	Piney Level	3417.00	4931.00	Nolensville	3019.00	910.00	Harrogate, 1st	2529.11	4494.14	Southside	0.00	0.00
East Side	1327.53	447.00	Pleasant Grove	9929.96	6325.84	Northside	5423.01	0.00	Haynes Flat	2793.62	3371.65	Spring Creek	900.00	568.00
Eastview	3583.41	2561.35	Prospect	1363.69	2493.24	Oaklands	730.53	642.29	Head Of Barren	0.00	0.00	Summitville, 1st	276.79	760.00
Eastwood	1292.00	394.00	Providence	2947.73	2337.97	Patterson	215.00	664.00	Hope Manry	0.00	0.00	Tracy City, 1st	4799.00	1912.00
Enon	420.00	500.00	Rockford	3619.00	2151.63	Powells Chpl	8672.18	3582.39	Hopewell	0.00	300.00	Trinity	22143.61	6395.75
Eva	534.71	379.00	Rocky Branch	3734.15	1159.33	Riverdale	831.14	436.79	Howards Quarter	0.00	0.00	Tullahoma, 1st	49056.03	18419.13
Fairview	75.00	537.00	Salem	1327.99	2818.25	Rucker	383.15	60.35	Indian Creek	0.00	0.00	Victory	471.90	22.40
Faith	679.73	1172.15	Six Mile	6888.00	5564.59	Salem Springs	609.94	525.00	Liberty Hill	84.00	0.00	Westwood	698.00	103.00
Grace	0.00	0.00	Smoky View	2400.00	464.50	Scenic Dr	600.00	244.00	Liberty Manry	0.00	0.00	Winchester, 1st	25852.99	8877.57
Holladay	125.00	323.80	Springview	4042.87	4251.22	Smyrna, 1st	41144.13	16203.52	Little Barren	0.00	0.00	Dyer		
Hopewell	699.93	716.00	Stock Creek	27364.57	24390.09	Southeast	28660.59	11152.81	Little Mulberry	0.00	1057.45	Bogota	405.92	100.00
House	2884.52	1996.62	Trinity	0.00	0.00	Stonebrook	1731.58	533.00	Little Valley	0.00	0.00	Calvary Chpl	120.00	0.00
Huntingdon, 1st	15785.22	14750.55	Tuckaleechee Chpl	674.34	1455.50	Stones River	7647.00	4871.14	Lone Hill Manry	0.00	0.00	Calvary Hill	1146.97	121.00
Justice	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	311.45	717.65	Taylor's Chpl	0.00	340.00	Lone Hill	0.00	0.00	Curve	1989.77	540.10
Liberty Hill	204.13	0.00	Unity	5123.64	2936.11	Unity	957.32	0.00	M C M	0.00	0.00	Dyersburg, 1st	38783.36	25847.07
Mc Kenzie, 1st	21342.90	11961.24	Valley View	0.00	0.00	Walter Hill, 1st	750.00	478.91	Meyer Grove	0.00	0.00	Dyersburg, 2nd	828.88	138.00
Mc Lemoresville	1160.00	314.63	Village Manry	0.00	0.00	Ward's Grove	5228.91	662.48	Middle Urbana	0.00	0.00	Elon	0.00	632.90
Manry Grove	2037.00	1996.50	West Maryville	819.40	1281.36	Wayside	0.00	0.00	Midway	1469.01	3340.85	Emmaus	250.00	0.00
Mt Nebo	1430.50	800.00	Wildwood	3600.00	735.42	Westgate	892.47	725.46	Mt Pleasant	0.00	0.00	Enon	1692.79	398.00
Natchez Trace	3105.41	2152.82	Zion Chpl	800.00	2204.17	Westwood	5742.28	4280.03	Mt Zion	1102.10	700.00	Evansville	105.41	150.00
Prospect	2065.23	400.00	Clinton			Woodbury Road	1044.00	271.50	Mtn View	4.00	60.00	Fairview	1546.06	339.00
Republican Grove	100.00	250.00	Andersonville, 1st	7481.55	3561.62	Bethlehem	0.00	50.00	New Hope	0.00	25.00	Finley	1600.00	

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Broadway	1104.18	2229.79	S Knoxville	10161.00	10494.50	West Broadway	0.00	690.00	Old Friendship	707.72	1596.11	Friendship	0.00	0.00
Buffat Hghts	17732.30	11266.94	Stoney Point	1080.00	0.00				Palentine	0.00	0.00	Friendship (N M)	0.00	0.00
Burnetta Creek	0.00	666.19	Sunset Hghts	175.00	266.50	McMinn-Melgs			Parkburg	7993.81	5466.18	Gaps Chpl	0.00	0.00
Callahan Road	414.60	787.77	Tarklin Valley	0.00	371.33	Antioch	4104.00	5340.71	Parkview	5038.55	4420.25	Granite Lifeboat	0.00	0.00
Calvary	72243.80	52388.93	Tazewell Pike	150.00	20.00	Athens, 1st	103681.92	47170.82	Pinson	2704.20	1848.24	Grassy Springs	0.00	0.00
Cedar Bluff	1127.89	0.00	Tennessee Ave.	1038.55	1683.25	Bethel Springs	200.00	0.00	Pleasant Hill	1908.59	718.50	Grissons Island	0.00	0.00
Cedar Ford	2126.92	313.97	Third Creek	762.30	1585.00	Bethesda	0.00	305.00	Pleasant Plains	946.36	172.95	Huberts Chpl	0.00	0.00
Central Bearden	92445.13	76339.27	Thorn Grove	4003.83	1006.25	Brookhill	2695.05	575.00	Poplar Corner	1831.75	722.00	Idas Chpl	0.00	100.00
Central, Ptn City	63022.84	80765.18	Three Point	0.00	0.00	Calhoun, 1st	15633.61	7789.00	Poplar Hghts	23236.50	39025.66	Lake Shore	0.00	0.00
Chilhowee Hills	24111.05	17407.82	Timothy St.	1265.27	2484.87	Calvary (E)	1935.87	1041.05	Sanford Hill	4072.43	3048.30	Liberty	0.00	0.00
Churchwell Ave.	0.00	100.00	Tower Hghts	0.00	0.00	Calvary Manry (D)	0.00	0.00	Southside	397.91	880.31	Livesays Chpl	0.00	0.00
City View	12675.04	7244.81	Trinity	200.00	0.00	Cambria	1268.68	0.00	Spring Creek	5217.49	1814.03	Mc Bride	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	9664.07	4101.58	Tuckahee	0.00	0.00	Central	7173.61	4199.64	Unity	6918.85	2814.59	Midtown Manry	0.00	0.00
Community	0.00	0.00	Tyson	0.00	0.00	Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	Unity (J)	0.00	0.00	Mt Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Concord, 1st	134437.86	1832.78	Union	5821.26	3242.00	Clear Springs	690.69	3000.00	Warda Grove	3555.22	1064.25	Mtn View	0.00	0.00
Copper Ridge	297.86	356.50	Unity	1863.75	1426.46	Clearwater	4801.92	2895.00	West Jackson	48327.09	46711.09	Mulberry Gap	813.13	1040.07
Cornerstone	268.00	500.00	Valley Grove (B C)	0.00	1502.41	Cog Hill	1786.26	2139.55	Westover	2423.00	1616.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Cornerstone			Valley Grove (C H)	22249.99	32740.54	Conasauga	540.50	0.00	Woodland	26878.22	2589.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00
Flwshp	2916.69	0.00	Vestal	0.00	0.00	Cotton Port	216.57	100.00				New Life Manry	0.00	0.00
Corryton	18666.65	1324.82	Victory	0.00	0.00	Decatur, 1st	8742.23	6459.00				New Salem Manry	0.00	0.00
Cumberland	16493.24	15415.08	Victory Chpl	0.00	1065.00	Dixon Ave	0.00	2637.20				Northside Manry	0.00	450.00
Cumberland			Wallace Mem	80462.98	69448.56	Double Springs	1515.00	1505.00				Oak Hill	0.00	0.00
Korean	1050.00	0.00	Washington Pk	0.00	17473.50	East Athens	19262.80	11048.87				Old Spruce Pine	0.00	0.00
East Sunnyside	106.17	0.00	Washington Pl	8106.27	1910.85	East Niota	480.00	970.00				Panther Creek	0.00	0.00
Eastwood	0.00	929.46	West End	1560.19	1616.15	East View	300.00	946.91				Paw Paw Grove	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	6682.97	37167.62	West Haven	11530.41	5210.00	Eastlanee	29808.36	5803.31				Piney Grove	0.00	0.00
Elm Street	0.00	0.00	West Hills	700.00	1279.14	Englewood, 1st	3237.50	3633.20				Pleasant Valley	0.00	0.00
Euclid Ave	2348.27	3274.00	West Knoxville	6310.28	1039.42	Etowah, 1st	1500.00	2900.32				Pond Hill	0.00	500.00
Fair Havens	0.00	490.00	West Londale	20587.35	14262.67	Five Point	0.00	0.00				Power House	0.00	0.00
Fairview	1800.00	2388.41	West Side	0.00	0.00	Good Hope	170.30	100.00				Providence	0.00	0.00
Farragut, 1st	74.47	721.29	Young Seang Korean	0.00	0.00	Goodspings	7782.35	6200.95				Providence (R)	0.00	0.00
Farragut	4966.00	7744.70				Hiwassee	241.78	230.00				Richardson Creek	0.00	0.00
Fifth Ave	4293.89	7276.94				Idlewild	775.75	847.00				Rock Bridge	0.00	0.00
1st Pellissippi	400.00	165.00				Lakeside	504.17	1175.00				Rock Haven	0.00	0.00
Flint Gap	200.00	200.00				Lakeview	1012.00	212.00				Rock Summit	0.00	0.00
Fort Hill	1552.00	1162.00				Lamontville	614.45	75.00				Sandy Springs	0.00	0.00
Fort Sanders	505.23	310.00				Manilla Chpl	50.00	570.00				Sartain Springs	0.00	0.00
Fontaine City, 1st	12410.16	8478.27				Marshall Hill	382.46	4503.00				Sharon Manry	0.00	0.00
Galilee	4156.32	8547.67				McMinn Meigs Assoc.	0.00	1282.00				Solid Rock	0.00	0.00
Gallaher Mem	1644.94	900.00				McMinn Meigs Assoc.	0.00	1282.00				Spruce Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Gayland Hghts	664.03	1393.00				Mt Pisgah	1682.21	2683.61				Stoney Gap	0.00	0.00
Gilespie Ave	5518.31	2907.63				Mt Verd.	400.00	407.25				Stoney Ridge Msrny	0.00	0.00
Glenwood	6325.00	12486.04				Mt Harmony, Niota	2936.11	1491.00				The Country	0.00	0.00
Grace	55150.54	13328.05				Riceville	5597.10	2496.41				Thorn Hill	0.00	500.00
Grassy Valley	1918.39	2002.64				New Bethel	0.00	0.00				Trent Valley	0.00	0.00
Graveston	3216.64	966.50				New Hopewell	633.56	424.84				Unicoi	0.00	0.00
Greenway	1000.00	1235.00				New Zion	753.88	865.00				Union	0.00	0.00
Grove Hghts	0.00	0.00				Niota, 1st	1000.00	1582.00				Valley View	0.00	0.00
Grove Hill	328.60	47.41				North Athens	4325.85	6166.56				Walkers	0.00	200.00
Hillcrest	0.00	104.34				North Etowah	21809.61	13302.83				Wallens Bend	0.00	0.00
Hines Valley	0.00	0.00				Oak Grove	2985.84	1508.00				Yellow Branch	0.00	0.00
Hott Avenue	0.00	0.00				Old Pond Hill	763.65	1553.28						
Hollywood Hills	0.00	200.00				Old Salem	1814.77	2288.46						
Holston	2262.64	0.00				Parkway	1200.00	0.00						
House Mtn	1509.39	2115.63				Pond Hill	1607.60	441.12						
Immanuel	1030.92	80.00				Pope Ave	679.00	0.00						
Inskip	9792.94	6775.30				Riceville, 1st	7085.71	1718.83						
Island Home	750.00	1519.25				Rock View	839.38	350.00						
John Sevier	2746.99	4782.23				Rocky Mt.	2982.76	1083.00						
Knox Assoc	0.00	97.50				Rogers Creek	1768.56	2004.44						
Knoxville	0.00	0.00				Sanford	1500.00	0.00						
Knoxville, 1st	4952.57	84179.37				Shiloh	1086.36	561.00						
Knoxville, 2nd	7269.18	2644.00				Short Creek	698.80	400.00						
Knoxville, 3rd	0.00	0.00				S Liberty	1560.00	1200.00						
Lincoln Park	13395.47	22273.53				Stephensville	0.00	0.00						
Linden Avenue	0.00	540.00				Union Grove	0.00	0.00						
Little Flat Creek	633.93	451.86				McMinn	3146.00	826.55						
Lonsdale	580.00	370.00				Union Grove, Meigs	0.00	0.00						
Loveland	2023.14	625.28				Union Hill	0.00	215.72						
Lyns Creek	11750.64	9147.50				Union Mc Minn	2400.00	504.00						
Marble City	470.32	982.36				Valley Road	150.00	0.00						
Marbledale	5940.01	3077.29				Valley View	565.00	485.00						
Mars Hill	4812.68	3277.61				Walnut Grove	3021.76	500.00						
Mascot	3520.00	1500.00				West End	1060.64	516.97						
Meadow View	240.00	1817.00				West View	654.70	978.06						
Meridian	31662.45	19180.54				Wildwood	5129.26	2507.51						
Middlebrook Pk	180.00	125.00				Zion Hill	3288.00	1607.00						
Midway	0.00	0.00												
Mobileland	0.00	0.00												
Mooreland Hghts	151.41	185.50												
Mt Carmel	2616.44	3337.91												
Mt Harmony	6859.99	5018.95												
Mt Olive	32900.00	22028.81												
Mt Olive, E	300.00	0.00												
Mtn View	1864.07	1120.00												
New Covenant	250.00	0.00												
New Hopewell	9967.09	16945.42												
New Salem	0.00	100.00												
North Acres	0.00	6046.90												
North Hills	18.00	0.00												
North Knoxville	7579.85	1006.00												
North Side	0.00	0.00												
Northwest	150.00	2530.0												

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Hanvit Korean	760.00	0.00	Longview	2049.32	736.10	Lone Mtn	451.00	715.00	Center Hill	175.00	234.75	Walnut Grove	566.52	892.50
Harpeth 1st	378.07	67.25	Lynchburg, 1st	1987.27	417.00	Maynardville, 1st	1512.27	1168.30	Coopers Chpl	0.00	0.00	Wears Valley	1298.19	3591.38
Harpeth Hgts	23706.74	11304.72	Midland Hgts Miss	634.74	0.00	Milan	1762.10	0.00	Covenant	200.00	482.41	Williamsburg	1798.00	135.00
Harsh Chpl	2303.75	2367.25	Mt Lebanon	0.00	337.75	Nave Hill	0.00	0.00	Dowelltown	367.33	75.00	Zion Grove	460.86	0.00
Harvest Fields	2579.32	1007.79	Mt Bethel	2682.00	807.00	New Friendship	400.27	400.32	Dry Creek	1109.00	354.00	Zion Hill	3237.39	1138.25
Haywood Hills	26397.81	8952.53	New Hope	442.20	650.00	Sunnyside	0.00	0.00	Elizabeth Chpl	1290.01	1299.03			
Hermitage Hills	26287.12	18639.34	Normandy, 1st	1171.71	591.62	Taylor's Grove	0.00	0.00	Faith	0.00	0.00	Shelby County		
Hermitage, 1st	1713.35	0.00	North Fork	3488.60	1626.00	Union	0.00	0.00	Indian Creek Mem	1462.00	1264.20	Agape	7658.81	898.60
Hickory Hills	671.96	409.57	Parkview	6460.41	2216.00	Warwicks Chpl	543.93	60.00	Lakewood Miss	1123.10	420.00	Ardmore	22149.03	7863.33
Hickory Hollow	1931.45	1783.72	Rover	2025.22	751.00	Willow Springs	50.00	137.00	Malone Chpl	0.00	100.00	Ardmore Terrace	1866.76	0.00
Hillcrest	843.84	674.75	Shelbyville Mills	27078.62	12973.62				Memorial	149.31	500.00	Arlington	1971.66	1642.24
Hillhurst	15398.55	2703.00	Shelbyville, 1st	25837.39	623.65				Mt Herman	905.39	290.00	Audubon Park	31983.46	29066.93
Hillsboro	614.00	985.00	Short Creek	524.80	498.00				Mt Zion	492.00	356.00	Balmoral	1517.00	15369.60
Hillview	1890.60	618.00	Smyrna	4257.95	2633.00				New Hope	1912.86	2567.74	Bartlett	5508.62	16666.07
Hillview, Franklin	1010.40	123.00	Southside	5487.29	2579.90				New Home	366.34	338.66	Bellevue	321415.00	4932.00
Hispanic Nashville			Twin Oaks	161.44	100.00				Open Bible	238.75	100.00	Berclair	19188.67	28417.50
1st	1800.00	1440.67	Unionville, 1st	499.89	236.00				Plainview	0.00	455.88	Beverly Hills	8635.17	4784.50
Holiday Hgts	3947.84	888.85	Wartrace	2646.00	2032.62				Pleasant View	723.00	0.00	Big Creek	1538.87	226.00
Hope	4301.77	1522.00							Prosperity	5203.01	3604.06	Blue Ridge Park	1812.62	1645.00
Iglesia Hispana,									Salem	4024.00	4000.37	Boulevard	13645.60	5072.87
Judson	0.00	0.00							Shiloh	150.00	0.00	Briarwood	7510.38	908.85
Immanuel	12605.59	12458.10							Smithville, 1st	8392.93	9118.66	Bridgewood	0.00	0.00
Inglewood	22861.44	24303.04							Snow Hill	706.33	285.00	Brinkley Hgts	198.91	0.00
Ivy Memorial	609.00	630.56							Sycamore	182.36	593.51	Broadmore	74057.00	30225.86
Jelton, 1st	15400.20	642.33							Upper Helton	1905.81	2325.40	Brookside	2398.73	5350.00
Judson	82425.33	34390.83							West Main	3378.10	4080.85	Brunswick	15511.85	4701.61
Korean, Nashville	3303.00	120.00							Whorton Springs	1021.20	479.00	Calvary	300.00	1100.00
Lakeview	0.00	0.00							Wolf Creek	0.00	353.00	Cambodian, Highland		
Lakewood	8426.00	2620.53							Woodbury, 1st	14039.32	9922.04	Hgts	415.07	0.00
Laotian, Woodbine	0.00	0.00							Woodland	100.00	800.00	Charjean	1202.74	2197.72
Liberty	757.25	250.00									Cherokee	27101.49	11216.02	
Lincosa Hills	4040.02	3313.18									Cherry Road	37164.39	61889.00	
Lockeand	4052.42	3139.45									Church Of Living			
Long Hollow	1323.11	0.00									Word	0.00	0.00	
Lyle Lane	870.00	900.00									Collierville, 1st	77421.73	31404.00	
Madison Hgts	4599.22	1453.45									Colonial	44078.60	1815.64	
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Former Ku Klux Klan leader finds God and hope

By Rachel Gill
For Baptist Press

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A message on New Georgia Church's bulletin board recently startled residents of Paulding County, Ga.: "Hear former KKK leader Lyndon Terrell give his testimony."

The sanctuary was crowded that Sunday as many people attended, curious to hear a voice from the past.

As Terrell walked to the podium, the congregation saw a 39-year-old man, not unlike them. Secure, confident, friendly, Terrell is the picture of respectability. It is unbelievable that he could have been the Exalted Cyclops of a Ku Klux Klan Klavern. But Terrell plunged in, telling his story to demonstrate one truth: God is a loving, forgiving Father who gives the repentant sinner new life. It happened to him. And it's the most important thing in his life.

A former drug addict and dealer, Terrell met his wife,

Sharon, in 1982. They were married despite her mother's strong protests that Terrell would "never amount to anything."

In August of that year, Terrell found the announcement of a KKK rally tucked in a bag of groceries. Using a Scripture passage to support its message, it invited the "white public" to come and send a message to Washington. Something about it piqued Terrell's interest.

When he found the only qualification for membership was to be "a white person who believes in God," he decided to join. Since he had never gone to church or learned what being a Christian meant, he had nothing to judge the Klan teachings against. Each Klavern (a local unit) had a chaplain and every meeting opened and closed with prayer.

Terrell soon became a Klan leader. His first months were spent working on the Klan's image. "They wanted to be seen as a suit-and-tie group

that helped people in trouble and worked with young people. We were trying to convince the public we weren't a violent organization."

But the veneer of respectability was thin. Terrell had never seen himself as a racist, but the Klan propaganda gradually convinced him of a conspiracy against white people. An emphasis on public relations gave way to more sinister activities. "We went from a campaign of harassment to intimidation and finally to beating people," Terrell said. "The shocking part was that we thought we were doing it in the name of God."

Terrell finally became involved in a situation where the black husband of a white woman was severely injured. With that experience Terrell became disillusioned.

At that point Terrell and his wife both were holding positions of responsibility in the Klan. Although Sharon had joined her husband in his Klan activities, she had feared the

Klan's potential for violence from the beginning. Now that her worst fears were realized, they pulled out completely.

A year later, however, four FBI agents visited Terrell at his home with full details of his KKK activities. After several weeks, Terrell hired an attorney who advised him to cooperate with the FBI's investigation. Terrell refused an offer of a witness protection program which would have kept him safe from the Klan's retaliation. They moved to a more secure location, but he continued to work in the community.

The stress began to take its toll. At his wife's suggestion they talked to the pastor of a nearby church. After pouring out his story, the pastor told of Christ's love and invited him

to pray to receive Christ. Terrell had nothing to lose.

"I prayed for Jesus to forgive my sins and to come into my life. That night I was born again," he affirmed. "There's no way for me to describe the sense of relief and cleansing I felt. I was a completely different person. I knew God had given me another chance."

Terrell is now a faithful layman at First Church, Douglasville, Ga. His pastor, John Pennington, encouraged him to develop his testimony. He now tells his story in both African American and white churches and in jails. His message is simple: God has the power to turn lives around so that love replaces hatred and the wounds of neglect and rejection are healed. □

Sunday School Board trustees to meet during SBC in Atlanta

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — A special meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been called for Wednesday afternoon, June 21, to consider candidates for two vacant vice presidential positions, according to BSSB President James T. Draper Jr. The two new vice presidents will fill the finance and business services group and retail group.

The meeting will be held while the SBC is in recess.

"We did not feel it was in

the best interest of the BSSB to wait until our September meeting to present these candidates for consideration," Draper said, noting many trustees already will be in Atlanta for the SBC. □

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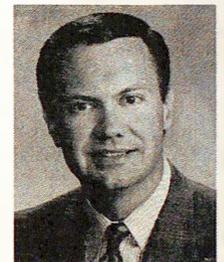
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Life and Work Series for June 11

Focal Passages:
Acts 21:31; 22:2-3, 6-8,
21-22; 23:11

How to face hostility

By Chuck McElhannon

Professional baseball players are happy with a failure rate of 70 percent! Any ball player would be happy to have a batting average of .300. That means they are successful three times out of every 10 trips to the plate. Ball players know they don't have to be perfect in order to be successful. Neither do Christians when it comes to sharing their faith.

Even the most faithful and Godly Christian witnesses will face indifferent or even hostile responses from time to time. No one has ever achieved a 100 percent success rate in terms of reaching people with the Gospel. We do not have to feel as though we have failed when people are hostile to our witness. In our passage from Acts for this lesson, we learn from Paul's example how to respond in those situations when people are hostile to our efforts to share Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul sensed that God was leading him to a confrontation with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. He made up his mind to return to Jerusalem after his meeting with the Ephesian elders in Miletus in Acts 20, even though his companions and friends repeatedly urged him not to make the journey because of the danger involved.

Their fears were confirmed in 21:31, when Paul's presence in Jerusalem incited a riot that resulted in death threats. It's important to note that the opposition and hostility does not come from the ungodly segment of the city, but from the religious establishment. Someone has suggested that collisions do not occur so much between the Gospel and the world as they do between the Gospel and religion. In fact, we're all religious in a sense. The word comes from the Latin *religio*, meaning "to bind." We are all bound by our own views and persuasions, whether we're humanists, atheists, socialists, New Agers, or Christians.

Find common ground — ch. 22:2-3

Paul's first response to the hostility was to seek common ground, and this approach seems to have helped quiet their initial outbursts. Successful witnessing approaches such as CWT have capitalized on this approach. Witnesses are taught to engage in conversation first of all that deals with family and personal interests, in an effort to find common ground.

Present a faithful testimony — vv. 6-8

Paul remembered that his ultimate purpose was to present Jesus, and he would not let the situation distract him from carrying out this important duty. Even in the midst of personal danger, Paul made it a point to witness to what Jesus had done for him.

Be prepared for a hostile response

— vv. 21-22

The audience was so deeply prejudicial, that even the one mention of the word "Gentile" sparked again their anger and their hostility. Paul seemed prepared for this reaction.

Take courage in Jesus — ch. 23:11

Divine reassurance will come when we are faithful to the Lord. Just as he had done in critical times in the past (Acts 18:9; 22:17), God reminded Paul that he was in control, and that he was guiding Paul's steps. If we are faithful witnesses, God will reassure us, too. □ — Chuck McElhannon is pastor of Valley View Church, Nashville.

The danger of false religion

By Brian Courtney

Today's world is a religious world. Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age, and Christianity dot regions of the globe. Two views of reality conflict. And the same question is discussed: "Which is true?" What can the world's populations count on, for "truth" means "reliable." The biblical text from I Kings answers the question: who decides what is true and reliable?

The situation — vv. 17-19

The prophet Elijah meets with King Ahab. From the first instant, Ahab labels Elijah as "troublemaker." The one who speaks the truth is a troublemaker, communist, or whatever. What had he done to earn such a title? I Kings 17 states that he had only obeyed the Lord (vv. 1-7), valued the foreign widow (vv. 8-16), and introduced life back into the widow's son (vv. 17-24). In all this, the king finds such interventions unacceptable. Why? The living word of God through a prophet is a threat and trouble to Ahab's false religion. We may find a fresh word from the Lord too dangerous. So we dismiss it with a label: troublemaker, fundamentalist, moderate, liberal!

Elijah turns the tables on the king. He dares to say that the king himself is the troublemaker. Why? He has forsaken the commandments of God and followed the Baals. So Elijah calls for a contest on Mt. Carmel. It is interesting that Israel assembles on a mountain when something has to be decided (Horeb, Sinai, Golgotha). The contest will be between Elijah and the prophets of Baal and Asherah with Israel as witness. Who decides what is true and reliable?

The contest — vv. 20-40

Elijah sets the issue before Israel (vv. 20-21). The human dilemma is the inability to decide, refusing to choose. Compromise or accommodation disallows commitment. Israel did not and we will not decide because

false religion seems to give so much (see Hosea 2:8). And God seems not to give so much, so we compromise between the two. But a decision must be made. Jesus understood a person cannot serve two masters. Do we? Who decides what is true and reliable?

Elijah allows the prophets of Baal to go first (vv. 22-29). The text is a taunting dismissal of Baal.

Baal is put on trial. His prophets "call," "cry," "cut," and "bleed." Elijah joins the fun with mocking which makes the pain and humiliation last longer. But the conclusion says it all: "no voice — no one answered — no one heeded." Baal is no god!

Elijah takes his turn with some modifications (vv. 30-35). Each part is symbolic. First, he rebuilds an old altar. God needs nothing new. Next, he used 12 stones which represented the 12 tribes. God called Israel into creation. Then, he had the people soak the altar with water three times. God must act decisively.

Then Elijah prays and the response is overwhelming (vv. 36-40). Elijah knew who the true God of Israel was — the One who delivered and formed the nation. The Lord heard and answered his prayer with fire which consumed everything (v. 38). The response of the people is a glad acknowledgment of the true God (vv. 39-40).

Who decides what is true and reliable? Human beings do, based on the evidence. Faith relies on the evidence. The evidence must be given and left to make its own case. If properly understood the evidence falls heavily in favor of the living God. Ours is a religious world with each religion claiming validity. But if subjected to a contest with the living God as revealed in Old and New Testaments, how valid are they? How long will people "call," "cut," and "bleed?" Probably until they see "the fire fall." Faith relies on the evidence given by God. □ — Brian Courtney is pastor of First Church, Sneedville.

Convention Uniform Series for June 11 Focal Passage I Kings 18:30-39

Teaching about the future

By Thomas Vinson

It was New Year's Eve 1968. I was 10 thousand miles away from home on the island of Okinawa. In a watchnight prayer meeting a friend prayed fervently beseeching Jesus to return that year. Resistance surfaced in my heart to that prayer which surprised me. My priority then was to see my wife and son, not leave this world. Some years later while walking through some difficult trials I found myself praying for Jesus to return soon. Persecution and trials have a way of changing the value we place on the precious doctrine of the second coming. Mark was writing to a persecuted people. The warning and hope embodied in this chapter would certainly strike a responsive chord to the persecuted Roman believers.

Destruction of the temple

— vv. 1-23

Matthew 23:38 records that Jesus had just referred to the Temple by saying, "behold your house is left desolate." This troubled the disciples. They could not envision a world with no Temple. It seemed so far fetched that a building of the majesty and magnitude of Herod's Temple could ever be abandoned. Jesus used their statement of admiration of the Temple (v. 1) as an opportunity to teach them that it would soon be destroyed (v. 2).

This statement prompted two questions: "when shall these things be?" and "what shall be the sign

when these things are all about to be accomplished?" (v. 4). To gain any understanding of this chapter we must know that Jesus is answering both of these questions. The first deals with the immediate historical situation of the impending destruction of the Temple. The second question is broader in scope and relates to "all things" which Jesus has been teaching them about the coming end of the age. Admittedly it is difficult at times to know with precision which question Jesus is responding to. Obviously Jesus is saying that the destruction of the Temple which occurred in A.D. 70 under Titus is an example of the "kind" of devastation which will precede the consummation of the age.

In verses 5-13 Jesus places the emphasis not on the specific "when" of these ensuing events, but on "how" the believers are to bear witness in the midst of wars and devastating natural disasters. The church needs this message today with our present political and social climate.

Devastation of the tribulation

— vv. 24-27

Clearly in these verses Jesus is moving far beyond the immediate historical setting to a time "after that tribulation" (v. 24). He seems to be giving us mountain peaks of

prophecy without disclosing all that is in the valleys in between. Many see Paul's teaching on the "snatching away" of the church in I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, and John's teaching on the millennial reign of Christ in Revelation 20 as fitting in between these two mountain peaks of prophecy. The fact that the believers were going to be "gathered together" v. 27 would be a comforting word to Mark's Roman readers who were on the verge of being scattered.

Design of the truth — vv. 28-37

Why did Jesus give this extended discourse on the way this world as we know it will end? Not so that we would cover ourselves with bed sheets and head for the mountains. Not to satisfy our escatological curiosity. He writes to persecuted Christians to give them assurance of Christ's return, and to exhort them to be faithful to him in carrying out his mission while they wait for his return. These words should give us hope that history is indeed going somewhere. The future is not in the hands of fickle fate or mindless chance, but is governed by a gracious God to whom we are accountable (vv. 36-37). □ — Thomas Vinson is pastor of Leewood Church, Memphis.

Bible Book Series for June 11 Focal Passage: Mark 13

NOBTS dedicates Georgia campus

Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary dedicated its new North Georgia Campus May 15.

Located on Columbia Drive in Decatur, Ga., the 6.5-acre property and 50,000-square-foot buildings are a gift from the members of Columbia Drive Church. Church members voted Sept. 11, 1994 to give their property and facilities to the seminary.

Renovations and equipment expenditures on the part of the seminary now make the value of the property approximately \$5 million.

Interim president Landrum P. Leavell II spoke during the service. Church members continue to hold regular services in the facility. □

CLC's Land, others decry gene patenting

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's ethics agency has joined leaders from many of the country's other religious groups in calling for a moratorium on the patenting of human and animal genes.



LAND

In a May 18 news conference in Washington, the SBC Christian Life Commission's Richard Land and others charged as grossly unethical the U.S. Patent Office's policy of granting patents on human genes and genetical-

ly engineered animals to businesses, universities, and individuals. They called for the patent office to enforce an immediate moratorium until Congress can determine the federal government's policy on the issue.

While the CLC generally has supported advances in genetic science, such patenting is a "particularly egregious abuse of genetic technology," Land said.

Saying they did not oppose continued genetic research, the religious leaders said patenting hinders, rather than helps, progress on finding cures by giving monopoly to a researcher.

In addition to other problems, gene patenting "commodifies" human beings and their body parts, Land said. □

Martin laid off by anti-gambling group

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Texans Against Gambling permanently laid off its two Austin-based staff members May 31 due to a lack of financial support. But the statewide anti-gambling coalition will continue as a volunteer organization, according to chairman Dick Graves of Plano, Texas.

Veteran Baptist journalist Dan Martin, 56, has served as executive director of Texans Against Gambling since Jan. 1, 1993. His wife, Colleen, worked as a part-time administrative assistant for the organization. The Martins are relocating while they look for other job opportunities.

Martin served in denominational journalism from 1973 until 1990 when he was dismissed by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee as news editor of

Baptist Press, the denomination's news service because of differences of opinion over news policies. He also has worked in the news and information offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the SBC Home Mission Board. □

District judge rules Nobles incompetent to stand trial

Baptist Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Former Mississippi College president Lewis Nobles will be returned to a federal prison hospital for continued treatment after U.S. District Judge William H. Barbour Jr. ruled May 17 in Jackson that he is incompetent to stand trial on a 21-count indictment accusing him of taking donations intended for the Baptist-affiliated school in Clinton.

Barbour apparently acted on evaluations he ordered while Nobles, 70, was treated for two months at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

While noting Nobles was incompetent to stand trial, Barbour also wrote that he was issuing his decision on the belief that further treatment may result in Nobles' improvement "to such a degree that he may be found competent to stand trial."

No time frame or scheduled treatment was released. □

Alabama citizens unite to stop gambling rise

Baptist Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Aware of the bad experience other states have had with the onset of legalized gambling, more than 400 Al-



Tennessee WMU writers

Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union hosted 71 individuals from across the convention during its 1995 Writers Conference May 17-20 in Birmingham, Ala. The annual event provided training for WMU's curriculum writers for 1996-97. Writers from Tennessee are, from left, Charlene Gray, First Church, Nashville; Karen Dockery, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville; and Connie Bull, Cumberland Church, Knoxville.

abama citizens gathered May 9 for an anti-gambling rally in a plaza in front of Alabama's State House.

The people met to register opposition to a bill to authorize a statewide election in which pro-gambling forces hope voters will approve a change in the state constitution to legalize casino and lottery gambling.

Alabama is the latest in a lengthening list of states in which legalizing various forms of gambling has been urged as a means of relieving revenue pressures.

Joe Bob Mizzell, director of Christian life and public affairs for the Alabama Baptist Convention, stated, "The gambling industry is pushing the legislature to allow a vote by the people on this. The people of Alabama should not have to pay for a statewide vote that would benefit no one except the casino owners and operators." □

Utah-Idaho convention names new director

Baptist Press

SANDY, Utah — Jim Harding has been unanimously chosen as the fourth executive director of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, effective Sept. 1.

Harding has been serving as interim executive director. The Missouri native has served in Utah since 1984, first as a pastor and later on the convention staff. □

SBTS honors Hendrix

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — John Hendrix, a Christian education professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1984, is the school's 1995 recipient of the Findley B. and Louvenia Edge Award for Teaching Excellence. □

'96 Olympic ministry to extend beyond Atlanta

Baptist Press

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ATLANTA — Ministry to the millions of 1996 Olympic fans doesn't have to be limited to those in Atlanta, said a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board evangelism specialist.

A new "interactive pocket guide" to the Olympics can be used by churches anywhere, said Toby Frost, HMB associate director of mass evangelism. Frost also is chairman of the evangelism committee for Atlanta International Ministries '96, Olympic ministry coordinators sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Georgia Baptist Convention, and local Baptist associations.

The 32-page booklet lists world and Olympic records for sporting events ranging from archery to yachting. It includes space to record the 1996 winners as well as a four-page explanation of the plan of salvation.

The four-color guide will be distributed in

Atlanta during the Olympics and will be used by Christian groups in at least 40 other countries, Frost said.

Woman's Missionary Union groups in Georgia and South Carolina already have ordered copies, Frost said. Members plan to distribute the guides at interstate rest stops as people drive to Atlanta for the games.

Each guide includes a tear-out postcard to request more information about Christianity. The postcards will be sent to local churches for follow-up on people who express an interest, Frost said.

More than two million guides already have been ordered, he added. Each guide costs 25 cents with orders of 1,000 or more. The cost decreases with larger orders, with a minimum cost of 11.5 cents per copy.

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Abortion issue confronts Sloan

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WACO, Texas — When Robert Sloan assumed the presidency of Baylor University June 1, he was confronted by the issue of abortion.

A group of 17 alumni of the Baptist-affiliated school has targeted Houston-based Baylor College of Medicine's testing of the controversial "abortion pill" RU-486 and asked Sloan to distance the university from the medical college.

"We feel that the medical school no longer deserves to bear the name of our great university," the alumni stated in a May 25 news conference.

They asked Sloan, after his June 1 inauguration, to discon-

tinue Baylor's appointment of 11 people to the medical college's 44-member board of trustees and end the medical college's use of "Baylor" in its name. The alumni said they knew Baylor permits the use of the name, but that the contractual agreement is "revocable."

Sloan and outgoing president Herbert Reynolds issued a joint statement May 25: "We have just received this letter and news release while we are in the midst of a two-day meeting with the Baylor board of regents. After we have had an appropriate opportunity to study these communications in detail, we expect to make a public response." □